



NEVADA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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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 January 25, 2012 Meeting

DATE: January 16, 2012

1. WESTERN NEVADA COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION GOVERNANCE STUDY

A project kick-off meeting was held on December 1, 2011 with LSC Transportation Consultants, Inc. and the Project Advisory Committee (PAC) to review study goals and finalize the project scope. To date the consultant has completed the summary of existing transit services in Western Nevada County, institutional arrangements, and funding responsibilities. Additionally, the consultant has prepared an overview of the various alternatives for the governance of public transportation including overall feasibility, existing or needed statutory authority, and regulatory limitations. LSC has also compiled peer transit agency data and is reviewing the associated institutional arrangements and administrative costs. This information will be included in a Technical Memorandum and presented to the PAC at their next meeting to be held the end of January. A public workshop will be held in the same timeframe to provide interested individuals a forum for public discussion on the governance alternatives being analyzed. The consultant will then take into consideration input received from the PAC and the public and further analyze the advantages and disadvantages of each governance model, as well as privatization options and potential cost savings. A draft report is scheduled to be presented to the Transit Services Commission (TSC) at their March 21, 2012 meeting. The final report is scheduled to be presented to the TSC at their May 16, 2012 meeting.

2. TOWN OF TRUCKEE MOBILITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

A project kick-off meeting was held on November 30, 2011 with LSC Transportation Consultants, Inc. and the PAC to review the proposed work plan and finalize the scope of work. The consultant has completed the inventory of existing public and private transportation services, as well as an analysis of demographic and economic data for the area and an evaluation of existing services. Public outreach activities are currently underway to gather input from the community at key activity centers regarding mobility needs and existing services. The results of these tasks will be compiled in a Technical Memorandum and presented to the PAC at a meeting to be held in early February. The consultant will then complete an analysis of strategies and solutions that will be detailed in Technical Memorandum #2 and presented to the PAC for review and presented to the public at a community meeting. This input will guide the selection of the preferred alternatives and any revisions will be incorporated into the draft report and presented to the Truckee Town Council in March. The final

report will be presented to the Truckee Town Council at a meeting in May if requested by the Town of Truckee.

3. SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

NCTC staff convened a meeting of the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) on January 12, 2012 to receive input on potential unmet transit needs in western and eastern Nevada County. The SSTAC made the following recommendations:

- Restoration of Saturday Gold Country Stage service when funding permits.
- Consider transportation vouchers for individuals that need service during the days and hours that Gold Country Stage and Gold Country Telecare, Inc. are not operating.
- Provide covered bus stops at high use bus stop locations.
- Explore a public/private partnership with the western and eastern Nevada County Sierra College campuses for evening transit service.
- Explore transportation alternatives such as van pools, volunteer driver programs, scheduled private taxi trips, or school buses to provide mobility to outlying areas such as North San Juan and Cascade Shores.
- Modify the Truckee Transit fixed route service to address the need for year-round service to employee housing facilities at Henness Flat and Frishman Hollow on SR 89 North in the Town of Truckee.

NCTC staff will present the recommendations regarding transit service in western Nevada County to the Transit Services Commission at their unmet transit needs public hearing scheduled January 25, 2012. The recommendation related to Truckee Transit Service will be forwarded to the Town of Truckee for their consideration.