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MEMORANDUM

TO: Nevada County Transportation Commission

FROM: Michael Woodman, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report

DATE: July 17, 2024

NEVADA COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE STATUS

Regional Transportation Planning Agencies are required by the state to prepare, adopt, and submit an updated Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) to the California Transportation Commission and to Caltrans every five years. On July 20, 2022, the Nevada County Transportation Commission (NCTC) executed an agreement with DKS Associates to assist NCTC with preparation of an update to the Nevada County RTP. The purpose of this update to the RTP is to document the short-term (2024-2034) and long-term (2035-2045) regional transportation policy direction, multi-modal regional transportation needs, and to set forth a financially constrained action plan to meet those needs. The RTP also identifies projects that can be implemented if additional funding becomes available.

Development of the Draft RTP and associated environmental documentation are currently underway and are scheduled to be completed in August 2024. Following completion of the draft documents there will be a 30-day public review period and a presentation of the draft documents, and a public hearing will be held at the regularly scheduled NCTC meeting on September 18, 2024. Comments received will be incorporated as appropriate into the Final RTP that will then be presented to the NCTC for adoption at their November 20, 2024, regularly scheduled meeting.

NCTC AWARDED FY 2023/24 CALTRANS SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANT

On July 9, 2024, Caltrans announced that NCTC's Fiscal Year 2023/24 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant application for *Reenvisioning Transit in Western Nevada County – Comprehensive Operations Analysis (COA)* has been approved in the amount of \$170,000. The study will be managed by NCTC in coordination with the Nevada County Transit Services Division and will analyze the existing western Nevada County fixed route and paratransit public transit services (Nevada County Connects/Nevada County Now). The study will also analyze alternative transit operating/delivery models with a key focus of improving transit system efficiency, effectiveness, accessibility, and sustainability. The study will consider an entire spectrum of service options ranging from minor modifications to existing services to a full "reversioning" of the system and delivery model.