

Nevada County Transportation Commission

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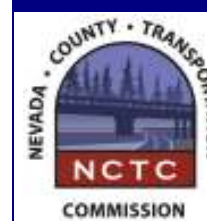
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Upcoming NCTC Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Nevada County Transportation Commission is scheduled on: **Wednesday, July 18, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.**, in the **Truckee Town Council Chambers, 10183 Truckee Airport Road, Truckee, CA.**



NEVADA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

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SR 49/La Barr Meadows Road Project in Full Swing for Summer

Work is underway in the second season of construction for the SR 49 widening project near La Barr Meadows Road south of Grass Valley. DeSilva Gates Construction is gearing up to transfer traffic from the existing highway to the new pavement on the east side of SR 49 during the first part of July. With traffic moved to the east side, they will work to complete the frontage road connections from Tall Pines Mobile Home Park to Ponderosa Pines Mobile Home Park on the west side of the highway. Sound walls will be constructed on the west side at Mountain Air Mobile Home Park and near Kenwood Drive. Once the frontage road and sound walls are completed, the new traffic signal at the fire station will be activated during the final stages of the project.



The SR 49/La Barr Meadows Road widening project will provide four lanes of traffic, turning lanes, wider shoulders and frontage roads



Traffic signals on SR 49 and La Barr Meadows Road to be activated later this year

Safety concerns and accident statistics in the La Barr Meadows Road area initiated discussion at the August 2003 Nevada County Transportation Commission (NCTC) meeting on the need for highway design modifications at this location. Funds were identified to begin design work and Caltrans conducted workshops to get public input and consensus on proposed improvements. Flashing hazard signage was installed to warn travelers to slow down in this area to allow for vehicles accessing and exiting the highway. The California Highway Patrol also focused on speeders along the SR 49 corridor. All of these efforts decreased the number of accidents and fatalities in the area.

NCTC is committed to safety as a high priority on SR 49. Major and minor projects are being planned to build future safety improvements. [NCTC](#)

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Nevada County:

Tinloy Street Transit Transfer Center – Nevada County Department of Public Works is managing construction of the project on Tinloy Street in the City of Grass Valley (adjacent to SR 20/49). The transfer center will be used by Gold Country Stage buses to provide riders a location to access downtown Grass Valley or transfer from one bus route to another. Currently the transfer location is at the corner of Church and Neal Streets and buses jam into a small section of a busy downtown street to provide this service. The construction schedule is to have the transfer center complete and functioning by fall.



Buses will be able to pull into this transfer center to pick up and let off passengers without obstructing traffic

Chipseal – The following locations will be chipsealed: Cascade Shores area – 6 miles; Tyler Foote Road from SR 49 to Ananda – 5 miles; Magnolia Road – 3.5 miles; Mt. Olive Road – 2 miles; Sunshine Valley Road – 1.2 miles; Spenceville Road – 4 miles; and CSA Mount Lakes Estate – 2 miles. A widening and chipseal project is planned on 1/2 mile of Newtown Road from Empress to Bitney Springs Road. A widening and double chipseal project for 1/2 mile on Scotts Valley Road will convert the road from gravel to a hard surface. Chipseal projects will be completed by mid-September.

Leveling Course Paving – On 1.5 miles of North Bloomfield Road from Rock Creek Road to Edwards Crossing. Plans are to complete this by early July.

Shoulder Widening and Culvert Extension – On Wolf Road from Duggan to Garden Bar. This project will be ongoing until the end of October.

City of Grass Valley:

The Dorsey Drive Interchange funding request was submitted to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) on June 11, 2012 for action at their July 26, 2012 meeting. In preparation for submittal, the engineering cost estimate for the project was updated by Caltrans staff. While the estimated cost of construction increased from \$14 million to \$15 million, the estimated cost for construction management decreased a similar amount. The total estimated project cost for construction and construction management is within the \$17 million approved by the City of Grass Valley and the Nevada County Transportation Commission. Funding is from the Regional Improvement Program, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds, Regional Surface Transportation Program funds, Regional Transportation Mitigation Fees, and local funds. Grass Valley and Caltrans staff are getting federal funding documentation completed so Grass Valley will be able to start working on the documents as soon as the CTC approves state funding on July 26th. The City will prepare bid documents for construction of the interchange project after receiving approval in July and will go out to bid this fall.

Safe Routes to School, West Main Street – Improvements will be done on West Main Street from Alta Street to the west city limit line and on the Grass Valley School District campus. The scope of work is to replace non-compliant curb ramps, resurface West Main Street, construction of an accessible path to the School District campus, the addition of traffic calming measures, and bicycle lanes. Work is scheduled to be done during the summer of 2012. Funding includes \$574,120 in Safe Routes to School funds, \$50,000 in CMAQ funds, \$25,000 in pedestrian/bicycle funds, and city gas tax funds.

2012 Street Rehabilitation Project – This project will resurface West McKnight Way, Butler Street, Minnie Street, and Brighton Street and is planned to be completed during the summer of 2012. Construction costs are estimated at \$305,000.

CMAQ Projects – Three CMAQ projects are Sutton Way Accessibility Improvements, Memorial and Condon Parks Accessibility Improvements, and the East Main/Hughes Road Sidewalk. The City will go out to bid in the fall/winter of 2012.

The Town of Truckee:

Bridge Street/West River Streetscape Improvement Project – Improvements will enhance the pedestrian corridor in the vicinity of the Bridge Street/West River Street intersection. Work has begun on this project to construct a sidewalk and new parking along Bridge Street south of West River Street. The work should be completed by the end of June.



Bridge Street / West River Street pedestrian streetscape improvement project



Paving and drainage projects planned this summer

2012 Paving and Drainage Project – The Town plans to pave various roads and improve roadside stormwater drainage facilities, such as ditches and curb and gutter in select locations. Roads that will potentially be paved include Donner Pass Road by Donner Lake, a short section of Deerfield Drive, a short section of Pioneer Trail, Palisades Drive, Ponderosa Drive, Martis Valley Road, Alder Drive by the middle school, River Park Place, and a short section of Schussing Way immediately south of Alder Creek Road. The Town will likely award a construction contract in August. One-way traffic control will be required during some phases of construction.

2012 Recessed Striping and Video Detection Project – Snow removal equipment creates considerable wear on road striping. Recessed thermoplastic striping is more durable to snow removal operations than conventional paint. This project will replace the existing striping and pavement markings with recessed thermoplastic in key areas, such as at signalized intersections, turn lanes, and crosswalks along major roadways. Plans are to also install video vehicle detection to control the traffic signal at the Brockway Road/Palisades Drive intersection. The project is expected to start in June.

2012 Slurry Seal – Slurry seal will be applied to approximately 32 miles of roadway throughout town. This helps prolong the life of roadways between paving. The project includes areas in Glenshire, Tahoe Donner, Prosser Heights, Olympic Heights, and downtown Truckee. Work is anticipated to start in July. Town staff will work with the contractor to minimize traffic delays and inconvenience to nearby residents.

Nevada City:

2012 Sidewalk Improvement Projects – Sidewalk improvements are scheduled on N. Pine Street, at The Plaza on Nevada Street and Boulder Street, and on the west side of Sacramento Street. The lowest bid was DCME Concrete at \$70,000 and the work is scheduled for June and July.

Zion Street / Ridge Road Improvement Project – This sidewalk project begins near Fuden Juice on Zion Street and extends around the corner onto Ridge Road and connects with the sidewalk on Searls Street with crosswalks, a retaining wall, and curb ramps. The bid opening is June 28, 2012 and the project is estimated at \$325,000. Work is scheduled from July through September 2012.



Zion Street sidewalk heading toward Ridge Road will extend around the block



Natural stone retaining wall will be built where needed

East Broad Street Pedestrian Sidewalk on the West Side from Main Street to SR 49 – Design is 80% complete and the project is estimated to cost \$150,000 to build. Plans are to have a “safe routes to school” crossing at Main Street for the two schools operating down the street. The sidewalk will connect to the county trail that starts at the SR 49/East Broad Street intersection and proceeds to the Nevada County Rood Administration Building and the Library. Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds will be used to build the project.

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