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MEMORANDUM

TO: Nevada County Transportation Commission

FROM: Michael Woodman, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Executive Director’s Report for the November 9, 2022 Meeting

DATE: November 9, 2022

2023 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

On June 15, 2022, the Nevada County Transportation Commission, in coordination with Nevada County, Nevada City, and Grass Valley, and with the assistance of the transportation consulting firm GHD Inc., submitted Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 6 grant applications for the State Route 49 Multimodal Corridor Improvements and the SR 174/49/20 Roundabout and Active Transportation Safety Project.

On October 20, 2022, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) released the staff funding recommendations for Cycle 6 of the Active Transportation Program for both the Statewide funding program component and the Small Urban & Rural funding program component. NCTC staff is happy to report that both of the project applications submitted by NCTC have been recommended for funding, totaling a combined \$19,302,000 in ATP funding. The SR 49 Multimodal Corridor Improvement Project was recommended for \$13.3 million from the Small Rural and Urban funding component, and the SR 174/49/20 Roundabout and Active Transportation Safety Project was recommended for \$5.4 million from the Statewide funding component. The program of projects will not be finalized until the CTC officially adopts the program at its December 7-8, 2022 meeting.

The Active Transportation Program was created in 2013 through passage of Senate Bill 99 and Assembly Bill 101 with the intent to fund projects to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation, such as biking and walking. The Active Transportation Program consists of three funding components: the Statewide funding component (50% of the funds), the Small Urban & Rural funding component (10% of the funds), and the large Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) component (40% of the funds).

A summary of the Statewide 2023 Active Transportation Program staff recommendations is summarized below:

Statewide Funding Component

- 67 projects worth \$1.149 billion with \$853.520 million in ATP funding
- 43 projects are Safe Routes to School projects

Small Urban and Rural Funding Component

- 26 projects worth \$209.187 million with \$170.704 million in ATP funding
- 19 projects are Safe Routes to School projects

The one-time, \$1.149 billion augmentation included in the California Budget Act of 2022 significantly boosted the number of projects the Commission was able to fund through the 2023 Active Transportation Program. Without the augmentation, staff recommendations would have only included 23 projects in the Statewide funding component and seven projects in the Small Urban & Rural funding component.

PARTICIPATION ON THE INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS SENATE BILL 743 TASK FORCE

On October 3, 2022 NCTC's Executive Director was invited to participate as part of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Senate Bill 743 Task Force. California Senate Bill 743 was passed in 2013 and implemented in 2018 through the adoption of new CEQA regulations that changed the measure of significant impacts for land use and transportation projects.

The Task Force will be focused on clarifying issues surrounding the analysis of highway capacity increasing projects. The Task Force intends to prepare several technical white papers to help inform state guidance surrounding this issue.