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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Nevada County Transportation Commission

FROM: Daniel B. Landon, Executive Director *Daniel B Landon*

SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report for the May 18, 2016 Meeting

DATE: May 9, 2016

1. NEVADA COUNTY BICYCLE MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT STATUS

The information from the update the Town of Truckee Trails and Bikeways Master Plan, adopted on September 22, 2015, has been incorporated into a draft amendment of the Nevada County Bicycle Master Plan (NCBMP). The amendment to the NCBMP was prepared by the transportation consulting firm, Fehr & Peers. This amendment also includes recommendations for bicycle facilities in eastern Nevada County (outside of the Town of Truckee), based on public input received during the coordinated outreach for the update of the Town's plan. Staff from NCTC and the Nevada County Department of Public Works also met with bicycle advocates from eastern Nevada County/Truckee on January 14, 2016 to review and receive comments on the proposed draft bicycle facilities.

In July 2016, NCTC staff will provide presentations of the draft to the Truckee Town Council and Nevada County Board of Supervisors for their review and comment. The proposed amendment to the NCBMP will then be presented to the NCTC for adoption on September 21, 2016.

2. NEVADA COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) UPDATE

The update of the Nevada County RTP is currently underway and is being prepared by the consultant firm Fehr & Peers. This update of the RTP has new focus on Performance-Based Planning and Programming (PBPP), which has become a focus in the transportation community as transportation agencies around the country work to ensure that scarce resources are used effectively and transparently to achieve desired regional, state, and national goals. Transforming the RTP into a performance-based approach brings a more systematic method of using information on transportation system performance (past, present, and anticipated future) in order to develop investment priorities and monitor outcomes.

The purpose of the RTP is to document the short-term (2015-2025) and long-term (2025-2035) regional transportation policy direction, multi-modal regional transportation needs, and to set forth a financially constrained action plan to meet those needs. To qualify for federal and state funding, projects must be included in or be consistent with the plan. The Draft Nevada County 2015 RTP, once completed, will identify the projects that are reasonably anticipated to be funded

within the plan's fiscal constraints. The RTP will also include a listing of projects that could be implemented if additional funding becomes available.

Staff from Fehr & Peers will present an overview of the Draft RTP Goals, Objectives, and Policies and Draft RTP Performance Measures and Targets to the Commission at the July 20, 2016 meeting.

3. AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION PROJECT REVIEWS

A summary of land use project reviews performed on behalf of the Nevada County Airport Land Use Commission (NCALUC) and Truckee Tahoe Airport Land Use Commission (TTALUC) is shown below.

NCALUC:

Proposed Amendment to the Whispering Pines Business Park Specific Plan: This project proposes to add manufacturing/processing and manufacturing/small shop land uses to the allowed uses on four parcels within the SP-1 Corporate District. The Executive Director issued a consistency determination based on the following factors:

- 1) The proposed additional land use categories are within the maximum density/intensity criteria under the SP-1 land use category for Compatibility Zones C and D in the Nevada County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (NCALUCP).
- 2) The proposed additional land uses have the potential to reduce the number of employees on the sites and thus reduce risk to people on the ground and minimize the risks associated with an off-airport aircraft accident.

The following projects are located in the Loma Rica Industrial Park near the airport and did not have any characteristics that were inconsistent with the policies of the NCALUCP: *Thurston Furniture Manufacturing-Assembly building, RestCom Steel Welding-Fabrication building, and construction of a mini-storage facility.*

TTALUC:

Liberty Power Line Upgrade: This project involved increasing the height of poles on a power line south of the airport. Staff reviewed the proposed height of each pole and determined that there would be no incursion into airspace and a compatibility determination was approved by the Executive Director.

Tahoe Expedition Academy School Site: The site for a private school is located approximately one mile west of the end of Runway 2, mostly within Compatibility Zone D. Because "children's schools" are "discouraged" in Zone D, this project was potentially incompatible. The TTALUC reviewed the applicant's information and staff recommendations, discussed the issues related to a private school being constructed in the proposed location, and then based on the layout and construction plans for the school and a condition that an Avigation Easement be required, made a determination of conditional compatibility.

Schnurrenberger Minor Land Division: This project involves the subdivision of a large residential parcel into four residential parcels. Following a review of the applicant's information, a compatibility determination was approved by the Executive Director.

Truckee Railyard Master Plan: The Railyard Master Plan addresses approximately 75 acres of property situated immediately east of Truckee's historic downtown. In accordance with policies in the Truckee Tahoe Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (TTALUCP), the Town of Truckee submitted the Truckee Railyard Master Plan for a consistency review.

Following its review of the project characteristics, the TTALUC found the project to be consistent with the 2010 TTALUCP, subject to the following additional conditions:

- 1) Buildings up to 50 feet in height are permitted, provided that any floor above the third floor is limited to low-intensity uses, such as residential or lodging.
- 2) An Overflight Easement naming the Truckee Tahoe Airport District as Grantee must be recorded.
- 3) For purposes of TTALUCP consistency, the Truckee Railyard Master Plan area shall be evaluated as a "mixed use" development.
- 4) Any future project in the Truckee Railyard Master Plan area that proposes to include "discouraged uses" in Compatibility Zone D, such as schools, shall be required to submit its project for a consistency determination by the Truckee Tahoe Airport Land Use Commission.
- 5) Projects located in Zone C or Zone D that exceed the height of three habitable floors or the basic intensity limits for nonresidential development (maximum of 150 people per single acre in Zone C and 300 people per single acre in Zone D), to the extent feasible, should incorporate other design features that would help protect the building occupants in the event of a small aircraft crash. Examples of such features include:
 - Using concrete construction;
 - Limiting the number and size of windows;
 - Upgrading the strength of the building roof;
 - Avoiding skylights;
 - Enhancing the fire sprinkler system; and
 - Increasing the number of emergency exits.

NCTC staff provided support for TTALUC meetings in November 2015, March 2016 and May 2016.

4. RPO AMERICA CONFERENCE AND EXCELLENCE IN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AWARDS

Mike Woodman will travel to Chattanooga, Tennessee, June 13-15 to represent NCTC at the Rural Planning Organizations of America (RPO America) Conference and will participate on a panel that will highlight the projects selected to receive Excellence in Transportation Planning awards.

RPO America was established in June 2006 by the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) Board of Directors to serve as the national professional association for regional and rural transportation planning professionals, practitioners and other interested stakeholders. Led by the National RPO Council of Peers, RPO America:

- Enhances the professional and organizational development of rural transportation planners and others by providing information, peer networking, and research initiatives;

- Serves as a national clearinghouse and forum for exchange among its rural transportation stakeholders;
- Sponsors activities to showcase the accomplishments of rural transportation planning organizations to public officials, communities and the private sector;
- Advises NADO and its leadership, membership and management on matters related to rural transportation planning and development.

RPO America hosts an annual conference to provide peer-to-peer learning opportunities for regional transportation planners, state DOT representatives, and their partners. The conference provides training and networking opportunities on a variety of rural and small metropolitan transportation topics, with hands-on workshops, best practice panels, and facilitated networking sessions that feature peer trainers and expert speakers.

This year at the RPO America Conference, the Excellence in Transportation Planning awards program is recognizing 30 noteworthy projects that help meet regional needs in innovative ways, through cooperation with partners, increasing system and community resilience, and in many cases, using creative funding. In addition to the three projects submitted by NCTC, twenty-seven projects from fourteen states received awards.

California

- *Trans Sierra Transportation Plan*, Nevada County Transportation Commission, together with project partners Tahoe Transportation District (NV), Alpine County Transportation Commission (CA), Amador County Transportation Commission (CA), Carson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (NV), Douglas County (NV), El Dorado County Transportation Commission (CA), Lyon County (NV), Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (CA), Regional Transportation Commission (Washoe County, NV), Sierra County Transportation Commission (CA), Storey County (NV), and Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization (CA & NV)
- *Transportation Performance Measures for Rural Counties in California*, Nevada County Transportation Commission, together with the 25 other members of California's Rural Counties Task Force
- *Rural Counties Task Force: Streets and Roads Performance Measurement Data Project*, Nevada County Transportation Commission, together with the 25 other members of California's Rural Counties Task Force

Florida

- *Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization Public Participation Plan*, Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization, staffed by the Central Florida Regional Planning Council

Georgia

- *Jobs for Champions*, Coastal Regional Commission
- *Middle Georgia Freight and Logistics Study*, Middle Georgia Regional Commission
- *Middle Georgia Mobility Manager Program*, Middle Georgia Regional Commission
- *Fair on the Square*, River Valley Regional Commission
- *Transit Improvements: Macro and Micro Approaches to Financial Restructuring and Service Enhancement*, River Valley Regional Commission
- *Pilot Shuttle Program*, Southern Georgia Regional Commission

Illinois/Iowa

- *Be Healthy QC Partnership*, Bi-State Regional Commission
- *Bi-State Regional Freight Commodity Study*, Bi-State Regional Commission

Iowa

- *Downtown Burlington Parking Study*, Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission

Minnesota

- *Enhancement LOI Review Process*, Southwest Regional Development Commission

New Hampshire

- *Showcasing the Benefits of Complete Streets in Rural Communities through Live, On-Street Demonstrations*, Southwest Region Planning Commission
- *Plan4Health Nashua*, Nashua Regional Planning Commission

North Carolina

- *Imagine Bickett Boulevard: Louisburg, North Carolina*, Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments, Regional Transportation Planning Organization
- *Western Piedmont Bicycle Plan*, Western Piedmont Council of Governments

Ohio

- *Rural Road Safety Audit - A Multi-Disciplinary Approach to Improving Road Safety*, Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association

Pennsylvania

- *Common Ground: Local Asset Management*, North Central Pennsylvania Regional Planning and Development Commission

South Carolina

- *Organizing LATS, a New MPO: from Start-Up to Plan Approval*, Lowcountry Council of Governments
- *US 78 and US 321 Intersection Enhancement Project*, Lower Savannah Council of Governments

Texas

- *Alamo Rural Regional Planning Organization*, Alamo Area Council of Governments
- *Choose My Ride*, Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission

Vermont

- *Vermont Road Erosion Risk Analysis*, Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission
- *Royalton Gilman Road Relocation*, Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission
- *Town of Rochester Bean's Bridge Road Lowering*, Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission

Virginia

- *New River Valley Passenger Rail Study*, New River Valley Regional Commission
- *A Basic Guide to the Transportation Improvement Program*, Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission
- *Roanoke Valley Pedestrian Vision Plan*, Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission