

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**DATE:** JUNE 6, 2019  
**TO:** EL DORADO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
**FROM:** WOODROW DELORIA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
**SUBJECT:** EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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*The following is an overview of the issues, projects, and coordination currently being advanced by EDCTC.*

### **TRANSIT PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION**

#### **County Line Multi-Modal Transit Center Study**

On March 25<sup>th</sup>, Transit mailed "Letters of Inquiry" to the owners of four sites considered as locations for the new transit center. By the April 15, 2019 response deadline Transit received two responses; Site 2 in Town Center West had been sold and the owners of Site 5 immediately south of Silva Valley Interchange replied they were interested in discussing sale of the property. Site 5 has topographic challenges due to an average 8% slope on most of the site and is somewhat isolated from activity centers in Town Center. The owners of Site 6, which is adjacent to the proposed Costco retail center off of Silva Valley Parkway, did not respond and it is likely the site will be utilized for commercial development associated with the proposed Costco. The owners of Site 3 did not respond but the project team learned that Site 3 is currently for sale. The site is comprised of 3 individual assessor parcels so it may be possible to purchase just one of the parcels. A follow-up letter of inquiry was sent to the owners of Site 3 and Transit is awaiting a response. The consultant team is using Site 3 as a template to develop a base set of concept site amenities that are also applicable to Site 5.

The second SAC meeting was held at the El Dorado Hills Fire Station 85 on May 30<sup>th</sup>. The draft study is scheduled to be presented to the EDCTC Board and public at the August 1, 2019 EDCTC meeting.

#### **Western El Dorado County Short- and Long-Range Transit Plan**

On April 11, 2019 LSC provided EDCTC and Transit staff with the Draft List of Service, Capital and Financial Alternatives for the Short-Range/Long-Range Transit Plan update. Alternatives were developed based on findings in Tech Memo #1, EDCTC and Transit staff input, and public input. EDCTC and Transit staff provided comments and the alternatives list is being revised by LSC.

Tech Memo #2, *Short- and Long-Range Transit Plan Elements*, is scheduled to be released in June 2019.

#### **Triennial Performance Audits**

EDCTC is statutorily required to designate entities other than itself to conduct a Triennial Performance Audit of the activities of the Regional Transportation Planning Agency and the Transit Operator to whom it allocates Transportation Development Act funds, in this case El Dorado Transit. The performance audit generally follows the guidelines established in the [Performance Audit Guidebook for Transit Operators and Regional Transportation Planning Entities](#), published by the California Department of Transportation Division of Mass Transportation. On November 1, 2018 EDCTC awarded the consulting contract to LSC. LSC presented the draft Audit reports at the May 2 meeting. The final Audits were presented for acceptance at this meeting.

### **TRANSPORTATION PLANNING**

#### **2020-2040 Dorado County Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)**

The Draft RTP Goals, Objectives, and Strategies have been finalized to include comments from previous meetings held with advisory committee members. Collaboration continues between SACOG,

EDCTC, City and County staff regarding the lists of short- and long-term projects for the 2020-2040 RTP. EDCTC is working with SACOG to help meet required greenhouse gas reduction targets for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) update. SACOG conducted a second model run in early December to include additional El Dorado County projects which were not previously included in the discussion draft scenario. From an air quality standpoint, it appears that all El Dorado County projects will be eligible for inclusion in the preferred MTP scenario. Projects will need to be reviewed for fiscal constraint as financial projections for the RTP and MTP are still being developed. An additional meeting of the RTP Advisory Committee is going to be scheduled in the next three weeks. Work continues on Chapter development for the 2020-2040 RTP, the Introduction, Goals, Objectives, and Strategies, Completed Project Lists, Organizational Setting, Regional Transportation Issues, and Physical Setting, including growth projections prepared by SACOG are currently in draft form.

### **Senate Bill SB 743 VMT Analysis**

EDCTC staff was successful in securing Rural Planning Assistance grant funds to develop an SB 743 Vehicle Miles Travelled requirements analysis for El Dorado County and the City of Placerville. This will provide the City and County with an introductory strategy to update the necessary policies, travel demand modelling tools, and land use analytics in order to comply with SB 743. On March 1, 2018 EDCTC awarded a contract to Fehr & Peers to complete the work. EDCTC and the project team are finalizing the case studies for completion of the report. The draft report was presented to the EDCTC at this meeting. Furthermore, EDCTC is working with the team to determine the necessary updates to the County's Travel Demand Model. EDCTC submitted an application for Rural Planning Assistance grant funding to support the update to the County's model and on May 3, 2019 received notice of successful award of \$32,000.

## **TRAVEL DEMAND MANAGEMENT**

### **Transportation Demand Management**

During "May is Bike Month" EDCTC supported the following events:

- May 8, Bike to School Day at Northside School in Cool and Valley View Montessori in El Dorado Hills.
- May 11, El Dorado County May is Bike Month Ride along the El Dorado Trail, 9-11am, El Dorado Trail Jacquier Parking Lot in Smith Flat – nearly 40 participants took a ride along the El Dorado Trail.

### **El Dorado County Freeway Service Patrol (FSP)**

FSP operates from 6:30 AM to 9:00 AM and from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM Monday through Friday on US 50 from the El Dorado/Sacramento County line extending eastward to Greenstone Road. FSP is funded by the Capital Valley Regional Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways and the Caltrans FSP program, no local funds are required.

## **ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING**

### **El Dorado County and City of Placerville Active Transportation Plans**

Alta Planning and Design, the consultant under contract to perform the work on the plans, has provided EDCTC with the following deliverables toward development of the Plan: Goals, Objectives, and Strategies, Relationship to Other Documents Memo, Sidewalk Audit Methodology, Existing Conditions Report, a comprehensive map set, and web survey content. An online public engagement tool was launched on April 25<sup>th</sup> to receive input on routes needing improvement, barriers to active transportation, and destinations. The tool provided another opportunity for public input on routes needing improvement, preferred routes, barriers to active transportation and destinations. Over 200 comments were received, plus nearly 200 'votes' for other's comments. The tool will remain open until mid-June. In addition to stakeholder-led outreach, the web tool was marketed at the Tour of California event on May 13<sup>th</sup> and at the May 11<sup>th</sup> ride along the El Dorado Trail. On May 28<sup>th</sup>, the consultant delivered a draft map set including the countywide sidewalk inventory, which is being reviewed by EDCTC staff.

## **COORDINATION, OUTREACH, AND ADVOCACY**

### **EL DORADO COUNTY**

#### **El Dorado Hills Business Park Community Transportation Plan**

EDCTC worked with Caltrans to secure \$144,000 in State Planning and Research grant funds to support the El Dorado Hills Business Park Community Transportation Plan. The effort will be closely coordinated with El Dorado County and the El Dorado Hills Business Park Association to look at future traffic and circulation in and around the business park. EDCTC awarded a contract to Fehr and Peers at the April 4, 2019 meeting to begin performing the work. EDCTC staff will be meeting with team members on June 7, 2019 to kick the project off.

#### **Coloma Sustainable Community Mobility Plan**

The Coloma Sustainable Community Mobility Plan will address safety, active transportation, and mobility deficiencies in Coloma, specifically on State Route (SR) 49 through Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park (State Park) and Lotus Road near Henningsen-Lotus Park. Community Workshop #2 was held on February 5, 2019 to receive public comment on layouts and drawings of proposed mobility improvements. Following Community Workshop #2 the project team began developing planning level cost estimates and a draft list of potential projects. EDCTC staff and the consultant met with State Parks staff on March 27<sup>th</sup> to review the proposed improvements on SR 49 through the State Park to ensure consistency between State Park's proposals and the Coloma Lotus Mobility Plan. The draft plan is scheduled to be presented to the EDCTC Board in August. The draft plan will also be posted on the EDCTC website well in advance of the August meeting.

### **CITY OF PLACERVILLE**

#### **Western Placerville Interchanges Phase 2**

The project was under winter suspension and no project progress was made during the extremely wet February and March weather. Work resumed on Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> and construction is expected to last through the summer. During that time the intersection of Ray Lawyer Drive and Forni Road is closed, including access to and from the El Dorado Trail segment between Ray Lawyer Drive / Forni Road and Lower Main Street.

Due to the traffic impacts of re-routed traffic during construction of WPI 2 the project will include a grind and overlay of Fairlane from the Sheriff's Office to Ray Lawyer Drive. The paving contract for Ray Lawyer Drive was approved at the May 28<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

#### **Western Placerville Interchanges Phase 2.2**

On May 16, 2018, the CTC awarded \$1,070,000 in LPP funds to the City of Placerville to advance delivery of the eastbound on-ramp for the Western Placerville Interchanges Phase 2 project. The City released an RFP for Engineering Design and Environmental Consulting Services on January 16, 2019. On March 26, 2019 the City Council awarded the consulting contract to R.E.Y. Engineers, Inc. At the same meeting the City Council also approved a \$400,000 budget appropriation from the Traffic Impact Mitigation Fee Fund to increase the budget for PA&ED.

The City of Placerville will request a 12-month construction allocation extension of LPP funds at the June 26-27 CTC meeting. The new project schedule shows the construction allocation request being approved by the CTC in June 2020 with the construction contract awarded in late 2020.

#### **Upper Broadway Bike Lanes Project**

On October 18, 2017, the California Transportation Commission awarded \$1,886,000 in 2017 ATP Augmentation – Statewide and Small Urban and Rural Components funding for the Upper Broadway Pedestrian Connection Project that will provide strategically located sidewalks and additional pedestrian improvements and new transit stops on Broadway between Schnell School Road and Point View Drive. Project Development Team (PDT) meetings are regularly held on the third Tuesday of each month at City Hall. The construction contract is anticipated to be awarded in December 2019.

**Broadway Sidewalks Project**

The project improves pedestrian safety by constructing new curb, gutter, and sidewalk on four segments of Broadway between the Main Street/Mosquito Road/Broadway intersection and Orchard Lane where there are currently no pedestrian facilities. The project is funded by Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds. On January 23, 2019 the City received an E-76 for \$40,000 of HSIP funding for additional PA&ED work. The project is scheduled to go to construction in September 2019.

**Placerville Drive Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Project**

The project will design bicycle facilities and sidewalks along Placerville Drive from west of the US 50 undercrossing to Green Valley Road and sidewalk on the west side of Green Valley Road from Placerville Drive to Mallard Lane. In June 2016 EDCTC programmed \$1.1 million of CMAQ funds to the project. The consulting contract was awarded to Drake Haglan and Associates at the July 10, 2018 City Council meeting. The City placed bike counters at the intersection of Placerville Drive and Green Valley Road on November 26<sup>th</sup>. Regular PDT's will begin this spring. At the March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting EDCTC programmed \$680,303 in CMAQ to the project PA&ED/PS&E and ROW phases.

**Main Street/Cedar Ravine/Clay Street Intersection Improvement Project**

The City of Placerville is working on responding to comments received on the Environmental Document. Once the cultural analysis is done, the City will certify the Environmental Document and complete final design and prepare to release bid documents in summer of 2019.

CALTRANS**US Highway 50 Hot Spot Study**

On August 28, 2017 EDCTC and City of Placerville staff met with Caltrans to form a plan to identify and analyze improvements to traffic and circulation along the US 50 corridor through Placerville. This effort was formalized through the Caltrans led US 50 Corridor Hot Spot Study. Caltrans is leading this effort to identify issues and opportunities along US 50 from Placerville into the Tahoe Basin. The kickoff meeting was facilitated by Caltrans on October 28, 2018.

The last Caltrans Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting was held on April 10, 2019. A stakeholder meeting was held in Placerville on May 29. The first public workshop is being scheduled for late June. The schedule was delayed slightly due to the weather impacting Caltrans' ability to collect new traffic count data.

**US Highway 50 Camino Safety Project**

EDCTC has been working with Caltrans to develop a strategy to continue moving forward with the project. Caltrans has finalized the Project Report to include the first phase which will be the completion of the median barrier closure from Still Meadows Road to Upper Carson Road and a minimum undercrossing at Lower Carson Road. Caltrans, El Dorado County, and EDCTC will be developing a plan to deliver and fund the remaining elements. Caltrans held a public meeting on April 29, 2019 at Camino School to present the phased approach to the community members. EDCTC continues to seek out funding for the ultimate project to include an interchange at upper Carson Road. EDCTC worked with Caltrans and El Dorado County to submit an application for the next round of Federal INFRA grant funding, which was submitted March 4, 2019. This grant is highly competitive with only \$950 million available nationwide. Additionally, EDCTC will be partnering with Caltrans and El Dorado County to submit an application for the next round of Federal BUILD grant funding with applications due on July 15, 2019. EDCTC will continue to pursue any and all opportunities to secure funding for the project.

EDCTC staff did meet recently with Caltrans and El Dorado County to discuss the phasing of the installation of the median barrier. Based on comments received at the last public workshop, it was clear that the barrier needed to remain open at key locations for emergency access until an undercrossing is complete. Caltrans is committed to this phasing approach and will allow for local access across US 50 until an undercrossing is completed.

## STATE TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATION AND FUNDING

### State Transportation Funding

The next cycle of competitive SB 1 transportation funding programs will begin in early summer of 2019. EDCTC is working closely with City and County staff to develop a list of projects which are "shovel ready" to compete for these funds. The next round of Local Partnership Program (LPP) funding has just begun the initial phase of developing guidelines for the competitive funding round. EDCTC staff is working with the City and County to identify projects to submit for these LPP funds.

### State Transportation Legislation

Some proposed bills that we are currently tracking include the following.

- **AB 252 (Daly D) Department of Transportation: environmental review process: Federal Program.**
  - Existing federal law allows for participating states to assume certain responsibilities for environmental review and clearance of transportation projects that would otherwise be the responsibility of the federal government. This applies to California until the provision expires on January 1, 2020. This bill would extend the operation of these provisions indefinitely.
- **AB 422 (Frazer D) High-speed rail: performance measurement dashboards.**
  - High speed rail would be required to provide a dashboard of quarterly online progress reporting for all segments of the project.
- **AB 970 (Salas R) California Department on Aging: grants for transportation.**
  - Would require the California Department on Aging to administer a grant program to support transit trips for non-emergency medical trips via zero emission vehicles.
- **AB 1243 (Fong R) Traffic Relief and Road Improvement Act.**
  - Would create the Traffic Relief and Road Improvement Program to address specific congestion and deferred maintenance. The bill would provide for deposits of existing revenue sources into a standalone account.
- **AB 1413 (Gloria D) Transportation: local transportation authorities: transactions and use taxes.**
  - Authorizes local transportation authority to impose a tax applicable to only a portion of its county or city and that the funds are spent in or to the benefit of that portion of the county or city.
- **AB 1568 (McCarty D) Housing law compliance: withholding of transportation funds.**
  - Requires HCD to report on compliance (certify) with housing production goals for each individual city or county to the Controller. Local Streets and Roads funding would be withheld from uncertified local agencies.
- **SB 127 (Wiener D) Transportation funding: active transportation: complete streets.**
  - Would create an Active Transportation Asset Branch within the Transportation Asset Management Office and require the CTC to give high priority to increasing safety for and implementation of active modes.
- **SB 137 (Dodd D) Federal transportation funds: State exchange programs.**
  - Allows federal funds allocated ("exchanged") to local assistance to be exchanged for Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program funds.
- **SB 152 (Beall D) Active Transportation Program.**
  - Make the ATP program more local by allowing MPOs and RTPAs to select projects according to state guidelines.

## FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATION AND FUNDING

The Administration and majority leaders met on April 29, 2019 to discuss a \$2 trillion infrastructure package. This plan would be focused around highways, railroads, bridges, and broadband. EDCTC will follow this plan closely as more information and detail becomes available.

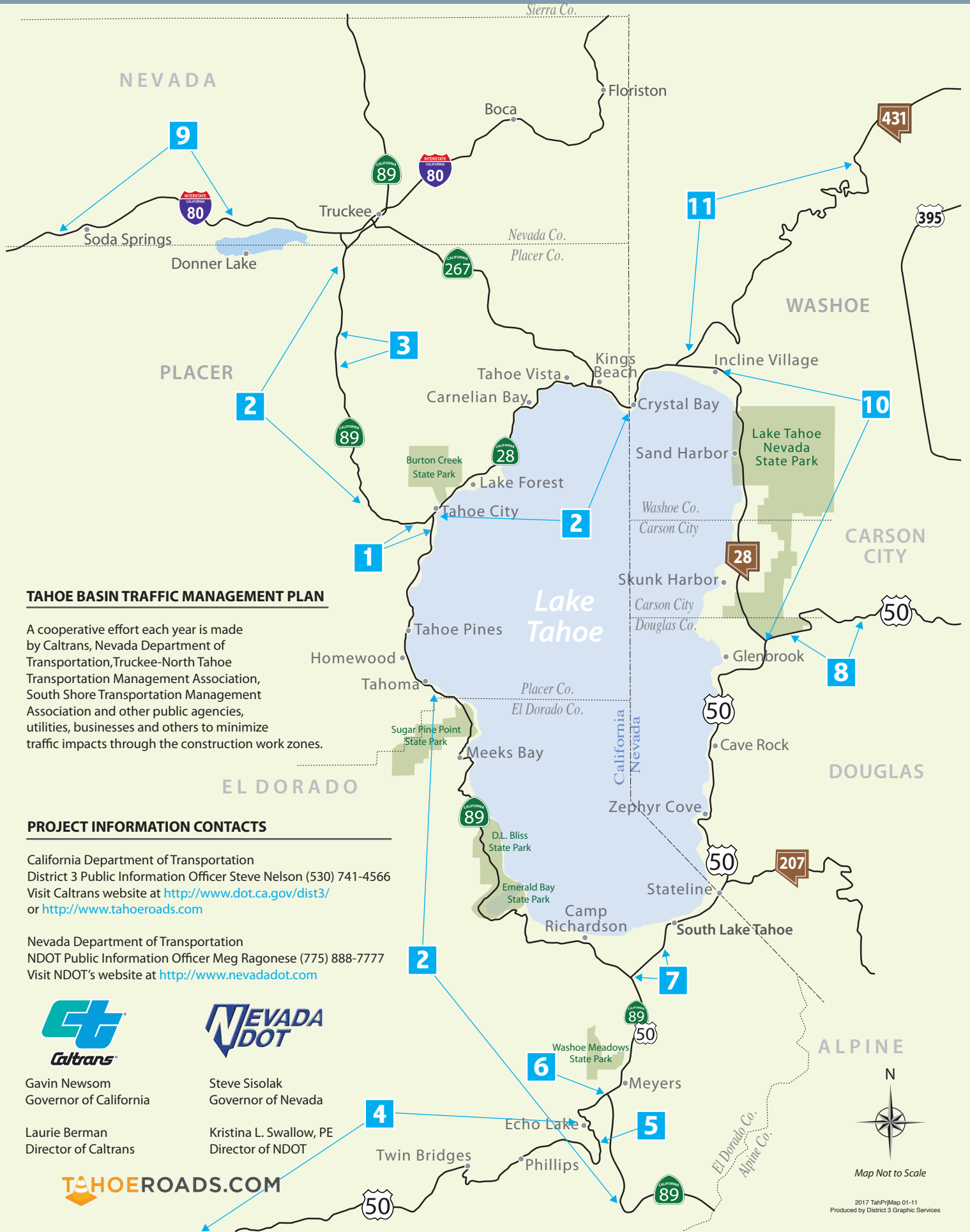
One positive note on the Federal side is that the recent BUILD and INFRA grant programs, as well as discussions with the administration, have presented a clear emphasis on rural infrastructure needs by

the administration. Consequently, EDCTC staff is working closely with our local, regional, and statewide leadership to take advantage of this rural focus and advocate for large transformative transportation projects that will likely rely heavily on significant Federal investment.

**EVENTS AND MEETINGS ATTENDED** *(since the last Commission meeting May 2, 2019)*

05/03	Keith Dunn re Self-Help Measures
05/06-09	Cap-to-Cap Advocacy Effort, Washington DC
05/09	US 50 Safety Project funding, Matt Smeltzer
05/10	Rural Counties Task Force
05/13	Transportation Project to South Lake Tahoe, Don Ashton
05/14-15	Calif. Transportation Commission, San Diego
05/22	Camino PDT, Marysville
05/22	American Leadership Forum Reception
05/23	John Clerici
05/23	Matt Mauk, Executive Director, EDCTA
05/24	El Dorado County Focus Group
05/24	Camino discussion, Amarjeet Benipal, Tom Brannon, Brian Veerkamp, Matt Smeltzer
05/24	EDC DOG Director Martinez, funding
05/28	EDCTC Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
05/29	Placerville US 50 Hot Spot Public Engagement meeting
05/30	El Dorado County Funding Advocacy Director Martinez
05/30-31	American Leadership Forum Orientation
06/03	SB 743 Project check in meeting
06/03	FY 19/20 Budget Review Chair Borelli and Vice Chair Frentzen
06/03	Shiva Frentzen, Agenda Review
06/05	Camino PDT, Caltrans

# 2019 LAKE TAHOE AREA CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS



## TAHOE BASIN TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN

A cooperative effort each year is made by Caltrans, Nevada Department of Transportation, Truckee-North Tahoe Transportation Management Association, South Shore Transportation Management Association and other public agencies, utilities, businesses and others to minimize traffic impacts through the construction work zones.

## PROJECT INFORMATION CONTACTS

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## CALIFORNIA STATE ROUTE 89

- 1** **Where:** PLA 89 PM 8.0-9.4, Tahoe City  
**What:** Realignment of State Route 89 and construction of a new bridge over the Truckee River, construction of two roundabouts, streetscape and drainage improvements, paving; shared-use path  
**When:** May-October  
**Expected Delays:** Up to 20 minutes  
**Website:** [www.fannybridge.org](http://www.fannybridge.org)
- 2** **Where:** ED 89 0.0-27.4, PLA 89 12.3-20.7, PLA 28 0.0-11.0  
**What:** Remove dead and dying trees at various locations on State Routes 28 and 89  
**When:** May-October  
**Expected Delays:** Intermittently up to 20 minutes
- 3** **Where:** PLA 89 17.2-18.3, just south of Truckee  
**What:** Place mesh drapery system on slope for rock stabilization  
**When:** July-October  
**Expected Delays:** Up to 20 minutes



## U.S. HIGHWAY 50

- 4** **Where:** ED 50 PM 11.2-68.7  
**What:** Upgrade metal beam guardrail at various locations to meet current standards.  
**When:** May-October  
**Expected Delays:** Intermittently up to 20 minutes
- 5** **Where:** ED 50 PM 67.30, Echo Summit  
**What:** Replace the existing Echo Summit Sidehill Viaduct with a new bridge  
**When:** May-October (multi-year project)  
**Expected Delays:** Intermittently up to 20 minutes
- 6** **Where:** ED 50 PM 70.621 at ED 89 in Meyers  
**What:** Replace the existing T intersection with a three-leg roundabout and connect to existing shared-use path  
**When:** May-October  
**Expected Delays:** Intermittently up to 20 minutes
- 7** **Where:** ED 50 PM 75.4-77.3, 89/50 "Y" to the Trout Creek Bridge, South Lake Tahoe  
**What:** Drainage improvements, road widening, sidewalk construction, paving, landscaping  
**When:** May-October (multi-year project)  
**Expected Delays:** Up to 30 minutes
- 8** **Where:** DO 13.00-14.58 and CC 0.00-3.00, U.S. 50 from Spooner Summit to Clear Creek Interchange  
**What:** Drainage improvements and safety enhancements  
**When:** April-November  
**Expected Delays:** Up to 20 minutes



## CALIFORNIA INTERSTATE 80

- 9** **Where:** NEV 80 PM 1.2-9.4, Soda Springs  
Overcrossing to Donner Lake Interchange  
**What:** Removal of metal beam guardrail and replacement with a concrete barrier  
**When:** May-December  
**Expected Delays:** Up to 20 minutes



## NEVADA STATE ROUTE 28

- 10** **Where:** DO 0.00 to 1.23 CC 0.00 to 3.95 and WA 0.00 to 6.12, SR 28 from US 50 to Incline Village  
**What:** Water quality and safety enhancements and shared-use path (Sand Harbor to Incline)  
**When:** April-June  
**Expected Delays:** Up to 20 minutes



## NEVADA STATE ROUTE 431

- 11** **Where:** WA 0.00-3.00 and WA 13.00-16.00, SR 431 Mt. Rose Highway from Incline Village to 16 miles east  
**What:** Safety enhancements including signs, striping, barrier rail and high-friction surface treatment  
**When:** August-October  
**Expected Delays:** Up to 20 minutes



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