



# 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 May 16, 2012 Meeting

DATE: May 3, 2012

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### 1. NORTH STATE SUPER REGION TRANSPORTATION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STUDY

Attached is a project fact sheet which reviews the purpose of the study, key project benefits, and provides a summary schedule. I have contacted both John Blinder with the Nevada County Economic Resource Council and Steve Frisch with the Sierra Business Council to facilitate their participation in the study as Nevada County's economic stakeholders. On May 11<sup>th</sup> a regional workshop will be held in Oroville to discuss the following topics:

- Recent economic trends in employment changes.
- Transportation limitations or other barriers to growth.
- Major economic development initiatives.
- Business attraction or retention targets.
- Current transportation plans and major projects.
- Transportation improvements needed for economic development.

### 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ACT

On March 29, 2012, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a 90-day extension of the federal surface transportation programs, which was then approved by the Senate with just days remaining before the previous extension expired on March 31<sup>st</sup>. The extension signed by President Obama will fund the federal surface transportation programs through June 30, 2012.

On April 18, 2012, the House passed HR 4348, another 90-day extension, the Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2012, Part II, that proposes to extend the federal surface transportation program through September 30, 2012. This was a procedural move that will allow them to go into a conference committee with the Senate, without actually having to pass H.R. 7, the proposed five-year transportation bill that failed to gain support in the House earlier this year. The 90-day extension bill includes provisions that would accelerate approval of the controversial Keystone XL Pipeline, as well as some environmental streamlining provisions and other bill language that was part of HR 7. Once in conference, the House and Senate will negotiate a transportation bill to be derived from the contents of HR 4348 and MAP-21.

Both the Senate and House have selected their conference committee negotiators and the first meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, May 8, 2012.

3. TOWN OF TRUCKEE MOBILITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

LSC Transportation Consultants, Inc. has completed Technical Memorandum #2, which includes an analysis of mobility strategies and solutions in the Truckee area. This information was presented to the Project Advisory Committee (PAC) on April 12, 2012 for review and comment. The consultant, in coordination with NCTC staff, will schedule to present this information to the public and stakeholders at meetings to be held in early May 2012. The input received will guide the selection of the preferred alternatives, and any revisions will be incorporated into the draft report that will be presented to the Truckee Town Council on May 17, 2012. The final report will be presented to the Truckee Town Council at a meeting in June 2012.

4. CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CMAQ)

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met on April 25, 2012 to review the capacity available to program additional CMAQ projects in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2012/13 and FFY 2013/14. NCTC staff intends to work with the TAC over the next couple of months in order to develop a staff recommendation for the proposed projects to present to the NCTC at their July 18, 2012 meeting.

5. SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SSTAC)

On May 3, 2012 the SSTAC met to receive an overview of the FY 2012/13 Gold Country Stage and Gold Country Telecare, Inc. budgets and the planned incremental restoration of transit services. NCTC staff also provided the SSTAC an overview of the findings and recommendations from the Western Nevada County Public Transportation Governance Study, as well as the draft mobility strategies and solutions developed as part of the Town of Truckee Mobility Needs Assessment. The next quarterly meeting of the SSTAC is tentatively scheduled for July 12, 2012.

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# PROJECT FACT SHEET



## North State

### Transportation for Economic Development Study

The purpose of this study is to build a business case for ongoing transportation infrastructure investment within the sixteen-county North State region and highlight regional transportation improvements with the highest economic benefit.

Findings will be utilized to compete for state and federal transportation funding and to put resulting resources to work stimulating the North State's economy. This project will:

- Inventory, organize, and share economic and transportation-related data, trends, and planning priorities;
- Evaluate the responsiveness of regional transportation plans to existing and emerging economic activities; and
- Quantify the economic impact of planned transportation improvements.

#### Key Project Benefits

- A more complete understanding and documentation of the relationship between transportation infrastructure investment and existing or potential economic activity;
- Improved alignment between transportation spending and economic development planning and implementation efforts;
- A foundational resource for the development of various grant funding proposals; and
- Increased opportunity for public-private partnerships.

#### Schedule

##### Project Kick-off (March 2012)

- ↳ Phase I: Comprehensive inventory of transportation and economic data and plans (Apr – Jul) ✨
- ↳ Phase II: Develop and apply economic performance measures (Jul – Oct)
- ↳ Phase III: Final report & recommendations (Jan 2013)
- ↳ Phase IV: Integration with "FarNorCalGIS" online map viewer (Feb 2013)

#### Additional Information



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