## OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

## REVISE THE LOCAL TRAFFIC MITIGATION FEE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 97-141, adopting a Local Traffic Mitigation Fee (LTMF) program; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors adopted revisions to the LTMF through Resolutions 03-460 and 08-336; and

WHEREAS, for the fifth fiscal year following the first deposit into the account or fund, and every five years thereafter, the local agency shall make all of the following findings with respect to that portion of the account or fund remaining unexpended, whether committed or uncommitted pursuant to Government Code Section 66001 (d)(1):
a) the purpose of LTMF fees are to offset or mitigate impacts to county roads resulting from local development.
b) the attached LTMF Nexus Study demonstrates a reasonable relationship between the fee and the purpose for which it is charged.
c) the Study also identifies all sources and amounts of funding anticipated to complete financing for incomplete improvements.
d) the Study and the County's annual Capital Improvement Program identifies the approximate dates on which the funding is expected to be deposited into the appropriate account or fund; and

WHEREAS, the revised LTMF is based on updated land use forecasts and recent traffic modeling; and

WHEREAS, based on the new list of projects and updated land use forecasts, the proposed LTMF fees have increased; and

WHEREAS, documentation has been submitted which establishes compliance with the provisions of the Mitigation Fee Act, Government Code 66000 et seq; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Sections 66004 and 66018(a) require that Development Fees be adopted in a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, notice was given, a public hearing held on January 10, 2017, and the Nevada County Board of Supervisors accepted the studies and revised fee schedule; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada County LTMF will be reviewed annually for necessary adjustments for the effects of inflation on the fee amounts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Nevada County Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the revised LTMF Fee Schedule as shown on the attached Exhibit A and calculated in the LTMF 2016 Nexus Study Update as shown in Exhibit B.
2. Adopt the revision of the LTMF Traffic Impact Fee Zone Map as shown on the attached Exhibit C.
3. The LTMF Fee schedule shall be adjusted annually each year based upon the Engineering News Record Construction Cost Index for the 12 month period ending December of the prior year.
4. This Resolution shall become effective and operative March 11, 2017, which is 60 days form the date of its adoption, pursuant to Government Code Section 66017(a).

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the 10th day of January, 2017, by the following vote of said Board:

| Ayes: | Supervisors Heidi Hall, Edward Scofield, Dan Miller, Hank <br> Weston and Richard Anderson. |
| :--- | :--- |
| Noes: | None. |
| Absent: | None. |
| Abstain: | None. |

## ATTEST:

JULIE PATTERSON HUNTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

EXHIBIT A - PROPOSED LTMF FEES

| District | LTMF |  | RTMF |  | Combined |  | \% Change for Combined Fees | Unit |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Current | Proposed | Current | Proposed | current | Proposed |  |  |
| Residential |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western Nevada County | \$163 | \$180 | \$439 | \$396 | \$602 | \$576 | -4\% | Daily Trips |
| Eastern Nevada County near Truckee | \$1,357 | N/A | \$0 | \$0 | \$1,357 | N/A | Transfer to Truckee's Program | Peak Hour Trips |
| Eastern Nevada County - not near Truckee | \$143 | \$180 | \$0 | \$0 | \$143 | \$180 | 26\% | Daily Trips |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western Nevada County | \$40 | \$72 | \$110 | \$70 | \$150 | \$142 | -6\% | Daily Trips |
| Eastern Nevada County near Truckee | \$1,357 | N/A | \$0 | \$0 | \$1,357 | N/A | Transfer to Truckee's Program | Peak Hour Trips |
| Eastern Nevada County - not near Truckee | \$143 | \$72 | \$0 | \$0 | \$143 | \$72 | -50\% | Daily Trips |

TABLE 5: Dwelling Unit Equivalent Factors and Fee Calculations

| mula: $\quad \$ 5,651 \times$ DUE per Unit $\times$ Units (from Project) $=$ fee |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Land Use Category | Unit | ITE Land Use Code | PM Peak Hour Trip Rate Per Unit ${ }^{3}$ | $\begin{gathered} \% \text { New } \\ \text { Trips } \end{gathered}$ | New <br> Trips per Unit | DUE per Unit |
| Residential |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Single-family ${ }^{1}$ | DU | 210 | 1.00 | 100\% | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| Multi-family ${ }^{2}$ | DU | 220 | 0.62 | 100\% | 0.62 | 0.62 |
| Mobile Home | DU | 240 | 0.59 | 100\% | 0.59 | 0.59 |
| Retirement | DU | 252 | 0.25 | 100\% | 0.25 | 0.25 |
| Hotel/Motel | Room | 310 | 0.7 | 100\% | 0.70 | 0.70 |
| Office |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| General Office | 1,000 s.f. | 710 | 1.49 | 100\% | 1.49 | 1.49 |
| Medical Office | 1,000 s.f. | 720 | 3.57 | 100\% | 3.57 | 3.57 |
| Commercial |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| General Retail | 1,000 s.f. | Note 4 | 6.08 | 43\% | 2.64 | 2.64 |
| Multiplex Movie Theater | 1,000 s.f. | 445 | 2.94 | 100\% | 2.94 | 2.94 |
| Restaurant - Quality or High-Turnover | 1,000 s.f. | 931, 932 | 8.67 | 37\% | 3.23 | 3.23 |
| Fast Food Restaurant / Coffee Shop | 1,000 s.f. | 933,934 | 29.4 | 30\% | 8.78 | 8.78 |
| Supermarket | 1,000 s.f. | 850 | 9.48 | 34\% | 3.24 | 3.24 |
| Convenience Market | 1,000 s.f. | 851 | 52.4 | 24\% | 12.5 | 12.5 |
| Bank | 1,000 s.f. | 912 | 24.3 | 27\% | 6.56 | 6.56 |
| Gas Station | Fueling Position | 944 | 13.87 | 13\% | 1.79 | 1.79 |
| Health Fitness Club | 1,000 s.f. | 492 | 3.53 | $75 \%$ | 2.65 | 2.65 |
| Industrial |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Light Industrial | 1,000 s.f. | 110 | 0.97 | 100\% | 0.97 | 0.97 |
| Warehouse | 1,000 s.f. | 150 | 0.32 | 100\% | 0.32 | 0.32 |
| Hospital | 1,000 s.f. | 610 | 0.93 | 77\% | 0.72 | 0.72 |
| Public Park | Acre | 417 | 0.2 | 100\% | 0.2 | 0.20 |
| School |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Elementary School | 1,000 s.f. | 520 | 1.21 | 80\% | 0.97 | 0.97 |
| Middle School | 1,000 s.f. | 522 | 1.19 | 80\% | 0.95 | 0.95 |
| High School | 1,000 s.f. | 530 | 0.97 | 80\% | 0.78 | 0.78 |
| Community College | 1,000 s.f. | 540 | 2.54 | 80\% | 2.03 | 2.03 |

Note 1: A secondary dw eling with a floor area greater than 850 square feet shall be considered a single-family residence for the purpose of this Ordinance. Any single-family residence in excess of three bedrooms will be assessed an additional 0.33 DUEper bedroomin excess of three bedrooms.
Note 2: Multifamily units are any attached unlts (including duplex). In addition, a secondary dwelling with a floor area of 850 square feet or less shall be
considered a mulfifamily residence for the purpose of this Ordinance.
Note 3: PM peak-hour of adjacent street traffic.
Note 4: Trip generation rate based on calibrated Town of Truckee Model.

## EXHIBIT B

# Local Traffic Mitigation Fee 2016 Nexus Study Update 

Final Report

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## Executive Summary

The Mitigation Fee Act requires that mitigation fees be periodically updated. This is to ensure that the assumptions regarding future growth, the need for projects, their costs, etc. continue to provide a reasonable nexus between the impacts of new development and the fees charged. This report describes the methodology used in updating the nexus, the resulting recommended fee structure, and the revised forecast for Local Traffic Mitigation Fee (LTMF) program revenues based on the new growth assumptions and recommended fees.

Since the previous LTMF updated was prepared (2008) the Great Recession caused a prolonged slump in the economy with the real estate sector being particularly hard hit. New forecasts for future development incorporate both a lower existing base of households and employment and lower future growth rates. These factors have resulted in lower reduced forecasts for future traffic congestion and a reduced need for roadway capacity improvements. However, it also means that the cost of projects will be spread over fewer new units.

This combination of factors increases the amount that needs to be and can be collected through the LTMF to mitigate the future transportation impacts of new development. However, there reductions in the Nevada County Transportation Commission's (NCTC's) Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee (RTMF) will more than offset the increase in LTMF for developments in Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4. Exhibit ES1 shows the recommended revised fee structure, which takes the factors described above into account.

| District | LTMF |  | RTMF |  | Combined |  | \% Change for <br> Combined Fees | Unit |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Current | Proposed | Current | Proposed | Current | Proposed |  |  |
| Residential |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Districts 1,2,3,4 | $\$ 163$ | $\$ 180$ | $\$ 439$ | $\$ 396$ | $\$ 602$ | $\$ 576$ | $-4 \%$ | Daily Trips |
| District 5 Near Truckee | $\$ 1,357$ | N/A | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 1,357$ | N/A | Transfer to <br> Truckee's Program | Peak Hour <br> Trips |
| District 5 Not Near Truckee | $\$ 143$ | $\$ 180$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 143$ | $\$ 180$ | $26 \%$ | Daily Trips |
| Non-Residential |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Districts 1,2,3,4 | $\$ 40$ | $\$ 72$ | $\$ 110$ | $\$ 70$ | $\$ 150$ | $\$ 142$ | $-6 \%$ | Daily Trips |
| District 5 Near Truckee | $\$ 1,357$ | N/A | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 1,357$ | N/A | Transfer to <br> Truckee's Program | Peak Hour <br> Trips |
| District 5 Not Near Truckee | $\$ 143$ | $\$ 72$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 143$ | $\$ 72$ | $-50 \%$ | Daily Trips |

Exhibit ES-1: Current and Recommended LTMF Fees
Developments in District 5 are a special case. We recommend that developments in the immediate vicinity of Truckee be transferred to Truckee's fee program while developments in the remainder of District 5 be brought into the LTMF program. Developments in District 5 will thus pay the fee and roads in District 5 will be eligible for LTMF-funded improvements.

If the forecasts for future residential and non-residential development prove correct, then total revenues from the LTMF over the next twenty years will be approximately $\$ 3.4 \mathrm{M}$ which will provide approximately $12 \%$ of the total cost of the projects on the LTMF list. The remaining $88 \%$ of project costs are attributable to existing deficiencies and by law must be covered by some source other than impact fees.

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### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Background to the Nexus Study

In April of 1997 the County of Nevada adopted the Local Traffic Mitigation Fee (LTMF) to help fund local roadway improvements triggered by new development ${ }^{1}$. The LTMF covers traffic impacts to local streets in the unincorporated portion of the county while a companion program, the western Nevada County Regional Transportation Mitigation Free (RTMF) program ${ }^{2}$, covers traffic impacts to state roads including some within the unincorporated county. Together these programs provide a mechanism for new development to pay its fair share towards the cost of construction of the regional system of roads, streets, and highways needed to accommodate growth in unincorporated Nevada County.

The LTMF program operates pursuant to the Mitigation Fee Act, also known as California Assembly Bill 1600 (AB 1600) or California Government Code Sections 66000 et seq., which governs impact fees in California. The Mitigation Fee Act requires that all local agencies in California, including cities, counties, and special districts follow some basic principles when instituting impact fees as a condition of new development. Agencies must:

1) Identify the purpose of the fee. (Government Code Section 66001(a)(1))
2) Identify the use to which the fee is to be put. (Government Code Section 66001(a)(2))
3) Determine that there is a reasonable relationship between the fee's use and the type of development on which the fee is to be imposed. (Government Code Section 66001(a)(3))
4) Determine how there is a reasonable relationship between the need for the public facility and the type of development project on which the fee is to be imposed. (Government Code Section 66001(a)(4))
5) Discuss how there is a reasonable relationship between the amount of the fee and the cost of the public facility or portion of the public facility attributable to the development on which the fee is to be imposed. (Government Code Section 66001(b))
These principles closely emulate two landmark U.S. Supreme Court rulings that each provide guidance on the application of impact fees. The first case, Nollan v. California Coastal Commission (1987) 107 S.Ct. 3141, established that local governments are not prohibited from imposing impact fees or dedications as conditions of project approval provided the local government establishes the existence of a "nexus" or link between the exaction and the state interest being advanced by that exaction. The Nollan ruling clarifies that once the adverse impacts of development have been quantified, the local government must then document the relationship between the project and the need for the conditions that mitigate those impacts. The ruling further clarifies that an exaction may be imposed on a development even if the development project itself will not benefit, provided the exaction is necessitated by the project's impacts on identifiable public resources.
[^0]The second case, Dolan v. City of Tigard (1994) 114 S.Ct. 2309, held that in addition to the Nollan standard of an essential nexus, there must be a "rough proportionality" between proposed exactions and the project impacts that the exactions are intended to allay. As part of the Dolan ruling, the U.S. Supreme Court advised that "a term such as 'rough proportionality' best encapsulates what we hold to be the requirements of the Fifth Amendment. No precise mathematical calculation is required, but the city (or other local government) must make some sort of individualized determination that the required dedication is related both in nature and extent to the impact of the proposed development."
The combined effect of both rulings is the requirement that public exactions must be carefully documented and supported. This requirement is reiterated by the provisions of the Mitigation Fee Act and subsequent rulings in the California Supreme Court (Ehrlich v. City of Culver City (1996) 12 C4th 854) and the California Court of Appeals (Loyola Marymount University v. Los Angeles Unified School District 45 (1996) Cal.App.4th 1256).

This Nexus Study report is intended to satisfy the requirements of the State of California Mitigation Fee Act. Specifically, this Nexus Study report will outline the purpose and use of the LTMF, the relationship between new development and impacts on the transportation system, the estimated cost to complete necessary improvements to the local road system in unincorporated Nevada County, and the 'rough proportionality' or 'fair-share' fee for differing development types.

### 2.0 UPDATES OF KEY INPUTS

### 2.1 Trip Generation Rates

ITE's Trip Generation Manual has been updated with new survey material since the edition that was used in the previous nexus study. The trip generation rates have accordingly been updated to those of the latest ( $9^{\text {th }}$ ) edition.

Exhibit 1 shows the updated trip generation rates for the most commonly-used ITE land use codes.

| Land Use Category | Unit | ITE Code | Weokday Trips per Unit |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| RESIDENTIAL |  |  |  |
| Single Farnily Detached House | Dwelling Unit | 210 | 9.52 |
| Multi-Family |  |  |  |
| Apartment | Dwelling Unit | 220 | 6.65 |
| Low Rise Apartment | Dwelling Unit | 221 | 6.59 |
| Residential Condominium/Townhouse | Dwelling Unit | 230 | 5.81 |
| Mobile Home in Park | Dwelling Unit | 240 | 4.99 |
| Senior Residential |  |  |  |
| Senior Adult Housing - Delached | Dwelling Unit | 251 | 3.68 |
| Senior Adult Housing - Attached | Dwelling Unit | 252 | 3.44 |
| NON-RESIDENTIAL Office |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| General Office | TSF | 710 | 11.03 |
| Single Tenant Office | TSF | 715 | 11.65 |
| Office Park | TSF | 750 | 11.42 |
| Business Park | TSF | 770 | 12.44 |
| Medical-Dentist Office Building |  |  |  |
| Clinic | TSF | 630 | 31.45 |
| Medical-Dentist Office | TSF | 720 | 36.13 |
| Industrial |  |  |  |
| General Light Industry | TSF | 110 | 6.97 |
| General Heavy Industry | TSF | 120 | 1.50 |
| Industrial Park | TSF | 130 | 6.83 |
| Manufacturing | TSF | 140 | 3.82 |
| Warehousing | TSF | 150 | 3.56 |
| Lodging |  |  |  |
| Hotel | Room | 310 | 8.17 |
| All Suites Hotel | Room | 311 | 4.90 |
| Business Hotel | Room | 312 | 7.27 |
| Motel | Room | 320 | 5.63 |
| Public \& Quasi-Public |  |  |  |
| Military Base | TSF | 501 | 1.78 |
| Library | TSF | 590 | 56.24 |
| Government Office Building | TSF | 730 | 68.93 |
| State Motor Vehicles Department | TSF | 731 | 166.02 |
| United States Post Office | TSF | 732 | 108.19 |
| Government Office Complex | TSF | 733 | 27.92 |

Exhibit 1: Trip-Generation Rates for Different Land Use Categories

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| Land Use Category | Unit | ITE Code | Weekday Trips per Unit |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| NON-RESIDENTIAL |  |  |  |
| Retail |  |  |  |
| Furniture Store | TSF | 890 | 5.06 |
| Discount Home Furnishing Superstore | TSF | 869 | 20.00 |
| Tire Superstore | TSF | 849 | 20.36 |
| Department Store | TSF | 875 | 22.88 |
| Tire Store | TSF | 848 | 24.87 |
| Factory Outlet Center | TSF | 823 | 26.59 |
| Home Improvement Superstore | TSF | 862 | 30.74 |
| New Car Sales | TSF | 841 | 32.30 |
| Discount Club | TSF | 857 | 41.80 |
| Shopping Center | TSF | 820 | 42.70 |
| Electronics Superstore | TSF | 863 | 45.04 |
| Building Materials and Lumber | TSF | 812 | 45.16 |
| Discount Superstore | TSF | 813 | 50.75 |
| Hardware/Paint Store | TSF | 816 | 51.29 |
| Arts and Crafts Store | TSF | 879 | 56.55 |
| Discount Store | TSF | 815 | 57.24 |
| Auto Parts Store | TSF | 843 | 61.91 |
| Specialty Retail Center | TSF | 814 | 64.03 |
| Apparel Store | TSF | 876 | 66.40 |
| Nursery (Garden Center) | TSF | 817 | 68.10 |
| Day Care Center | TSF | 565 | 74.06 |
| Quality Restaurant | TSF | 931 | 89.95 |
| Pharmacy/Drugstore w/o Drive Through Window | TSF | 880 | 90.06 |
| Discount Supermarket | TSF | 854 | 90.86 |
| Pharmacy/Drugstore with Drive Through Window | TSF | 881 | 96.91 |
| Supermarket | TSF | 850 | 102.24 |
| High Turnover (Sit-Down) Restaurant | TSF | 932 | 127.15 |
| Drive-in Bank | TSF | 912 | 148.15 |

Exhibit 1: Trip-Generation Rates for Different Land Use Categories (continued)
For the purposes of the LTMF second units added to a single-family home are to be counted as multifamily dwellings rather than single-family dwellings.

### 2.2 Growth Forecasts

Assumptions regarding future growth are critical inputs for a traffic mitigation fee since they help determine both whether roadway deficiencies will develop and how many new homes or square feet of new commercial development will contribute towards the costs of mitigations. Since the LTMF is a long-term program we must look at long-term trends to forecast growth over the study horizon.

Exhibit 2 shows the number of housing starts for California for the period 1954 to 2013.


Data Source: California Building Industry Association
Exhibit 2: Housing Starts in California by Year

The exhibit shows the unstable nature of the housing market in California, with five major "housing booms" and five "housing busts" occurring during this period. Several patterns are discernible, namely:

- The housing booms are occurring further and further apart. Five years elapsed between the peaks of the 1972 and 1977 booms, 9 years between the peaks of the 1977 and 1986 booms, and 18 years between the 1986 and 2004 booms. If this pattern continues it may be decades before the next peak occurs.
- The size of the booms is trending downwards. The most recent boom was the smallest of the five, being only about $2 / 3^{\text {rds }}$ the size of the previous boom.
- From the 1960's through the 1980's single-family and multi-family housing was being built in similar quantities in California. In fact, multi-family housing production exceeded single-family housing in 3 of the 4 housing booms in this period. The period from 1990 to 2005, when singlefamily housing was produced at more than $21 / 2$ times the pace of multi-family, appears in retrospect to have been an aberration from the historical pattern.

More recently the real estate market has been affected by the Great Recession. The Great Recession was deeper and much longer than any previous recession since WWII (see Exhibit 3) and the collapse of the real estate market was at the heart of the recession. This was, hopefully, a one-off event unlikely to recur within the time horizon of the current study (to 2035). Nevertheless, it seems unlikely that things will "go to back to normal" (i.e. to the conditions prevailing in the 1990-to-2005 period) in terms of real estate development; structural and demographic changes have occurred resulting in a new normal. Any assumptions regarding real estate development that were made based on pre-recession data therefore need to be re-examined to determine if they remain valid post-recession.


Source: Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis
Exhibit 3: Change in U.S. Employment during Post WWII Recessions

Scaling down from the state-wide level to the local level, data from the U.S. Census Bureau shows that in recent years the foothills counties have been growing slowly, if at all (see Exhibit 4).


Exhibit 4: Change in Foothill Counties' Populations

Post-recession population forecasts by Caltrans ${ }^{3}$ suggests that only modest growth can be expected for the foreseeable future (see Exhibit 5).


## Exhibit 5: Actual and Forecast Population for Nevada County

The growth forecasts used in the previous LTMF update were based on data collected in the construction boom leading up to the Great Recession. The forecasts used in the current study are based on an assumed lower growth rate and therefore the 2035 population in the current forecast is lower than the 2030 forecast used in the previous study. The current and previous forecasts are compared in Exhibit 6.

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Exhibit 6: Comparison of Population Forecasts for Nevada County

The lower forecast for future population has several effects on the LTMF, most notably:

- Fewer new households means less traffic impacts and therefore less need for roadway improvements as mitigation. Some projects may no longer be needed and for other projects a smaller portion of the need will be attributable to new development.
- However, for those projects that are still needed, fewer new dwelling units means that each will have to pay a higher share of the cost.

These trends work in opposite directions; the first would tend to lower fees while the second would tend to raise them. The interaction of these opposing trends is discussed further in a later section of this report.

Based on the growth projections supplied by the local jurisdictions, the growth forecast by land use type is shown in Exhibit 7.


| Land Use Type | Unit | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Year } \\ & 2012 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Year } \\ & 2035 \end{aligned}$ | \# of new units | \% Growth |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Residential |  |  |  |  |  |
| Single Family House | DU | 26,534 | 27,410 | 876 | 3\% |
| Multi-Family | DU | 615 | 1,609 | 994 | 162\% |
| Mobile Home in Park | DU | 1,059 | 1,159 | 100 | 9\% |
| Senior Residential | DU | 0 | 365 | 365 | 100\% |
|  |  | 28,208 | 30,543 | 2,335 | 8\% |
| Non-Residential |  |  |  |  |  |
| Office | TSF | 384 | 426 | 42 | 11\% |
| Medical Office | TSF | 16 | 66 | 50 | 316\% |
| Industrial | TSF | 366 | 386 | 20 | 5\% |
| Warehouse | TSF | 48 | 48 | 0 | 0\% |
| Retail/Service - Low | TSF | 373 | 420 | 47 | 12\% |
| Retail/Service - Medium | TSF | 299 | 336 | 37 | 12\% |
| Retail/Service - High | TSF | 146 | 156 | 9 | 6\% |
| Lodging | Rooms | 267 | 287 | 20 | 7\% |
| Public \& Quasi-Public | TSF | 324 | 349 | 25 | 8\% |
| School K-8th Grade | Students | 5,643 | 5,739 | 96 | 2\% |
| School 9-12th Grade | Students | 1,003 | 1,003 | 0 | 0\% |
| College | Students | 20 | 20 | 0 | 0\% |
| East County Non-Residential |  |  |  |  |  |
| Shatterhand RV Park |  |  |  |  |  |
| Boreal BMX and Skate Park |  |  |  |  |  |
| Soda Springs Planet Kids |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pombo / Hobart Mills Master Plan |  |  |  |  |  |
| Boca Quarry |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tahoe Forest Church |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tahoe Donner 5-yr Trail Plan |  |  |  |  |  |
| Soda Springs Area Plan/rezone |  |  |  |  |  |

Exhibit 7: Growth Forecast by Land Use Type

### 2.3 Funding from Other Sources

In some cases, the need for projects that receive LTMF funding is not 100 percent attributable to new development; there is an existing deficiency that new development by law cannot be held responsible for. In such cases another source of funds must be used to fund the portion of the project not attributable to new development.

The County of Nevada has several sources of funds besides LTMF that can be used for local roadway improvements. The most important of these include:

- Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) - Used for construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, resurfacing, restoration, and operational improvements on federal aid highways and bridges.
- Measure F - A county-level initiative that directs a portion of Motor Vehicle License Fee revenues for use for road maintenance and repair, road safety, and access.
- State Exchange - Program that allows the exchange of federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds for State transportation funds, based upon funding availability.
- Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) - A federal aid program that among other things provides funding for projects that correct or improve hazardous road locations.

The County of Nevada has received more than $\$ 22$ million in non-LTMF funding for road projects from these sources over the last 7 years. Based on the historical average of $\$ 3.1 /$ year in non-fee funding we estimate that $\$ 63.7$ million will be available from these sources over the next 20 years (see Exhibit 8).

| Fiscal Year | RSTP | Measure F | State Exchange | HSIP | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2016/2017 | \$530,000 | \$1,650,000 | \$390,000 | \$0 | \$2,570,000 |
| 2015/2016 | \$530,000 | \$1,650,000 | \$390,000 | \$2,230,000 | \$4,800,000 |
| 2014/2015 | \$530,000 | \$1,570,000 | \$390,000 | \$0 | \$2,490,000 |
| 2013/2014 | \$530,000 | \$1,540,000 | \$390,000 | \$1,290,000 | \$3,750,000 |
| 2012/2013 | \$530,000 | \$1,690,000 | \$390,000 | \$0 | \$2,610,000 |
| 2011/2012 | \$530,000 | \$1,900,000 | \$390,000 | \$410,000 | \$3,230,000 |
| 2010/2011 | \$530,000 | \$1,940,000 | \$390,000 | \$0 | \$2,860,000 |
| Total for 7 YearsAverage for 7 YearsExpected $20-Y$ ear Receipts (7-yr average multiplied by 20) |  |  |  |  | \$22,310,000 |
|  |  |  |  |  | \$3,187,143 |
|  |  |  |  |  | \$63,742,857 |

Exhibit 8: Non-Fee Funds Potentially Available for Projects Receiving LTMF Funds

### 2.4 Updating Project Costs

The cost of road construction has varied significantly over the course of the last decade, so it is important that this be factored into the fee structure for the LTMF.

Exhibit 9 shows the Caltrans construction price index for highway projects for the period from 1990 to 2014. As can be seen in the exhibit, there was a slow and stable rise in prices throughout the 1990's and early years of the 2000's. However, in 2004 a combination of a construction boom, rising land and fuel costs, and the effect of a weakening U.S. dollar on the cost of imported construction materials, caused construction prices to rise more in a single year then they had in the previous 15 years combined; the highest single-year increase since Caltrans started the index. This was followed in 2005 by the second-highest single-vear increase. The rapid increase was followed by a rapid decrease with the collapse of the housing market, which used many of the same construction inputs as Caltrans.

The Caltrans cost index is based on actual bid prices for projects done in the previous year. There is a second cost index, prepared by the Engineering News Record (ENR) that is computed based on the market prices for
various major inputs to road projects (concrete, steel, aggregate, etc.). This index is less volatile than the Caltrans index because it does not include the effect of contractors' changing profit expectations in response to strong or weak market conditions. The two indices are compared in Exhibit 9.


Exhibit 9: Caltrans and ENR Construction Price Indices, 1990-2014

Normal practice and our recommendation is to use the ENR index for California Cities as the basis for cost adjustments for traffic impact fees. This is based in part on the relative stability of the ENR index, which makes the fee program more predictable for developers compared to the highly volatile Caltrans index. Therefore, since the ENR index has risen $25.8 \%$ since the last nexus study, existing project cost estimates from the previous LTMF update were increased $25.8 \%$ from the previous calculation.

### 3.0 UPDATED FEE CALCULATION

An overview of the methodology used to compute the LTMF is provided in the section below, followed by sections providing more in-depth discussion of the key components.

### 3.1 Overview of the Fee Computation Methodology

The methodology used in the fee computation is outlined in Exhibit 10 below. The major steps include:

1) The starting point was a set of forecasts for residential and non-residential growth from NCTC, the City of Grass Valley, and Nevada County covering the western portion of Nevada County (Supervisor Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4, which is the area covered by the NCTC traffic model). The forecasts were described in Section 2.1.
2) The growth forecasts were used as inputs into the NCTC traffic model that was then used to forecast traffic volumes for 2035. Recent traffic counts were used to find current traffic volumes. The volumes were then used to determine the level of service (LOS) for each potential project site under 2015 and 2035 conditions.
3) The County has established LOS standards as part of its General Plan.
4) The existing and future LOS were compared to the LOS standard to determine where deficiencies currently exist and where they may develop in the future. Potential projects were identified that would correct the deficiencies.
5) The outputs of Step 4 were used to determine the percentage of the need for each potential project that is attributable to new development.
6) The estimated cost for different projects come from a variety of sources, including engineering studies and planning-level estimates.
7) The project cost estimates were updated, if necessary, using the Engineering New Record construction cost index to reflect current prices. This was described in Section 2.4.
8) The outputs from steps 5 and 7 were used to determine the dollar cost for each project that is attributable to new development.
9) Next, any funding that may be available from other sources for the listed projects was identified. This was discussed in Section 2.3.
10) The amount of funding available from other sources was compared to the project costs to determine if it exceeded the amount attributable to existing deficiencies (i.e, not attributable to new development). If so, the surplus of other funds was used to reduce the amount needed from new development. The result was the maximum amount of funding allowable by law that could potentially be collected using the LTMF.
11) The NCTC traffic model was used to determine the percentage share of growth in vehicle-miles traveled (VMT) that will be associated with residential and non-residential development in the western portion of the county.


Exhibit 10: Steps in the Fee Computation
12) Next, the trip generation rate was determined for each land use type. For residential land uses the unit of measurement was daily trips/dwelling unit, while for non-residential uses tripgeneration was measured in terms of daily trips/thousand square feet of space, except for schools, where the unit was daily trips/student and lodging, where daily trips/room were used.
13) The number of new units for each development type was then multiplied by the trip generation rate to produce the total number of new trips associated with each type of land use development for developments in the western portion of the county.
14) County staff have an estimate of the number of trips expected to be generated by proposed new developments in the eastern portion of the county. This was used to determine the percentage of trips attributable to east county developments.
15) The percentage computed in Step 14 was used to factor up the VMT from Step 11 to determine the portion of total VMT that could be attributed to new residential and non-residential development for the entire unincorporated county ${ }^{4}$.
16) The percentage of VMT from Step 15 was multiplied by the amount of project costs potentially covered by the LTMF from Step 10 to produce the amount of LTMF fees that could be attributed to new residential and non-residential development for the entire unincorporated county.
17) The trips from the western portion of the county (from Step 13) were added to those from the eastern portion of the county (Step 14) to produce the total residential and non-residential trips for the entire county.
18) The project funding attributable to residential and non-residential developments (from Step 12) was then divided by the expected number of new residential and non-residential trips (from Step 17) to produce the potential impact fee per trip for each residential and non-residential trip generated by new development.

The next sections describe several key steps in the process in more detail.

### 3.2 Identification of Existing and Future Deficiencies

Existing and future deficiencies were identified by comparing the existing and future LOS to the LOS standards adopted by the County. The County General Plan has a target LOS D for County roads and intersections within a Community Region and LOS C for roads and intersections outside Community Regions. Exhibit 11 shows the existing and future LOS at the 5 capacity-increasing project locations listed in the previous (2008) LTMF update. Of these:

- 4 projects are now no longer expected to be needed due to the new, lower growth expectations. These were therefore dropped from the LTMF program.
- 1 project - Combie Road from SR-49 to Magnolia Road - is currently deficient and new development is expect to worsen the deficiency. It was therefore retained in the LTMF program.

7 additional locations were identified by County staff for analysis. Of these:

- 3 projects were forecast not to have a deficiency in the future and so were not added to the LTMF program.
- 2 projects - Combie Road at Higgins Road and Stampede Meadows Road - are currently deficient and new development is expect to worsen the deficiency. It was added to the LTMF program.
- 2 projects - SR-20 at Pleasant Valley Road and Rough and Ready Highway at Ridge Road - are adequate now but will become deficient in the future due to the effects of new development. This site was therefore added to the LTMF program.

[^2]Exhibit 12 shows safety-related projects identified as Project IDs F-J in Exhibit 11. These are places where either the current lane width or the current shoulder width do not meet the County's recommended standard, and where traffic from new development will worsen the safety problems.
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Exhibit 11: Existing and Future LOS at Potential Project Locations
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| STREET NAME | BEGINING | ENDING | GENERAL <br> PLAN FUNC TIONAL CLASS | Length (FEET) | LANE |  |  | SHOULDER |  |  | COSTPERSQ. FT. |  | total cost FOR LANE \& SHOULDER |
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|  |  |  |  |  | LANE WIDTH (FEET) | LANESTANDARD (FEET) | LANE DEFICIENCY (EACH SIDE) | WTH EXCESS LANE WIDTH | SHOULDER STANDARD | SHOULDER DEFCIENCY (EACH SIDE) | SHOULDER (GRAVEL) | LANE IMPROVEMT |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | \$7.50 | \$11.34 |  |
| District 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LIME KILN ROAD 01/11 | McCOURTNEY ROAD | AMBERLEY LANE | MNC | 1,850 | 10.50 | 10.00 | 0.00 | 200 | 400 | 200 | \$55,500 | \$0 | \$55,500 |
| LIME KILN ROAD O2/11 | AMBERLEY LANE | 1/2 MIIS/AMBERL | MNC | 2,640 | 10.50 | 10.00 | 0.00 | 1.75 | 400 | 225 | \$89,100 | \$0 | \$88,100 |
| McCOURTNEY ROAD O6/24 | WELLS DRIVE | SO PONDEROSA WY | muc | 3,070 | 1200 | 10.00 | 0.00 | 3.00 | 4.00 | 9.00 | \$46,050 | so | \$46,050 |
| McCOURTNEY ROAD 09/24 | $1 / 2$ MI/W/WOLF M | PATTERSON VALY | MUC | 2,180 | 11.50 | 10.00 | 0.00 | 3.00 | 4.00 | 1.00 | \$32,700 | \$0 | \$32,700 |
| MCCOURTNEY ROAD 10/24 | PATTERSON VAL'Y | INDIAN SPRINGS | MJC | 2,600 | 11.50 | 1000 | 000 | 3.50 | 400 | 0.50 | \$19,500 | so | \$19,500 |
| McCOURTNEY ROAD 11/24 | INDIAN SPRINGS | RETRAC WAY | MJJC | 3,870 | 11.00 | 1000 | 0.00 | 300 | 400 | 1.00 | \$58,050 | \$0 | \$58,050 |
| MCCOURTNEY ROAD 19/24 | bobel lane | LIME KILN ROAD | mule | 1,340 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 0.00 | 250 | 4.00 | 1.50 | \$30,150 | so | \$30,150 |
| NEWTOWN RD (3) | 4010'WIBECKVILE | BITNEY SPRINGS | MNC | 11,417 | 9.00 | 10.00 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 4.00 | 2.50 | \$428,138 | \$258,938 | \$687,075 |
| PENN VALLEY DRIVE 8/8 | $835 \mathrm{~S} / \mathrm{HWY} 20-\mathrm{E}$ | HWY 20-EAST | muc | 835 | 1210 | 10.00 | 0.00 | 210 | 4.00 | .90 | \$23,798 | \$0 | \$23,798 |
| PLEASANT VALLEY RD 09/28 | $710^{\prime} \mathrm{NPV}$ SCHOOL | PIPER LANE | muc | 3,035 | 10.50 | 10.00 | 0.00 | 300 | 400 | 1.00 | \$45,525 | \$0 | \$45, 525 |
| PLEASANT VALLEY RD 10/28 | PIPER LANE | 2 MII S/bridge | MJC | 1.600 | 9.50 | 10.00 | 0.50 | 1.00 | 400 | 3.00 | \$72,000 | \$18,144 | \$90.144 |
| PLEASANT VALLEY RD 11/28 | 2MI S/RRIDGE | 1.5 MI S/BRIDGE | MJS | 2,640 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 0.00 | 200 | 4.00 | 200 | \$79,200 | so | \$79,200 |
| PLEASANT VALLEY RD $12 / 28$ | 1.5 MI S/BRIDGE | 1 MI S/BRIDGE | muc | 2,640 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 0.00 | 1.50 | 400 | 250 | \$99,000 | \$0 | \$99,000 |
| PLEASANT VALLEY RD $13 / 28$ | $1 \mathrm{MI} \mathrm{S/BRIDGE}$ | 2125 S/BRIDGE | MUC | 3,155 | 9.00 | 10.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 400 | 3.00 | \$141,975 | \$71,555 | \$213,530 |
| PLEASANT VALLEY RD $16 / 28$ | 4SO'NBRIDGE | MP 8399 | mac | 3,040 | 9.00 | 9.00 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 3.00 | 200 | \$91,200 | \$0 | \$91,200 |
| PLEASANT VALLEY RD $17 / 28$ | MP. 8399 | MP. 8.905 | muc | 2,675 | 9.00 | 9.00 | 000 | 1.00 | 300 | 200 | \$80,250 | \$0 | \$80,250 |
| PLEASANT VALLEY RD 18/28 | MP. 8905 | MP. 9.477 | muc | 3.020 | 9.00 | 9.00 | 0.00 | 1.50 | 3.00 | . 50 | \$67,950 | \$0 | \$67,950 |
| PLEASANT VALLEY RD 19/28 | MP. 9.477 | MP. 10.035 | muc | 2.950 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 0.00 | 1.50 | 4.00 | 2.50 | \$110,625 | \$0 | \$110,625 |
| PLEASANT VALLEY RO 20/28 | M. 10.035 | 635'E/CRESCENT | muc | 1,630 | 9.00 | 10.00 | 1.00 | 100 | 400 | 3.00 | \$73,350 | \$36,968 | \$110,318 |
| PLEASANT VALLEY RD 21/28 | 635E/CRESCENT | COVERT WAY | muc | 3,300 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 0.00 | 200 | 00 | 200 | \$99,000 | \$0 | \$99,000 |
| PLEASANT VALLEY RD $22 / 28$ | COVERT WAY | MP. 11.621 | muc | 3,435 | 10.50 | 10.00 | 0.00 | 3.00 | 4.00 | 1.00 | \$51,525 | \$0 | \$51,525 |
| PLEASANT VALLEY RD $23 / 28$ | MP. 11.621 | BIRCHVILE ROAD | muc | 2,515 | 10.50 | 10.00 | 000 | 3.00 | 400 | 1.00 | \$37,725 | \$0 | \$37,725 |
| PLEASANT VALLEY RD $24 / 28$ | BIRCHVILLE ROAD | VICKI DRIVE | muc | 2,750 | 10.50 | 10.00 | 0.00 | 300 | 400 | 1.00 | \$41,250 | \$0 | \$41,250 |
| PLEASANT VALLEY RD $25 / 28$ | VICKI DRIVE | MP. 12844 | Muc | 1.190 | 10.50 | 10.00 | 0.00 | 0.50 | 4.00 | 3.50 | \$62,475 | \$0 | \$62,475 |
| PLEASANT VALLEY RD $27 / 128$ | M.P. 13.372 | MP. 14.150 | MJC | 4.110 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 0.00 | 1.50 | 400 | 250 | \$154,125 | so | \$154,125 |
| PLEASANT VALLEY RD $28 / 28$ | M.P. 14150 | HIGHWAY 49 | muc | 2.740 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 0.00 | 200 | 4.00 | 200 | \$82,200 | so | \$82,200 |
| ROUGH \& READY HMY 14/15 | VALLEY DRIVE | 1270'NHWY 20 | muc | 2,320 | 1250 | 10.00 | 0.00 | 3. 50 | 4.00 | 0.50 | \$17,400 | \$0 | \$17,400 |
| ROUGH \& READY ROAD (1) | R\&R HNY | 280'NROCKER RD | MNC | 7,130 | 10.10 | 10.00 | 0.00 | 3.10 | 4.00 | 0.90 | \$96,255 | \$0 | \$96,255 |
| ROUGH \& READY ROAD (2) | 280'NROCKER RD | MINERS WY | MNC | 4,380 | 9.50 | 10.00 | 0.50 | 0.50 | 4.00 | 3.50 | \$229,950 | \$49,669 | \$279,619 |
| ROUGH \& READY ROAD (3) | MINERS WY | END CQ MAINT. | MNC | 2,325 | 7.10 | 9.00 | 1.90 | 0.50 | 1.00 | 0.50 | \$17.438 | \$100,189 | \$117,526 |
| SPENCEVILE RCIA, $2 / 6$ | DEVONSHRE CIRC | FARADAY COURT | muc | 2.425 | 1050 | 10.00 | 0.00 | 3.00 | 4.00 | 1.00 | \$36,375 | \$0 | \$36,375 |
| SPENCEVILLE ROAD 3/6 | FARADAY COURT | INDIAN SPRINGS | muc | 2,425 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 0.00 | 200 | 4.00 | 200 | \$72,750 | \$0 | \$72,750 |
| TYLER FOOTE XING RD 04/21 | 2270W/MURPHY | 850'EJMURPHY RD | muc | 3,120 | 1200 | 1000 | 0.00 | 3.50 | 4.00 | 0.50 | \$23,400 | \$0 | \$23,400 |
| TYLER FOOTE XING RD $07 / 21$ | 0.5 MI E/SHADY | OAK TREE ROAD | muc | 2,730 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 0.00 | 3.00 | 400 | 1.00 | \$40,950 | so | \$40,950 |
| TYLER FOOTE XING RD 16/21 | JACKASS FLAT RD | GPIZIEY HILL | muc | 2,565 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 0.00 | 3.00 | 4.00 | 1.00 | \$38,475 | \$0 | \$38,475 |
| TYLER FOOTE XING RD 17/21 | GRIZIEY H HLL | 0.5 MI E/GRIZII | MJC | 2,640 | 9.00 | 10.00 | 1.00 | 3.00 | 4.00 | 1.00 | \$39.600 | \$59.875 | 599,475 |
| TYLER FOOTE XING RO 18/21 | 0.5 MI E/GRIZII | CRIIZON GRADE RD | MJC | 3.840 | 9.00 | 10.00 | 1.00 | 3.00 | 400 | 1.00 | \$57.600 | \$87,091 | \$144,691 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Subtotal | \$5,047,379 |

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| Street name | BEGINNG | ENDING | GENERAL <br> PLAN FUNC. TKONAL CLASS | LENGTH(FEET) | LANE |  |  | SHOULDER |  |  | COST PER SQ. FT. |  | TOTAL COST FOR LANE \& SHOULDER |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 57.50 | \$11.34 |  |
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| NO. BLOOMFIELD ROAD 10/25 | $1285{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{E}$ NUBIAN | blue tent Schl | MNC | 2055 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 4.00 | 3.001 | \$92,475 | so | \$92,475 |
| NO. BLOOMFIELD ROAD 11125 | BLUE TENT SCHL | DAMIEN LANE | MNC | 3500 | 11.00 | 10.00 | 0.00 | 3.50 | 4.00 | 0.50 | \$27,000 | so | \$27,000 |
| NO. BLOOMFIELD ROAD 14/25 | 2790'E ROCK CRK | MP 7.0 | MNC | 2275 | 8.00 | 9.00 | 1.00 | 0.50 | 1.00 | 0.50 | \$17,063 | \$51,597 | \$68,560 |
| NO. BLOOMFIELD ROAD 15/25 | MP 7.0 | EDWARDS X -ING | MNC | 2295 | 8.00 | 9.00 | 1.00 | 0.50 | 1.00 | 0.50 | \$17,213 | \$52,051 | \$69,263 |
| YOU BET ROAD 07/11 | GREENHORN CREEK | 2480 EIGRNHRNCK | MNC | 2480 | 9.50 | 10.00 | 0.50 | 1.00 | 4.00 | 3.00 | \$111,600 | \$28,123 | \$139,723 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Subtotal | \$397.121 |

Exhibit 12: Safety Projects (Continued)

### 3.3 Determining the Percent of Project Need Attributable to New Development

The procedure for determining the percentage of the need to add capacity to a roadway facility that is attributable to new development is illustrated in Exhibit 13.


Exhibit 13: Examples of How the Percent Attributable to New Development is Determined

In Exhibit 13 the capacity is the maximum volume that can be accommodated at the adopted LOS. There are three possible cases, namely:

- In Case 1, the roadway facility is operating at below its capacity under existing conditions and is forecast to continue to do so under future conditions. In such cases there is no deficiency and so no impact fees can be collected for the project ${ }^{5}$.
- In Case 2 the facility operates below its maximum capacity under existing conditions but the capacity is insufficient to accommodate the expected future growth in traffic. In such cases the need to provide additional capacity is entirely attributable to new development.
- In Case 3 the traffic using the facility already exceeds its rated capacity and the expected growth in traffic will exacerbate the situation. In such cases the percentage attributable to new development is the portion of the volume beyond the rated capacity that comes from new development.
Several of the candidate projects listed in Exhibit 11 fall into Case 1. These projects, Combie Road at SR49 for example, are not eligible for improvements funded by impact fees. They were not assigned a project ID in Exhibit 11 because they will not be part of the LTMF project list.

[^3]Two projects listed in Exhibit 11 fall into Case 2. These were Project C, Rough and Ready Highway at Ridge Road, and Project E, SR-20 at Pleasant Valley Rd. In those cases the entire need for the improvement is attributable to new development.
The remaining projects listed in Exhibit 11 fall into Case 3. Two of these projects, Project A, Combie Rd from SR-49 to Magnolia and Project B, Combie Road at Higgins Road, have capacity problems that will be worsened by traffic associated with new development. The computation of the percentage of the need for the improvement that is attributable to new development is shown in Exhibit 14.

For the other Case 3 projects, there is a deficiency that is related to some standard other than capacity, such as lane or shoulder width or storage length for queues. In such cases new development's share of responsibility is equal to its share of total future traffic.
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| Facility |  |  | Existing |  |  |  | Future (2035) Without Improvements |  |  |  | \% of Deficiency Attributable to New Development |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Segment | $\begin{aligned} & \text { LOS } \\ & \text { Standard } \end{aligned}$ | Peak-Hour Entering Volume or ADT | Capacity | V/C Ratio | LOS | PeakHour Entering Volume or ADT | Capacity* | V/C Ratio | LOS |  |
|  |  |  | (A) | (B) | $(C)=(A) /(B)$ | (D) | (E) | (F) | ( G ) $=$ (E) ( $(\mathrm{F})$ | ( H ) | (I) $=$ (G-D) $/(\mathrm{D}-1)$ |
| Combie Rd Combie Rd | SR-49 to Magnolia | D | $\frac{15,943}{1,508}$ | 13.950 | 1.14 | F | 24.105 | 13,950 | 1.73 | F | 80\% |
| Comble Rd | ( Higains Rd | D | 1,608 | 1,383 | 1.16 | F | 1.790 | 1,383 | 1.29 | E | 45\% |

Exhibit 14: Calculation of the Portion of the Need for the Project that is Attributable to New Development

### 3.4 Determining the Amount Potentially Collectable Through the LTMF

The amount potentially collectable through the LTMF program was calculated using the updated project costs and the percentage of project need attributable to new development. This calculation is shown in Exhibit 15. The amount potentially collectable through the LTMF is equal to the costs attributable to new development, which is $\$ 6.6$ million (see Column C), minus other funds available (Column E) and the remaining balance of LTMF funds already collected (Column F). The cost of administering the impact fee program - including future costs to update the fee program - is then added on to this, as allowed by state law. The final amount potentially collectable by the LTMF is thus $\$ 3.8$ million.

Column $D$ in Exhibit 15 shows the amount of funding needed to correct existing deficiencies for these project. A comparison of this amount, $\$ 24.8$ million, with the amount of funding reasonably foreseeable for potential ${ }^{6}$ matching funds ( $\$ 63.7 \mathrm{M}$, see Section 2.4 of this report), shows that the County will be able to fully fund the non-LTMF portion of the projects shown in Exhibit 15.

[^4] sources.
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| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Project } \\ & \text { ID } \end{aligned}$ | Facility | Segment | Cost from Previous Study or Updated Cost | Updated Cost Estimate | \% of Need Attributable to New Development | $\begin{array}{\|c} \text { Costs } \\ \text { Attributable to } \\ \text { New } \\ \text { Development } \end{array}$ | Costs Attributable to Existing Deficiencies (not New Development) | Funding from Other Sources (STIP, SHOPP, Developer Direct Mitigations, etc.) | LTMF <br> Funds Currently Available | Amount Potentially Collectable from LTMF |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | (A) | (B) | $(C)=(A)^{*}(B)$ | (D) $=(\mathrm{A})-(\mathrm{B})$ | (E) | (F) | (G)=(C)-(E)-(F) |
| A | Combie Rd | SR-49 to Magnolia | \$4.600.000 | \$4,600,000 | 80\% | \$3.697,171 | 5902,829 | \$405.000 | \$2.510,000 | \$782.171.17 |
| B | Combie Rd | @ Higgins Rd | \$250.000 | \$250,000 | 45\% | \$111,761 | \$138,239 | so | \$0 | \$111,761 |
| C | Rough and Ready Highway | @ Ridge Road | \$975,000 | \$975,000 | 100\% | \$975,000 | so | So | \$0 | \$975,000 |
| D | Stampede Meadows | Truckee Town Limits | \$9,000,000 | \$9,000,000 | 5\% | \$450,000 | \$8,550,000 | So | \$0 | \$450,000 |
| E | SR-20 | @Pleasant Valley Rc | \$600,000 | \$600,000 | 100\% | \$600,000 | S0 | so | So | \$600,000 |
| G | District 1 Safety Projects | Various | \$3,491,685 | \$4.212,368 | 5\% | \$210.618 | \$4,001,749 | So | So | \$210,618 |
| G | District2 2 Safety Projects | Various | \$2,700,676 | \$3,258,095 | 5\% | \$162,905 | \$3,095,190 | \$0 | 50 | \$162,905 |
| ${ }^{\text {H }}$ | District 3 Safety Projects | Various | \$1,721,464 | \$2,076,773 | 5\% | \$103,839 | \$1,972,935 | so | so | \$103,839 |
| , | District 4 Safely Projects | Various | \$4,954, 155 | \$5.976,691 | 5\% | \$298.835 | \$5.677.856 | so | So | \$298,835 |
| J | District 5 Safety Projects | Various | \$397.121 | \$479,087 | 5\% | \$23.954 | \$455,133 | Sol | So | \$23,954 |
|  | Total |  |  | \$33,436,013 |  | \$6,634,082 | \$24,793,931 | \$405,000 | \$2,510,000 | \$3,719,082 |
|  | As a percent of total costs for needed projects |  |  |  |  | 21\% | 79\% |  | 8\% | 12\% |
|  | Administrative Costs ( $3 \%$ of project costs) Total Amount Potentially Collectable from LTMF |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | \$111.572 |

Exhibit 15: Calculation of the Amount Potentially Collectable Through the LTMF

### 3.5 Residential and Non-Residential Shares of Traffic Impacts

The previous (2008) LTMF update used the number of vehicle trips generated by different types of developments as the primary indicator of their traffic impacts. Since that time, the State of California has instituted a new policy ${ }^{7}$ by which vehicle-miles travelled (VMT) will now be used as the main indicator of traffic impacts. VMT takes into account the fact that traffic impacts are proportional both to the number of new trips associated with the development and the average length of those trips.

Outputs from the NCTC Travel Demand Model were used to forecast the growth in VMT for the five different types of trips that are represented in the model. The growth in VMT from new development was attributed to residential and non-residential developments based on trip type. Standard practice for how to do this can be found in NCHRP Report $187^{8}$, a primary reference for travel estimation techniques used in travel demand modeling, which states that "HBW (Home Based Work) and HBNW (Home Based Non Work) trips are generated at the households, whereas the NHB (Non-Home Based) trips are generated elsewhere." The current study follows this practice by attributing all trips beginning or ending at the traveler's home (roughly $2 / 3^{\text {rds }}$ of all trips) to the residential land use while all trips not involving a residential location (roughly $1 / 3^{\text {rd }}$ of all trips) are attributed to non-residential land uses.
Exhibit 16 shows the average trip length by trip purpose in the NCTC traffic model. The four home-based trip purposes, shown in gray, have longer average lengths than non-home-based trips. Consequently the change from trip-based fees to VMT-based fees tends to shift the incidence of the fees away from nonresidential development and more towards residential development.


Exhibit 16: Average Trip Length by Trip Purpose

[^5]The forecast growth in VMT from residential and non-residential land uses is shown Exhibit 17.

| Trip Purpose | Growth in <br> VMT | \% of Total <br> VMT Growth |
| :--- | ---: | :---: |
| Attributable to Residential Development |  |  |
| Home-Base Other Trips | 92,567 | $56 \%$ |
| Home-Base Work Trips | 39,401 | $24 \%$ |
| Home-Based School Trips | 2,075 | $1 \%$ |
| Home-Based Sierra College Trips | 1,417 | $1 \%$ |
| Attributable to Non-Residential Development |  |  |
| Non-Home-Based Trips | 28,892 | $18 \%$ |
| Total | 164,352 | $100 \%$ |

## Exhibit 17: Percentage of VMT Growth Attributable to Residential and Non-Residential Development

Based on this calculation, $82 \%$ of VMT growth was attributed to residential development and $18 \%$ was attributed to non-residential development.

### 3.6 Determining the Total Number of Trips and the Fee Per Trip

As described earlier, the next step in the process is to determine the total number of trips for residential and non-residential development. This was done by multiplying the trip generation rate for each land use category (see Exhibit 1) by number of new units of each land use type (see Exhibit 7). The result is shown in Exhibit 18.

| Land Use Type | Unit | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Year } \\ & 2012 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Year } \\ & 2035 \end{aligned}$ | \# of <br> new units | Trip-Gen Rate | Total New Trips Using ITE Rates |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Residential |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Single Family House | DU | 26,534 | 27,410 | 876 | 9.52 | 8,340 |
| Multi-Family | DU | 615 | 1,609 | 994 | 6.59 | 6,550 |
| Mobile Home in Park | DU | 1,059 | 1,159 | 100 | 4.99 | 499 |
| Senior Residential | DU | 0 | 365 | 365 | 3.56 | 1,299 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 16,688 |
| Non-Residential |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Office | TSF | 384 | 426 | 42 | 11.54 | 484 |
| Medical Office | TSF | 16 | 66 | 50 | 33.79 | 1,690 |
| Industrial | TSF | 366 | 386 | 20 | 5.33 | 107 |
| Warehouse | TSF | 48 | 48 | 0 | 3.56 | 0 |
| Retail/Service - Low | TSF | 373 | 420 | 47 | 23.88 | 1,113 |
| Retail/Service - Medium | TSF | 299 | 336 | 37 | 51.02 | 1,902 |
| Retail/Service - High | TSF | 146 | 156 | 9 | 90.46 | 843 |
| Lodging | Rooms | 267 | 287 | 20 | 6.45 | 129 |
| Public \& Quasi-Public | TSF | 324 | 349 | 25 | 68.93 | 1,723 |
| School K-8th Grade | Students | 5,643 | 5,739 | 96 | 1.33 | 128 |
| School 9-12th Grade | Students | 1,003 | 1,003 | 0 | 1.69 | 0 |
| College | Students | 20 | 20 | 0 | 1.23 | 0 |
| East County Non-Residential |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Shatterhand RV Park |  |  |  |  |  | 40 |
| Boreal BMX and Skate Park |  |  |  |  |  | 100 |
| Soda Springs Planet Kids |  |  |  |  |  | 100 |
| Pombo / Hobart Mills Master Plan |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| Boca Quarry |  |  |  |  |  | 1,432 |
| Tahoe Forest Church |  |  |  |  |  | 164 |
| Tahoe Donner 5-yr Trail Plan |  |  |  |  |  | 300 |
| Soda Springs Area Plan/rezone |  |  |  |  |  | 600 |
| Miscellaneous |  |  |  |  |  | 750 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 11,604 |

Exhibit 18: Computation of Total Residential and Non-Residential Trips

The amount potentially collectable by the LTMF ( $\$ 3.8 \mathrm{M}$, see Exhibit 15) was multiplied by the percent attributable to residential and non-residential development (see Exhibit 17) to find the fee-eligible costs for residential and non-residential development. This was then divided by the number of trips shown in Exhibit 18 to determine the fee per trip for residential and non-residential developments (see Exhibit 19).

|  |  | Total | Attributable to <br> Residential <br> Development |  | Attributable to Non- <br> Residential <br> Development |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Project Costs | (A) | $\$ 3,830,655$ | $78 \%$ | $\$ 2,998,884$ | $22 \%$ | $\$ 831,771$ |
| Trip Ends | (B) |  |  | 16,688 |  | 11,604 |
| LTMF per Trip End | (C)=(A)/(B) |  |  | $\$ 179.70$ |  | $\$ 71.68$ |

## Exhibit 19: Computation of Fee per Trip

Based on the fee per trip from Exhibit 19, the recommended changes in the LTMF are (see Exhibit 20):

- A 10\% increase, from \$163/trip to \$180/trip, for trips from residential developments in Districts $1,2,3$, and 4. Note that this is lower than the effect of inflation (25.4\%) described in Section 2.4 since the last fee update. When combined with the proposed decrease in RTMF fees the net result would be a $4 \%$ decrease in the traffic impact fees paid by residential developers.
- An $80 \%$ increase, from $\$ 40 /$ trip to $\$ 72 /$ trip, for trips from non-residential developments in Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4. When combined with the proposed decrease in RTMF fees the net result would be a $6 \%$ decrease in the traffic impact fees paid by residential developers.
- Developments in District 5 currently have their own separate program that charges developers $\$ 1,357$ per peak-hour trip (approximately $\$ 143$ per daily trip) ${ }^{9}$ for both residential and nonresidential development. Having more than one County-run program to perform essentially the same function is inefficient and raises concerns about whether all developments in the unincorporated county are being treated equally. We therefore recommend that the County discontinue the fee program for District 5 and replace it as follows:
- Residential and non-residential developments in District 5 in the functional vicinity of the Town of Truckee have more impact on that town's road system than they do on County roads. We therefore recommend that they be made part of the Town of Truckee traffic impact fee program so that they will properly mitigate the impacts they will have on the town's roadway system.
- Developments in the portion of District 5 not in the functional vicinity of the Town of Truckee, we recommend that they be brought into the LTMF program so that developments there pay its fair share of the cost for improvements of County roads and so that developments in the other districts pay their fair share of the cost of mitigating impacts on roads in District 5. For residential development this would result in a $26 \%$ increase in fees, from $\$ 143 /$ daily trip to $\$ 180 /$ trip. Non-residential development would face a $50 \%$ decrease in fees, from $\$ 143 /$ daily trip to $\$ 72 /$ trip.

9 Based on the ratio of peak-hour to day trips for single-family homes found in the ITE Trip Generation Manual, this is equivalent to $\$ 143$ each for the trips occurring over a 24 -hour period.
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Exhibit 20: Computation of Revised Fee Levels

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### 3.7 Revenues Raised by the LTMF Program

Based on the number of new units of development shown in Exhibit 7 and the recommended fee schedule shown in Exhibit 20, the total fee revenue expected to be generated by the LTMF in the next 20 years is $\$ 3.5$ million, as shown in Exhibit 21. Note that this is $8 \%$ less than the $\$ 3.8 \mathrm{M}$ in project costs attributable to new development shown in Column G of Exhibit 15 . This is because public-sector developments are exempt from the LTMF and their share of the costs cannot legally be transferred to others development, since the latter are responsible only for mitigating their own impacts.

| Land Use Category | LTMFI Trip End | Trip-Gen Rate | LTMF Unit | Expected \# of New Units | Expected <br> Revenues |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (A) | (B) | $(C)=(A) *$ ( ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | (D) | (E) $=(\mathrm{C})^{*}$ (D) |
| Residential |  |  |  |  |  |
| Single Family House | \$179.70 | 9.52 | \$1,711 | 876 | \$1,498,603 |
| Mutiti-Family | \$179.70 | 6.59 | \$1,184 | 994 | \$1,177,111 |
| Mobile Home in Park | \$179.70 | 4.99 | \$897 | 100 | \$89,670 |
| Senior Residential | \$179.70 | 3.56 | \$640 | 365 | \$233,501 |
|  |  |  | Total for Residential > |  | \$2,998,884 |
| Non-Residential |  |  |  |  |  |
| Office | \$71.68 | 11.54 | \$827 | 42 | \$34,726 |
| Medical Office | \$71.68 | 33.79 | \$2,422 | 50 | \$121,101 |
| Industrial | \$71.68 | 5.33 | \$382 | 20 | \$7,634 |
| Warehouse | \$71.68 | 3.56 | \$255 | 0 | \$0 |
| Retail - Low | \$71.68 | 23.88 | \$1,711 | 47 | \$79,748 |
| Retail - Medium | \$71.68 | 51.02 | \$3,657 | 37 | \$136,334 |
| Retail - High | \$71.68 | 90.46 | \$6,484 | 9 | \$60,431 |
| Lodging | \$71.68 | 6.45 | \$462 | 20 | \$9,247 |
| Public \& Quasi-Public | Exempt | 68.93 | \$0 | 25 | \$0 |
| School K-8th Grade | Exempt | 1.33 | \$0 | 96 | \$0 |
| School 9-12th Grade | Exempt | 1.69 | \$0 | 0 | \$0 |
| Public College | Exempt | 1.23 | \$0 | 0 | \$0 |
|  |  |  | Total for Non | -Residential > | \$449,220 |
| Total Expected Revenue |  |  |  |  | \$3,448,104 |

Exhibit 21: Forecast of LTMF Revenues

### 4.0 MITIGATION FEE ACT FINDINGS

The Mitigation Fee Act, as set forth in the California Government Code Sections 66000 through 66008, establishes the framework for mitigation fees in the State of California. The Act requires agencies to make certain findings with respect to a proposed fee. These are described in the sections below.

### 4.1 Purpose of the Fee

Identify the purpose of the fee
The purpose of the LTMF is to mitigate the cumulative impacts of future developments on traffic conditions on roads in unincorporated Nevada County. The fees will help fund improvements needed to maintain the target level of service in the face of the higher traffic volumes brought on by new developments.

### 4.2 Use of Fee Revenues

Identify the use to which the fees will be put. If the use is financing facilities, the facilities shall be identified

The list of projects to receive LTMF funding is shown in Exhibit 15. We recommend that the LTMF should be used only for non-State roads in the city. NCTC has a complementary program (the RTMF) to mitigate cumulative traffic impacts on state roads in the county.

### 4.3 Use/Type-of-Development Relationship

Determine the reasonable relationship between the fees' use and the type of development project on which the fees are imposed

To determine the "use" relationship, the development being assessed an impact fee must be reasonably shown to derive some use or benefit from the facility being built using the fee. In the case of the LTMF the projects that will be funded are high-priority roads means that all of the county's new residents and businesses will benefit in important ways from the maintenance of a reasonable level of service. Most drivers in the new developments can be expected to use these roads regularly, and those that do not will nevertheless benefit because good traffic conditions on the LTMF-funded roads will keep drivers from diverting to other roads and causing congestion in other parts of the county. Even residents or workers in the new developments who do not drive at all will benefit from access to goods and services made possible in part by the serviceability of the Nevada County road network.

### 4.4 Need/Type-of-Development Relationship

Determine the reasonable relationship between the need for the public facilities and the types of development on which the fees are imposed

To determine the "need" relationship, the facilities to be financed must be shown to be needed at least in part because of the new development. This was determined by analyzing the forecast traffic demand with the expected degree of new development and comparing that with the demand without new development. Projects were analyzed individually and the degree to which the need for the project was attributable to new development varied from project to project (see Exhibit 11, Exhibit 12, and Exhibit 14). The growth in vehicle
trips and the increases in congestion at project sites are evidence that new developments contributes towards the need for roadway improvements.

### 4.5 Proportionality Relationship

Determine how there is a reasonable relationship between the fee amount and the cost of the facilities or portion of the facilities attributable to the development on which the fee is imposed

The "proportionality" relationship requires that there be rough proportionality between the fee charged to each type of development and the cost of the facility being financed. In the case of the LTMF the differences in the traffic generated by different types of development were factored into the fee to be charged for each type, as is described earlier in this report. Within each land use category the size of the project, i.e. the number of dwelling units constructed or size of the building, is accounted for in assessing the fee. This ensures that projects that generate a lot of traffic and therefore have a greater traffic impact will pay more than other projects that have less impacts.




[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Resolution 97-141, dated April 15, 1997
    ${ }^{2}$ The RTMF was established in 2001 through a partnership of Nevada County, Nevada City, Grass Valley, and the Nevada County Transportation Commission (NCTC). It is administered by NCTC.

[^1]:    ${ }^{3}$ California County-Level Economic Forecast, 2014-2040, Office of State Planning, California Department of Transportation, September 2014

[^2]:    ${ }^{4}$ The NCTC traffic model, which was used to forecast VMT, covers only the western portion of the county. Step 15 was needed so that the VMT from the eastern part of the county would also be accounted for.

[^3]:    ${ }^{5}$ This is not to say that the project is not justified; only that the justification is unrelated to the need to provide additional capacity to accommodate future development. The seismic retrofit of a bridge would be an example of a project where the need is not based on insufficient capacity.

[^4]:    ${ }^{6}$ The projects show in Exhibit 15 are not the complete list of projects that the City will be funding from these

[^5]:    7 SB-743, signed into law in 2013
    ${ }^{8}$ Quick Response Urban Travel Estimation Techniques and Transferable Parameters User's Guide, Transportation Research Board, 1978

