

## STAFF REPORT

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**Date:** April 24, 2024

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**Thru:** Doug Thornley, City Manager

**Subject:** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Acceptance of the City of Reno Annual Report to the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency.

**From:** Lauren Knox, Senior Planner

**Department:** Development Services - Planning

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### Summary:

The City of Reno 2023 Annual Report to the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (TMRPA) (**Exhibit A**) identifies the City's numerous efforts last year and activities planned for the coming year to implement the Truckee Meadows Regional Plan. It also identifies capital improvements undertaken in 2023 and planned for the next five years. Highlights include significant efforts to support affordable housing production, efforts to increase the City's housing supply and housing diversity, multiple development code amendments targeted at increasing implementation, and adoption of the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan. Additionally, staff has been involved in ongoing projects related to the Regional Plan, including the development of the Natural Resources Plan, the Public Infrastructure Plan, and the Regional Plan Update. The annual report is required by both state law and the Regional Plan. Once accepted by the Planning Commission and Council, it will be provided to the TMRPA.

Consent Review	Yes	No
1. Is this item an annual or standard item that comes before Council for regular approval?	X	
2. Is this item an agreement required based on an item previously approved by Council?		X
3. Is this item included in the current budget approved and adopted by Council?		X
<b>Other Considerations</b>		
What percent of the total City budget does this item represent?	0%	

### Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Economic and Community Development

## Economic Opportunity, Homelessness, and Affordable Housing

### **Previous Council Action:**

There is no recent Council action relevant to this item.

### **Background:**

The Planning Commission heard the item on March 20, 2024, and recommended that Council accept the report, with six in favor and one absent. The draft minutes of the Planning Commission meeting are included in **Exhibit B**. Per Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 278.0286 and Truckee Meadows Regional Plan Policy RC 7, local planning commissions and other entities tasked with implementing the Regional Plan must submit an annual report to the TMRPA. Reports are required to identify action taken within the previous calendar year and associated work proposed for the next fiscal year to implement Regional Plan policies. In addition to monitoring goal progress, these reports also help provide a better understanding of the cumulative impacts of development across the region over time. Reports are presented to the Regional Planning Commission and the Regional Planning Governing Board for review and acceptance.

The City of Reno 2023 Annual Report to the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (**Exhibit A**) provides information on planning activities from January to December 2023, as well as completed and planned capital improvement expenditures for 2023 and the next five years. The report meets the requirements of both Nevada law and the Regional Plan and follows the specific format provided by TMRPA. It is presented to both the Reno City Planning Commission and Council for review prior to being forwarded to TMRPA. Note that the Capital Improvements Tracker located in Attachment A was amended to include two additional projects following the Planning Commission's review.

### **Discussion:**

The City's 2023 Annual Report is organized according to the objectives and policies of the 2019 Regional Plan related to population growth, regional form, public facilities and services, natural resources, and regional coordination. Comprehensive details are provided in **Exhibit A**, and select 2023 activities are highlighted below:

- The City waived approximately \$2.79 million in sewer connection fees and over \$98,000 in building permit fees to facilitate the construction of 450 affordable housing units at or below 60% AMI.
- Allocated over \$16.3 million in Volume Cap to support 200 units of affordable housing.
- Allocated nearly \$4.5 million in HOME and HOME ARP funding, supporting 186 units.
- Approved one annexation totaling ±112.4 acres.
- Adopted four Master Plan amendments.

- Officially sunsetted the Reno-Stead Corridor Joint Plan.
- Adopted the new Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan, driven by principles in the Reimagine Reno Master Plan.
- Active engagement in the 2023 Nevada Legislative Session and provided input on proposed land use planning and development-related bills that impacted local and regional policies and development patterns.
- Upcoming initiatives include continuing to focus considerable effort on increasing the availability of affordable housing and expanding housing choice diversity in Reno; continued participation in the Public Infrastructure Plan, Natural Resources Plan efforts, and the Regional Plan Update; and, further development of the City's various facility plans to ensure adequate provision of infrastructure and services over the long-term.

**Financial Implications:**

None at this time.

**Legal Implications:**

Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada law.

**Recommendation:**

The Planning Commission recommends Council accept the report.

**Proposed Motion:**

I move to accept the 2023 Annual Report to the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency.

**Attachments:**

Exhibit A – Annual Report

Attachment A. Capital Improvements Plan and 2023 Capital Improvements Tracker

Exhibit B – Draft Planning Commission Meeting Minutes