



REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, December 4, 2025, 9:00 a.m.
MEETING TO BE HELD VIA ZOOM ONLY

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- I. This meeting will be held via Zoom. There will be no physical location. For those requiring hearing or speech assistance, contact Relay Nevada at 1-800-326-6868 (TTY, VCO or HCO).
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- V. RTC staff will make an audio and video recording of the meeting. The recording will be a public record. Committee members and members of the public who do not wish to be shown on the video should turn their cameras off during the meeting.
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ITEM 1 Roll Call/Call to Order

ITEM 2 Action Item: Approval of Agenda (*For Possible Action*)

ITEM 3 Verbal Instructions required by Assembly Bill 219 (2023) – *RTC staff will read the following before Item 4 – Public Comment:*

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- ITEM 4** Public Comment - *please read paragraph III. near the top of the agenda page*
- ITEM 5** Action Item: Approval of the November 6, 2025, Meeting Minutes (*For Possible Action*)
- ITEM 6** Receive a Presentation from Bryan Byrne, RTC Project Manager, P.E., for the Northeast Connector Feasibility Study (Informational Only)
- ITEM 7** Member Items – *development updates and other updates*
- a) City of Reno b) Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority
 - c) City of Sparks d) FHWA
 - e) Washoe County f) Air Quality Management Div. (AQMD)
 - g) NDOT h) TMRPA
 - i) WCSD j) Reno-Sparks Indian Colony (RSIC)
- ITEM 8** Agenda Items for Future TAC Meetings
- ITEM 9** RTC Staff Items
- ITEM 10** Public Comment - *please read paragraph III. near the top of the agenda page*
- ITEM 11** Adjournment

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2025**

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Mariam Ahmad	Washoe County Community Services
Julee Olander	Washoe County Community Services
Candace Stowell	Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
Chris Tolley	Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency
Angela Fuss	City of Reno Community Development
Lissa Butterfield	Reno Tahoe Airport Authority
Craig Petersen	Northern Nevada Public Health – Air Quality Management Division (NNPH AQMD)
Murph Glover	Nevada Department of Transportation
Kyle Chisholm	Washoe County School District

RTC STAFF

Marquis Williams	Xuan Wang
Vanessa Lacer	Thomas Tsunemoto
Graham Dollarhide	Shay League
Trisha Starkey	Paul Nelson
Amber Bowsmith	

TAC GUESTS

Dani Wray	City of Sparks
Kamrun Ahmadi	Washoe County School District
Brendan Schniedar	Northern Nevada Public Health – Air Quality Management Division (NNPH AQMD)

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Technical Advisory Committee meeting was conducted as a Zoom meeting. Vice Chair Angela Fuss called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

ITEM 3. VERBAL INSTRUCTIONS REQUIRED BY ASSEMBLY BILL 219 (2023)

RTC staff read the instructions required for participating via Zoom and participating via telephone.

ITEM 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 2, 2025, MEETING MINUTES

The TAC October 2, 2025, meeting minutes were approved with changes.

ITEM 6. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE FFY 2025-2029 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RTIP)

Graham Dollarhide, RTC Transportation Planning Manager, presented the Proposed Amendment No. 1 to the FFY 2025-2029 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP).

Graham explained the process of project prioritization and funding, outlining several changes, including the removal of the Reno Towing and Recovery Incentive Program due to funding constraints, and the addition of new projects such as the I-80 Washoe Westbound Patrick Waltham Project and the Surface Treatments on Various Bridge Decks Project. Graham mentioned that some projects, like the Pyramid Highway Sparks Boulevard Interchange Connector Improvements and the University Area Transportation Project, would be removed or recombined to align with the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

The committee discussed the timeline and funding for the Pyramid Phase 5 project, which was split out from the RTIP due to ongoing developments. Graham explained that the project remains unfunded in the RTP but will revert to its original timeline if more activity occurs.

Murph Glover made a motion to recommend approval of the Proposed Amendment No. 1 to the FFY 2025-2029 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP).

Julee Olander seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 7. RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM BRENDAN SCHNIEDER, SENIOR AIR QUALITY SPECIALIST AT NOTHERN NEVADA PUBLIC HEALTH, AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DIVISION (AQMD) ON AQMD'S SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT (SEP) PROGRAM.

Brendan Schnieder, Senior Air Quality Specialist at Northern Nevada Public Health, Air Quality Management Division (AQMD), presented on AQMD's Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) Program.

Brendan presented on the AQMD's Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) program, which funds public health and air quality projects using penalties from permit violations, including: the distinctions of qualified applicants and the scoring rubric to determine eligibility. The committee had no further questions.

ITEM 8. MEMBER ITEMS – DEVELOPMENT UPDATES AND OTHER UPDATES

Dani Wray from City of Sparks gave an update regarding the review of a traffic impact study from NDOT for the Kiley Ranch Marketplace project.

Julee Olander from Washoe County mentioned the potential Planning Commission review of the Sierra Reflections development in January.

Chris Tolley provided various updates from TMRPA, beginning with Stonegate. The Regional Planning Governing Board found the Stonegate Master Plan in conformance with the Regional Plan. Additionally, the Public Infrastructure Plan update is in review. Finally, the Truckee Meadows Report will be on the agenda in November.

Kyle Chisholm shared updates from the Washoe County School District, including the introduction of Kamrun Ahmadi as the new Program Planning Group Director. The Board of Trustees' discussions on potential school closures and repurposing efforts are upcoming.

Candace Stowell provided updates on the Reno Sparks Indian Colony, including the approval of Giroux Street abandonment, plans to review the pedestrian bridge over East 2nd Street for potential closure due to aged infrastructure with a replacement working with NDOT for a pedestrian pathway along East 2nd Street, and the Tribal Council's approval to move forward with final design for the Truckee River Shared Use Path.

ITEM 9. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE TAC MEETINGS

There were no future agenda items given.

ITEM 10. RTC STAFF ITEMS

There were no staff items given.

ITEM 11. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

ITEM 12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.



REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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MEETING DATE: December 4, 2025

AGENDA ITEM 6

To: Technical Advisory Committee

From: Bryan Byrne, P.E.
Project Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Receive a presentation of the Northeast Connector Feasibility Study.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The RTC initiated the Northeast Connector Feasibility Study to assess whether a new roadway between east Sparks/Spanish Springs and the Tahoe-Reno Industrial Center (TRIC) could reduce persistent congestion on I-80, improve travel reliability, and support continued regional growth. I-80 currently experiences heavy daily delays with no alternate route available.

Six initial corridor options were analyzed using the RTC Travel Demand Model and Trimble Quantum optimization software. Based on projected 2050 traffic performance, the La Posada and Vista Boulevard (Golden Eagle) corridors were advanced into a detailed Level 2 screening.

Level 2 evaluated environmental resources, travel time and traffic benefits, right-of-way needs, utility conflicts, construction feasibility, long-term maintenance, and community impacts. Although both corridors had similar environmental characteristics, the Vista corridor demonstrated fewer impacts to sensitive species habitat, higher projected traffic benefits, fewer private-property acquisitions, and lower construction and utility risks.

The Study concludes that a new connector would strengthen regional mobility by reducing reliance on I-80, improving safety, and providing a more reliable travel option. The Vista Boulevard (Golden Eagle) corridor is recommended for potential advancement into future project development, pending further engineering, environmental review, and identification of regional funding.