



REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Metropolitan Planning Organization of Washoe County, Nevada

Meeting Date: 11/17/2022

From: Daniel Doenges, Director of Planning

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Acknowledge receipt of a report regarding the Critical Urban Freight Corridor (CUFC) designation in Washoe County.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) is in the process of updating the Critical Urban Freight Corridor (CUFC) designations as a component to the Nevada State Freight Plan. The CUFC is defined by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) as public roads in urbanized areas which provide access and connection to the Primary Highway Freight System (PHFS) and the Interstate with other ports, public transportation facilities, or other intermodal transportation facilities. The PHFS is a network of highways identified as the most critical highway portions of the U.S. freight transportation system determined by measurable and objective national data. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) increases the maximum number of miles of highway that a State may designate as critical rural freight corridors, and Nevada has received an additional 75 miles as a result, for a total of 150 miles.

The purpose of these designations is to improve the efficient movement of freight and to support the following national goals:

- investing in infrastructure and operational improvements that strengthen economic competitiveness, reduce congestion, reduce the cost of freight transportation, improve reliability, and increase productivity;
- improving the safety, security, efficiency, and resiliency of freight transportation in rural and urban areas;
- improving the state of good repair of the network;
- using innovation and advanced technology to improve safety, efficiency, and reliability;
- improving the efficiency and productivity of the network;
- improving State flexibility to support multi-State corridor planning and address highway freight connectivity; and reducing the environmental impacts of freight movement on the network.

Although the CUFC designation does not ensure additional funding to our region, it can help support and strengthen grant applications for federal funds for projects on these facilities and provide additional justification for needed improvements. There are approximately 32 miles of CUFC designated roads currently in Washoe County. Staff will present potential changes to the CUFC network based on discussion and collaboration with NDOT and local jurisdictions.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact related to this action.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION

There has been no previous board action taken.