




# NEVADA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Nevada County Transportation Commission

FROM: Daniel B. Landon, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report for the January 15, 2014 Meeting

DATE: January 7, 2014

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### 1. PERFORMANCE PLANNING AND MEASUREMENT COORDINATION WORKSHOP

On November 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> I participated in a statewide workshop co-hosted by Caltrans, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Federal Transit Administration. The purpose of the workshop was to help Caltrans and California's regional transportation planning and transit agencies coordinate their efforts on three key requirements of the Federal Transportation Act titled, "Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" (MAP-21). Map-21 placed increased emphasis on performance management within the Federal-aid Highway Program and transit programs, and requires use of performance-based approaches in statewide, metropolitan, and non-metropolitan transportation planning. On the first day of the workshop I provided a presentation summarizing the efforts of California's rural counties in implementing performance measurement and management.

### 2. RURAL COUNTIES TASK FORCE PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT PROJECT

Over the past two decades, transportation agencies have increasingly been applying "performance management"- a strategic approach that uses performance data to support decisions to help achieve desired performance outcomes. Performance management is credited with improving project and program delivery, informing investment decision-making, and providing greater transparency and accountability to the public.

The Rural Counties Task Force (RCTF) is an informal organization that meets every other month. Each of the RCTF members receives Rural Planning Assistance (RPA) funds from Caltrans. RCTF member agencies decided to utilize RPA funds held by Caltrans from previous fiscal years to conduct a performance measurement project to benefit all of the agencies. Nevada County Transportation Commission (NCTC) has been selected as the project leader and has prepared a Request for Proposals (RFP) to find a qualified consultant to provide each of the RCTF members with the data and methods that will help them coordinate performance measures with the goals of the regional transportation plans, and to improve monitoring and reporting of performance measurement within the regional transportation planning process. The objective of this project, as stated in the RFP, is to develop the information shown below for each Regional Transportation Planning Agency.

- A comparison of revenues versus operation and maintenance needs.
- Three pavement maintenance scenarios including:
  - a. Continuation of the current funding level with a focus on preventive maintenance.
  - b. Current funding level with a focus on worst roads.
  - c. Increased spending with a focus on cost effective pavement maintenance.

As noted at the NCTC December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, staff had intended to bring an Overall Work Program budget amendment for this project to utilize RPA funding provided by Caltrans to the January meeting; however, the schedule has been delayed in order to integrate comments from other counties into the work scope, and therefore the budget amendment will be presented at NCTC's March meeting.