

## Nevada County Transportation Commission

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### Upcoming NCTC Meeting

The next meeting of the Nevada County Transportation Commission is scheduled on: **Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at 9:30 a.m., Nevada City Council Chambers, 317 Broad Street, Nevada City, CA.**

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# NEVADA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

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## Summer 2011 Construction Season

The summer construction season is in full swing with vehicle and pedestrian improvements throughout the county. In our last newsletter (see June 2011), we shared an impressive list of projects scheduled by the Town of Truckee, City of Grass Valley, Nevada City, and Nevada County that are slated for completion by the end of 2011. Caltrans is also busy with projects in the county that focus on safety and traffic flow issues.



SR 49 widening near Kenwood Ave. with soundwall posts in place and adjacent ground being readied for asphalt

The SR 49 widening project near La Barr Meadows Road (photos on left) was initiated due to safety concerns in the area. At the August 20, 2003 NCTC meeting, the public requested that NCTC and Caltrans work together to design a project that would mitigate traffic issues and decrease accidents along this stretch of highway. Local residents are pleased with the plans and are looking forward to four lanes for traffic, left turn lanes, widened



The contractor prepares to install concrete boxes for a deer crossing on SR 49

shoulders, and frontage roads that will provide a safer access to SR 49 through a traffic signal.

Work is on schedule and the frontage road tie-in to SR 49 on the east side for La Barr Meadows Road, Jay Jay Place, Welsh Lane, and Forest Springs should be completed this construction season. The intersection light will not be functional until the end of Stage 4, which will be late next summer. The soundwall in front of Forest Springs will be constructed this year, the K-rail will remain in place throughout the winter, and the new frontage road on the west side of SR 49 will be partially constructed this season, but not operational. All side streets on the west side will function as is until next spring, and soundwalls on that side will be constructed next year.

A safety project on SR 20 between Penn Valley Road and Deadman's Flat Overcrossing is scheduled for completion this fall where numerous accidents have occurred due to downhill speeds and crossovers. Four miles of highway have been resurfaced with asphalt concrete, radar-activated speed warning signs are planned, plus a median rumble strip, and recessed reflective pavement markers in the median. (continued - pages 3 & 4)

**The Nevada County Department of Public Works is working on a curve realignment on McCourtney Road at Adair.** This location had a very sharp corner with very limited sight distance (see photo below) at the junction of Adair and McCourtney Road, which resulted in a history of “run-off-the-road accidents”. Knife River Construction straightened the curve, and improved the roadway slope by adding a super elevation, which improved the sight distance for cars accessing Adair. Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds through the Federal government were used at a cost of \$240,000.



*McCourtney Road at Adair where the project improves sight distance and straightens the curve*

**Lime Kiln Road** is another HSIP funded project (\$230,000) to widen shoulders. There are locations on Lime Kiln where there are no shoulders and it has a history of “run-off-the-road accidents”. The new shoulders will provide a recovery area for vehicles. Work is being done by Hansen Brothers Construction of Grass Valley.

Where **Empire Road intersects with Empire Cross Road**, pedestrians are squeezed between the road and a rock wall. The project realigns Empire Road to gain 3 to 5 feet for pedestrians. The realignment also allows a rebuilding of the intersection to eliminate some severe grades on Empire Cross Road. Local funds

(\$80,000) were used and Freddi’s Grading and Paving are doing the work.

Phase I of the **Tinloy Street Transit Transfer Center** has begun (see photo to left). This new facility will replace the current hub at the corner of Neal and Church Streets and resolves numerous safety, traffic, and accessibility issues. The project will reconstruct Tinloy Street between East Bennett and Bank Streets, and includes new parking, street lighting, ADA compliant sidewalks, covered shelters for passengers, and room to accommodate four buses simultaneously. Hansen Brothers Construction of Grass Valley is doing the work. The construction contract amount is \$757,888.



*Construction begins on Transit Transfer Center in Grass Valley*

**Nevada City is busy this summer** with projects like the building of **Hirschman’s Pond Trail** (see photo to right), which is a 6 foot wide hard surfaced dirt trail that is also accessible to disabled pedestrians. Robinson Enterprises of Grass Valley built the trail at a cost of \$65,000.

**Safe Routes to Schools** funding provided \$180,000 to construct a turn lane on **Doane Road** plus a retaining wall. Electrified street crossings were installed at three locations on Zion Street. C&D Construction of Nevada City did the construction, and Dan Reinhardt of Nevada City built the rock retaining wall.

**Nevada City’s Measure “S” Program** is a 1/2 cent sales tax approved to fund street paving. The 2011 contract of \$530,000 with Sierra Nevada Construction allowed for street overlays on Zion Street, Upper Searls Avenue, Nursery Street, Nimrod Street, Gracie Road, Upper Nevada Street, Silva Avenue, Martin Street, and the Searls Avenue sidewalk. **NCTC**



*Hirschman’s Pond Trail located near Cement Hill Road and SR 49 in Nevada City*

**The City of Grass Valley is focused on pavement rehabilitation projects this construction season.** Areas completed on their 2010 improvement list are Sutton Way, Idaho-Maryland Road (photo below), Dorsey Drive, and the Cypress Hills neighborhood. Total construction cost was \$536,838, with approximately \$35,000 funded with a Rubberized Asphalt Concrete grant. Remaining costs were funded with gas tax/RSTP (Regional Surface Transportation Program) funds. Approximately four miles of pavement was improved.

**Pavement rehabilitation projects for 2011** include a portion of the Packard Drive neighborhood, and Taylorville Road between Freeman Lane and McKnight Way. This covers approximately 1.3 miles of roadway.

A project on **Upper Slide Ravine** included the installation of storm drains and water facilities, and reconstruction of Doris Drive between North Church Street and Carol Drive. The total cost was \$471,098 and was funded with RDA (Redevelopment Agency) funds and Water Rate funds. Approximately 1/3 mile was paved.

The **annual contract for pothole repairs and restriping** for the City of Grass Valley is focused on severely damaged asphalt and faint striping throughout the city. Potholes on approximately 15,000 square feet of pavement will be filled and 2.5 miles of roadway will be restriped/remarked.



*Pavement improvements completed on Idaho-Maryland Road in Grass Valley*



*Alder Drive Roundabout underway at the intersection of SR 89 N and Prosser Dam Road*

**The Town of Truckee has been busy this summer** with projects like construction of a new **Public Service Center** that consists of new buildings to house the Public Works Operations administrative offices, a maintenance garage, a generator building, fuel station, and salt/sand barn. An open house is scheduled on October 22.

**Alder Drive Roundabout** (see photo to left) is currently under construction at the intersection of Alder Drive, SR 89 North, and Prosser Dam Road. It is being constructed as mitigation for the Grays Crossing Development, but Town staff is overseeing construction through an encroachment permit with Caltrans. The project will improve traffic capacity and reduce vehicle speeds along SR 89 to improve safety for drivers and pedestrians. Completion is expected in November.

**Slurry seal projects** this year include roughly 60 miles of Town roadways in two construction projects. A slurry seal is applied to all Town roads every 3 to 5 years to provide a wearing surface and to extend pavement life of Town roadways.

**Bridge Street Streetscape** is a project to replace existing sidewalks and create a new streetscape along Bridge Street north of Donner Pass Road in downtown Truckee. The project includes parking improvements, landscaping, new seating, and pedestrian improvements. It was primarily funded with Town Redevelopment funds.

**The Donner Pass Road Depot project** improves the frontage area of the historic train depot in downtown Truckee. New sidewalks, landscaping, street furniture, a new pedestrian crossing, and drainage improvements will be built. **NCTC**



*Bridge Street Streetscape in downtown Truckee provides pedestrian improvements*