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MEMORANDUM

TO: Nevada County Transportation Commission

FROM: Michael Woodman, Executive Director Mudm Moden

SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report

DATE: May 15, 2024

RURAL COUNTY REPRESENATIVES OF CALIFORNIA'S (RCRC) ROADWAY INFRA-STRUCTURE AD HOC COMMITTEE PRESENTATION

NCTC's Executive Director and Maura Twomey, Executive Director of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) were invited to attend the April 19, 2024, RCRC Roadway Infrastructure Ad Hoc Committee meeting to discuss rural transportation challenges from a Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) perspective. The presentation was well received, and the Ad Hoc Committee Members indicated interest in enhancing coordination efforts with the California Rural Counties Task Force (RCTF) and North State Super Region (NSSR) to align advocacy efforts to help ensure rural priority projects are given fair consideration and are not disadvantaged by a "one size fits all approach" that does not account for rural context in the scoring and ranking projects in state competitive grant funding programs.

The RCTF was formed in 1988 as a joint effort with the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to provide a direct opportunity for the rural counties to remain informed, have a voice, and engage on statewide transportation policies and programs. The NSSR represents the sixteen northern California RTPAs and was formed in 2010 to provide a unified voice in relation to state transportation policy, funding decisions, and to identify opportunities for coordination to further the economic and transportation related goals of the Super Region. NCTC is an active member of both the RCTF and NSSR.

NORTH STATE SUPER REGION MEETS WITH CONGRESSMAN DOUG LAMALFA

On April 26, 2024, Congressman Doug LaMalfa met with the North State Super Region group to learn more about state and federal transportation challenges facing the member agencies. NCTC's Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director, and County of Nevada, District 4 Supervisor, Sue Hoek attended the meeting that was held in Chico, California. The NSSR members discussed concerns related to state

competitive program scoring criteria disadvantaging rural projects, the challenges of funding larger rural county priority projects, and unique challenges and needs such as the increasing risk and impacts of wildfires and the need for increased funding to address evacuation concerns. The Congressman and the group discussed opportunities to address challenges at the federal level and ways to coordinate support for issues at the state level.

NEVADA COUNTY ZERO EMISSION VEHICLE TRANSITION PLAN

The consultant team led by Frontier Energy in coordination with NCTC and the County of Nevada has prepared the Draft Report and is scheduled to present it to the Nevada County Board of Supervisors at their meeting on May 14, 2024. The study will help to inform and guide how the County of Nevada can make the transition to zero emission public vehicle fleets to comply with upcoming California Air Resource Board (CARB) regulations related to the Innovative Clean Transit and lightweight, mediumduty, and heavy-duty public fleet electrification regulations. The study identifies the infrastructure needs for power delivery for both County fleet vehicles and public charging, maintenance needs, capital replacement considerations, recommended implementation plan, and funding recommendations.