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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Nevada County Transportation Commission

FROM: Daniel B. Landon, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report for the July 2018 Meeting

DATE: July 18, 2018

### 1. STATE ROUTE 49 STAKEHOLDERS COMMITTEE

On May 23, 2018 the State Route (SR) 49 Stakeholders Committee met at the Eric Rood Administrative Center. There were 13 people in attendance, including NCTC Commissioner Ed Scofield, representatives of the Citizens for Highway 49 Safety, Caltrans staff, Nevada County staff, and NCTC staff.

The topics of discussion included plans to mitigate impacts to SR 49 and Combie Road from the Higgins Marketplace project, and future improvements on SR 49 at Woodridge Drive and Streeter Road.

During the discussion, Citizens for Highway 49 Safety representatives noted that CHP enforcement activity has been an effective safety measure on SR 49 and expressed concerns over the safety of left-hand turns from SR 49 to Woodridge Drive.

Caltrans and Nevada County staff initiated some important coordination during a discussion of Caltrans plans to install a right-turn northbound acceleration lane at Combie Road.

The next meeting of the SR 49 Stakeholders Committee will be in the Fall and we will review safety statistics, status of projects, and progress of the SR 49 Corridor System Management Plan update.

### 2. STATE ROUTE 49 COMPLETE STREETS/SAFE TRANSPORTATION FOR EVERY PEDESTRIAN (STEP) IMPROVEMENTS – STATE ROUTE 20 TO CEMENT HILL ROAD

At the May NCTC meeting, three citizens expressed concerns about pedestrian safety along State Route 49 on the north side of Nevada City. Following the meeting, I contacted California Highway Patrol, Nevada County, Nevada City staff, and Caltrans Planning, Traffic Operations, and Safety staff. There has been a considerable amount of data collected about the traffic operations and safety of this area and we are looking into the Caltrans Complete Streets program and the Safe Transportation for Every

Pedestrian (STEP) program to find out if there is funding available to construct safety improvements in the area.

### 3. NCTC 2018 ANNUAL SALARY COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT

In March 2016, NCTC adopted a Compensation Policy which included the provision that annually, NCTC will adjust its salary ranges, as budget allows, by the average cost of living increase provided by the local labor market to the journey level planner.

Last month staff received the final cost of living adjustments for the local labor market:

- County of Nevada: 2.0%
- City of Grass Valley: 2.0%
- Town of Truckee: 1.5%
- City of Nevada City: 2.0%

The average of the labor market increases for 2018 is 1.875%. On July 1, 2018, the cost of living adjustment went into effect for NCTC employees. The NCTC Compensation Policy provides that NCTC will compare its compensation to other Regional Transportation Planning Agencies approximately every five years.