

## STAFF REPORT

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**Date:** April 24, 2024

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**Through:** Doug Thornley, City Manager

**Subject:** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Presentation, discussion, and request for input on the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update by Bill Thomas, Executive Director of the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC).

**From:** Kerrie Koski, Director of Public Works and City Engineer

**Department:** Public Works

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**Summary:**

The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) is providing an update on the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and asking Council to provide recommendations (if any) on additional projects and specific priorities that need to be elevated in the prioritization process.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:**

Fiscal Sustainability

Infrastructure, Climate Change, and Environmental Sustainability

Economic and Community Development

**Previous Council Action:**

January 27, 2021 - RTC presented the recommendations for the RTP.

February 12, 2020 - RTC presented the 2050 RTP.

**Background:**

The RTP is the RTC's long-range transportation plan as required under Title 23, Part 450 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). It contains major transportation projects and programs for Washoe County for all modes of travel. It functions as the major tool for implementing long-range transportation planning. The RTP captures the community's vision of the transportation system and identifies the projects, programs, and services necessary to achieve that vision that will be implemented by RTC, member entities, and NDOT.

**Discussion:**

The RTC has initiated the development of the 2050 RTP Update. The purpose of the process is to identify the long-term guiding principles and goals for the regional transportation system and to identify the projects, programs, and services that will be implemented through 2050. This plan will be based on a robust community engagement process and conducted in collaboration with partner agencies. The plan will address the safety, mobility, connectivity, and traffic operations issues that are resulting from strong population and employment growth in the region. Federal regulations require that the long-range planning document be updated every four years. The current RTP approval extends through March 2025. The schedule for the RTP update process allows for federal review and approval of the plan by March 2025. It is anticipated that the draft plan will be available to the public in December 2024 with RTC Board action by March 2025.

**Financial Implications:**

None.

**Legal Implications:**

None at this time.

**Recommendation:****Proposed Motion:****Attachments:**

Presentation