

## STAFF REPORT

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**Date:** June 12, 2024

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**Through:** Doug Thornley, City Manager

**Subject:** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of the Cooperative Local Public Agency (LPA) Agreement for the Plumas Street Sidewalk Project Phase 2 between the City of Reno and the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) with a total project cost estimated to be \$402,155 with Transportation Alternative (TA) Set-Aside funding of 95% at \$382,047 and a 5% match by the City at \$20,108. (Street Fund)

**From:** Jonathan Smith, Senior Civil Engineer

**Department:** Public Works

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### Summary:

On July 21, 2023, the Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County (RTC) approved \$382,047 in Transportation Alternative (TA) Set-Aside funding for the Plumas Street Sidewalk Project Phase 2. RTC administers TA Set-Aside funding through the State of Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) and allocating these funds requires an agreement between the City of Reno and NDOT. Staff recommends Council approve the Cooperative Local Public Agency (LPA) Agreement between NDOT and the City of Reno.

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	
Other Considerations		
What percent of the total City budget does this item represent?	0.0024%	

### Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Public Safety

Infrastructure, Climate Change, and Environmental Sustainability

**Previous Council Action:**

There is no recent Council action relevant to this item.

**Background:**

The mission of the TA Set-Aside program is to improve our nation's communities through leadership, innovation, and program delivery. The program's vision is to create safe, accessible, attractive, and environmentally sensitive communities where people want to live, work, and recreate. The TA Set-Aside program provides funds for projects that improve non-motorized mobility, historic preservation, scenic accessibility, Safe Routes to School programs, and environmental management. TA Set-Aside projects may be included in existing planned transportation projects or may be stand-alone projects. TA Set-Aside funded infrastructure projects must be legally accessible to the general public. Safety is an important consideration in the development of these projects. Projects must be consistent with the current Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and RTC Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. Agencies eligible to apply for TA Set-Aside funds include local governments, regional transportation authorities, transit agencies, natural resource or public land agencies, school districts, and Tribal governments.

**Discussion:**

The project will install sidewalks where none currently exist which will improve safety and mobility, encourage non-motorized travel, improve access to public transit, and create a healthier community. Approximately 1,300 linear feet of sidewalk will be installed on the west side of Plumas Street from the Reno Tennis Center located at 2601 Plumas Street to connect to the existing sidewalk just south of Brinkby Avenue. This project will connect to the sidewalk installed in the spring of 2024 under the Urban Road and Plumas Street project, and complete the sidewalk connectivity along Plumas Street. The proposed location is shown in Figure 1. The Plumas Street Sidewalk Project – Phase 2 will be constructed in the fall of 2024.

**Plumas Street Sidewalk Project Phase 2**

**VICINITY MAP**

**WARD ONE**

**WARD 2**

**WARD 3**

**WARD 4**

**WARD 5**

**City of Reno Public Works**

**Date: May 2024**

**The information herein is approximate and is intended for display purposes only.**

Figure 2 shows a conceptual drawing of the new sidewalk continuation south of the Reno Tennis Center.

**Figure 2: Conceptual Drawing**



The TA Set-Aside Program establishes a process for ranking and selecting projects that conform to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requirements. Eligible agencies that can submit projects include local governments, regional transportation authorities, transit agencies, natural resource or public land agencies, school districts, and Tribal governments. RTC scored and ranked eligible applications and presented those with the highest scores to the RTC advisory committees for recommendation and to the RTC board for final approval. This project tied for the highest score out of four projects that were recommended and approved by the RTC board on July 21, 2023.

#### **Financial Implications:**

The total cost of the project is estimated to be approximately \$402,155. TA Set-Aside funding provides up to 95% of the project costs, at \$382,047. The City is required to provide a 5% match at \$20,108. The City's match funding for this project is available in the Street Fund.

#### **Legal Implications:**

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

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends Council approve the agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign.

**Proposed Motion:**

I move to approve staff recommendation.

**Attachments:**

TAP LPA agreement NDOT COR