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AGENDA ITEM 7.2

TO: Regional Transportation Commission

FROM: Amy Cummings, AICP/LEED AP
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SUBJECT: Creation of a Trans-Sierra Transportation Coalition

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the resolution supporting the creation of a Trans-Sierra Transportation Coalition.

SUMMARY

RTC is collaborating with the Tahoe Transportation District (TTD) regarding the creation of a Trans-Sierra Coalition. This supports the goals for regional connectivity in the draft 2035 RTP and *Unify Regionalize Diversify: An Economic Development Agenda for Nevada* which was prepared in response to Economic Development Bill AB 449. The coalition concept is beginning with resolutions of support for transportation capital investments as a step to collect a unified voice in the region. The concept is intended to be customized for each jurisdiction if they choose with the central theme of investment in each. To date the Tahoe Transportation District, Douglas County, the two TMAs at Lake Tahoe and the South Shore Chamber have joined the effort. The next steps in the creation of the coalition would be to have the RTC, Cities of Sparks and Reno and Washoe County join.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact with this action.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS BY BOARD

There has been no previous Board action on this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE(S) RECOMMENDATION

The Technical Advisory Committee and the Citizens Advisory Committee recommended that the RTC support the concept of a Trans-Sierra Transportation Coalition at their January 4, 2012, meetings.

Attachment

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A COORDINATED AND COOPERATIVE MULTIJURISDICTIONAL APPROACH TO TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS IN NORTHERN NEVADA AND TRANS SIERRA COMMUNITIES

WHEREAS, the draft *2035 Regional Transportation Plan* for the Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County (RTC), based on community input, includes a goal of improving regional connectivity; and,

WHEREAS, *Unify, Regionalize, Diversify: An Economic Development Agenda for Nevada*, developed in accordance with the Economic Development Bill (AB 449) signed into law on June 17, 2011 by Governor Brian Sandoval, promotes regional connectivity and coordination; and

WHEREAS, *Mobility 2030, the Lake Tahoe Regional Transportation Plan*, sets forth the Goals, Policies, Strategies, and Actions consistent with these requirements; and,

WHEREAS, The *Lake Tahoe Basin Prosperity Plan* confirms the importance of transportation and community mobility projects for the region's economic, environmental, and community health and sustainability; and,

WHEREAS, transportation and community mobility improvements have the capacity to positively impact public safety and the local economy through job creation and infrastructure investment in Washoe County and throughout Northern Nevada; and,

WHEREAS, the RTC and the Tahoe Transportation District, as well as other transportation partners at the local, regional, state, and federal level are working together to develop, approve, finance, and construct transportation and community mobility improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the delivery of transportation and mobility improvements benefits the environment, economy, community and all those who visit Washoe County and Northern Nevada;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WASHOE COUNTY:

1. Supports effective planning, collaboration, and project delivery processes by Trans-Sierra partners to facilitate the development of a multijurisdictional transportation projects, program, and services; and
2. Supports working with its transportation partners to build the partnership needed to deliver these and other regional connection improvements.

3. Supports working with its regional partners to pursue a well-funded investment program for transportation infrastructure, understanding the challenging fiscal constraints in the public and private sector, and recognizing the importance these improvements will make to the safety, economic health, quality of life, and natural environment in the region.
4. Supports implementation of locally adopted regional transportation plans.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, duly qualified Chairperson of the Regional Transportation Commission, certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting held on January 20, 2012.

 Ron Smith, Chair
 Regional Transportation

Commission

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This instrument was acknowledged before me on _____, 2012, by _____, Chair of the Regional Transportation Commission.

 Notary Public