

# SUN VALLEY CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD

RTC Washoe

March 1, 2025





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## ➤ MISSION

Building A Better  
Community Through  
Quality Transportation

## ➤ CORE FUNCTIONS



# ➤ PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

## Fixed Route Transit

- **RTC RIDE**

- Backbone of the Transit System
- Last 12 Months: 5.65 Million Trips
- 60% Work Trips
- 30 Straight Months of Ridership Growth
- All-Electric, Diesel-Electric Hybrid, Hydrogen Fuel Cell





# ➤ PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION Fixed Route Transit

## RTC Route 5

- 4<sup>th</sup> Street Station to Donatello Drive, Sutro Street and Sun Valley
- 4th Busiest Route
- January: 31,325 Trips
- Last 12 Months: 362,466 Trips



# ROUTE 5

## SUTRO/SUN VALLEY

Effective September 9, 2023

**Serving**

- Desert Skies Middle School
- Sutro & 9th
- Washoe County Services
- Hug High School

**RTC Customer Service hours**  
*Horario de atención al cliente de RTC*

**Monday to Friday 8 am - 12 pm & 1 pm - 5 pm**  
*De lunes a viernes de 8 am a 12 pm y de 1 pm a 5 pm*  
**(closed weekends & holidays)**  
*(cerrados fines de semana y feriados)*

775-348-RIDE



## ➤ PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION Bus Rapid Transit



### Increase Ridership

- Virginia Line: 978,387 Rides
- Lincoln Line: 454,055 Rides
- Service Approximately Every 10 Minutes



# ➤ PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

## Microtransit

### FlexRIDE

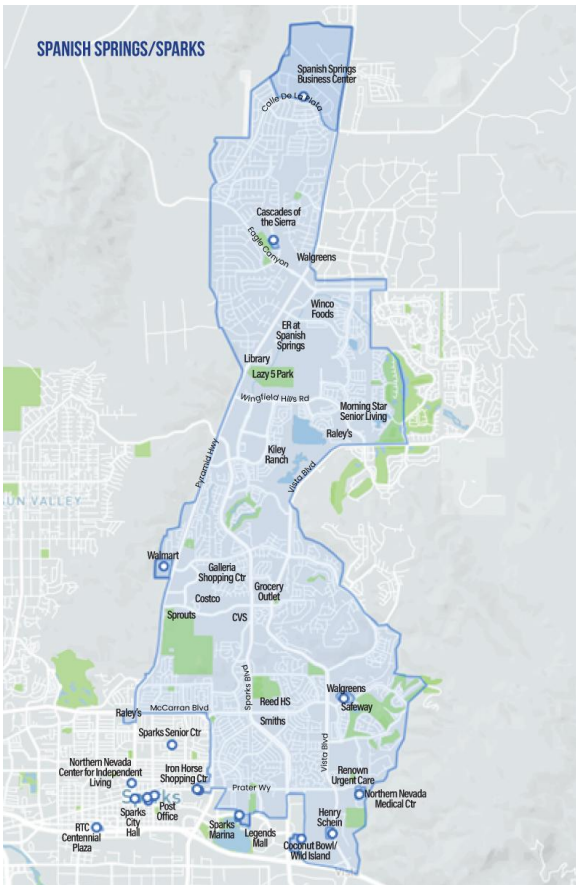
- On Demand
- Curb-to-Curb

### Operating In:

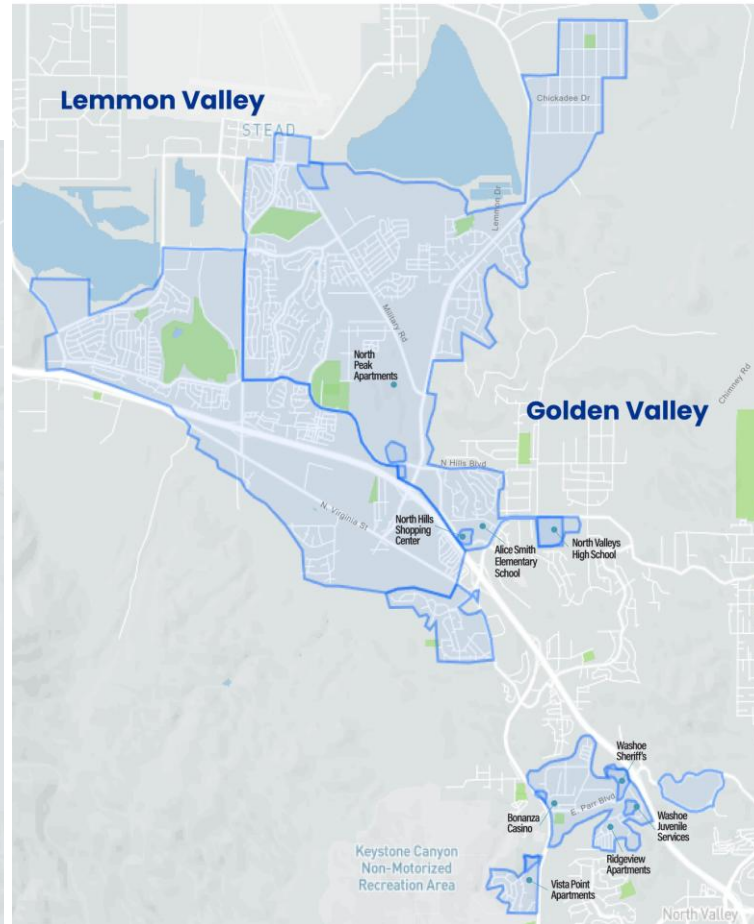
- Sparks/Spanish Springs
- North Valleys
- Somerset/Verdi
- South Meadows



# ➤ PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FlexRIDE Areas

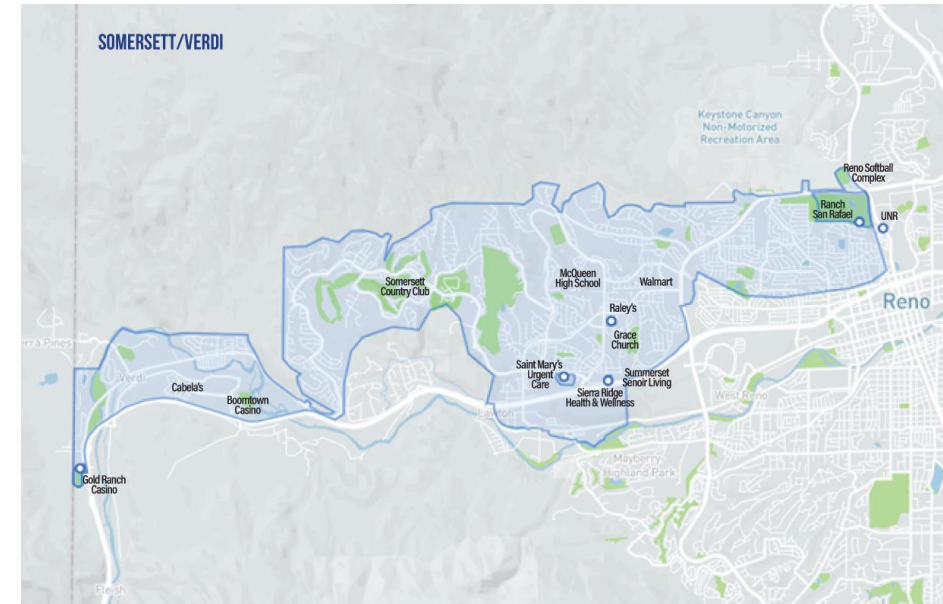


Spanish Springs

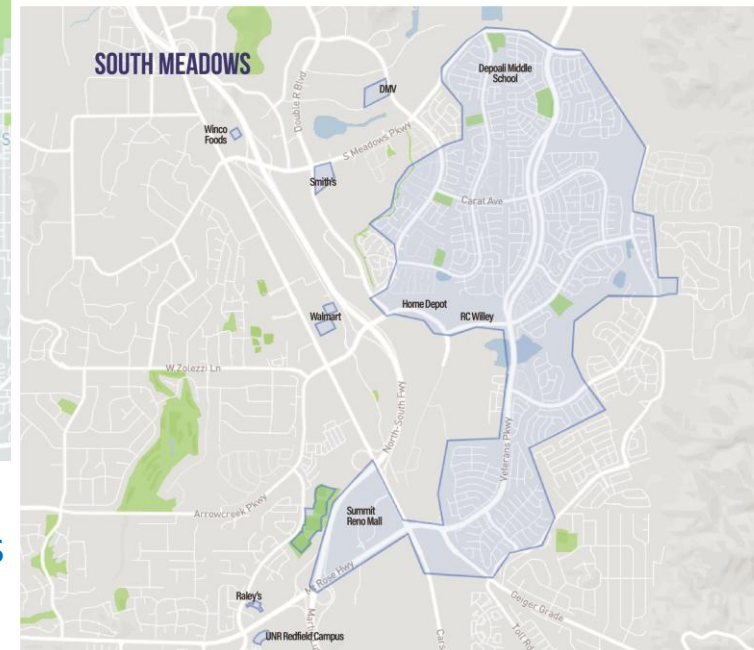


North Valleys

South Meadows



Somerset/Verdi





## ➤ PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION Service Delivery



### Senior Ride Taxi Bucks Program

- \$60 Per Month Subsidy
- Card Auto-Loads
- Uber/Lyft Program Options

### VANPOOL Program

- Transportation Alternatives for Groups Who Share Commute Routes
- Fleet of 340 Vans
- Top 10 in Nation
- 2024 – Saved 20.4 Million Miles



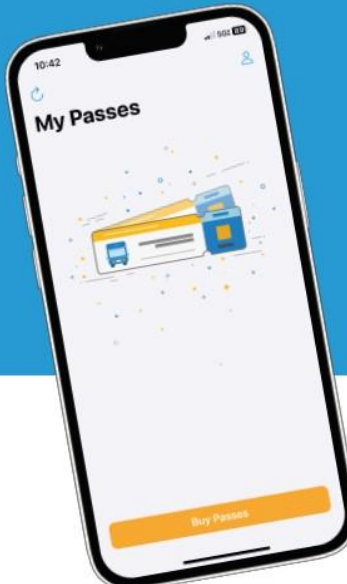
## > PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION Next Steps

- Cashless Pay
- Passenger Accounts – Use Existing Card to Tap and Go
  - Possibly Combine RTC Account with Taxi Cabs, Uber and Lyft
- Upgrade Software for FlexRIDE and ACCESS for Intermingling



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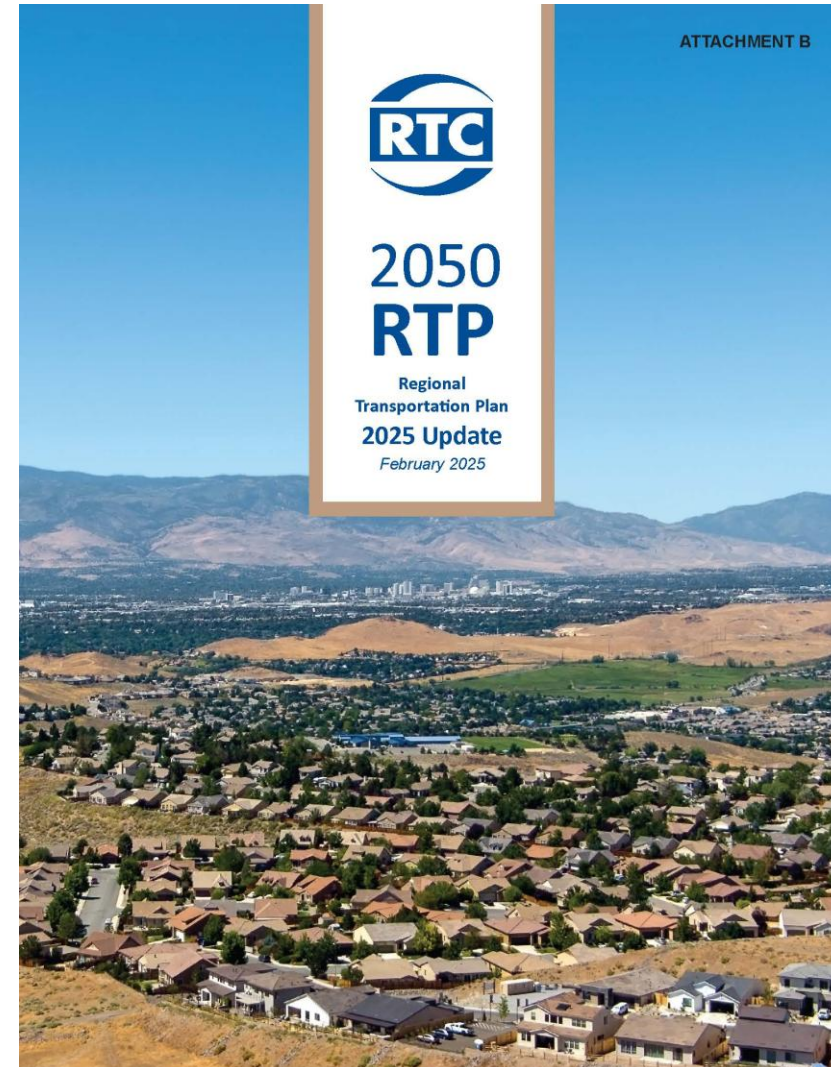


# > PLANNING

## Regional Transportation Plan

### 2050 Regional Transportation Plan

- RTC Board Adopted RTP February 21
- Update Every Four Years
- Identifies Long-Term Transportation Needs and Goals for Regional Transportation System
- Captures the Community's Vision of the Transportation System
- Identifies the Projects, Programs, and Services Necessary to Achieve that Vision
- May Be Implemented by the RTC, Member Entities, and NDOT

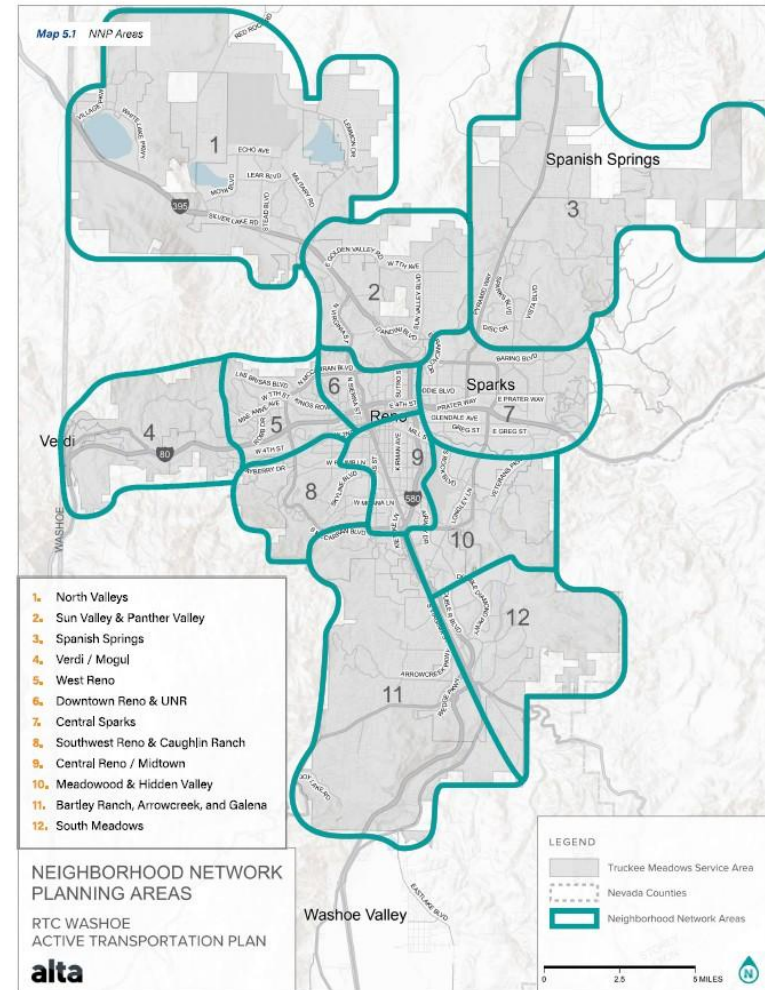


# ➤ PLANNING

## Active Transportation Plan

### Neighborhood Network Plan

- Component of the Regional Transportation Plan
- Bicyclists and Pedestrians
- All Ages and Abilities – 8 to 80
- Sidewalks and Bicycle Facilities
- Analyze Existing Data
  - Transit
  - Equity
  - Safety
  - Bicycle Level of Stress
  - Pedestrian Experience Index



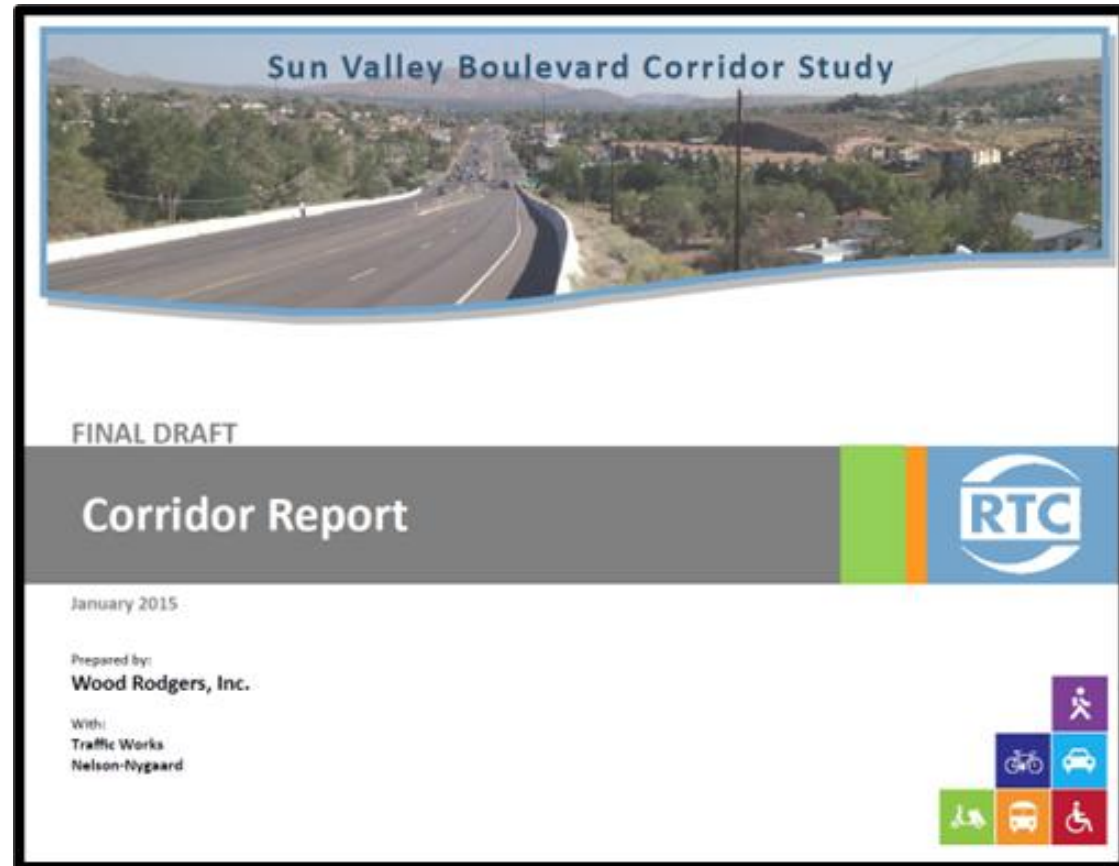


# ➤ PLANNING

## Previously Completed Planning Efforts

### Sun Valley Boulevard Corridor Study

- Improve Access, Safety, and Community Pride
- New Sidewalk Improvements
- Pedestrian Crossing Improvements



## ➤ **ENGINEERING** **Community Investment**

**Fiscal Year  
2024**

**Total Investment  
\$81,397,964**

**Direct Jobs  
2,604**





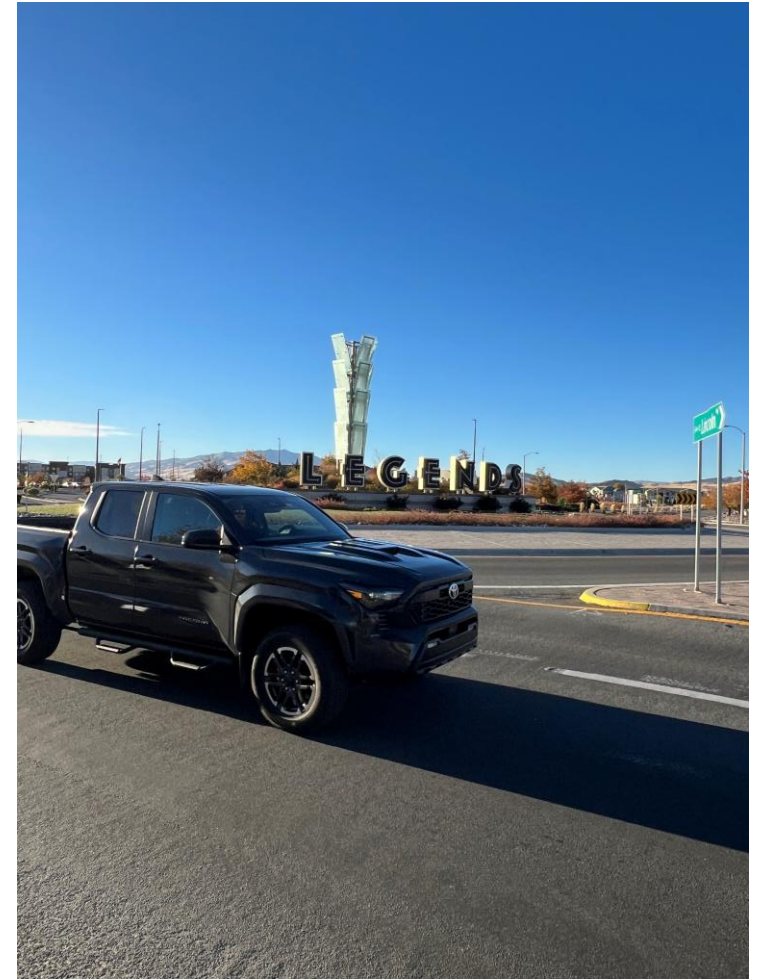
# ➤ PAVEMENT PRESERVATION PROGRAM

## Keeping Good Roads Good

- Preventive Maintenance
- Corrective Maintenance
- Rehabilitation



# ➤ TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODIFICATIONS INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS TRAFFIC ENGINEERING





## ➤ 2024 STREET & HIGHWAY PROJECTS

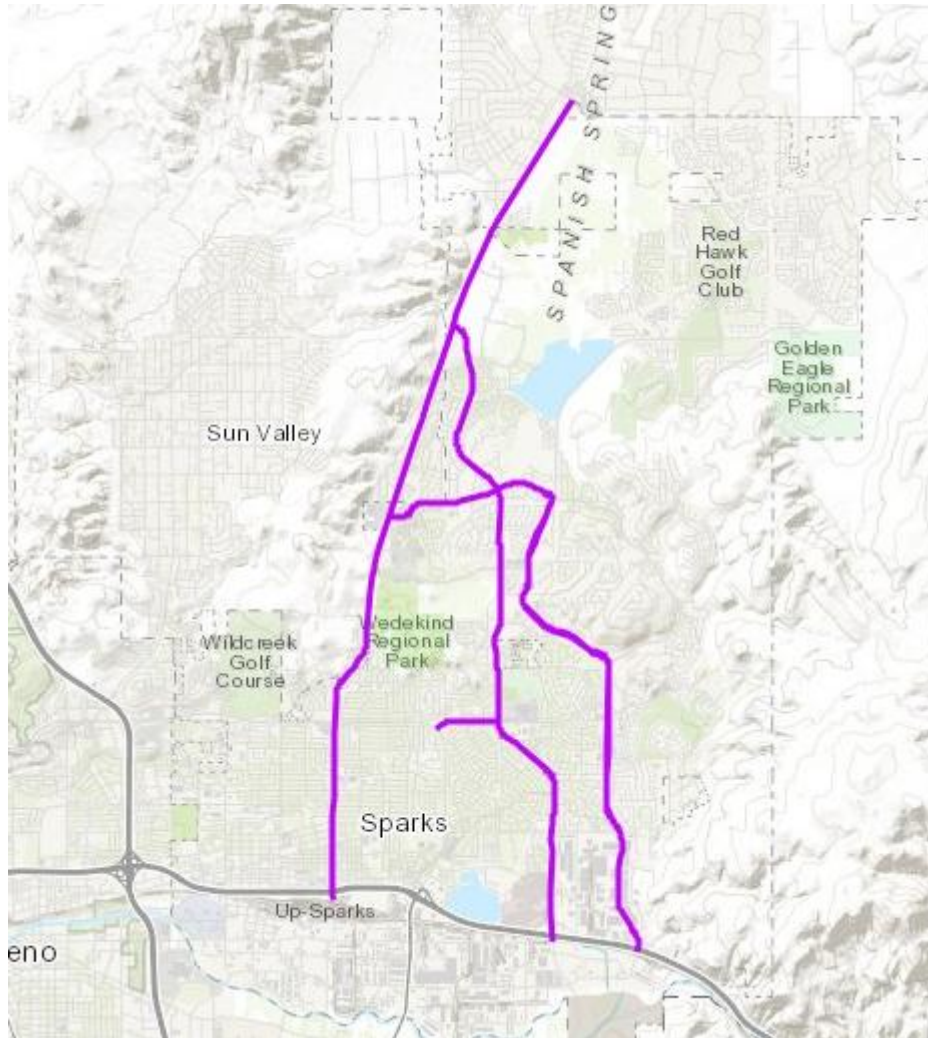
### Selmi Drive Rehabilitation

- Pavement Reconstruction from Sutro Street to Clear Acre Lane
- Construction Began April 2
- Project Completed



# ➤ 2024 STREET & HIGHWAY PROJECTS

## Sparks Intelligent Corridors



- Pilot Project to Test a Location-Based Notification System to Drivers
- Automatically Adjust Traffic Signal Based on Real-Time Conditions Along Pyramid Way
- Baring Boulevard – Sparks Boulevard to Vista Boulevard
- Vista Boulevard – Baring Boulevard to Los Altos Parkway
- Los Altos Parkway – Sparks Boulevard to Ion Drive



# ➤ UPCOMING STREET & HIGHWAY PROJECTS

## Sun Valley Community Gateway Project (2027)

### Scottsdale Road to 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue

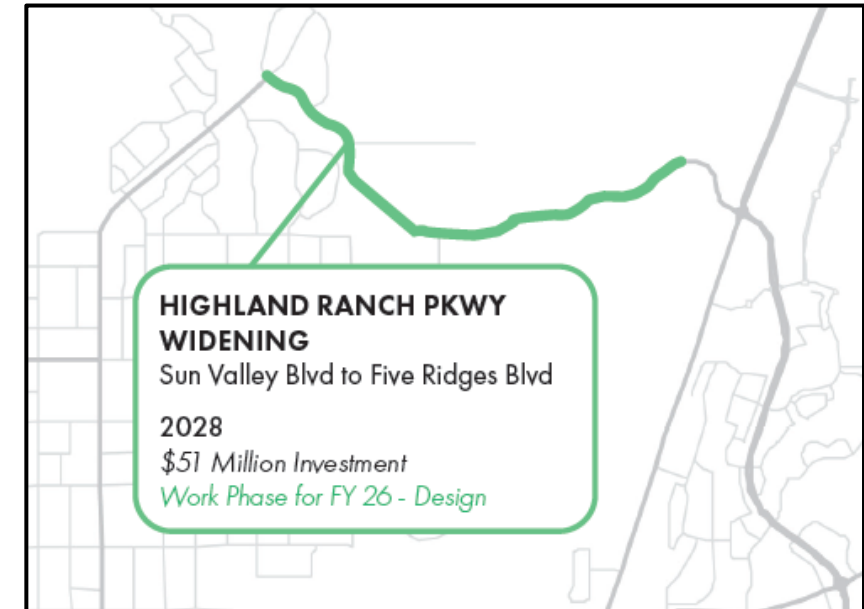
- Scope: Create a Safer Street for All Travel Modes Including Bikes and Pedestrians
- Schedule
  - Final Design: Spring 2026
  - Construction: Summer 2027
- Project Estimate: \$88 Million
- Congressionally Directed Spending, \$2.5 Million
- Applying for \$40 Million PROTECT Grant



# ➤ UPCOMING STREET & HIGHWAY PROJECTS

## Highland Ranch Parkway Widening (2028)

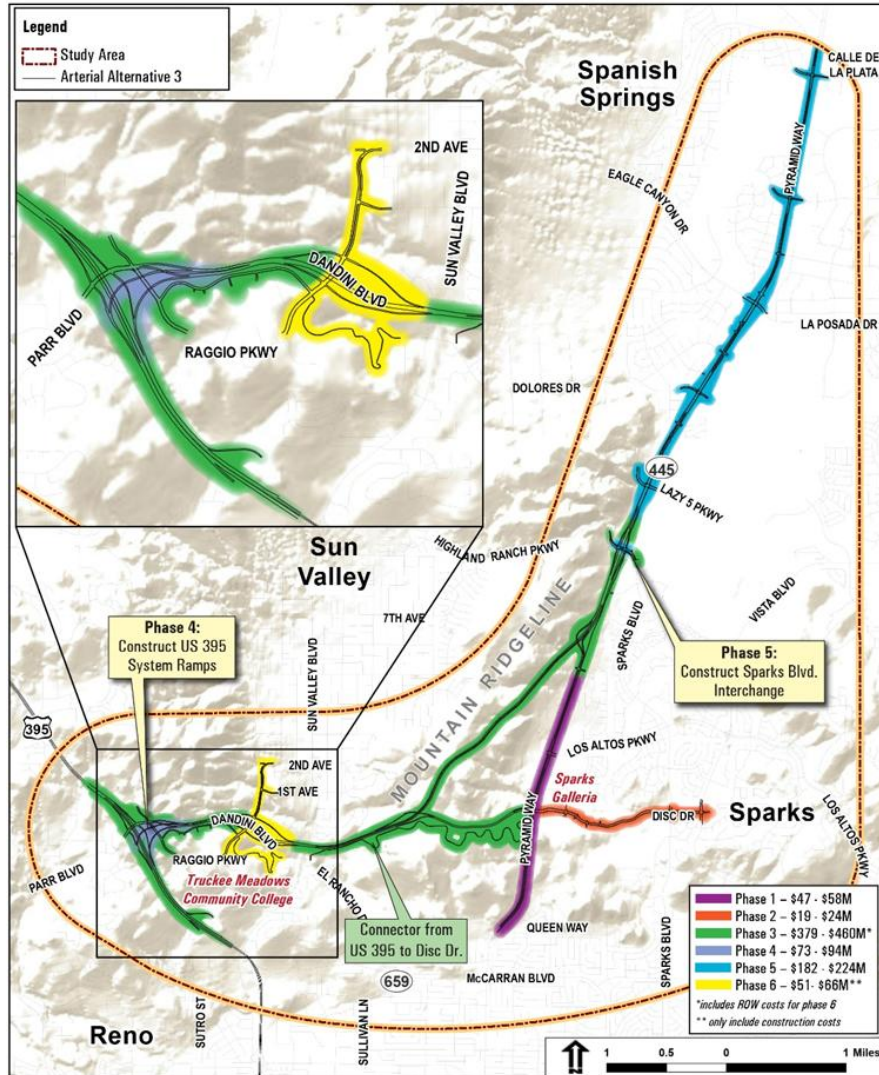
- Limits: Sun Valley Boulevard to Five Ridges Boulevard
- Widen From Two Lanes to Four
- Continuous Pedestrian & Multimodal Facilities
- Improved Intersection Operations





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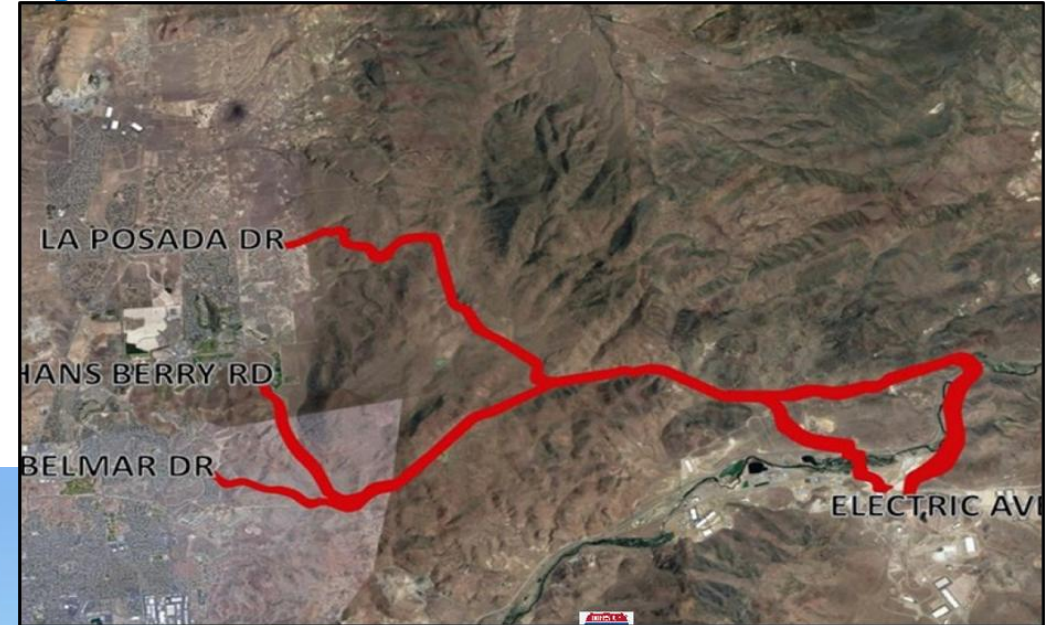
## Pyramid Highway Improvements





# ➤ ENGINEERING – LA POSADA DRIVE TRIC Connector Alignment Study

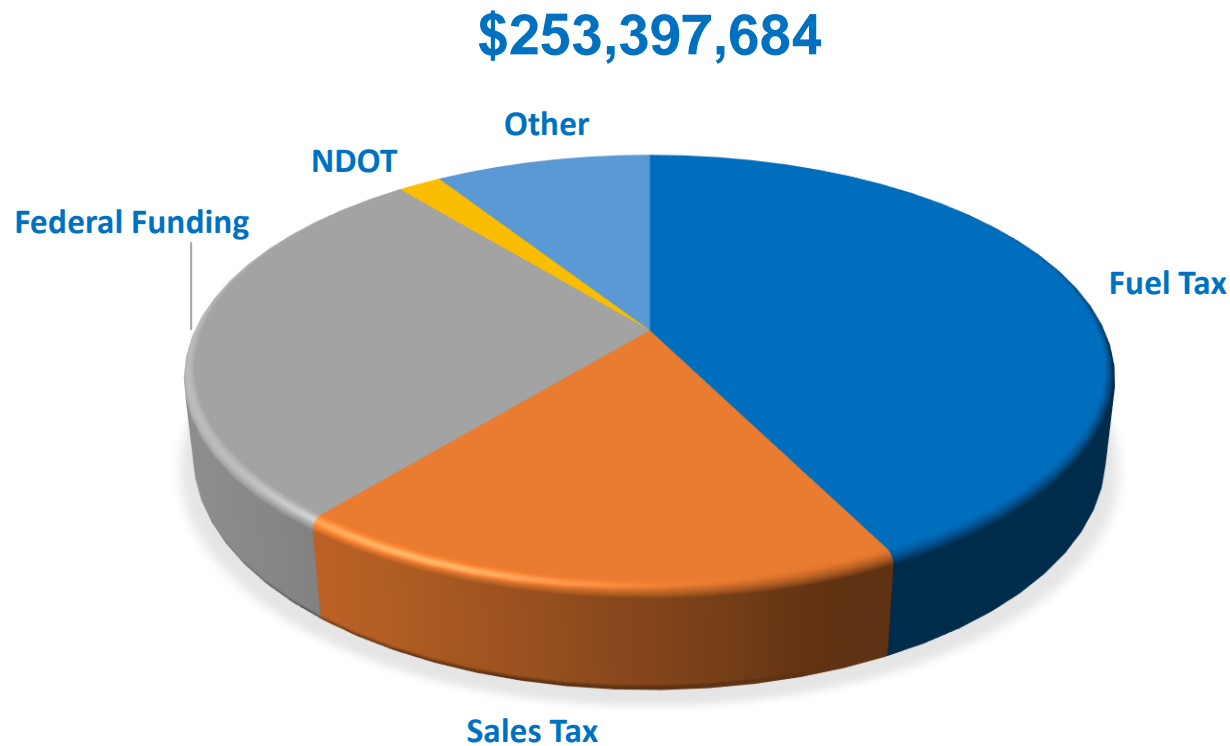
- **Alternate Routes**
  - La Posada to USA Parkway
  - South Meadows Parkway to USA Parkway
- **Commuter Rail**
- **Interstate 80 Widening**
- **Possible Funding**
  - Federal Grants
  - Public/Private
  - Tolling (AB61)





## > REVENUES

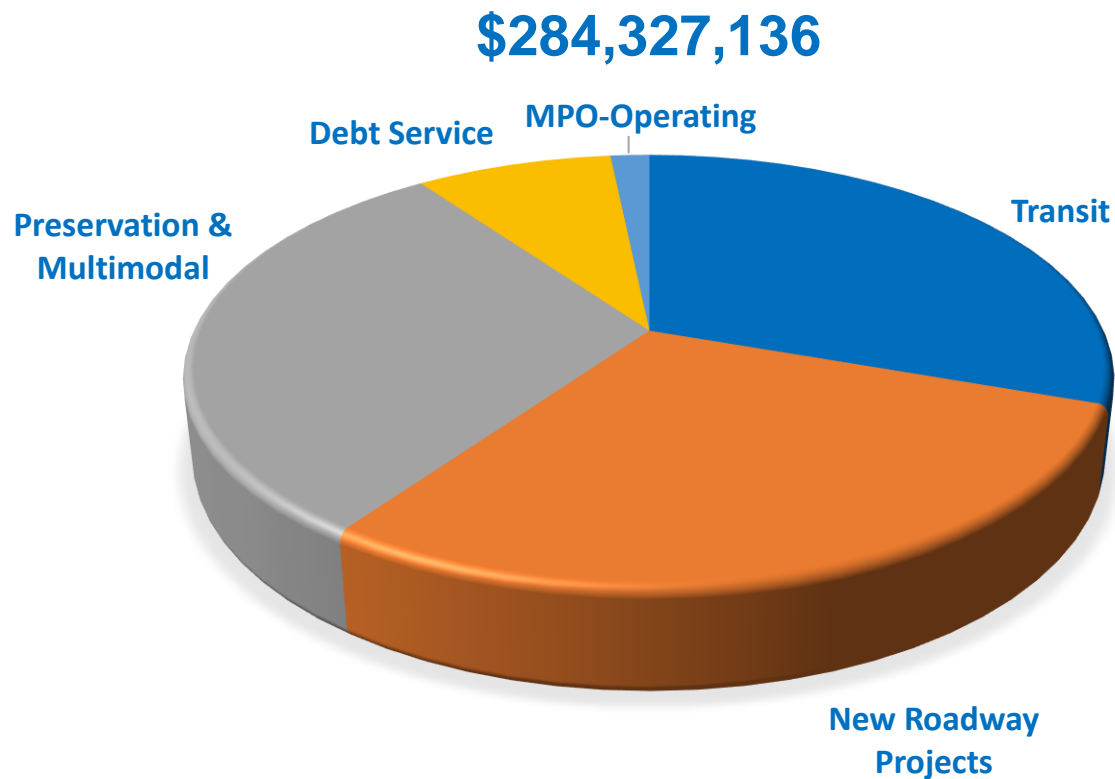
### Fiscal Year 2025 Budget



- Fuel Tax (42%)
- Sales Tax (18%)
- Federal Funding (27.8%)
- Passenger Fees (1.5%)
- NDOT (1.8%)
- Other (8.9%)

## > EXPENDITURES

### Fiscal Year 2025 Budget



- Transit (29.9%)
- New Roadway Projects (28.4%)
- Preservation & Multimodal Projects (29.9%)
- Debt Service (8.1%)
- MPO-Operating (1.6%)



# THANK YOU

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