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Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

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Title: Approval of Nevada County Transportation Commission's Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Overall Work Program and Adoption of Resolution 2025-20

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**Recommended Action:**

Town Council adopt Resolution 2025-20 approving the work element's and other associated projects and activities proposed in the Nevada County Transportation Commission's (NCTC) Fiscal Year 2025/26 Overall Work Program (OWP).

**Discussion:**

On April 7, 1994, the Truckee Town Council adopted Resolution 94-15, which authorized the mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on behalf of the Town of Truckee with the Nevada County Transportation Commission (NCTC) relating to regional transportation planning. Since that time, Town staff has participated in regional planning efforts with NCTC staff and other regional partners. The MOU is included hereinto as Attachment A

Each year the NCTC adopts an Overall Work Program (OWP) to guide the Commission's activities for the upcoming fiscal year. As a part of the MOU between NCTC and its member agencies, each member agency is requested to ratify the OWP after it has been developed. The FY 2025/26 OWP is scheduled for adoption by NCTC at their May 21, 2025 Commission meeting, and a "Draft FY 25/26 OWP" is provided hereinto as Attachment B

The "Draft FY 25/26 OWP" includes numerous project and program related transportation activities, including required "Federal Planning Factors." These Federal Planning Factors and the Work Element in which they are captured are as follows:

<b><u>Planning Factors</u></b>	<b>WE 1.1</b>	<b>WE 1.2</b>	<b>WE 2.1</b>	<b>WE 2.1.1</b>	<b>WE 2.2</b>	<b>WE 2.3</b>	<b>WE 2.3.3</b>	<b>WE 2.3.4</b>	<b>WE 2.4</b>	<b>WE 2.4.1</b>	<b>WE 2.4.2</b>	<b>WE 2.4.3</b>	<b>WE 2.4.4</b>	<b>WE 2.4.5</b>	<b>WE 2.4.6</b>
Economic Vitality	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X	
Safety	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Security	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	
Accessibility	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	
Environment	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X
Connectivity	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	
System Management & Operation	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Preservation	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	
Resiliency & Reliability	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X
Travel & Tourism	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X	

Work Elements that are beyond the annual routine matters and are of particular interest to the Town are:

## **WORK ELEMENT 2 - REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING**

### **Project 2.3.4 – Reenvisioning Transit in Western Nevada County/Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA)**

The Reenvisioning Transit in Western Nevada County / Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA) will comprehensively review the existing transit services offered by Nevada County and identify areas and opportunities to transition to alternative operating models to provide greater system efficiency and ridership benefits. Contrary to the Town's recent growth in transit ridership, Nevada County Connects (fixed route transit service) has not rebounded from the impacts of the COVID 19 Pandemic and it is imperative to identify the most cost effective and efficient services with the limited operational funding streams available to meet the needs of the residents and visitors of Western Nevada County.

NCTC will manage this study in coordination with Nevada County Connects, the Cities of Nevada City and Grass Valley, key stakeholders, and residents to capture the vision that most successfully explores the relationships between effective transit and land-use, population growth and employment patterns, as well as social equity and areas of high transit need. The COA will generate recommendations based on extensive data analysis, public outreach, and industry best practices for deploying various public transportation modes and integrating with the Statewide Transit and Rail Plans, and the COA shall consider an entire spectrum of service options ranging from minor modifications to a full “reset” of the system. These options may include traditional fixed route service, dial-a-ride service, micro-transit service, micro-mobility options, and/or a combination to address the challenges of meeting the transit needs outside the fixed route/ADA service areas and outlying communities.

While focused on Western Nevada County, it is anticipated Town staff will have the opportunity to review and provide comments on draft deliverables as they directly or indirectly relate to the Town, including areas outside the Town limits.

### **Project 2.4. – Coordination of Regional Planning**

While Work Element 2.4 is considered a routine and reoccurring work element within the OWP, this work element is of particular interest to the Town given the increased emphasis on regional planning in and around the Town's jurisdiction including the state route (SR) 267, 89, 28 “Resort Triangle” and I-80 corridors. The Town's direct relationship with these transportation corridors requires close coordination with partners such as resort operators, Placer County, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency/Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization (TRPA/TMPO), and City of Reno and Washoe County, all of which are outside of NCTC's planning area. Town staff will coordinate closely with NCTC on regionally significant projects, programs, and services which may directly and indirectly affect the Town, and thereby Nevada County, to ensure NCTC is involved and aware of these efforts. Examples of these FY 24/25 “Regional Planning” activities include, but are not limited to, Placer County Transportation Planning Agency and Caltrans rail studies, Placer County's implementation of the “Resort Triangle Transportation Plan,” TRPA/TMPO Commute Tahoe Transportation Demand Management Program, and the newly implemented resort traffic and parking management programs.

The FY 2025/26 Draft OWP includes \$7,500 of reimbursement of staff time for Town of Truckee's participation in these OWP Work Elements and projects. As previously stated, these OWP activities closely align with and actively support the implementation of the adopted “Short Range Transit Development Plan” and the “Truckee 2040 General Plan” and associated following “Mobility Element” goals:

**Goal M-1: Reduction in Auto Dependency:**

*Reduce automobile dependency to reduce impacts on the town's roadway system, lessen the need for new or expanded road facilities, and decrease vehicle emissions.*

**Goal M-2: Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities:**

*Provide a safe, comprehensive, and integrated system of trails, sidewalks, bike lanes, and multi-use paths as a key component of the transportation system. Integrate this system with planned and available transit opportunities and with higher-density, mixed-use development.*

**Goal M-3: Transit:**

*Promote a safe, attractive, equitable, and efficient local and regional transit system, including bus, van, shuttle/microtransit, and rail, to reduce congestion, improve quality of life, protect the human and natural environment, support economic vitality, and offer viable and competitive alternatives to the automobile. Integrate bicycle and pedestrian access into the system, including for the mobility impaired.*

**Goal M-4: Traffic Operation:**

*Provide a safe, efficient, and well-designed roadway network and maintain acceptable traffic operations through application of vehicle miles traveled and level of service thresholds and by conditioning new development to make necessary improvements and develop programs to address projected traffic levels.*

**Goal M-6: Provide Adequate Funding:**

*Provide adequate funding for construction, improvement, and maintenance of existing and new roadways, transit capital and operations bikeways and pedestrian facilities, bridges, and various forms of transportation.*

**Goal M-8: Regional Coordination:**

*Encourage regional coordination to maximize the efficiency of regional transportation systems.*

To that end, Resolution 2025-20 has been prepared for the Town Council's consideration and approval to demonstrate concurrence with NCTC's FY 25/26 OWP activities and expenditures

**Priority:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Enhanced Communication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Climate and Greenhouse Gas Reduction	<input type="checkbox"/>	Housing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Infrastructure Investment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Emergency and Wildfire Preparedness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Core Service

**Fiscal Impact:** The NCTC OWP includes \$7,500 for Town of Truckee's general participation in OWP activities.

**Public Communication:**

March 19, 2025, NCTC meeting where the DRAFT OWP was presented by NCTC staff and discussed by NCTC Commissioners but no Town specific communication outside of this staff report.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A – NCTC and Town of Truckee 1994 MOU

Attachment B – NCTC DRAFT FY 25/26 OWP

Attachment C – Resolution 2025-20