

Nevada County Regional Transportation Plan Update

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who is the Nevada County Transportation Commission?

The Nevada County Transportation Commission (NCTC) is a Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA). As the RTPA for Nevada County, the NCTC coordinates transportation planning for Grass Valley, Nevada City, Nevada County and the Town of Truckee. key requirement of RTP

The mission of the NCTC is to plan, communicate, and coordinate with the citizens and decision makers of Grass Valley, Nevada City, Nevada County, the Town of Truckee, and with Caltrans to identify transportation needs, propose solutions, and assist in implementing projects to create a balanced regional transportation system, while protecting the rural qualities and historic character of Nevada County.

What is a Regional Transportation Plan?

A Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is a long-term blueprint of Nevada County's Transportation System. The purpose of the RTP is to establish transportation policy and to document the short-term (2020-2030) and long-term (2030-2045) regional transportation needs and to set forth an effective, cost-feasible Action Plan to meet these needs. The RTP will also guide the development of the Regional

Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP). For transportation projects to be eligible for state/federal funding they must be included in the RTP.

The RTP documents the policy direction, actions, and funding strategies designed to maintain and improve the regional transportation system. The RTP promotes a continuous, comprehensive, and cooperative transportation planning process that facilitates the efficient development and implementation of projects while maintaining Nevada County's commitment to public health and environmental quality.

Why is the RTP being updated now?

The RTP is regularly updated every five years. California State law requires the NCTC to prepare, adopt, and submit an updated Regional Transportation Plan to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) at least every five years.

What is being updated in the RTP?

The RTP is consistently updated every five years to reflect regional changes in land use patterns, population, and economic growth and investment. The update is also intended to create a better alignment with state transportation policy guidance such as the Caltrans' California Transportation Plan 2050 and the California State Transportation Agency's Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI).

Who is leading the RTP update?

This project will be guided by a Project Advisory Committee (PAC) consisting of staff representatives of NCTC, Nevada County, Grass Valley, Nevada City, Truckee, Nevada County Airport, Truckee Tahoe Airport, Caltrans District 3, and other appropriate stakeholders. NCTC is responsible for establishing the PAC.

How and when can I share my ideas?

Public involvement is a major component of the transportation planning process. Every person in Nevada County is affected by transportation and, as such, is an important component of the transportation planning process. The community outreach for the RTP update will entail working closely with local communities to build consensus, providing information that is easily comprehended by all stakeholders, residents, and decision-makers, and most importantly, provides complete transparency of the process.

Community members are invited to provide feedback through the project website:

http://www.nctc2045rtp.com/

Here you will also find related transportation planning documents including the current 2016 RTP as well as latest interim/draft documentation being developed for this 2023 RTP update as they become available including:

- Draft Existing Conditions Assessments
- Draft Multimodal System Performance Results
- Draft Project Lists
- Draft Revenue Projections
- Public Outreach and Interagency Consultation Events
- Environmental Justice / Social Equity Determinations

In addition to the project website, community members are invited to participate through two public workshops, one of which will be virtual and one in-person. Workshops will take place during the public input phase (December 2022 – April 2023) and again during the review phase of the draft document (June – July 2023).

Upcoming workshop locations and times will be posted on the NCTC website as well as in the local newspapers.

What should I do if I have questions?

You can submit questions or comments via our website at:

http://www.nctc2045rtp.com/