



REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Metropolitan Planning Organization of Washoe County, Nevada

MEETING DATE: May 21, 2021

AGENDA ITEM 4.11

From: Amy Cummings, AICP/LEED AP, Director of Planning and Deputy Executive Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve Cooperative Agreement No. PR141-21-802 for Fiscal Year 2022 between the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) and the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) for federal planning (PL) funds.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Federal PL funds are the funding source for the majority of activities in the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), which RTC adopts biennially. The UPWP identifies the planning studies, such as the Regional Transportation Plan and other corridor studies, which the agency undertakes to support the metropolitan transportation planning process. In order to receive funding for the UPWP, the RTC must enter into a cooperative agreement with NDOT. Both the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) provide PL funds for transportation planning in metropolitan areas.

Cooperative Agreement No. PR141-21-802 is an annual agreement that identifies the amount of federal PL funds for that fiscal year. The FY 2022 federal funding is estimated at \$2,243,581. When approved, this agreement will become effective July 1, 2021.

The UPWP documents the major transportation planning activities to be undertaken each fiscal year and the funding sources necessary to support these activities. Federal regulations require the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) develop and approve the UPWP as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the region. The UPWP is developed in coordination with the RTC Annual Budget, incorporating the major objectives, revenues and expenses identified in the budget.

FISCAL IMPACT

The \$2,243,581 in federal Planning funds requires a local match of \$118,083 (a 95/5 ratio).

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION

April 16, 2021

Approved the FY 2022-2023 UPWP

ATTACHMENT:

A. Cooperative Agreement No. PR141-21-802

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made and entered into on 05/07/2021, by and between the STATE OF NEVADA, acting by and through its Department of Transportation, hereinafter called the "DEPARTMENT", and the Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County, hereinafter called the "MPO".

The undersigned signatory MPO hereby commits to complete during State Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 starting July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) as approved and is incorporated herein by this reference and made an express part of this Agreement.

All of the obligations, duties, terms and conditions set forth in the Cooperative Agreement NM113-16-804 executed between the MPO and the DEPARTMENT are incorporated herein by this reference as part of this UPWP Agreement for State Fiscal Year 2022.

The federal letter of approval to the DEPARTMENT from the Nevada Division of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration that approves the UPWP covering the time period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023, is incorporated herein by this reference and made an express part of this Agreement.

The MPO agrees to comply with FHWA matching requirements for "Consolidated Planning Grant" funds obligated and encumbered against this UPWP. This UPWP obligates and encumbers only these following federal funds: FHWA – Metropolitan Planning (PL), 95/5 (federal/local). All local match funds are to be provided from non-federal sources.

Subject to availability of funds this FY, UPWP funds encumbered by the DEPARTMENT include, but may not exceed, the following: The estimated amount of federal funds for FY 2022 is Two Million Two Hundred Forty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-One and 26/100 Dollars (\$2,243,581.26).

Reimbursement of these funds will begin when the funds are made available to the DEPARTMENT. When federal funds become available this Agreement will be amended. The estimated amount of local match to be paid by the MPO is One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Eighty-Three and 22/100 Dollars (\$118,083.22).

Should the MPO expend funds in excess of those federal funds actually encumbered for FY 2022 against this UPWP, those costs shall be borne solely by the MPO.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the day and year first above written.

Regional Transportation Commission
of Washoe County

State of Nevada, acting by and through
its Organization DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION

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