



**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MEETING AGENDA

**Thursday, October 2, 2025, 9:00 a.m.
MEETING TO BE HELD VIA ZOOM ONLY**

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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 September 4, 2025, Meeting Minutes (*For Possible Action*)
- ITEM 6** Receive a Presentation Regarding the FY 2026-2030 Move More with RTC Plan (Formerly the Transit Optimization Plan Strategies (TOPS) Short-Range Transit Plan)
- ITEM 7** Action Item: Discuss and Recommend Approval of the Draft Central Sparks Neighborhood Network Plan (For Possible Action)
- ITEM 8** 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 9** Agenda Items for Future TAC Meetings
- ITEM 10** RTC Staff Items
- ITEM 11** Public Comment - *please read paragraph III. near the top of the agenda page*
- ITEM 12** Adjournment

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2025**

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Julee Olander	Washoe County Community Services
Scott Carey, Chair	City of Sparks Community Services
Candace Stowell	Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
Chris Tolley	Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency
Khalil Wilson	City of Reno Public Works
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
Miriam Ahmad	Washoe County Community Services
Andrew Jayankura	City of Sparks Community Development
Chris Tolley	Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency

RTC STAFF

Marquis Williams	Xuan Wang
Vanessa Lacer	Thomas Tsunemoto
Graham Dollarhide	Dale Keller
Trisha Starkey	Amber Bowsmith

TAC GUEST

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Technical Advisory Committee meeting was conducted as a Zoom meeting. Scott Carey Chair called the meeting to order at 9:02 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 AUGUST 7, 2025, MEETING MINUTES

The TAC August 7, 2025, meeting minutes were approved with corrections.

ITEM 6. RECEIVE A PRESENTATION ON AND DISCUSS THE DRAFT CENTRAL SPARKS NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK PLAN

Marquis Williams, RTC Senior Transportation Planner, gave a presentation on the Draft Central Sparks Neighborhood Network Plan.

Chair Scott Carey with the City of Sparks expressed a desire for the committee to provide a formal recommendation before the plan goes to the board, similar to the process used for the Central Reno Neighborhood Network Plan. Candace Stowell suggested that comments from TAC members on draft neighborhood plans should be forwarded to the board.

Chris Tolley asked clarifying questions regarding how the funding will be allocated and coordinated within each jurisdiction.

Kyle Chisholm clarified that the North McCarran Boulevard to Lincoln Way section was not included in this plan. Staff confirmed that it was in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Kyle commented that this plan and the prioritization for the RTP was executed well and praised RTC and our consultants.

ITEM 7. RECEIVE A PRESENTATION AND PROVIDE FEEBACK ON THE DRAFT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

Vanessa Lacer, RTC Planning Director, gave a presentation on the Draft Public Participation Plan.

Khalil Wilson asked for clarity on the version given to the TAC members via the agenda packet.

Scott Chair raised a question regarding the Public Participation Plan document and suggested that in-person meetings be held for future RTP updates to engage each jurisdiction involved in the plan.

ITEM 8. MEMBER ITEMS – DEVELOPMENT UPDATES AND OTHER UPDATES

Lissa Butterfield announced two parking closures in the Yellow and Blue lots to build the new Central Utility Plant. Part of the Blue lot will be reopened when the Central Utility Plant opens. The Yellow lot will be converted into a new police station and the RTAA headquarters building.

Scott Chair updated the group with the Downtown Sparks Pilot project and the Sparks Boulevard Project. Sparks City Council directed staff to investigate zoning codes for data centers; this will come back to the Planning Commission.

Kyle Chilsom announced the beginning of a public notice process for the potential closure of Kate Smith Elementary, which will be considered by the Board of Trustees on September 23, 2025. This comes in conjunction with the Mathews Elementary modernization and various other school updates. This process is different than the Stead Elementary in the North Valleys relocation. Kate Smith Elementary will be a full closure and consolidation. Public meetings will commence, including Zoning Advisory Committee, and will be brought back to the Board for recommendations.

ITEM 9. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE TAC MEETINGS

Scott Chair requested that the Sparks Neighborhood Network Plan be on October’s agenda for review. Khalil agreed with the clarifications.

Candace Stowell requested the comments submitted be available for review in the TAC meeting prior to them going to the Board in October. In addition, she would like all TAC members’ comments submitted to be forwarded to the Board and to be available for other TAC members to review.

Vanessa Lacer provided clarification regarding internal processes. The Board is provided with a summary for lengthy comments; otherwise, all comments are submitted without adjustment. The Board reviews all comments. The RTC process is strategically timed for inclusion in the agenda packets. All citizens can submit public comments. Sharing comments amongst TAC members is allowed and encouraged; however, RTC adheres to our internal process and will not provide additional comment sharing outside the usual process.

Kyle Chisholm asked clarifying questions on the process, speaking to the timing of the comment period, the TAC meeting, and the Board meeting. Vanessa Lacer clarified that RTC will not have a second comment period, reiterating our internal process for timing.

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 9:56 a.m.



REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Metropolitan Planning Organization of Washoe County, Nevada

MEETING DATE: October 2, 2025

AGENDA ITEM 6

To: Technical Advisory Committee

From: Alex Cruz, Senior Transit Planner

SUBJECT

Presentation regarding the FY 2026-2030 Move More with RTC plan (formerly the Transit Optimization Plan Strategies (TOPS) short-range transit plan.)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Receive an update on the development of the FY 2026-2030 Move More with RTC Plan, and provide feedback to staff.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The FY 2026-2030 Move More with RTC plan is the new update of RTC's previous Transit Optimization Plan Strategies (TOPS) short-range transit plan. This document is the operating and capital business plan to guide transit service delivery over the next five years. The RTC typically updates the TOPS every three to five years. The last TOPS was approved by the Board in July 2022.

On February 21, 2025, the Board approved staff recommendations for the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Transportation Management & Design (TMD) to perform the TOPS update. A project kick-off meeting was held on April 17, 2025. The current project schedule is:

- September – Board Presentation on Project Overview and Current Conditions
- September/October – Initial Public Outreach & Public Survey
- February – Public Review of Draft TOPS Recommendations
- March – Board Consideration of Final TOPS Recommendation
- April – Final TOPS Document

TMD is presenting its project overview including planning activities to date, the state of RTC's current public transportation services, and a discussion regarding public outreach activities. TMD is also seeking feedback from the public and the Board.

ATTACHMENT(S)

A. TMD Presentation



Move More with RTC

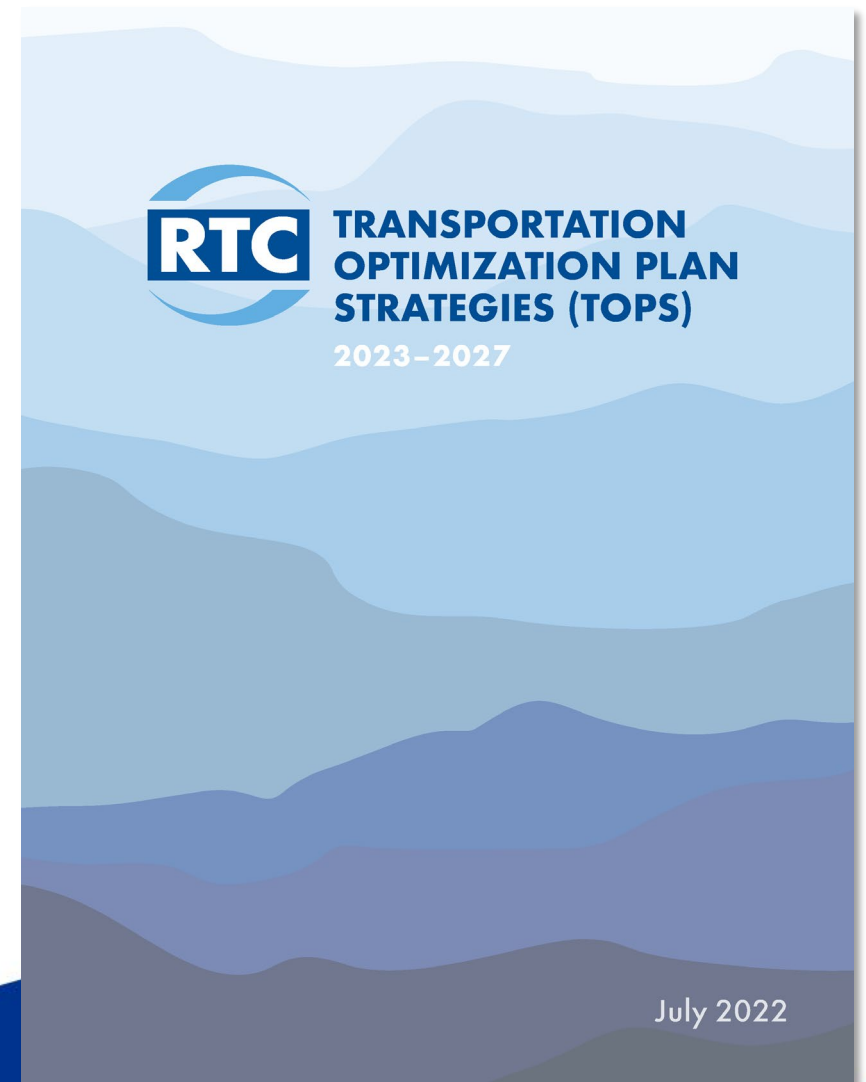
2025-2030 Transit Plan

September 19, 2025



What is “Move More with RTC”

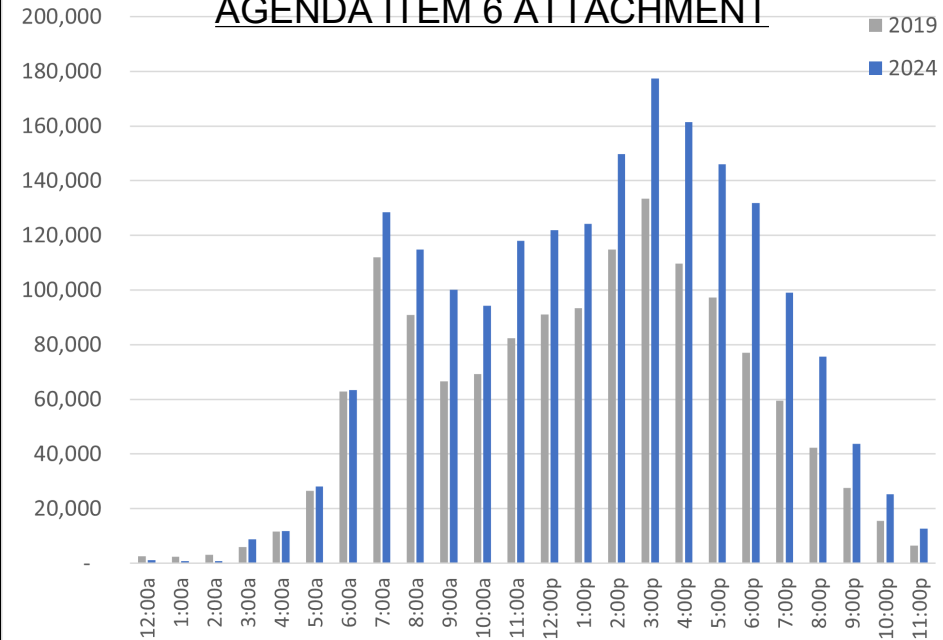
- Short-Range Transit Plan
- Capital and Operational Improvements for FY26-30
- Public Transportation Department Work Plan
- Informs Regional Transportation Plan
- Follow-Up to TOPS in 2022
- Increased focus on ACCESS and Senior Mobility Programs



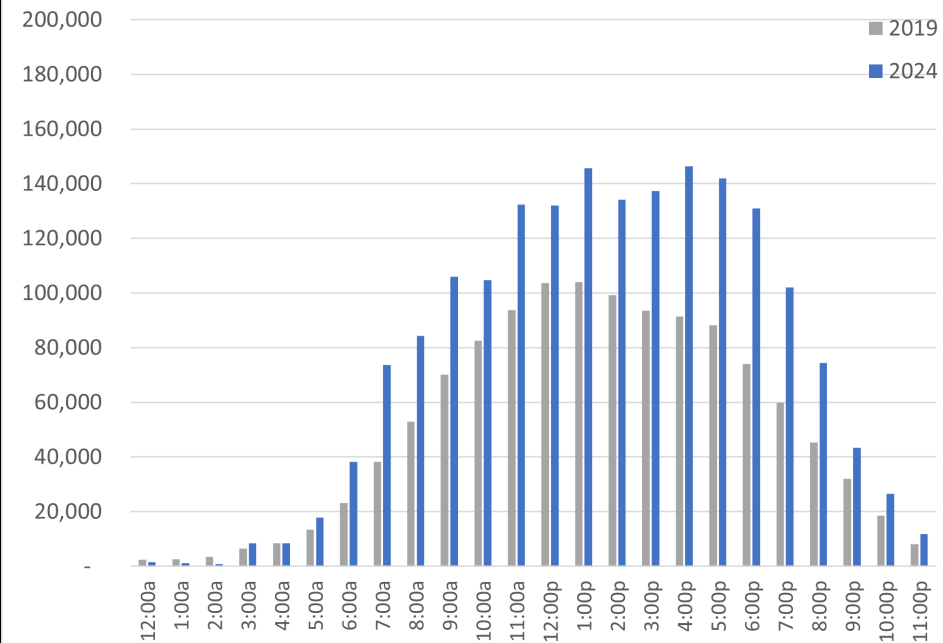
Trip Activity 2019 vs 2024

- Data for all trips regardless of mode within RTC service area
- Weekdays
 - Activity has increased 38% with largest increases in the late afternoon and evening
- Weekends
 - Activity has increased 48% with demand shifting later in the day
 - Weekend activity now higher than weekdays in 2019

Weekday Person Trips by Hour (2019 vs. 2024)
AGENDA ITEM 6 ATTACHMENT

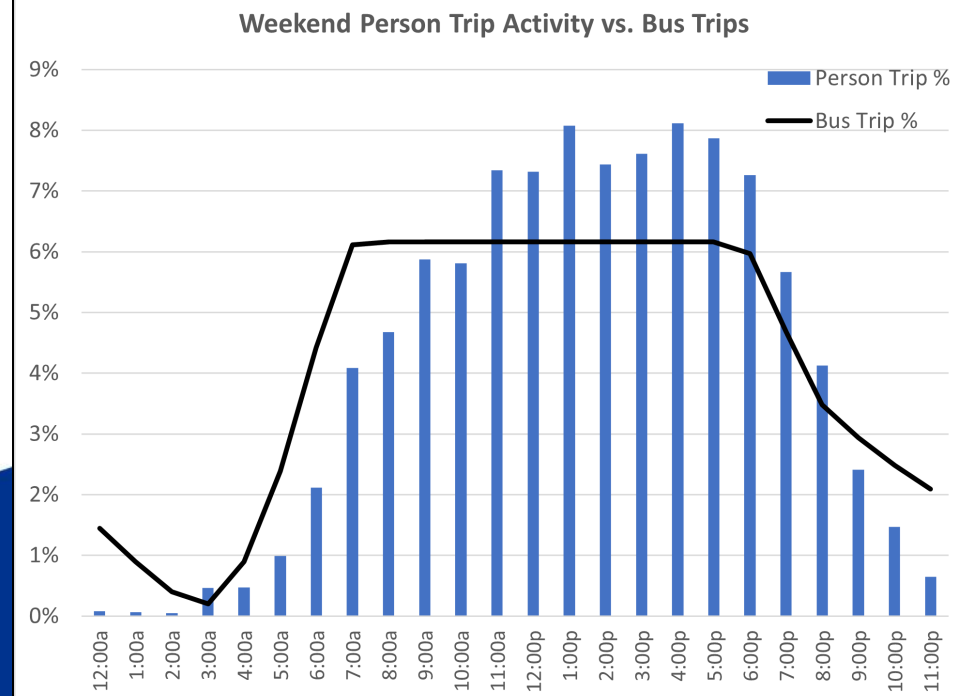
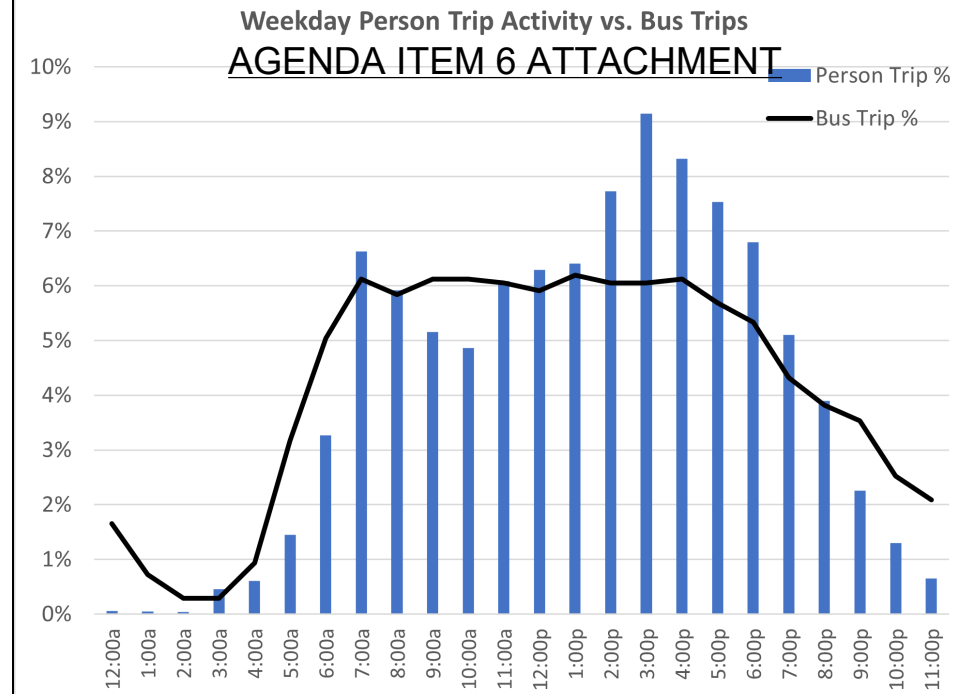


Weekend Person Trips by Hour (2019 vs. 2024)



Trip Activity vs Bus Trips

- Weekday bus trips may need to operate later to meet extended evening trip making
- Weekend service can be shifted to start and end later to better match new activity
- Current weekend bus service levels are 25% less than weekdays

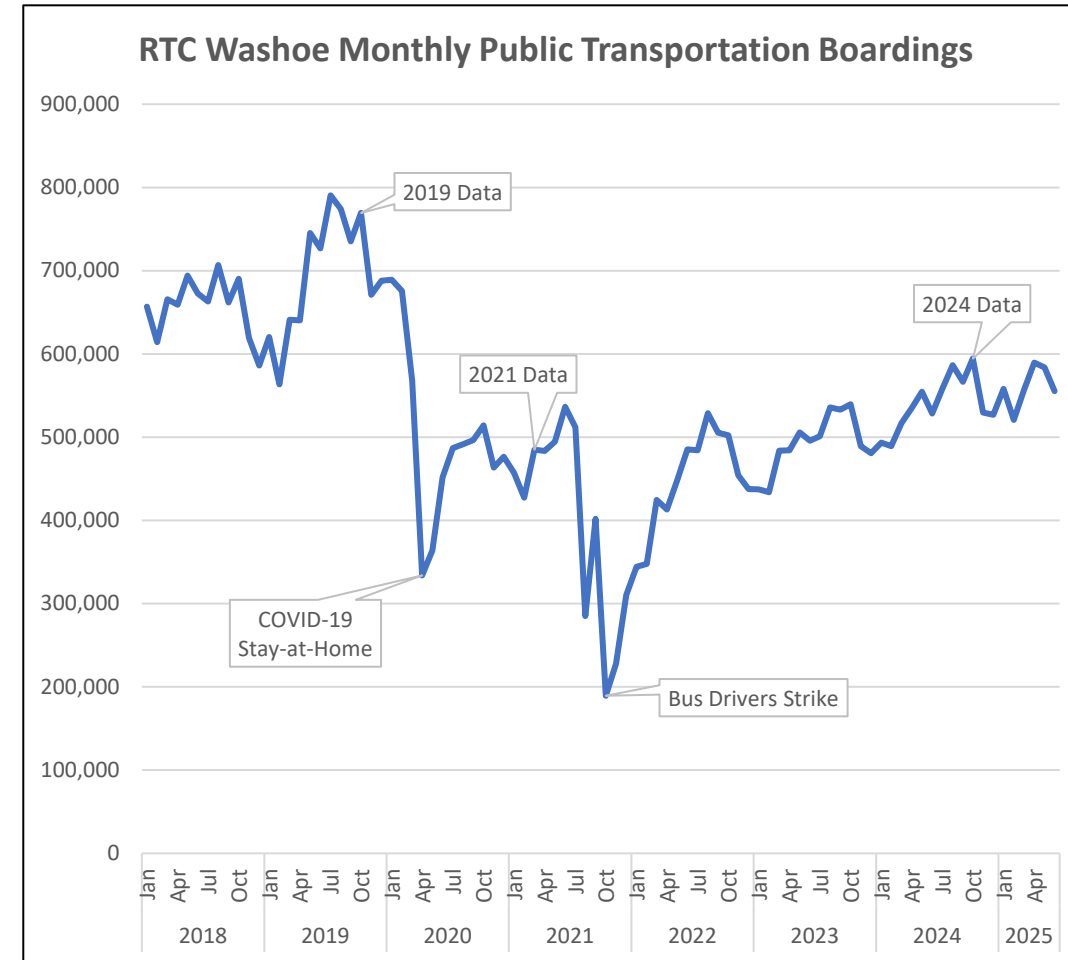


Ridership Trends

- Ridership has increased by 15% across all modes since previous TOPS in 2021
- RIDE has increased 14% and FlexRIDE by 39%
- Ridership still 24% lower than pre-pandemic levels

Weekly Boardings by Mode

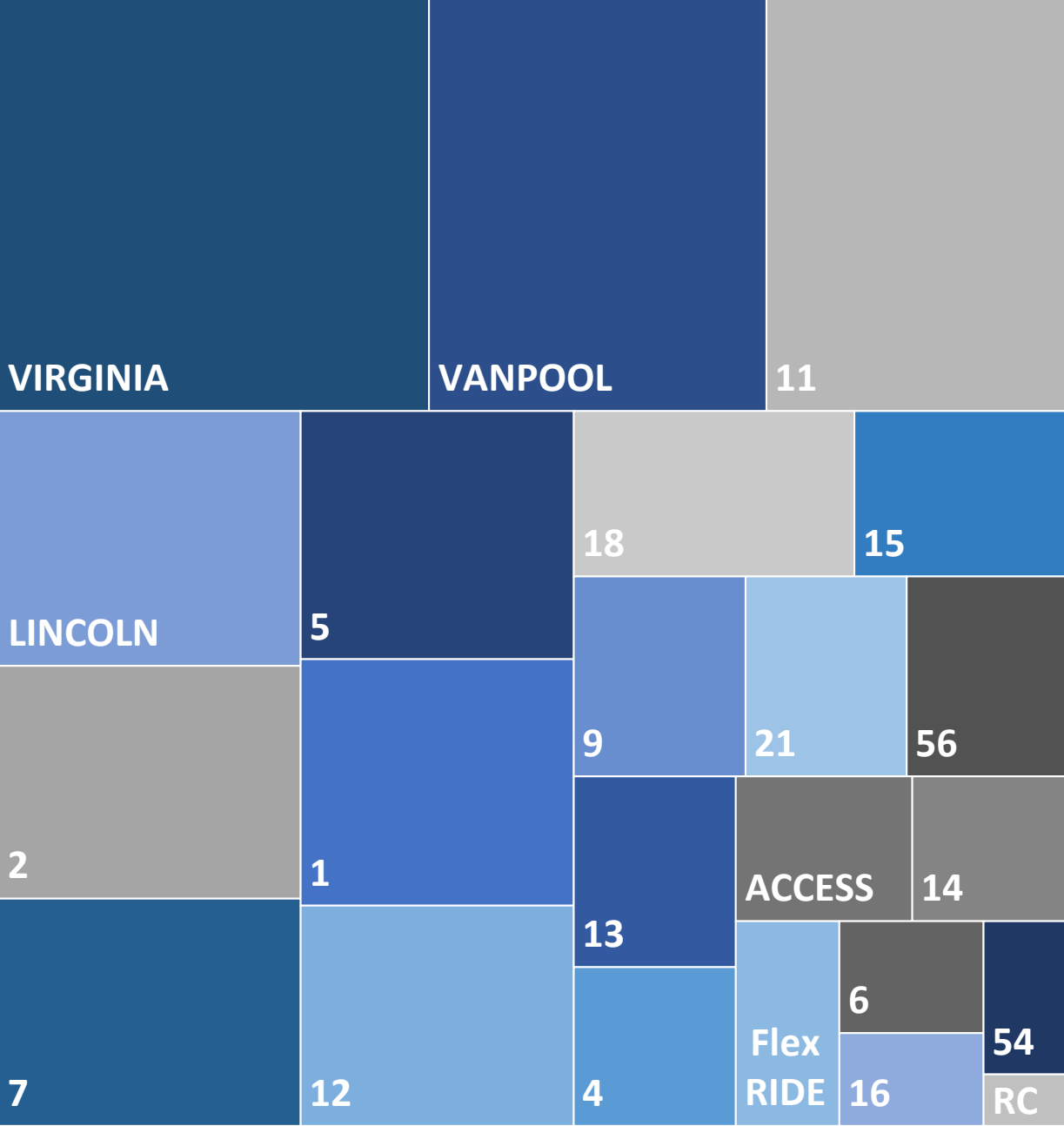
Service	2019	2021	2024	% 19 v 24	% 21 v 24
RIDE	157,429	98,844	113,018	-28%	14%
ACCESS	4,595	2,645	2,566	-44%	-3%
VANPOOL	10,090	10,220	12,330	22%	21%
FlexRIDE	NA	1,620	2,252	NA	39%
Total	172,114	113,329	130,166	-24%	15%



Ridership by Service

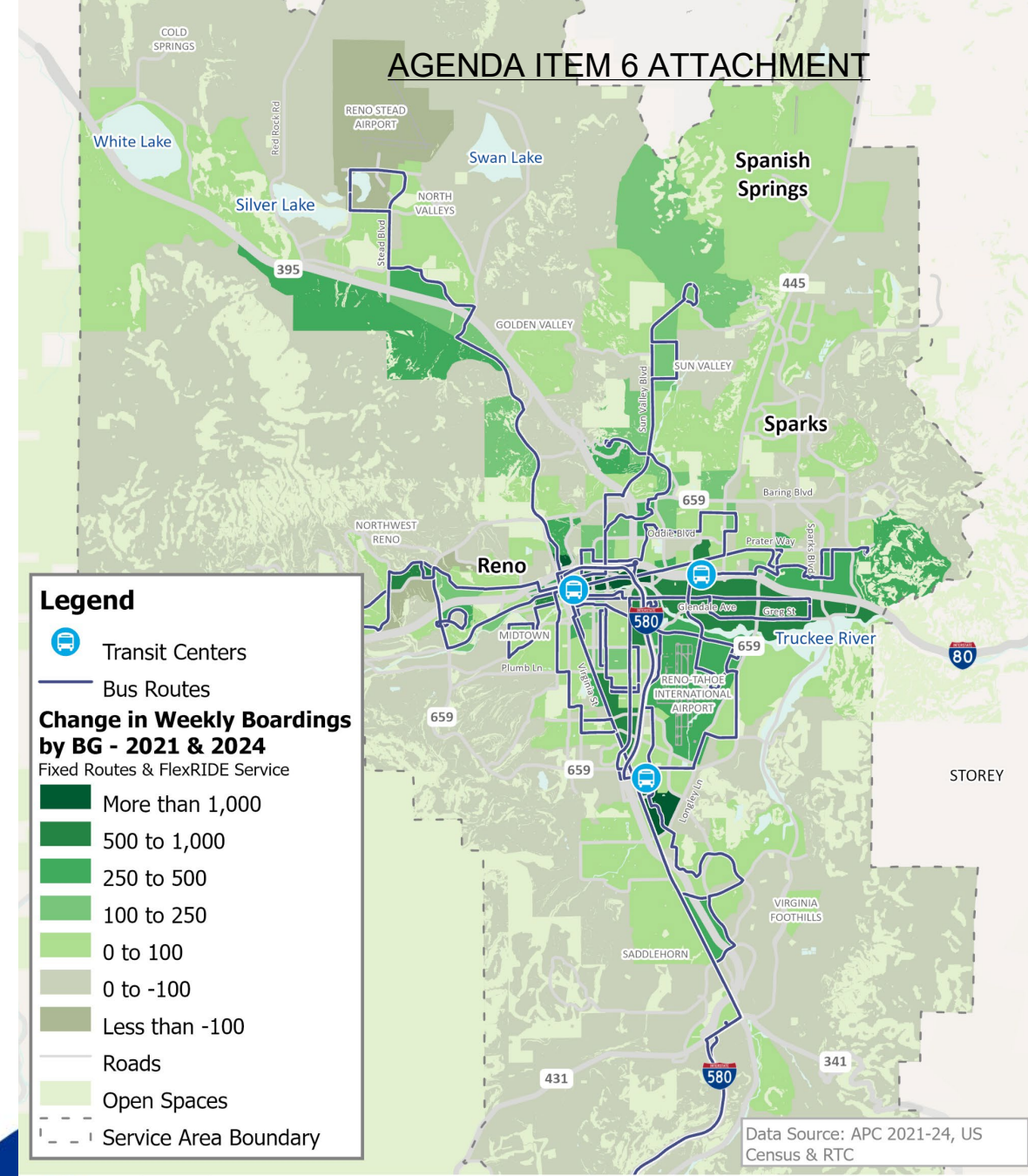
- Routes on Virginia and 4th/Prater account for 52% of RIDE boardings
- Other services account for 14% of public transportation trips
- TOPS impacted routes showing ridership growth

Service	Ridership %
Top 7 Fixed-Routes	56.2%
Balance of 13 Fixed-Routes	29.6%
VANPOOL	10.2%
ACCESS	2.0%
FlexRIDE	1.7%
REGIONAL CONNECTOR	0.3%



Where Transit Ridership Has Increased

- Downtown Reno and East 4th St
- Adjacent to Meadowood Mall
- South Virginia Ave
- Sparks Industrial Area
- North Virginia St



**WEEKLY BOARDINGS
CHANGE 2021-2024**



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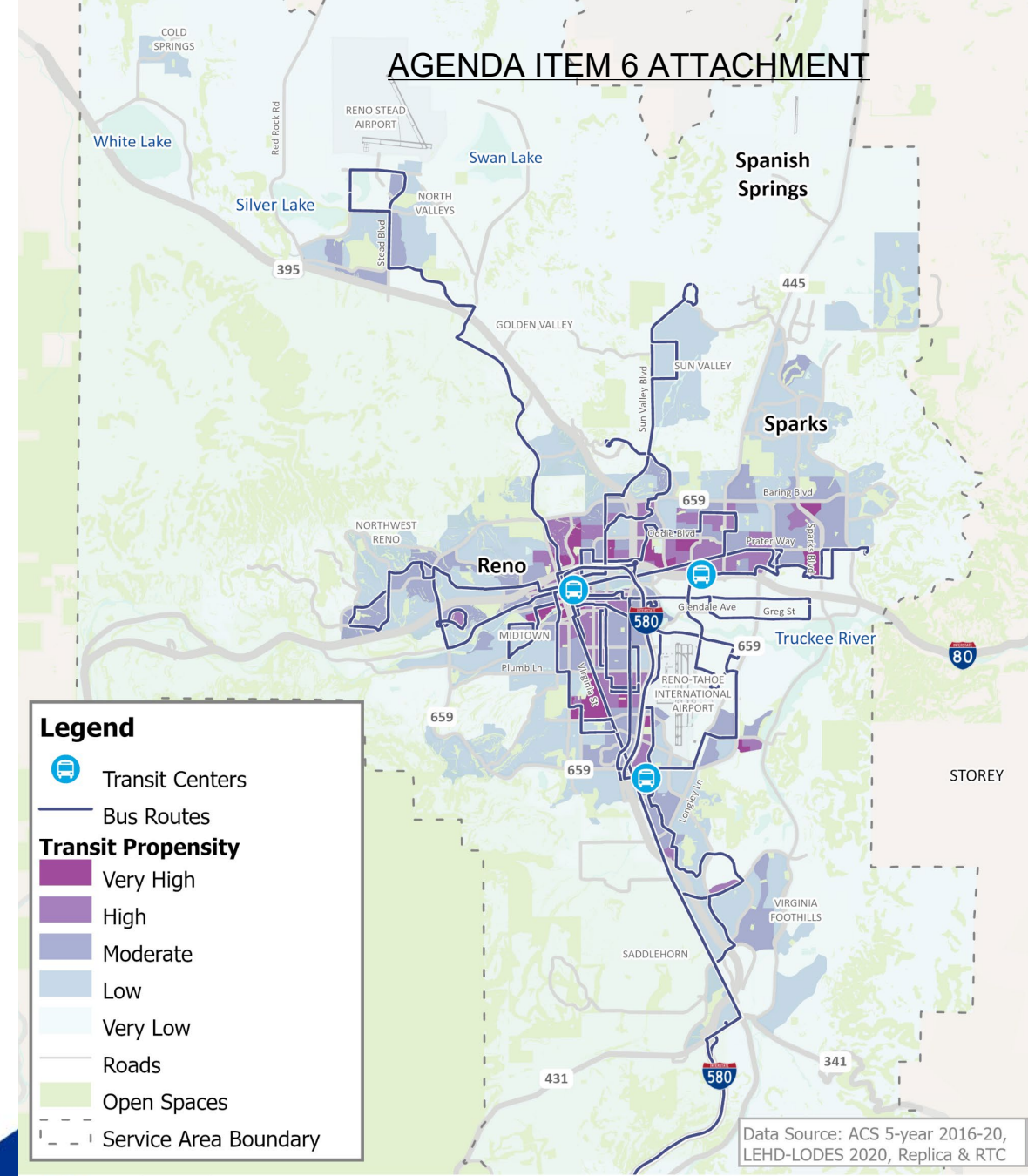
Transit Propensity

Higher Correlation

- Weekly Trip Density
- Jobs
- Persons w/ Disabilities
- Street Intersections
- Low-Income
- College-Aged (18-24)

Lower Correlation

- Zero Vehicle Households
- Minority Residents
- Total Population
- Seniors (65+)
- Youth (Under 18)



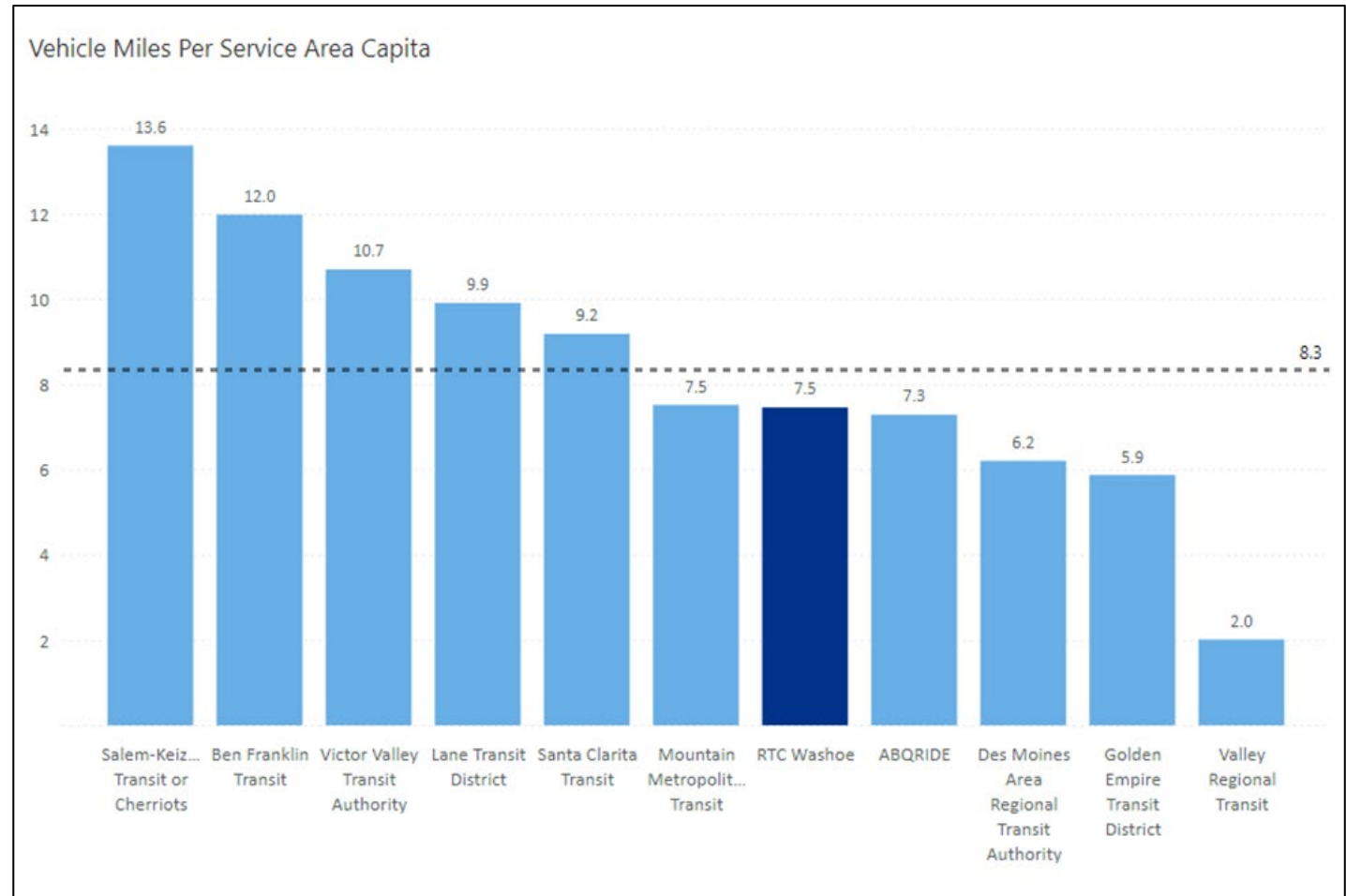
TRANSIT PROPENSITY



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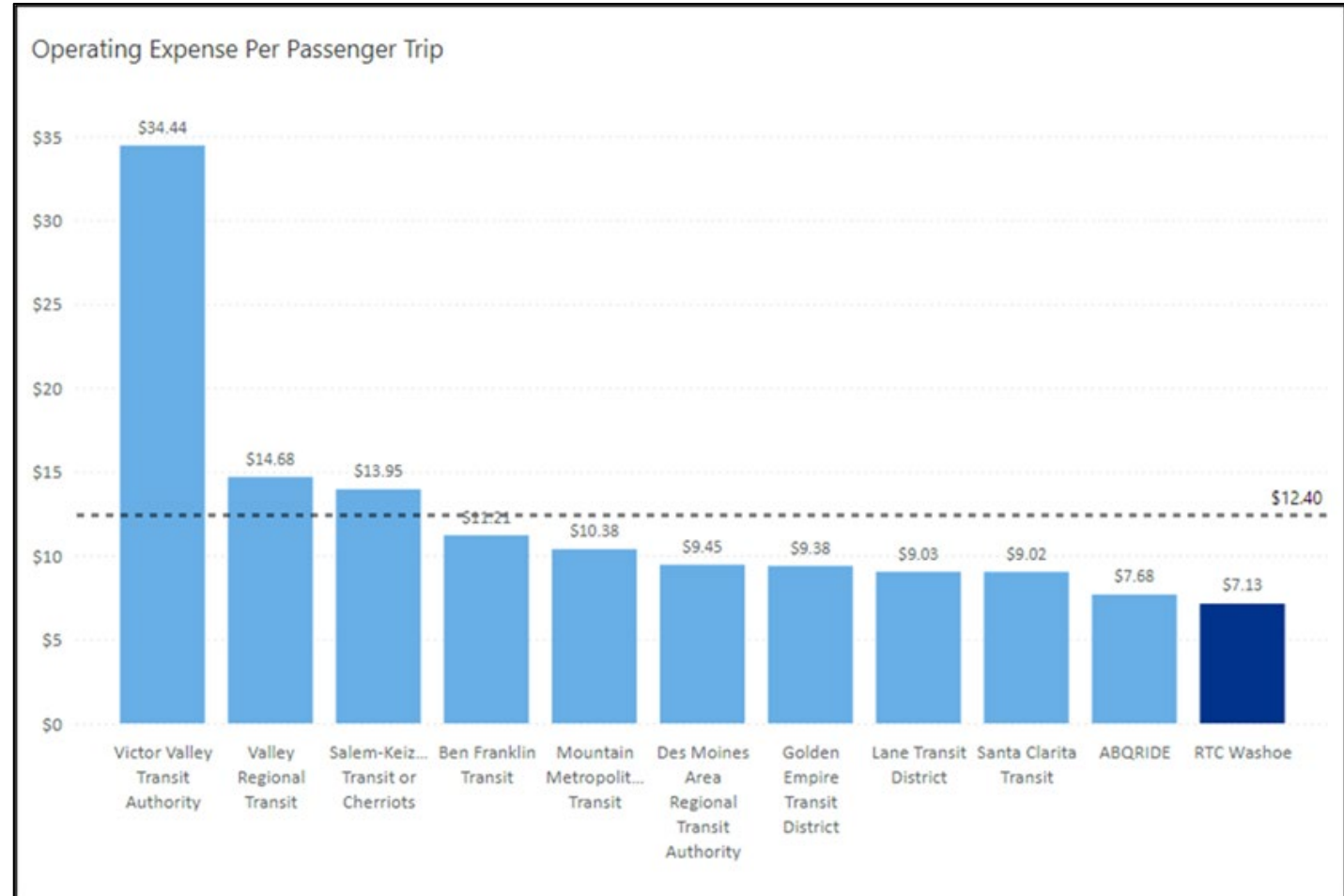
Peer Review

- Exceed peers in bus passenger trips per capita, revenue hour, and revenue mile
- Paratransit productivity is slightly below peers
- Bus trips are much shorter than peer agencies
- Bus speed is 3.5 mph lower than peers



Peer Review

- Spend similar amount on total transit service and provide similar amount of overall bus service
- Provide less route coverage, but complemented with FlexRIDE
- Provide more cost-effective service



Community Survey

- **Online Survey in English & Spanish**
- **September 2 – October 12 (7 weeks)**
- **Existing Riders**
 - Questions for RIDE, FlexRIDE, ACCESS, and Senior Mobility Programs
 - What is important to you?
 - How are we doing?
- **Non-Riders**
 - What would make you use RTC public transportation services?

12:21 AGENDA ITEM 6 ATTACHMENT

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Community Survey

We are looking for feedback to help improve RTC Washoe's public transportation services as part of "Move More with RTC." Your information and responses will be used for transportation planning purposes only. For more information about this project, visit rtcwashoe.com/movemore

Which of these public transportation services have you used in the last year?
(choose all that apply) *

- RTC RIDE
- RTC ACCESS
- RTC FlexRIDE
- RTC Mobility Services (Taxi Bucks or Lyft/Uber Rides Program)
- None

Project Schedule



Phase 1

(Summer/Fall 2025):
Community feedback &
service review

Phase 2

(Winter/Spring 2026):
Feedback on draft
recommendations

Phase 3

(Spring 2026):
Final recommendations to
RTC Board

Public Meetings

- **Tuesday, September 9, 2025**
 - Virtual Meeting #1 : 2:00p – 3:00p
- **Wednesday, September 17, 2025**
 - McKinley Arts Center: 5:00p – 7:00p
- **Thursday, September 18, 2025**
 - Sparks City Hall: 2:00p – 4:00p
- **Tuesday, September 23, 2025**
 - Virtual Meeting #2 : 5:00p – 6:00p



Next Steps

- Finish Public Meetings (Sep 25)
- Close Community Survey (Oct 25)
- Develop Draft Recommendations (Jan 26)
- Board Consider Final Recommendations (Mar 26)



Thank You!

Alex Cruz

Senior Transit Planner

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MEETING DATE: October 2, 2025

AGENDA ITEM 7

To: Technical Advisory Committee

From: Marquis Williams
Senior Transportation Planner

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Discuss and recommend approval of the draft Central Sparks Neighborhood Network Plan.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Central Sparks Neighborhood Network Plan (NNP) kicked off in October 2024 based on a recommendation from the Active Transportation Plan (approved in September 2024). The NNP is meant to increase the number of walking and biking trips within the Central Sparks neighborhood by improving safety and comfort along key corridors. The Plan recommends traditional bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure improvements as well as low-cost, quick-build improvements. The Plan also recommends before and after improvement data collection to measure the effectiveness of the improvements in the creation of a comprehensive and responsive active transportation network accessible to a broader cross-section of our community.

The Central Sparks NNP recommends fourteen corridors for quick-build style transportation improvements. In total, 16.3 miles of roadways are recommended for improvements across the neighborhood, including 12.6 miles of neighborhood byways and 2.2 miles of protected bike lanes. The NNP includes a cutsheet for each corridor project recommendation, detailing the project extents, approximate cost, potential intersection enhancements, and a conceptual cross-section. Based on funding availability and construction feasibility, many recommended quick-build projects are expected to be implemented using funds from the RTC Active Transportation Program.

The comment period for the Central Sparks NNP was open on September 1 and closed on September 28. The draft Plan was presented at the September 19, 2025 RTC Board meeting with anticipated approval of the final Plan at the October 17, 2025 Board meeting.