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MEMORANDUM

TO: Nevada County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Daniel B. Landon, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Update on the Nevada City State Route 49 Multimodal Corridor Plan

DATE: October 17, 2019

RECOMMENDATION: Provide Comments.

BACKGROUND: As part of the regional transportation planning process, NCTC, in coordination with Caltrans, Nevada County and City of Nevada City, contracted with the transportation consulting firm GHD to complete a study that will prepare a multimodal corridor plan for the segment of State Route (SR) 49 from the SR 20/SR 49/Uren Street intersection in Nevada City to the Nevada County Juvenile Hall. The study prepared for the corridor will include recommendations that will improve safety, maintain operational efficiency and accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians, both along the corridor and when crossing at intersections.

The initial impetus for this planning effort came from citizen comments at the May 2018 NCTC meeting. These comments led to the recognition that there is demand for pedestrian and bicycle crossings at four consecutive intersections: Coyote Street, North Bloomfield Road, Maidu Avenue, and Cement Hill Road. Three of those intersections are two-way stop controlled; only North Bloomfield Road is signalized and has crosswalks.

The planning effort analyzed the safety and operational characteristics of the following intersections on SR 49 in Nevada City and Nevada County:

1. SR 20/SR 49/Uren Street
2. Coyote Street/ SR 49 (adjacent to Forest Service driveway)
3. North Bloomfield Road/East Broad Street/SR 49
4. Maidu Avenue/Orchard Street/SR 49
5. Cement Hill Road/West Broad Street/SR 49
6. Elks Lodge driveway/SR 49
7. Nevada County Juvenile Hall driveway/SR 49

As part of the study process, NCTC hosted a community open house on May 28, 2019 to introduce the project to the public and gather input on locations within the corridor where concerns or challenges existed and where there are opportunities for improvement. The consultant then collected and analyzed

data in the corridor, conducted a field audit, and developed draft recommendations to address the issues and needs identified. The draft recommendations were presented to the community for initial feedback at a workshop held on July 23, 2019. The consultant will be finalizing the draft report in early October, which will be made available for public review. It is anticipated that the final report will be presented to NCTC at their November 20, 2019 meeting for final approval.