

Nevada County Transportation Commission

The Nevada County Transportation Commission (NCTC) is the Regional Transportation Planning Agency for Nevada County. NCTC coordinates state and federal transportation programs for Nevada County, the City of Grass Valley, Nevada City, and the Town of Truckee.

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Upcoming NCTC Meeting

The next meeting of the Nevada County Transportation Commission is scheduled on: **Wednesday, May 19, 2010 at 9:30 a.m., Grass Valley Council Chambers, 125 East Main St., Grass Valley, CA.**



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OPEN HOUSE APRIL 1ST

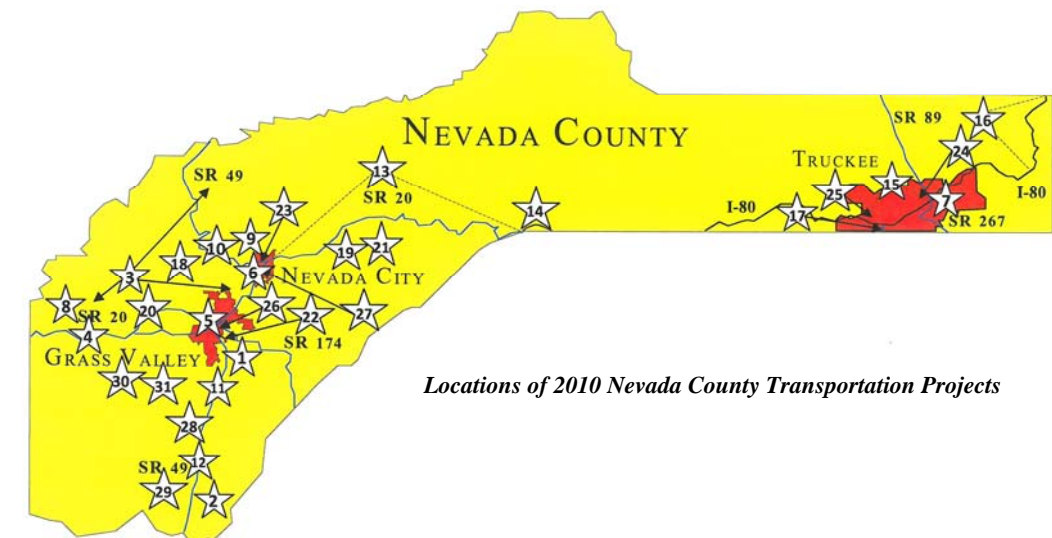
Caltrans will hold an Open House to update the public on the SR 49/ La Barr Meadows Road Improvement Project.

Location: Foothill Community Church

Time: 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

2010 Nevada County Transportation Projects

Despite a downturn in state and federal funding to support transportation needs, Nevada County is looking forward to 31 projects in the 2010 construction season that will improve transportation throughout the county. From major highway projects along Interstate 80 to Safe Routes to School projects in Nevada City and Truckee, the money has been made available through varied sources: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds, Proposition 1B funds, State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds, State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) funds, Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicles (GARVEE) bonds, Regional Surface Transportation Program funding, Safe Routes To School funds, a Federal Earmark, State-Local Partnership Program, local sales tax dollars, and Highway Safety Improvement Program funds. These 31 projects total \$345,831,786 in construction dollars.



Locations of 2010 Nevada County Transportation Projects

ARRA Funded Projects

1. La Barr Meadows Rd.: Grass Valley city limits to Dog Bar Rd. – Asphalt overlay and shoulder improvements.
2. Magnolia Rd.: Lake of the Pines entrance east past Bear River High School – Construct center turn lane and roadway improvements.
3. Western Overlay: Sections of Pleasant Valley Rd., Ridge Rd., and Tyler Foote Rd. – Asphalt overlay, pavement markers, and striping.
4. Penn Valley Drive: Western Gateway Park to Pleasant Valley Rd./SR 20 Intersection – Construct paved Class 1 Bike Path (separated from road).
5. South Auburn St.: SR 20/49 to E. Main St. and SR 20/49 to Empire St. – Pavement reconstruction, overlay, and drainage repair/replacement.
6. Broad Street: Union Street to Commercial Street – Replace asphalt concrete pavement.
7. Truckee River Legacy Trail Phase 3A: River View Sports Park to historic Ice Pond Overlook – Construct paved Class 1 Bike Path.
8. Lake Wildwood Gate: Penn Valley – Transit bus stop with sidewalk, shelter, and bench.

CMAQ Funded Projects

9. Nevada County Government Center: Pedestrian Walkway Project from SR 49/North Bloomfield Rd. to the Madelyn Helling Library.
10. Nevada County Government Center: Pedestrian Walkway Connection from the Library/Maidu Avenue to the Hirschman Pond Trail Project.

Proposition 1B Funding / STIP Funds

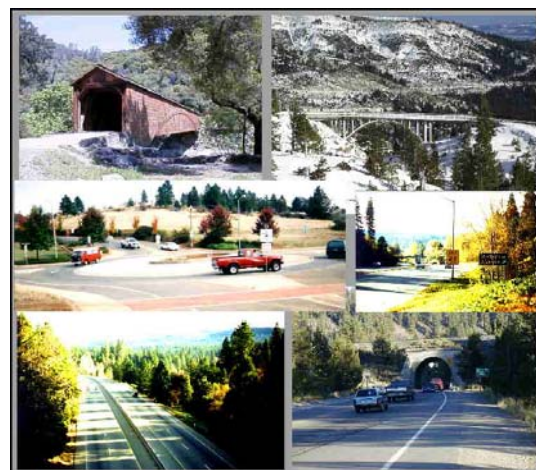
11. SR 49/La Barr Meadows Road Intersection Improvement Project – Widen SR 49 to four lanes, left turn pockets, signal with frontage roads.

SHOPP Funded Projects / GARVEE Bonds

12. SR 49 from Wolf/Combie Road: Extension of northbound passing lane from traffic signal to just south of Brewer Road.
13. SR 20 from Nevada City to I-80: Bonded wearing course asphalt mixture to seal surface as maintenance treatment for 2009 I-80 detour.
14. Emigrant Gap/I-80: Resurface and restore roadway from Carpenter Flat to Emigrant Gap Interchange. (GARVEE bonds and SHOPP)
15. Donner I/I-80: Portland Cement concrete overlay from Donner Lake to West Truckee, upgrade drainage system, repave Vista Point E. of Donner.
16. Truckee River Canyon/I-80: Portland Cement lane replacement near Floriston from Truckee River Bridge to NV State Line. (GARVEE/SHOPP)
17. SR 89/UPRR Tunnel (Mousehole): Interim ped/bike improvements of vehicle tunnel, i.e. upgraded flashing beacons, tunnel lighting, etc. (*Continued*)

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2010 Transportation Projects Continued

Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Funded Projects

18. Jones Bar Road: Newtown to Owl Creek – 1.6 miles of asphalt overlay, striping and pavement marker installation.
19. Pasquale Road: Cascade Loop to Banner Lava Cap Road – 0.6 miles of asphalt overlay, striping and pavement marker installation.
20. Rough and Ready Road: Rough and Ready Highway to Pioneer – 1.5 miles of asphalt overlay, striping and pavement marker installation.
21. Summit Ridge Road: Banner Quaker to Banner Quaker – 1.3 miles of asphalt overlay, striping and pavement marker installation.
22. Empire Street: Shoulders and drainage improvements.

Safe Routes To School (SRTS) Funds

23. Zion St. at Doane Ave., Brock Rd., Gold Run School: Left turn lane on Doane Ave.; three embedded flashing lights crosswalks along Zion St.
24. Pioneer Trail/Donner Pass Rd. in Truckee – Pedestrian/bicycle trail encircling the roundabout.
25. Donner Pass Rd. in Truckee – Install pedestrian crosswalk improvements and speed feedback/display signs by elementary/high schools.

Federal Earmark and ARRA Funds

26. Transit Transfer Center: Tinloy St. between Bank St. & East Bennett – Restroom/storage bldg., transfer bay, sidewalk/waiting area, shelters.

State-Local Partnership Program (SLPP) and Local Sales Tax Dollars

27. Searls Avenue in NV City: Boast Ave. to Gold Flat Road – Overlay.

Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)

28. Lime Kiln Road: Shoulder and drainage improvements.
29. Wolf and Duggans Phase II: Curve realignment.
30. McCourtney Road at Adair: Curve and sight distance improvements.
31. McCourtney Road: Shoulders and drainage improvements.

PROJECT LOCATION	LEAD AGENCY	FUNDING	MATCH	TOTAL COST*
ARRA				
1. La Barr Meadows Road Overlay/Shoulders	Nevada County	\$650,000		\$650,000
2. Magnolia Road Turn Lane/Improvements	Nevada County	\$588,317		\$588,317
3. Western Overlay/Striping Projects	Nevada County	\$900,000		\$900,000
4. Penn Valley Drive Bike Path	Nevada County	\$237,434		\$237,434
5. South Auburn Street Overlay/Drainage Repair	Grass Valley	\$506,555		\$506,555
6. Broad Street Asphalt Replacement	Nevada City	\$120,438		\$120,438
7. Truckee River Legacy Trail Bike Lane	Town of Truckee	\$633,342		\$633,342
8. Lake Wildwood Gate Bus Stop	Nevada County	\$146,000		\$146,000
CMAQ				
9. Gov't. Center Walkway--SR 49 to Library	Nevada County	\$310,000	LTF \$40,000	\$350,000
10. Gov't. Center Walkway--Library to Pond	Nevada County	\$200,000	\$25,900	\$225,900
Prop. 1B				
11. SR 49/La Barr Meadows Road Intersection	Caltrans	\$15,118,000	STIP \$3,852,000	\$18,970,000
SHOPP				
12. SR 49 Widening from Wolf/Combie Road	Caltrans	\$850,000		\$850,000
13. SR 20 from Nevada City to I-80 Resurfacing	Caltrans	\$5,630,000		\$5,630,000
14. Emigrant Gap/I-80 Roadway Resurfacing	Caltrans	\$167,000,000		\$167,000,000
15. Donner I/I-80 Concrete Overlay/Drainage Work	Caltrans	\$71,000,000		\$71,000,000
16. Truckee River Canyon/I-80 Replacement	Caltrans	\$73,000,000		\$73,000,000
17. SR 89 Mousehole Interim Improvements	Caltrans	\$475,000		\$475,000
RSTP				
18. Jones Bar Road Overlay/Striping	Nevada County	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000
19. Pasquale Road Overlay/Striping	Nevada County			
20. Rough and Ready Highway Overlay/Striping	Nevada County			
21. Summit Ridge Road Overlay/Striping	Nevada County			
22. Empire St. Shoulders/Drainage Improvements	Nevada County	\$145,000		\$145,000
SRTS				
23. Zion St. at Doane Ave./Brock Rd. Crosswalks	Nevada City	\$150,000		\$150,000
24. Truckee Pioneer Trail/Donner Pass Rd. Ped./Bike	Town of Truckee	\$235,000		\$235,000
25. Truckee Donner Pass Rd. Ped. Improvements	Town of Truckee	\$75,000		\$75,000
Fed. Earmark				
26. Transit Transfer Center Building, Bay, Shelters	Nevada County	\$747,000	ARRA \$255,000	\$1,002,000
SLPP				
27. Searls Avenue Overlay	Nevada City	\$30,000	Sales Tax \$30,000	\$60,000
HSIP				
28. Lime Kiln Rd. Shoulders/Drainage Improvements	Nevada County	\$292,000		\$292,000
29. Wolf & Duggans Phase II Curve Realignment	Nevada County	\$429,500	\$47,700	\$477,200
30. McCourtney Rd. @ Adair Curve Improvements	Nevada County	\$346,500	\$93,600	\$440,100
31. McCourtney Rd. Shoulders/Drainage Improve.	Nevada County	\$597,000	\$75,500(Prop.1B)	\$672,500

* Refers to Total Construction Cost of Project. NCTC

TOTAL = \$345,831,786

New NCTC Commissioner

Ann Guerra – Ann Guerra is a long-standing advocate for seniors and people with disabilities in our community. In December 2009 the Nevada County Board of Supervisors reappointed Ms. Guerra to the Nevada County Transportation Commission (NCTC) as a member-at-large to represent the specific transportation needs of the elderly and disabled throughout the county. Ms. Guerra previously served on the Commission from October 1997 through March 2004. During those interim years from 2004 through 2009 she remained an active voice at NCTC meetings for issues such as sidewalks with wheelchair accessibility. Ms. Guerra worked at FREED Center for Independent Living for twenty years, and currently is the Executive Director at the Nevada Sierra Regional In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority.

Ms. Guerra is also appointed to the Transit Services Commission. With her many years of experience she is a great resource to help advise transit needs in the community and acts as an advocate for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance on the Gold Country Stage and Telecare routes.

Ann has been married for 35 years to Phil Guerra and has 4 children. NCTC



Western NV County Transit Development Plan Update

“Doing More With Less” – The Western Nevada County Transit Development Plan (WNCTDP) Update is a current effort underway by Cliff Chambers and Janet Cohen from the consulting firm Transit Resource Center. The consultant is analyzing a wide range of transit services, capital, institutional, management, and financial alternatives, and his work is scheduled to conclude by September 2010. The work is being funded by NCTC with a \$30,000 Federal Transit Administration Planning Assistance Grant. On February 16th the consultant held a Community Mobility Summit as part of the TDP public participation process. One purpose of this meeting was to bring together key public transportation stakeholders and inform them of FY 2009/10 and FY 2010/11 budget situations impacting the delivery of public transportation in western Nevada County. The second purpose was to receive input and ideas on how improved coordination and mobility management options could potentially mitigate the impacts of budget related service reductions.



Telecare van transporting a wheelchair passenger

The increasingly limited financial resources for transportation have led transportation planners and officials to ask if there is an opportunity to build a community-based mobility network to serve community needs. The answer to that question is embodied in a concept known as “Mobility Management”. In considering the transportation needs and resources in western Nevada County, Cliff Chambers has been challenged to consider mobility management as a transportation planning tool and method that will start with individual community needs and resources. The mobility management approach emphasizes movement of people instead of vehicles; improvements to the effectiveness, efficiency, and quality of transportation services being delivered; and improvements in the information that is available about those services. Mobility management includes services that support the mobility of the general public, as well as persons with specialized transportation needs. This coordinated approach encourages transit agencies to look beyond the traditional single method of travel to a broader perspective that includes customer-driven partnerships among various transportation providers, so that transportation resources are used more efficiently and effectively. Ultimately, mobility management calls for a “people first” perspective, supporting the notion that improved mobility for those with specialized transportation needs can ultimately serve to improve mobility options for everyone. In western Nevada County this may lead to efforts to avoid duplication of service, thus lowering the cost per passenger trip; expand mobility choices to both ADA eligible and the general public travelers throughout western Nevada County; and provide connections and access to core services in the Grass Valley/Nevada City area.

The consultant is currently developing a working paper that analyzes the mobility management options and input received at the Community Mobility Summit. It is anticipated that a second public workshop will be held in late April to review this working paper with the stakeholders. The consultant will then incorporate the information from the working paper into the service plan sustainability alternatives in the Draft WNCTDP. The draft report will then be reviewed by NCTC and the public. NCTC



Gold Country Stage bus picking up passengers downtown G.V.