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NEVADA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Nevada County Transportation Commission

FROM: Daniel B. Landon, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report for the November 18, 2009 Meeting

DATE: November 3, 2009

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1. AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) PROJECT STATUS

The County of Nevada's "Eastern Overlay" ARRA project to pave Glenshire Drive and Hirschdale Road was advertised on August 11, 2009 and awarded to Sierra Nevada Construction on September 8, 2009. The work associated with this project has been completed.

The City of Grass Valley had anticipated having the Preliminary Engineering (PE) for the South Auburn Street overlay ARRA project completed by mid-September; however, some curb and sidewalk design issues have caused them to extend their timeline. The PE portion of this project is now scheduled to be completed in early November. The City of Grass Valley will then submit the Project Authorization for the funding of the construction component of the project in mid-November. Once approved, the City intends to put the project out to bid in December and finalize a contract that will allow for the project to begin as soon as temperatures allow next spring (March/April 2010).

The Town of Truckee is continuing to make progress on the Truckee River Legacy Trail ARRA project and has acquired all of the necessary easements for the trail. They are currently expending funds to complete the PE for the trail project and have completed 90% of the design. The final design will be completed once the California Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) processes are finished. The Truckee Town Council approved the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document on October 22, 2009 and Caltrans should conclude the NEPA process by early November 2009. Once the Town of Truckee completes the PE for the project, they will then be ready to submit for the project Authorization to Proceed with funding of construction in late November or early December 2009. The Town of Truckee anticipates putting the project out to bid in January and to award a contract for the summer construction season.

The status of the remaining ARRA projects has not changed and is shown in the attached spreadsheet.

2. CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) PROJECTS BACKUP LIST

At the September 16th NCTC meeting, the need for developing a list of potential CMAQ backup projects was discussed and NCTC staff indicated that they would work with the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members to develop a list. A backup list of projects may be needed should a circumstance arise where a project from the approved multi-year CMAQ program (FFY 09/10, 10/11,

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and 11/12) could not be delivered. If a project is not able to be delivered, there may be an opportunity to move a project programmed in an outer year with a similar amount of funding forward to replace it. This action would then make funding capacity available in the outer year. The NCTC could then select a project from a potential list of backup projects that would backfill the funding capacity made available in the outer year of the program. The TAC met on October 7, 2009 and NCTC staff is working in coordination with the jurisdictions to develop a list of potential CMAQ backup projects to be presented to the NCTC for their consideration at a future meeting.

3. NEVADA COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

Regional Transportation Plans (RTP) are planning documents developed by Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPA) in cooperation with Caltrans and other stakeholders to establish regional goals, identify present and future needs, deficiencies, and constraints, analyze potential solutions, estimate available funding, and propose investments. The RTP is required to be developed per state legislation (Government Code Section 65080 et seq.), adopted and submitted to the California Transportation Commission every five years. The last Nevada County RTP was adopted in January 2006 and is required to be updated by January 2011. NCTC staff has developed the following schedule to accomplish the required update of the RTP:

RTP SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES	DATE
Review of Goals, Objectives, and Policies	January 2010
Update Policy Element	February 2010
Update Action Element	February 2010
Update Financial Element	April 2010
Public Workshop	April 2010
Prepare Program Level EIR	June 2010
Draft RTP Circulation and Comment	October 2010
Draft Program Level EIR Completed for Circulation and Comment	October 2010
Present Draft RTP to NCTC	November 2010
Present Final RTP to NCTC	January 2011
RTP Update Complete	January 31, 2011

4. NEVADA COUNTY PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN

On September 22, 2009, NCTC staff received notification from Caltrans that they had been awarded a Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant in the amount of $65,000 to develop a comprehensive countywide Pedestrian Master Plan. The objective of this planning effort is to assist the jurisdictions in implementing efficient transportation infrastructure investments that improve accessibility, reflect community values, foster livable communities, and promote walking as an alternative mode of transportation. The proposed schedule for this project is provided below:

PED MASTER PLAN SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES	DATE
Distribute RFP	January 8, 2010
Proposals Due	February 5, 2010
Staff Screening of Proposals	Feb. 8-Feb.19, 2010
Oral Presentations if Needed	February 26, 2010
Consultant Selection	February 26, 2010
NCTC Approve Contract	March 17, 2010
Pedestrian Master Plan Work to Begin	March 18, 2010
Sidewalk Gap and Accessibility Analysis/Public Workshop	April 2010
Identify Pedestrian Travel Patterns and Safety Issues	May 2010
Identify Priority Pedestrian Study Areas	June 2010
Identify Priority Infrastructure Improvements	August 2010
Develop Management Strategies and Financial Implementation Plan	September 2010
Draft Pedestrian Master Plan Due for Circulation and Comment	October 2010
Present Draft Pedestrian Master Plan to NCTC	November 2010
Present Final Pedestrian Master Plan to NCTC	January 2011
Pedestrian Master Plan Project Complete	January 31, 2011

5. UPDATE OF THE SR 49 CORRIDOR SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN (CSMP)

On October 27th Rick Helman, Caltrans Manager for the SR 49 CSMP, met with members of the NCTC Technical Advisory Committee, California Highway Patrol, Citizens for SR 49 Safety, and a representative from the Placer County Transportation Planning Agency to discuss amendments to the CSMP. An amendment in the south end of the corridor, within the City of Auburn, is being considered because Caltrans is looking at designating Elm Avenue, between SR 49 and I-80, as the official alignment for SR 49 connecting through the City of Auburn. General consensus of the group was that if Caltrans does in fact redesignate Elm Avenue as SR 49, there should be no reason why amending the corridor to reflect that would not be approved.

On the north end of the corridor in Nevada County, through the cities of Grass Valley and Nevada City, Rick Helman explained that an amendment to add a segment of the Golden Center Freeway to the SR 49 CSMP corridor was to be considered based on comments from NCTC members at the April 15, 2009 and May 20, 2009 NCTC meetings. The group discussed several factors related to such an amendment, including boundary limits and prioritization of projects. During the discussion representatives from the Citizens for SR 49 Safety noted that they would be very concerned if current project priorities were changed due to a proposed change in the corridor boundaries.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Mr. Helman stated that Caltrans would develop background information regarding the proposed amendments to the SR 49 CSMP, review them with the members of the TAC, and prepare information for review and consideration of the NCTC, possibly by its March 2010 meeting.

6. STATUS REPORT FOR BRUNSWICK ROAD/IDAHO-MARYLAND ROAD PROJECT

In January 2009 NCTC provided $50,500 to the Nevada County Department of Public Works for conceptual design activities for a future Brunswick Road/Idaho-Maryland Road Intersection Project. Department of Public Works Engineer, Steve Castleberry, reported that the consultant hired by the county has prepared three alternative concept designs for the intersection, and those have been

reviewed with the development team for Loma Rica Ranch and staff from the City of Grass Valley. The three design concepts will be provided to the consultant that is selected to do the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Loma Rica Ranch development project, and analyzed along with other data relating to the EIR for the development.

7. NCTC OFFICE SCHEDULE FOR 2009 HOLIDAY SEASON

In keeping with the practice of maximizing the use of floating holidays and vacation time during the holiday season, the Nevada County Transportation Commission office will be closed November 26th and 27th for Thanksgiving, and closed from December 24th until January 4th for the Christmas and New Years holidays.

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American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Project Status Report

Jurisdiction	Project Location	Project Limits	Improvement Type	Total ARRA Funding	ARRA Project Delivery Status
County of Nevada	La Barr Meadows Road	Grass Valley city limits to Dog Bar Road	Paved shoulders, related improvements, and asphalt overlay	$650,000	The County of Nevada is currently expending funds to complete the Preliminary Engineering (PE) for this project and anticipates being ready to submit for Project Authorization to fund the construction component of the project by November 1, 2009. Once the Project Authorization for construction funding is approved, the County intends to put the contract out to bid in January 2010 and construction to occur during the 2010 construction season (May through October).
County of Nevada	Magnolia Road	Lake of the Pines entrance eastwards past Bear River High School	Construct center turn lane and related roadway improvements	$588,317	The County of Nevada is currently expending funds to complete the Preliminary Engineering (PE) for this project and anticipates being ready to submit for Project Authorization to fund the construction component of the project by November 1, 2009. Once the Project Authorization for construction funding is approved, the County intends to put the contract out to bid in January 2010 and construction to occur during the 2010 construction season (May through October).
County of Nevada	Eastern Overlay	Glenshire/Hirschdale Roads	Asphalt overlay and striping	$250,000	The County of Nevada has received Project Authorization to fund the construction of this project and opened bids for this project on August 11, 2009 and awarded to Sierra Nevada Construction on September 8, 2009. The work associated with this project has been completed. .
County of Nevada	Western Overlay	Pleasant Valley Road - 1.4 miles, Ridge Road - 1.0 miles, Tyler Foote Road - 2.1 miles	Asphalt overlay, pavement markers and striping	$900,000	The County of Nevada has received Project Authorization to fund the construction of this project and will be opening the bids for this project in January 2010. After a contractor is selected, the construction of this project will begin in spring of 2010.
County of Nevada	Penn Valley Drive	Western Gateway Park to Pleasant Valley Road/Highway 20 intersection	Construct paved (separated) Class I Bike Path	$237,434	The County of Nevada is currently expending funds to complete the Preliminary Engineering (PE) for this project and anticipates being ready to submit for Project Authorization to fund the construction component of the project by November 1, 2009. Once the Project Authorization for construction funding is approved, the County intends to put the contract out to bid in January 2010 and construction to occur during the 2010 construction season (May through October).
			TOTAL OF ARRA FUNDS	**$2,625,751**	

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City of Grass Valley	South Auburn Street	S. Auburn St. from Hwy. 20/49 to E. Main St. and Hwy 20/49 to Empire Street (approximately)	Pavement reconstruction and overlay and drainage repair/replacement	$506,555	The City of Grass Valley is currently expending funds to complete the Preliminary Engineering (PE) for this project. The PE component of this project is expected to be completed by early November. The City of Grass Valley will then submit for Project Authorization for the funding of the construction component of the project in mid-November. Once approved, the City intends to put the project out to bid in late November or December and finalize a contract that will allow for the project to begin as soon as temperatures allow next spring (March/April 2010).
			TOTAL OF ARRA FUNDS	**$506,555**	

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City of Nevada City	Broad Street	Union Street to Commercial Street	Replace AC Pavement	$120,438	The City of Nevada City has submitted the Project Authorization for the funding of the construction component of the project and obtained approval from the Federal Highway Administration. The City will then put the project out to bid in late fall or early winter with the expectation of starting the project in spring of 2010.
			TOTAL OF ARRA FUNDS	**$120,438**	

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Town of Truckee	Town of Truckee	Truckee River Legacy Trail Phase 3A - Class I Bike Path from River View Sports Park to the historic overlook, west of the Tahoe Truckee Sanitation Agency	Construct paved (separated) bikeway	$633,342	The Town of Truckee is currently expending funds to complete the Preliminary Engineering (PE) for this project. The Town has completed 90% design for the trail project and will be completing the final design once the California Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process is completed. The Truckee Town Coucil approved the CEQA document on October 22, 2009 and Caltrans should conclude the NEPA process by early November 2009. Once the Town of Truckee completes the PE for the project they will then be ready to submit for the Project Authorization to proceed with funding construction in November 2009 and anticipate putting the project out to bid in January and to award a contract for the summer construction season.
			TOTAL OF ARRA FUNDS	**$633,342**	
			COLUMN TOTALS	**$3,886,086**	

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