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1.1 About the Alpine County Transportation Commission

The Alpine County Local Transportation Commission (ACLTC) is the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for Alpine County. The ACLTC is comprised of an executive secretary and the five-member board of supervisors representing the various districts in the County. The RTPA is required by California law to adopt and submit an updated Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) and to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) every four or five years. The last update to the Alpine County RTP was adopted in 2015.

1.2 About the Regional Transportation Plan

1.2.1 Purpose of the RTP

The purpose of the Regional Transportation Plan is to provide a vision for the transportation network in the region, supported by transportation goals, for ten-year (2020-2030) and twenty-year (2031-2040) planning horizons. The RTP documents the policy direction, actions, and funding strategies designed to maintain and improve the regional transportation system using the following methods:

- Assessing the current modes of transportation and the potential of new travel options within the region.
- Prioritizing actions that both build climate preparedness and reduce GHG emissions.
- Identifying projected growth corridors and predicting the future improvements and needs for travel and goods movement.
- Identifying and documenting specific actions necessary to address the region's mobility and accessibility needs and establishing short-term and long-term goals to facilitate these actions.
- Identifying and integrating public policy decisions made by local, regional, State, and Federal officials regarding transportation expenditures and financing.

Over the past decade, combatting climate change has emerged as a primary goal for the State of California. Executive Order B-30-15 directs State agencies to take climate change into account in planning and investment decisions and employ full life-cycle cost accounting to evaluate and compare infrastructure investments and alternatives. As stated in the 2017 RTP Guidelines, planning and investment shall be guided by the following principles:

- Priority should be given to actions that both build climate preparedness and reduce GHG emissions;
- Where possible, flexible and adaptive approaches should be taken to prepare for uncertain climate impacts;
- Actions should protect the state's most vulnerable populations; and,
- Natural infrastructure solutions, as defined in Public resources code 71154(c)(3) (e.g., flood plain and wetlands restoration or preservation, combining levees with restored natural systems to reduce flood risk, and urban tree planning to reduce high heat days), should be prioritized.

1.2.2 RTP Elements

RTPs must include the following three elements:

- The Policy Element (Chapter 3) describes the transportation issues in the region, identifies and quantifies regional needs expressed within both short and long-range planning horizons, and maintains internal consistency with the financial element fund estimates. Related goals, objectives, and policies are provided along with performance indicators and measures.
- The Action Element (Chapter 4) identifies projects that address the needs and issues for each transportation mode in accordance with the policy element.
- The Financial Element (Chapter 5) summarizes the costs to operate and maintain the current transportation system, estimates the costs and revenues to implement the projects identified in the Action Plan, and outlines inventories of existing and potential transportation funding sources. Candidate projects are listed if funding becomes available and potential funding shortfalls are laid out. Lastly, alternative policy directions that affect the funding of projects are identified.

1.3 Planning Requirements

1.3.1 New Planning Requirements

Since the adoption of the most recent Alpine County RTP in 2015, there has been an update to the RTP Guidelines. The 2017 RTP Guidelines, adopted January 18, 2017, incorporated several key changes to the RTP process resulting from MAP-21/FAST Act, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century, Senate Bill 32 (SB 32), Assembly Bill 1482 (AB 1482), SB 246, SB 350, and Executive Orders B-16-12 and B-32-15.

SB 32, signed into law on September 8, 2016, extends Assembly Bill (AB) 32's required reductions of GHG emissions by requiring a GHG reduction of at least 40 percent of 1990 levels no later than December 31, 2030. Furthermore, SB 32 authorizes the California Air and Resources Board (ARB) to adopt rules and regulations to achieve the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective GHG emissions reductions.

AB 1482 and SB 246 implement new climate change adaptation methods such as increasing the availability of affordable housing and improving infrastructure to be climate resilient and encourage local and regional coordination in such efforts. SB 350 outlines strategies for MPOs and RTPAs to implement widespread transportation electrification to meet climate goals and federal air quality standards. Executive Orders B-16-12 and B-32-15 set additional GHG reduction targets and methods of implementation.

1.3.2 Climate Change and Environmental Quality

The Air Quality Conformity Determination provides an analysis of the emission of pollutants from transportation sources that can be expected to result from the implementation of this plan. This analysis must document that the projects included in the RTP, when constructed, will not emit more pollutants than allowed in the emissions budget set forth in the State Implementation Plan (SIP). As Alpine County is in attainment for all federal air quality standards, this RTP is not subject to transportation conformity requirements.

Environmental documentation is required under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The environmental documentation states whether there will be an environmental impact of the plan, and if so, what that impact will be. Depending on the scope of the plan and the local environment, environmental documentation may be a negative declaration, a mitigated negative declaration, or a full environmental impact report (EIR). The ACLTC has preliminarily determined that the Alpine County 2020 RTP will not have

significant effects on the environment and therefore expects to adopt a negative declaration, based on the Environmental Initial Study that finds no significant effect on the environment.

1.4 Planning Process

1.4.1 Inter-Agency Coordination

The ACLTC coordinates with many other groups during the RTP development process. The Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) advises the ACLTC on transit matters and is an integral part of the annual unmet transit needs process. Caltrans is responsible for the design, construction, maintenance, and operation of the State Highway System and the portion of the Interstate Highway System within California. Alpine County is located in Caltrans District 10, which has offices in Stockton.

The ACLTC plans for the regional transportation system in coordination with regional stakeholders. During the development of this RTP the entities listed below were contacted for information and solicited for input:

- Caltrans
- Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California
- Bureau of Land Management
- Alpine County Supervisors
- Adjacent County RTPAs and MPOs (Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Mono and Tuolumne Counties and Tahoe MPO)
- Bear Valley Business Association
- Scenic Byway Association
- Alpine Trails
- Woodfords Store
- General Public

For a comprehensive listing of entities and persons contacted, see Attachment A.

1.4.2 Coordination with Other Plans and Studies

The goals, policies, and objectives of this RTP are consistent with the goals of the following documents:

- Alpine County General Plan (2009).
- Alpine County Short Range Transit Plan (2016).
- Alpine County Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan (2015).
- Alpine County Active Transportation Plan (2018).
- Alpine County Wayfinding Plan (2014).
- Alpine County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (2010).
- Alpine County Fleet Analysis for Zero Emissions Vehicles (2019).
- Tribal Transit Planning Survey (2009).
- Tribal Transportation Plan (1995).
- Alpine Airport Layout Plan (1995).
- General Plan Circulation Element, adopted by Alpine County in 2011.
- RTPs of El Dorado, Calaveras, Amador, Tuolumne and Mono Counties in California, and Tahoe MPO/RTPA in Nevada and California.

1.4.3 Public Participation

Although the Alpine region was impacted by the global COVID pandemic during the development of the 2020 RTP update, a creative and inclusive public participation campaign was executed to inform the public about the RTP and include the Alpine County community in the planning process. The community was notified about the RTP and invited to community workshops through a project website and email blasts to stakeholders, a social media campaign through Facebook, and physical flyers posted at various locations throughout the County. To accommodate social distancing recommendations, community meetings were held on the digital platform Zoom. In addition, community members were notified of the option to provide feedback online through various channels, including the RTP project website, via a questionnaire promoted through various social media channels, and directly to the project team via email or phone.

The Alpine County Local Transportation Commission does not have an official Public Participation Plan, however the ACLTC supports an equitable public participation campaign. During the development of this RTP, inclusion of Tribal members was emphasized. Both hard copies and links to the digital RTP questionnaire were distributed through Tribal leadership directly to Hung a Lel Ti members. Self-addressed, stamped envelopes were included with hard copy questionnaires to encourage participation and in order to make the process convenient. Infographics and flyers inviting the public to community meetings were also posted in the Hung A Lel Ti community and placed in the Tribal community building.

Several goals included in this RPT (Chapter 3, Policy Element), center around equitable planning and creating and equitable transportation network in the region. Tribal coordination and inclusion is both a goal identified in this RTP as well as strategy to build a more equitable transportation system. Tribal projects have been identified in Table 4.6. Other projects that will benefit disadvantaged populations in Alpine County include transit projects and bicycle/pedestrian safety projects that will help mobilize low-income, youth, and senior populations, and people with a disability.

Community Workshops

The first community workshop, held on October 7th, 2020, introduced the Regional Transportation Plan and presented background information and the plan development process. Community members who attended were solicited for feedback and were given the opportunity to provide input on project lists, recommend new transportation projects, identify transportation issues, and voice their concerns. The meeting included a presentation on the benefits of regional transportation planning, existing conditions and barriers to mobility, and solutions for improving transportation throughout the County. After the presentation, the project team was available to interact with community members and provide more indepth discussion on transportation issues in the region. The questionnaire was promoted during meetings. For a full list of outreach methods and materials, see Attachment B.

The Draft RTP Presentation, held on January 5th, 2020 at a regularly scheduled Alpine County Local Transportation Commission meeting, included a draft presentation of the RTP to the Commission, stakeholders and public attendees. The presentation served as an opportunity to show the developments that were made to the plan since the introductory workshop. After the presentation, meeting attendees were given the opportunity to submit questions to the Commission, public or stakeholders. Any comments received were addressed by the project team.

The Final RTP was presented at the Local Transportation Commission meeting on February 16th, 2021. The project team presented the final report and the comments that had been addressed since the draft presentation. The Commission voted and passed a resolution adopting the Final Regional Transportation Plan.

Community Feedback

Much of the community feedback received during the public outreach process centered on the need for safety and bicycle/pedestrian improvements in the region. Alpine County is a popular destination for hiking, bicycling, and other recreational activities, and many residents partake in these activities. Consistent with findings from the Alpine Active Transportation Plan (2018), input from the RTP process identified a need for bicycle and pedestrian safety for drivers and active transportation users, shoulder widening improvements, bicycle/pedestrian signage, and other safety improvements. For all identified project needs, see Chapter 4. Bicycle and Pedestrian improvement projects are detailed in Table 4.3.

1.4.4 Coordination with the California State Wildlife Action Plan

Long-term goals identified in the Policy Element of this plan consider many of the stressors defined in the State Wildlife Action Plan. Alpine County is located in the Central Valley and Sierra Nevada conservation management ecoregion, as identified by the California State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP). The SWAP identifies sensitive species, habitat stressors and suggested conservation goals and actions for each of the ecoregions. According to the SWAP, some major stressors within Alpine County's conservation units are as follows:

- Forest management conflicts.
- Fire and fire suppression
- Invasive plants/animals
- Recreational Pressures.
- Climate change.
- Introduced non-native fish.

For a complete list of species of special concern, key stressors and actions suggested for wildlife management in the Central Valley and Sierra Nevada Province, see Attachment C.

1.4.5 Coordination with Native American Tribal Governments

The CTC Guidelines require agencies preparing the RTP to consult with and consider the interests of Tribal Governments in the development of transportation plans and programs, including funding of transportation projects accessing tribal lands through state and local transportation programs. This requirement has been emphasized in the 2017 RTP Guidelines.

The lone Federally recognized tribal entity within Alpine County is the Hung A Lel Ti Community Council of the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California. This 2020 RTP update process actively encouraged the participation of the Hung A Lel Ti Community Council. The contact information for the Tribe is listed in Table 1.1.

Tribal feedback focused on the need for safety improvements to Diamond Valley Road. The highest-priority Tribal project is a shoulder widening project along Diamond Valley Road at the entrance to the Hung A Lel Ti community. This project would provide paved shoulders in areas with poor sight distance, and has been listed in the Chapter 4 of this Plan, which summarizes regional project needs (see Table 4.6 -Tribal Projects).

		Table 1.1					
	Native American Tribal Government Contact List						
Tribal Government	Contact	Address	Phone	Email			
Hung a Lel Ti Community Council of the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California	Irvin Jim, Jr., Chairperson	96A Washoe Blvd. Woodfords, CA 96120	(530) 694-2170	irvin.jim@washoetribe.us			

1.5 COVID-19 Statement

The Alpine Regional Transportation Plan development process began shortly before the COVID-19 pandemic and was quickly impacted by the pandemic and pandemic response. An amended public outreach campaign was conducted to be consistent with social distancing guidelines, but other more far-reaching impacts of the pandemic have arisen and will continue to arise in the following years. Funding is sources based on State sales tax and the State and Federal gas tax have experienced a decrease due to the pandemic and pandemic response as more people remain at home to socially distance, and faces uncertainty moving forward.

2 Existing Conditions

2.1 Setting

Alpine County is located in the Sierra Nevada Mountains in eastern California, approximately 30 miles south of South Lake Tahoe, 85 miles south of Reno, Nevada and 120 miles east of Sacramento, California (see Figure 2.1). Alpine County is one of the smaller counties in California, with a land area equaling approximately 740 square miles. The County is bounded by El Dorado County to the north, Amador, Calaveras, and Tuolumne Counties to the west, Mono County to the south, and Douglas County, Nevada to the east. There are no incorporated cities in Alpine County. Markleeville, Kirkwood, Bear Valley, Woodfords and Alpine Village are the primary communities in the County; the tribal community of Hung A Lel Ti is located near Woodfords.

Alpine County is the least populous county in California with only 1,142 people as of the 2020 Department of Finance estimates. The rural and mountainous nature of the County is ideal for recreational opportunities, including fishing, skiing, hiking, hunting, and bicycling. Almost 95% of the County's land is publicly owned and includes portions of the Mokelumne and Carson-Iceberg Wilderness Areas and Humboldt-Toiyabe, Stanislaus and Eldorado National Forests. Grover Hot Springs State Park is also located in Alpine County, near Markleeville.

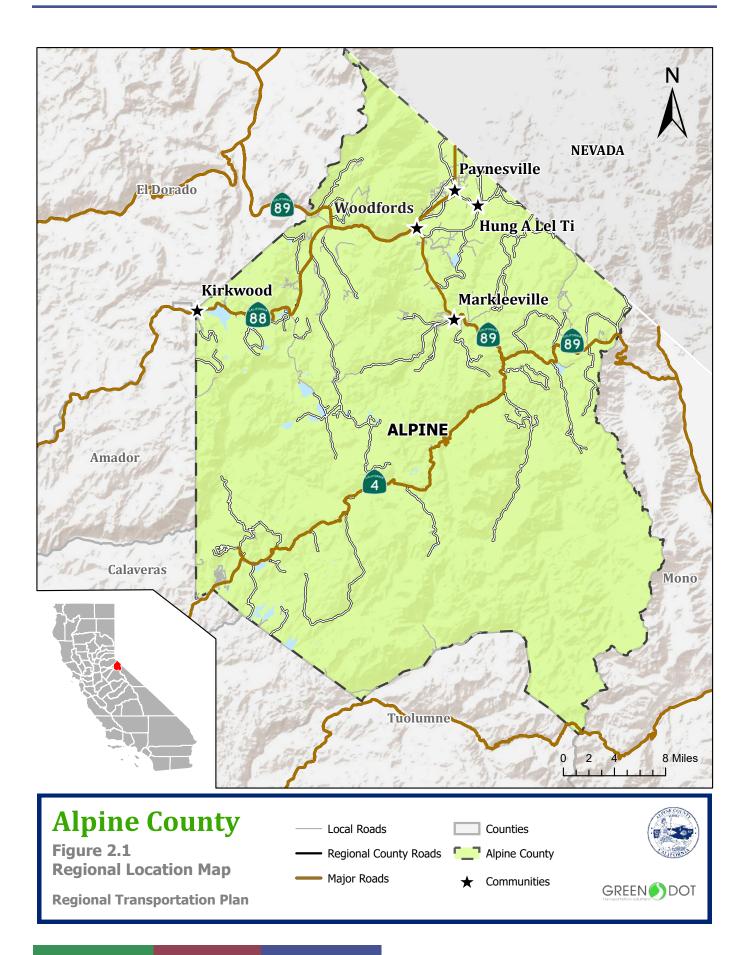
2.2 Population Trends

2.2.1 Existing Population

According to the California Department of Finance (DOF), the total population in Alpine County in 2015 was 1,162. By 2020, the DOF estimated the population to be 1,142, which calculates to an approximate -0.35 percent annual change on average (see Table 2.1). Countywide population density in 2020 was estimated to equal 1.5 persons per square mile. The forecasted population of Alpine is expected to decrease an average 2.8 percent every 5 years from 2020 to 2040.

	Table 2.1 Existing Population							
		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
	Total County Population	1,162	1,162	1,161	1,159	1,149	1,142	
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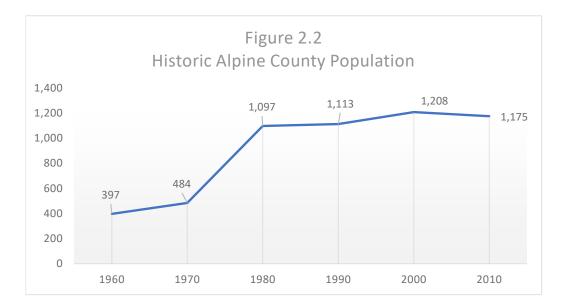
Source: California DOF Table E-4 Population Estimates for Cities, Counties and State



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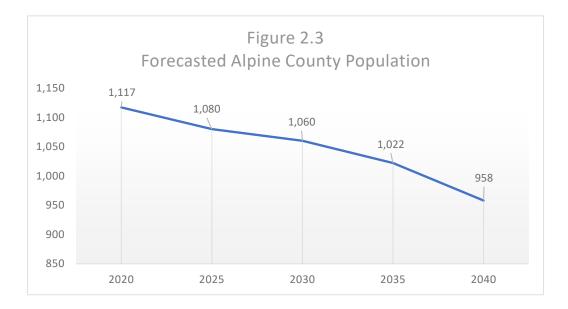
2.2.1 Historic Population

Historically, the population in Alpine County steadily increased from 1960 until the year 2000, when it peaked and started to slowly decline. Since 2000, when the estimated Alpine County population was at a peak of 1,208, population dropped to about 1,175 in 2010. See Figure 2.2 for details.



2.2.2 Forecasted Population

The DOF population forecasts for Alpine County report a steady decrease over the next 20 years. Population is expected to decrease at an approximate rate of 14.2 percent, or 0.71 percent annually, dropping down to an estimated population of 958 by the year 2040. The specific forecast can be seen in Figure 2.3. Alpine County is expected to lose approximately 160 people during the planning horizon of this document.



2.3 **Demographics**

2.3.1 Age of Population

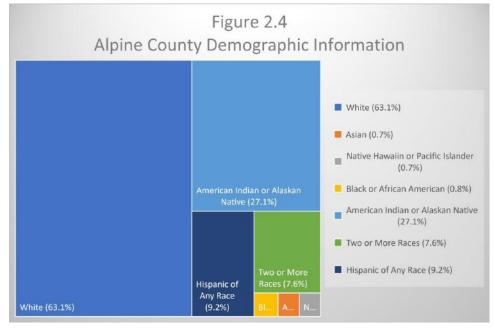
Alpine County's 65+ age demographic is generally increasing and is expected to reach approximately 32.6% of the total population by 2040 (Table 2.2). Alpine County's 36-64 demographic is expected to decrease 6.2% by 2040. The aging Alpine County population may put strain on the County's dial-a-ride transit system in the coming decades.

Table 2.2 Existing and Forecasted Age of the Alpine County Population									
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Number	1117	28	135	263	376	315			
Percent	100%	2.5%	12.1%	23.5%	33.7%	28.2%			
Number	1080	45	88	305	297	345			
Percent	100%	4.2%	8.1%	28.2%	27.5%	31.9%			
Number	1060	59	91	291	257	362			
Percent	100%	5.6%	8.6%	27.5%	24.2%	34.2%			
Number	1022	55	117	253	237	360			
Percent	100%	5.4%	11.4%	24.8%	23.2%	35.2%			
Number	958	47	140	196	263	312			
Percent	100%	4.9%	14.6%	20.5%	27.5%	32.6%			
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Source: California Department of Finance Report P:2 County Population Projections by Age

2.3.2 Demographics

Alpine County residents are predominately white (63.1%); however, there are substantial percentages of Native American (27.1%) and Hispanic (9.2%) populations. The demographics of Alpine County are detailed below in Figure 2.4.



2.4 Socioeconomic Conditions

2.4.1 Income

The 2018 American Community Survey states that the median household income in Alpine County was \$64,688 in 2018, which is slightly less than the state average of \$71,228. The two most common income brackets in Alpine County are in the \$50,000-\$74,999 and \$100,000-\$149,999 ranges, each accounting for 17.1% of the population. This information is detailed in Table 2.3.

	Table 2.3 Household Income						
Alpine County	California	United States					
3.7%	5.1%	6.3%					
6.7%	4.4%	4.6%					
7.4%	8.0%	9.3%					
10.7%	7.9%	9.3%					
12.4%	10.9%	12.6%					
17.1%	15.9%	17.5%					
9.0%	12.3%	12.5%					
17.1%	16.2%	14.6%					
8.7%	8.3%	6.3%					
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Source: 2018 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

2.4.2 Poverty

In Alpine County, 22.5% of the population is below the poverty line. This is a significantly greater percentage than either the State or Country average, which are 14.3% and 14.1% respectively (Table 2.4).

Table 2.4						
Poverty						
Data Source	Data Source					
Alpine County	22.5%					
California	14.3%					
United States	14.1%					
Courses 2040 ACC E Vous Estimates						

Source: 2018 ACS 5-Year Estimates

2.4.3 Major Employers

Government entities and the recreation and tourism industry account for a large portion of employment in Alpine County. Major employers, location and industry are detailed in Table 2.5. Most major employers in Alpine County are located in Markleeville, the County seat, with some located in Kirkwood. This list only includes employers based in Alpine County; numerous major employment centers for Alpine residents are located in Carson City, Nevada and surrounding Counties.

	Table 2.5	
N	lajor Employer	·s
Employer Name	Location	Industry
Alpine County	Markleeville	Government Offices - County
Alpine Learning Center	Markleeville	Schools
Bear Valley Mountain Resort	Bear Valley	Resorts
Child Protective Services	Markleeville	Social Services & Welfare Organization
Cutthroat Brewing Company	Markleeville	Brewery/Restaurant
Department of Social Welfare	Markleeville	Social Services & Welfare Organization
Diamond Valley Elementary School	Markleeville	Schools
Grover Hot Springs State Park	Markleeville	State Parks
Grover Pool	Markleeville	Swimming Pools - Public
Intero Real Estate Services	Markleeville	Real Estate
Kirkwood Meadows Utility	Kirkwood	Water & Sewage Companies - Utility
Kirkwood Mountain Resort	Kirkwood	Resorts
Kirkwood Real Estate	Kirkwood	Real Estate
Live Violence Free	Markleeville	Marriage & Family Counselors
Morton Golf LLC	Kirkwood	Golf Courses
Pacific Utility	Markleeville	Utility Contractors
Pacific Utility Audit Inc	Markleeville	Utility Contractors
Tahoe Youth & Family Services	Markleeville	Home Health Service
Transportation Department	Markleeville	Government Offices - State
Woodfords Community	Markleeville	Social Services & Welfare Organization
Woodfords Fire Department	Markleeville	Fire Departments
Wylder (formerly Sorensen's Resort)	Markleeville	Resorts
Source: California EDD Labor Market Information		

2.4.4 Unemployment

The total rate of unemployment in Alpine County according to the 2018 American Community Survey was 17.8%, which is significantly higher than the rates of California and the United States, which were at 5.5% and 4.9% respectively. See Table 2.6 for details.

Table 2.6 Unemployment						
	Total	Labor Force Participation Rate	Employment/ Participation Ratio	Unemployment Rate		
Alpine County	934	47.6%	39.2%	17.8%		
California	31,575,203	63.9%	60.0%	5.5%		
United States	262,185,951	63.3%	59.8%	4.9%		

Source: 2018 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

2.4.5 Educational Attainment

Table 2.7 highlights the significant differences between educational attainment between Alpine County, California, and the United States. Alpine County has a lower rate of higher education attainment than California and the United States. Only 12.9% of people 25 and over in Alpine County have a bachelor's degree or higher, while the state and national rates are 33.3% and 27.6%, respectively.

Table 2.7 Educational Attainment								
	Less Than High School	High School Graduate	Some College, No Degree	Associate's Degree	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate or Professional Degree		
Alpine County	19.2%	32.3%	24.4%	7.5%	7.5%	5.4%		
California	16.4%	21.8%	21.3%	7.8%	20.8%	12.5%		
United States	12.4%	27.6%	18.1%	7.4%	17.0%	10.6%		

Source: 2018 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

2.4.6 Disadvantaged Communities

Identifying project locations as disadvantaged communities is important when applying for competitive funding such as through the California Transportation Commission's Active Transportation Program. According to the Active Transportation Program Cycle 5 guidelines, a disadvantaged community can be defined through the following categories:

Median Household Income - The Median Household Income is less than 80% of the statewide median based on the most current Census Tract level data from the American Community Survey (ACS). One of Alpine County's two census tracts qualifies as a disadvantaged community by this measure, as shown in Table 2.8 and in Figure 2.5.

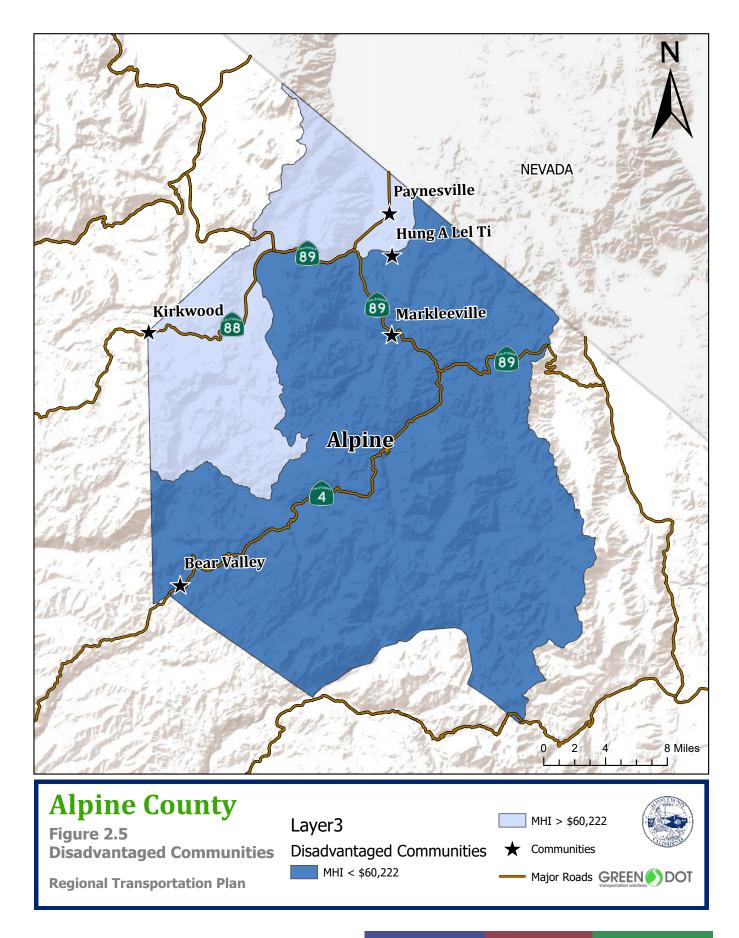
- CalEnviroScreen An area identified as among the most disadvantaged 25% in the state according to the CalEPA and based on the California Communities Environmental Health Screening Tool 3.0. Alpine County does not have any disadvantaged communities based on this metric.
- Free or Reduced Price School Meals At least 75% of public school students in the project area are eligible to receive free or reduced-price meals (FRPM) under the National School Lunch Program. Applicants using this measure must demonstrate how the project benefits the school students in the project area. No Alpine County schools can be determined as disadvantaged communities using this metric (see Table 2.9).
- Other Projects located within Federally Recognized Tribal Lands (typically within the boundaries of a Reservation or Rancheria), projects located in areas that lack accurate Census or CalEnviroScreen data such as in a small neighborhood or unincorporated area, or regional definition.

Table 2.8 Disadvantaged Communities by Median Household Income					
	Median				
Block Group	Household	% CA MHI			
	Income				
Census Tract 100, Block Group1	\$56,250	74.7%			
Census Tract 100, Block Group 2	\$65,208	86.6%			
Source: 2018 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates					

As stated in Table 2.9, at least 61% of public school students in Alpine County are eligible to receive free or reduced-price meals (FRPM) under the National School Lunch Program.

Table 2.9						
Disadvantaged Communities by Free/Reduced Lunch						
School Name	Enrollment	Free/Reduced Meal Eligibility	% Eligible			
Bear Valley Elementary	4	1	25.0%			
Diamond Valley Elementary	66	42	63.6%			
Total	70	43	61.4%			

Source: California Department of Education, Student Poverty Data



2.5 Housing

According to the 2018 American Community Survey, out of the approximate 1,733 housing units in Alpine County, only an estimated 299 units were occupied. Of the occupied units, approximately 14.5% are owner-occupied and 2.8% are renter-occupied. Alpine County's vacancy rate of 82.7% is significantly higher than the state or country (Table 2.10); the vacancy rate in Alpine County is approximately 10.5 times higher than the State average and 6.8 times higher than the national average.

Table 2.10 Housing Characteristics								
Place	Total Housing	Owner-Oc	Owner-Occupied Renter-Occupied			Vacant Units		
Place	Units	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	
Alpine	1,733	251	14.5%	48	2.8%	1,434	82.7%	
California	14,084,824	7,085,434	50.3%	5,880,000	41.7%	1,119,389	7.9%	
United States	136,384,292	76,444,810	63.8%	43,285,318	36.2%	16,654,164	12.2%	

Source: 2018 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

The 2018 median household income in Alpine County of \$66,888 is below the state average of \$71,228 (Table 2.11). However, the median home value of Alpine County was \$349,000 according to the 2018 American Community Survey, which is substantially lower than the California median home value of \$475,900. The median household income relative to median home value is greater in Alpine County than the California average.

Table 2.11Median Home Value vs. Median Household Income							
Area	Median Home Value	Median Household Income	Median Household Income as % Home Value				
Alpine County	\$349,000	\$64,688	18.5%				
California	\$475,900	\$71,228	15.0%				
United States	\$204,900	\$60,293	29.4%				

Source: 2018 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

2.6 Transportation

2.6.1 Vehicle Ownership

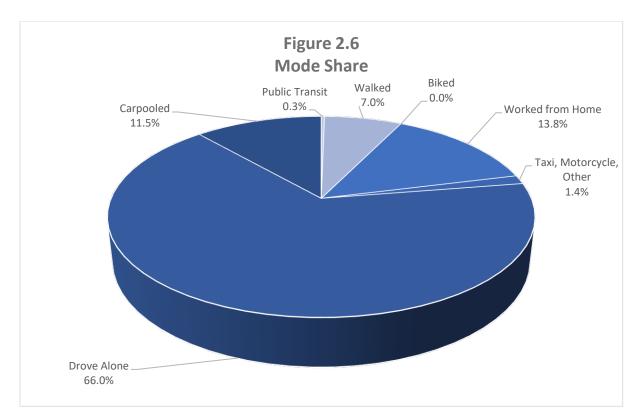
In Alpine County, 94% of residents have access to one or more vehicles. This is similar to the rates both in California and the U.S. (Table 2.12).

Table 2.12 Vehicle Ownership							
Vehicles Available	Alpine County	California	United States				
0	6.0%	7.2%	8.7%				
1	30.8%	30.8%	33.0%				
2	30.8%	37.3%	37.3%				
3+	32.4%	24.6%	21.0%				

Source: 2018 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

2.6.2 Mode Share

Figure 2.6 below illustrates how Alpine County residents commute to work. Single-occupant vehicles are the primary mode of transportation in Alpine County (66%). A heavy reliance on automobiles may be accredited to the rural nature of the County, low development densities, severe winter weather, and limited options for non-auto modes of travel. Alpine County commuter trips are categorized by the following modes of transportation: driving alone (66%), carpooling (11.5%), walking (7%), public transportation (0.3%), bicycle (0%) and taxicab, motorcycle, or other means (1.4%). An approximate 11.8% of Alpine County residents work from home.



2.6.3 Commute Patterns

Table 2.13 Commuting Patterns							
	Destination						
		Alpine	Douglas	El Dorado	Washoe		
		County	County, NV	County	County, NV		
	Alpine County	98	89	71	47		
gin	Douglas County, NV	107	8,312	1,000	3,378		
Origin	El Dorado County	25	2,512	27,825	х		
	Washoe County, NV	18	1,996	664	175,234		

As shown in Table 2.13, 98 of the 903 employed Alpine County residents work within Alpine County. The remaining work in other counties including El Dorado County and Douglas and Washoe Counties in Nevada.

Source: 2017 Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics

2.7 Streets and Roads

2.7.1 Current System

As shown in Table 2.14, there are a total of 252.46 miles of maintained roads in Alpine County. All maintained roads within the County are classified as rural roads. The County of Alpine owns and operates a total of 147.15 miles of roadway, while the State and U.S. Forest Service own and maintain 89.18 and 16.14 total miles, respectively. Many unmaintained miles of U.S. Forest Service roads exist in Alpine County as well.

Table 2.14Roadway Mileage and Jurisdiction						
Jurisdiction	Rural Road Miles	Total Miles				
Alpine County	147.15	147.15				
State Highways	89.18	89.18				
U.S. Forest Service	16.14	16.14				
Total Maintained Miles	252.46	252.46				
Source: California Public Road Data 201	.8					

Figure 2.7 displays the major roadways in Alpine County along with their functional classification, as designated by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Roadway classifications are characterized in the following manner:

Arterials

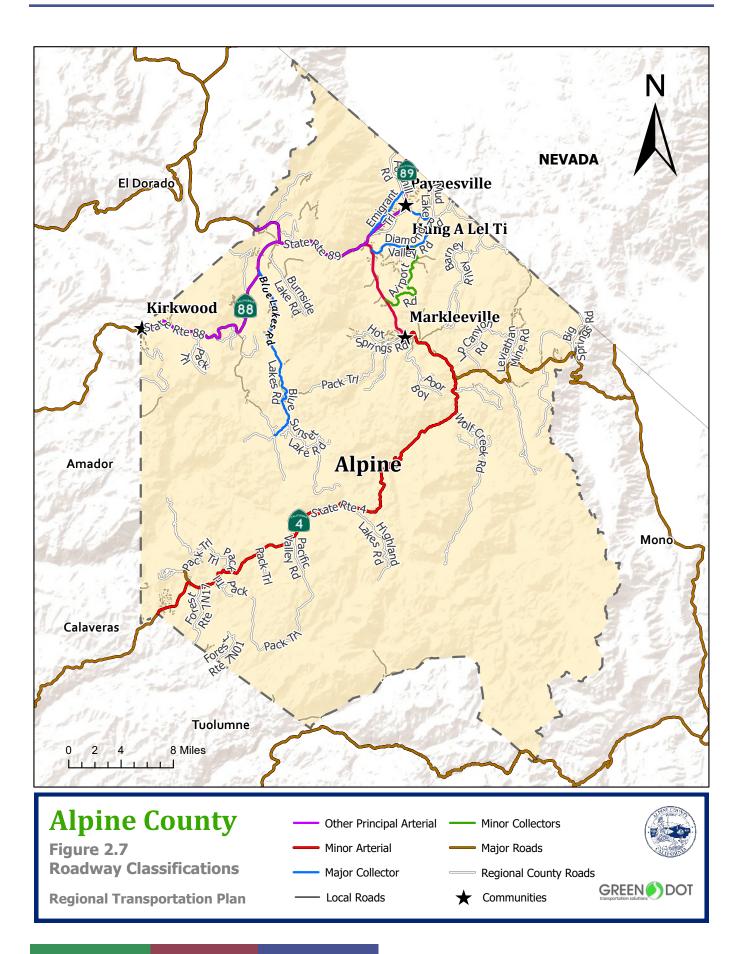
Arterials provide the highest level of service at the greatest speed for the longest uninterrupted distance, with some degree of access control. The minor arterials identified in Alpine County are integrated intercounty roads connecting Alpine County to surrounding counties and cities, including cities and communities in the Bay Area and Central Valley. SR 4 and SR 89 are classified as minor arterials. Other principle arterials in Alpine County connect with cities with populations 50,000 or greater. SR 88 and SR 89 \Luther Pass are classified as other principal arterials.

Collectors

Collectors provide a less highly developed level of service at a lower speed for shorter distances by collecting traffic from local roads and connecting them with arterials. The FHWA further delineates collectors into major and minor collectors. Major collectors connect to arterials or regional destinations, and minor collectors generally connect local roadways to major collectors. Major collectors in Alpine County serve primarily intra-county travel serving smaller communities and countywide trip generators, such as consolidated schools, shopping, and recreational activities, and trip lengths may be comparable to those of minor arterials in low-density areas. Major collectors in Alpine County include Hot Springs Road, Blue Lakes Road, Diamond Valley Road, Emigrant Trail and Foothill Road. Airport Road is the lone identified minor collector in Alpine County.

Local Roads

Local roads provide access to adjoining properties and primary residences. There is virtually no through traffic. Most maintained miles in Alpine County are classified as local roads.



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The four State highways in Alpine County are shown in Figure 2.8. A small 300-foot long portion of SR 108 crosses the southern tip of Alpine County but is left to Mono and Tuolumne for transportation planning. A summary description is provided below:

State Route 4

SR 4 is an east-west 2-lane conventional highway (classified as a minor arterial) beginning in Contra Costa County at the City of Hercules and ending in Alpine County at SR 89 near Markleeville, and has a length of approximately 197 miles. The 58-mile stretch of SR 4 from Arnold in Calaveras County to its endpoint at SR 89, known as Ebbett's Pass Scenic Byway, is designated as a National Scenic Byway. Portions of SR 4, including the section from Monitor Jct. to Lake Alpine, are closed regularly during winter due to severe winter weather.

State Route 88

SR 88 is an east-west 2-lane conventional highway (classified as other principle arterial) beginning in Stockton at SR 99 and ending at in Minden, Nevada, and has a length of approximately 122 miles. SR 88 is a State Scenic Highway. SR 88 closes over Carson Pass during severe winter weather events.

State Route 89

SR 89 is a 243 mile north-south 2-lane conventional highway (classified as a minor arterial) beginning at I-5 near Mount Shasta and ending at US 395 near Coleville, California in Mono County. SR 89 is a major thoroughfare for many mountain communities, as it runs through Siskiyou, Shasta, Tehama, Plumas, Sierra, Nevada, Placer, El Dorado, Alpine, and Mono counties. SR 89 closes from Monitor Pass to US 395 during severe winter weather events, and rarely closes over Luther Pass. Closures at Luther Pass due to winter weather interfere with efficient goods movement to, within, and through Alpine County, as Luther Pass at the junction SR 88/El Dorado County Line has the heaviest truck volumes in the region (see Table 2.20 on page 27).

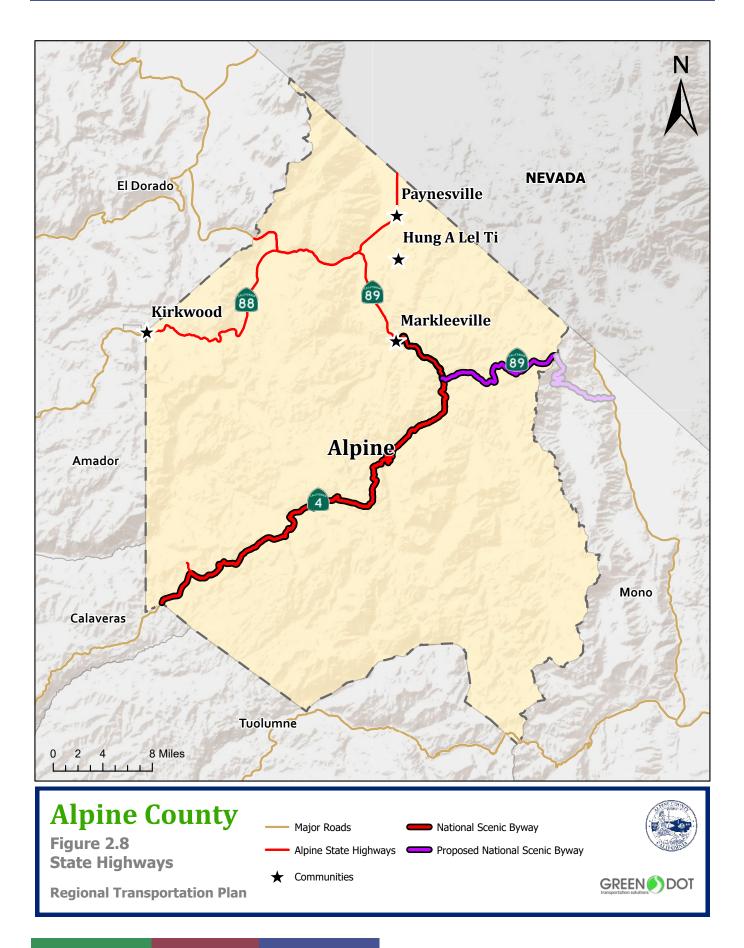
A new National Scenic Byway Segment is currently proposed on SR 89. The proposal to seek a National Scenic Byway designation for Hwy 89 would begin from Highway 395 at the south end to Luther Pass at the north end.

State Route 207

SR 207 is a north-south 2-lane conventional highway beginning at SR 4 near Bear Valley and ending at Mount Reba at the Bear Valley Ski Resort parking lot and is only 1.36 miles in length. SR 207 is open year-round as it is the only way to access the Bear Valley Ski Resort.

Other Important Roads

Alpine County is a destination for many tourists seeking outdoor recreation. The annual "Death Ride" takes place every summer and brings cyclists through 129 miles of Alpine County Roadway including Monitor Pass, Ebbett's Pass, and Carson Pass, ending at Turtle Rock Park. Hot Springs Road connects Markleeville with the popular Grover Hot Springs State Park. Diamond Valley Road provides important access for residents in the Woodfords area including residents of of Hung A Lel Ti. Additionally, Blue Lakes Road provides access to recreational destinations and serves as a snowmobile route during winter road closures.



Forest Service Roads

Approximately ninety-five percent of Alpine County's land area is government owned and administered by the U.S Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, or Departments of the State of California. Many Forest Service roads, such as Burnside Lake Road, Blue Lakes Road, and Poor Boy Road, are maintained by the County through cooperative agreements and are included in the County's mileage. A small number of roads, are still being maintained by the Forest Service. According to the California Division of Transportation System Information, Alpine County has approximately 46 miles of US Forest Service Roads. Approximately 17% of roadway mileage in Alpine County is US Forest Service Roads.

2.7.4 Pavement Conditions

Due to limited funds, many roadways have pavement conditions that are in need of repair. The average Pavement Condition Index (PCI) for roadways in Alpine County is 41 (California Local Streets & Roads Needs Assessment 2018 Update). PCI values range from 0-100, and optimally, pavement improvements will occur when PCI levels are at 66 or above. As PCI ratings lower, preventative pavement repair costs increase exponentially. With a PCI of 70 or above, preventative maintenance is relatively inexpensive at about \$4.60-\$4.85/square yard. For PCI between 50 and 70, repair costs go up to about \$18.05-\$18.80/square yard. Once PCI goes below 50, repair costs rise to \$28.45-\$29.73/ square yard and can go up to almost \$70/ square yard for roads that deteriorate to the point of needing a total reconstruction.

The PCI in Alpine County is at the high end of the PCI scores deemed "Poor" (PCI of 0-49). As seen in Table 2.15, Alpine County's average PCI rating has consistently dropped slightly since 2012. Once pavement reaches this condition, it tends to deteriorate at a much faster rate and should be addressed as quickly as possible. Many of the projects listed in Chapter 4 are roadway rehabilitation projects and directly address pavement deterioration in the region.

Table 2.15 Pavement Conditions								
2012 PCI 2014 PCI 2016 PCI 2018 PCI								
45	44	44	41					
Good	Lower Risk	Higher Risk	Poor					
(71-100)	(61-70)	(50-60)	(0-49)					
	Pavemen 2012 PCI 45 Good	Pavement Conditions2012 PCI2014 PCI4544GoodLower Risk	Pavement Conditions2012 PCI2014 PCI2016 PCI454444GoodLower RiskHigher Risk					

Source: California Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment 2012, 2014, 2016 and 2018

2.7.5 Historic Traffic Volumes

Traffic volumes provide an indication of the daily or hourly utilization of a given roadway facility. This level of utilization can then be evaluated relative to the ability of the roadway to accommodate the traffic to yield an assessment of the quality of service experienced by the motoring public who use the facility.

Average annual daily traffic (AADT) volumes for Alpine County state highways can be seen in Table 2.16. The source of the existing condition roadway volumes in Alpine County are from the most recently published Caltrans traffic volumes for state highways (2017). As seen in Table 2.20, State Route 88 experiences the highest Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) in Alpine County. State Route 88 and State Route 89 are the main routes for goods movement, tourism, and local travel in the county. Many sections of State highways experienced no changes in traffic between 2013 and 2017.

Table 2.16 Historic Average Annual Daily Traffic								
Segment	2013 AADT	2014 AADT	2015 AADT	2016 AADT	2017 AADT	Avg. Annual Change, 2013- 2017		
	State Ro	oute 4						
Alpine/Calaveras County Line	1,150	1,150	1,200	1,200	1,200	1.1%		
SR 207	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	0.0%		
Lake Alpine	950	950	950	950	950	0.0%		
Ebbetts Pass Summit, Bulloin, Jct. Rte. 89	490	490	490	490	490	0.0%		
	State Ro	ute 88						
Almador/Alpine County Line	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	0.0%		
Caples Lake	2,450	2,450	2,450	2,450	2,450	0.0%		
Carson Pass Summit (Elev 8573 ft)	2,450	2,450	2,450	2,450	2,450	0.0%		
Picketts, West Jct. Rte. 89	2,950	2,950	2,950	2,950	2,950	0.0%		
East Jct. Rte. 89, Nevada State Line	3,300	3,300	3 <i>,</i> 550	3,550	3,550	1.9%		
	State Ro	ute 89						
Mono/Alpine County Line	390	390	430	430	430	2.6%		
Monitor Junction	780	780	890	890	890	3.5%		
Laramie St	800	800	910	910	910	3.4%		
Markleeville, Webster St	1,300	1,300	1,700	1,700	1,700	7.7%		
Jct. Rte. 88, Alp/Ed Co Line; Luther Pass	2,450	2,450	3,200	3,200	3,200	7.7%		
	State Ro	ute 207						
Bear Valley Ski Resort	750	750	750	750	750	0.0%		
**Fach AADT is an average of traffic counts within 5 locations								

**Each AADT is an average of traffic counts within 5 locations

2.7.6 Forecasted Traffic Volumes

Traffic volume forecasts can be seen in Table 2.17. A variable formula was used to forecast average traffic based on the average annual change from 2013-2017. Roadway segments with minor increases or decreases in this time period were projected at a matching constant rate of increase or decrease. Roadways with significant average traffic increases were projected at a higher rate of increase in proportion to traffic increases experienced between 2013 and 2018. Road segments that experienced no change between 2013 and 2017 have been projected to remain constant.

Table 2.17 Forecasted Average Annual Daily Traffic								
Segment	2020 AADT	2025 AADT	2030 AADT	2035 AADT	2040 AADT			
	State Rout	e 4						
Alpine/Calaveras County Line	1204	1211	1217	1224	1231			
SR 207	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200			
Lake Alpine	950	950	950	950	950			
Ebbetts Pass Summit, Bulloin, Jct. Rte. 89	490	490	490	490	490			
	State Route	88						
Almador/Alpine County Line	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500			
Caples Lake	2450	2450	2450	2450	2450			
Carson Pass Summit (Elev 8573 ft)	2450	2450	2450	2450	2450			
Picketts, West Jct. Rte. 89	2950	2950	2950	2950	2950			
East Jct. Rte. 89, Nevada State Line	3570	3604	3639	3673	3708			
	State Route	89						
Mono/Alpine County Line	430	430	430	430	430			
Monitor Junction	899	915	931	948	964			
Laramie St	919	935	951	967	984			
Markleeville, Webster St	1740	1808	1878	1952	2028			
Jct. Rte. 88, Alp/Ed Co Line; Luther Pass	3274	3403	3536	3674	3817			
	State Route	207						
Bear Valley Ski Resort	750	750	750	750	750			

2.7.7 Historic and Existing Vehicle Miles Traveled

Vehicle miles of travel (VMT) is a general but robust measure of vehicle activity. It measures the extent of utilization a transportation network experiences by motorists. Although it is not a good indicator of congestion, it is a great indicator of overall vehicle activity and identifies bottlenecks or high delay "hotspot" locations. VMT is commonly applied on a per-household or per-capita basis and is a primary input for regional air quality analyses and for developing VMT rates for safety analysis. Per Senate Bill 743 (Steinberg, 2013), VMT is now the basis for transportation impact identification and mitigation under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). However, jurisdictions must also ensure consistency with current land use plans, some of which still utilize Level of Service as a primary metric. Future Regional Transportation Plan updates will be consistent with the County General Plan and will promote new developments adjacent to existing developments in order to reduce VMT and travel times.

VMT data is annually reported as part of the Federal Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) program. The HPMS program uses a sample-based method that combines traffic counts stratified by functional classification of roadways by volume groups to produce sample based geographic estimates of VMT. HPMS VMT estimates are considered "ground truth" by the 1990 Federal Clean Air Act Amendments (November 15, 1990). HPMS VMT estimates are used to validate baseline travel demand models and to track modeled VMT forecasts over time. HPMS VMT estimates are reported for each county by local jurisdiction, state highway use, and other state/federal land roadways, e.g. State Parks, US Bureau of Land Management, US Forest Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service. HPMS VMT estimates are sample based. Due to smaller sampling requirements at the sub-county level of geography and in federal air quality attainment

areas, desired 90/10 confidence level estimates of VMT are typically not attained in more rural areas of the state.

Estimates of countywide VMT for Alpine County from 2014 to 2018 are provided in Table 2.18. As shown, some roadway jurisdictions such as State Highways and County roadways have minor changes between 2014 and 2018. However, other jurisdictions such as the State Parks Service roads and Bureau of Indian Affairs have had much more significant changes. Dramatic changes in VMT within the unincorporated County and on State/Federal/Tribal owned roadways can be attributed to roadway mile inventory changes (e.g., new or abandoned roadways).

Table 2.18 Historic Vehicle Miles Traveled								
Jurisdiction	2014 Daily VMT	2015 Daily VMT	2016 Daily VMT	2017 Daily VMT	2018 Daily VMT	Change, 2010-2017	Average Annual Change, 2010-2017	
Bureau of Indian Affairs	0.11	x	х	x	х	-	-	
County	35.7	34.91	42.23	42.24	42.34	18.6%	4.6%	
State Highways	120.52	128.94	129.94	129.94	126.78	5.2%	1.3%	
State Park Service	0.36	0.17	х	х	х	-	-	
US Forest Service	1.35	1.71	2.54	2.54	2.32	71.9%	18.0%	
Total	158.04	165.73	174.72	174.73	171.45	8.5%	2.1%	
Source: 2010 - 2018 California Public Road Data								

Source: 2010 - 2018 California Public Road Data

2.7.8 Forecasted Vehicle Miles Traveled

Vehicle Miles Traveled have been projected over the lifetime of the RTP in Table 2.19. A variable formula was used to forecast VMT based on the average annual change from 2014-2017. Overall, VMT on roadways in Alpine County is not expected to change drastically between 2020 and 2040.

Table 2.19 Forecasted Vehicle Miles Traveled								
Jurisdiction	Jurisdiction 2020 Daily 2025 Daily 2030 Daily 2035 Daily 2040 Dail VMT VMT VMT VMT VMT VMT							
County	42.9	43.9	44.9	46.0	47.1			
State Highways	127.3	128.1	128.9	129.8	130.6			
US Forest Service	2.4	2.7	2.9	3.2	3.5			
Total	172.5	174.4	176.2	178.0	179.9			
Source: 2010 - 2018 Calif	ornia Public Road Da	ta						

Table 2.20 displays truck Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT) volumes within Alpine County, as well as the percentage of total traffic is comprised of truck traffic. State Route 88 and 89 experience the highest truck AADT in Alpine County. In the segments of State Route 89 that experiences the most truck traffic, trucks make up approximately 13.3% of the total vehicles on the road. From 2014 to 2018, State Routes 4, 88 and 207 have not significantly changed in total truck AADT levels; State Route 89 is the only highway with significant increase in truck traffic.

Table 2.20 Truck Traffic										
Segment	2014		2015		2016		2017		2018	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
State Route 4										
Calaveras/Alpine County Line	23	2.0%	24	2.0%	24	2.0%	24	2.0%	24	2.0%
Bullion, Jct. Rte. 89	23	4.1%	23	4.1%	23	4.1%	23	4.1%	х	х
State Route 88										
Picketts, West Jct. Rte. 89	198	7.7%	198	7.8%	198	7.8%	198	7.7%	198	7.8%
Nevada State Line	252	7.4%	273	7.4%	273	7.4%	273	7.4%	274	7.4%
State Route 89										
Mono/Alpine County Line	19	4.8%	21	4.8%	21	4.8%	21	4.8%	21	4.8%
Bullion, Jct. Rte. 4 West	34	5.4%	40	5.4%	40	5.4%	40	5.4%	40	5.4%
Picketts, Jct. Rte. 88	320	13.3%	417	13.3%	417	13.3%	417	13.3%	417	13.3%
State Route 207										
Jct. Rte. 4	45	6.0%	45	6.0%	45	6.0%	45	6.0%	45	6.0%
Mt. Reba Ski Resort	24	3.2%	24	3.2%	24	3.2%	24	3.2%	24	3.2%

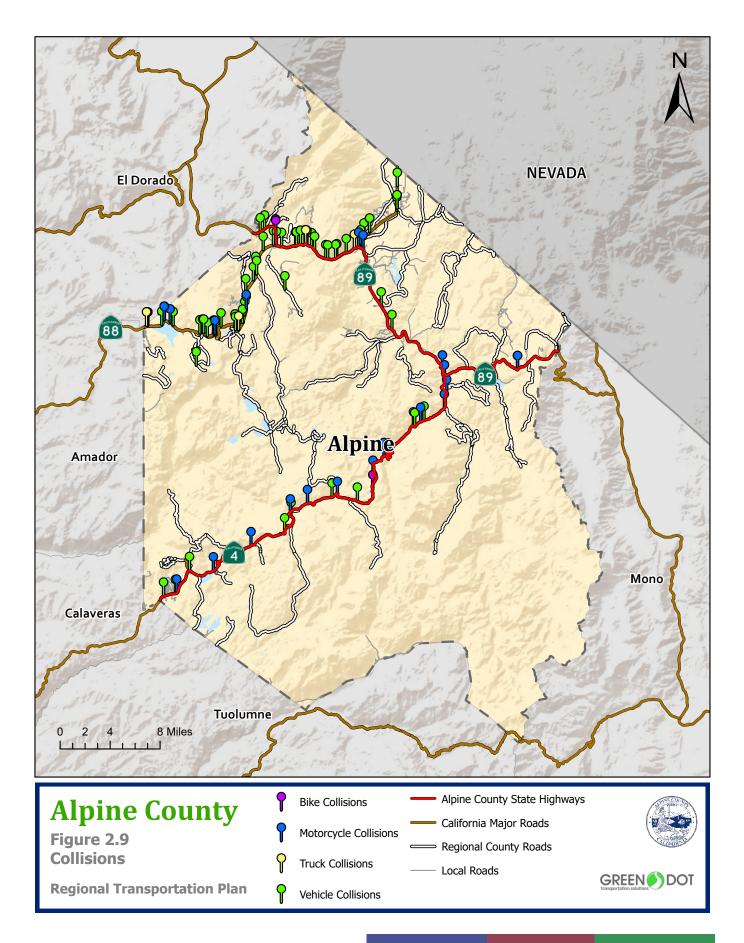
Source: Caltrans Average Annual Daily Truck Traffic

2.7.10 Collisions

Table 2.21 details a five-year collision history in the County of Alpine. The majority of collisions (approximately 64%) occurred on State Route 88. From 2015 to 2019, 12 of the total 117 collisions were fatal. For more detailed location data, please refer to the most current Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System managed by the California Highway Patrol (http://iswitrs.chp.ca.gov/Reports/jsp/userLogin.jsp). See Figure 2.9 for a map of collisions in Alpine County.

Table 2.21 Collision History								
Route	Total Collisions	Fatal Collisions	Highway Collisions	Pedestrian Collisions	Bicycle Collisions			
2015								
SR 4	5	0	5	0	1			
SR 88	10	1	10	0	0			
SR 89	3	0	3	0	0			
SR 207	x	х	х	x	х			
2015 Total	18	1	18	0	1			
2016								
SR 4	6	1	6	0	0			
SR 88	15	1	15	0	0			
SR 89	3	3	3	0	0			
SR 207	х	x	х	х	х			
2016 Total	24	5	24	0	0			
2017								
SR 4	4	0	4	0	0			
SR 88	20	3	20	0	0			
SR 89	4	0	4	0	1			
SR 207	х	х	х	х	х			
2017 Total	28	3	28	0	1			
2018								
SR 4	5	1	5	0	0			
SR 88	15	1	15	0	0			
SR 89	x	х	х	x	х			
SR 207	x	х	х	x	х			
2018 Total	20	2	20	0	0			
2019								
SR 4	9	1	9	0	0			
SR 88	15	0	15	0	0			
SR 89	3	0	3	0	0			
SR 207	x	х	х	x	х			
2019 Total	27	1	27	0	0			
Total	117	12	117	0	2			

Source: SWITRS



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2.7.11 Bridges

According to the 2018 California Streets & Roads Needs Assessment, there are 11 County-maintained bridges within Alpine County (Table 2.22). The Needs Assessment reports a Sufficiency Rating (SR) value for each bridge; bridges with values under 80 and above 50 are considered eligible for rehabilitation and bridges with a rating under 50 are considered structurally deficient or functionally obsolete and are eligible for replacement. Of the 11 bridges in Alpine County, 6 have a sufficiency rating below 80 but above 50 and are eligible for rehabilitation and 1 has a sufficiency rating under 50 and is eligible for replacement. The average SR rating for Alpine County bridges has dropped slightly since 2012, and the estimated cost for bridge needs is currently estimated at \$2 million. Bridges on rural roads are essential to the transportation network. Maintaining bridges so that the most direct route can be used to transport goods to the market is essential to being competitive in the current economy.

Table 2.22 Bridge Sufficiency							
	2012	2014	2016	2018			
Number of Bridges	11	11	11	11			
Average SR	75	75	74	74			
Structures with SR < 80	5	5	6	6			
Structures with SR < 50	1	1	1	1			
Total Bridge Need (Millions)	\$1.0	\$1.0	\$2.0	\$2.0			

Source: California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment 2012, 2014, 2016, and 2018

2.8 Public Transit

2.8.1 Dial-A-Ride

The Dial-A-Ride program is for the general public and persons needing transportation assistance and is provided by Alpine County Community Development. Dial-A-Ride service is by appointment only and provides rides to and from Markleeville, Woodfords, Hung A Lel Ti, Minden, Gardnerville, Dresslerville, Kirkwood, South Lake Tahoe, and the Carson City Area. The Alpine Dial-A-Ride program does not service the Bear Valley area. This service operates Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm and costs \$2.00-\$5.00 for one-way fare and \$4.00-\$10.00 for round trip fare, depending on the service area and trip length. Dial-A-Ride provides special needs service for medical and social security needs only on Thursdays, and includes trips to and from Reno, Truckee, Placerville, and Sacramento. Other destinations that can be accomplished within a 12-hour period may be approved of the Community Development Director. Special needs services should be reserved at least 7 days in advance.

Passengers requesting Dial-A-Ride service should book appointments 24 hours in advance and are booked on a first come, first served basis. Inclement weather may cause delays and/or cancellation of services until conditions improve. Dial-A-Ride will not operate on roads where snow or icy conditions are present or where chain controls are in place. According to Alpine County Transit Financial Transaction Reports, Dial-A-Ride ridership has increased from 2016-2018, detailed in Table 2.23.

Table 2.23 Transit Ridership						
	2016	2017	2018			
Total Passengers	479	454	601			
Passenger Fare	\$8,770	\$6,405	\$5,370			

Source: Alpine Transit Financial Transaction Reports 2016, 2017, and 2018

2.8.2 Social Services Transportation Advisory Council

The purpose of the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) is to identify the County's unmet transit needs through public input from a broad representation of service providers and public members representing the elderly, people with a disability, and persons of limited means. There are currently no social service providers offering transportation services to residents in Alpine County; however, Dial-A-Ride is utilized as a means for special needs, medical, and social security services on Thursdays. Dial-A-Ride ridership count has increased from 2016-2018, and the elderly population, 65+, of Alpine County (approximately 28%) is expected to continue to grow. With a growing elderly population, Dial-A-Ride services will most likely see a steady demand for its transportation services.

2.8.3 Inter-Agency Connections with Other Providers

Foothill Rideshare Program

The Foothill Rideshare Program was a joint effort between Alpine County, Tuolumne County, Calaveras County, and Amador County to promote resident's usage of intra-county carpooling. Due to lack of need and the cost of maintaining the program, the Foothill Rideshare is no longer in service, and no alternatives are being considered.

Amtrak

Amtrak Bus provides service in South Lake Tahoe, approximately 20 miles north of Alpine County. This station provides a bus connection to Amtrak's nationwide rail and bus network. This location is accessible via the Dial-A-Ride service.

Greyhound

A private operator that provides intercity bus service with routes throughout California and the U.S. Greyhound provides service within the region in Carson City and Reno in Nevada, and Truckee, California. These locations are accessible via the Dial-A-Ride service.

Carson Valley Airporter Service

Although the Carson Valley Airporter Service does not operate in Alpine County, it does provide regular service from Minden and Gardenville in Nevada to the Reno-Tahoe Airport. The Dial-a-Ride service may be used to connect locations throughout Alpine County to Minden.

2.9 Active Transportation

2.9.1 Bicycle

Alpine County State highways are extremely popular among cyclists due to the relatively low traffic volumes and impressive scenery. The annual 'Death Ride' event, which occurs every July and attracted just over 2,160 registered bikers in 2019, is based in Markleeville. Bikers ride through 129 miles of Alpine County roadway and climb 15,000 feet through Monitor Pass, Ebbetts Pass, and Carson Pass. Participants often train within Alpine County in the months leading up to the ride. Despite the high usage of the highways in Alpine County for bicycling, few separate recreational facilities exist for pedestrians and bicyclists.

The Lake Alpine Trail is an important bicycle/pedestrian facility in Alpine County, for tourists and residents alike. The Lake Alpine Trail is a paved pathway that circles Lake Alpine from the east end of the lake to Silver Tip Campground. The path continues as an unpaved trail from the campground into Bear Valley.

With Bear Valley Mountain Resort and Kirkwood Ski Resort offering bike rentals in the summer, numerous trails, and a bike park at Kirkwood, bicycling has become a staple summer recreational and tourist activity. Alpine County currently has a Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, with a goal to improve overall bicycle and pedestrian safety. For a map of active transportation facilities in Alpine County, see Figure 10.

2.9.2 Pedestrian

There are few pedestrian-designated facilities in Alpine County. SR 89 through Markleeville does not have any sidewalks. Pedestrian facilities in the County, including sidewalks, are limited. In addition, signs warning motorized traffic of pedestrians exist in Kirkwood and Bear Valley. Kirkwood Mountain Resort creates temporary pedestrian aisles with cones and traffic sticks during winter conditions. These temporary aisles connect parking, roads, and resort access points.

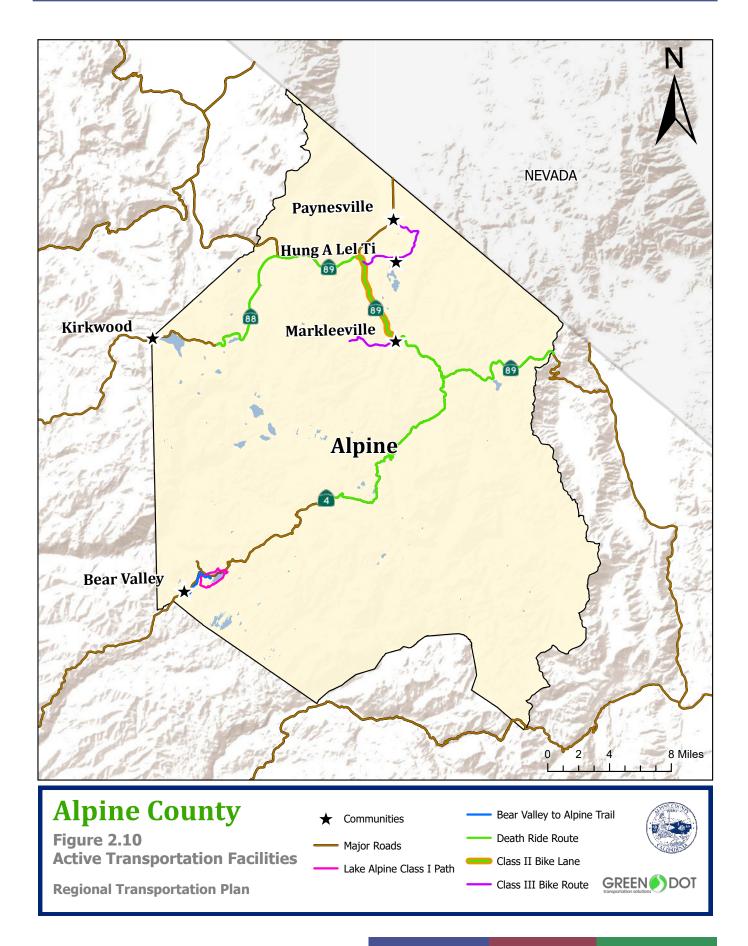
2.9.3 Bicycle and Pedestrian Recommendations

The Alpine County Local Transportation Commission is committed to expanding bicycle and pedestrian facilities in the region where feasible. Projects including sidewalks and curb ramps in population centers such as Markleeville, Woodfords, and Bear Valley will be prioritized, and grant funding will be pursued when possible. In addition, the ACLTC will look for opportunities to coordinate bicycle and pedestrian safety and training. Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Activities will include safety seminars for motorists and non-motorists, bicycle training education programs that teach students and residents bicycle safety, basic bicycle maintenance, and rules of the road are recommended. Bike rodeos are bicycle skill events where bicyclists, particularly children, are provided the opportunity to practice and develop skills to ride a bicycle safely. The rodeos include skills activities, exhibits, games, and an evaluation and feedback component. Interactive events engage children in a controlled environment and make them more confident bicyclists/ pedestrians. Educational programs encourage children to safely use active transportation on their own.

2.10 Aviation

2.10.1 Alpine County Airport

Alpine County owns and operates one public use general aviation airport, Alpine County Airport. The Alpine County Airport is located approximately 3 miles north of Markleeville, approximately 65 miles south of the Reno-Tahoe International Airport, and approximately 130 miles east of Sacramento International Airport. It



is the only state designated general aviation facility within a 20-mile radius. Alpine County Airport Facilities include one unlit runway. According to the Alpine County General Plan, the airport serves approximately 100 aircraft operations annually.

2.11 Goods and Freight Movement

The main routes for truck traffic and goods movement in Alpine County are SR 89 and SR 88, respectively. SR 89 is a major connector for mountain communities in the Sierras, and SR 88 connects Stockton and the surrounding central valley with western Nevada. Truck traffic through Alpine County is not expected to increase rapidly in the future, as much of the truck traffic traveling from California to Nevada utilizes Interstate 80 to the north of the County.

<u>Issues</u>

The following issues relating to goods and freight movement in Alpine County have been identified:

- Winter closures State Route 89 closes from Monitor Pass to US 395 during severe winter weather events, and occasionally closes over Luther Pass. Closures at Luther Pass due to winter weather interfere with efficient goods movement to, within, and through Alpine County, as Luther Pass at the junction SR 88/El Dorado County Line has the heaviest truck volumes in the region (see Table 2.20 on page 27).
- Pavement condition Large trucks have a proportionately greater impact on pavement condition due to heavier weights.
- Conservation The key pressures on conservation targets for all freight generators within the region include mining and quarrying facilities, livestock ranching, farming, and logging.

Recommendations

In order to adequately prepare for future goods and freight movement in the region, additional studies and strategies are recommended to ensure that Alpine regional roadways have the capacity to efficiently and safely support goods movement. The following recommendations have been identified:

- Currently, the Alpine region utilized data collected by and presented in the California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment Report to monitor pavement conditions, prepared every 2 years. The California Fright Mobility Plan (CFMP) 2020 recommends the collection and utilization of Weigh-In-Motion (WIM) data to identify appropriate pavement strength to accommodate trucking over the duration of anticipated useful life of the pavement improvements. WIM devices capture and record axel and gross vehicle weights of moving vehicles, as well as other data including vehicle classification, speed, and overall length. This data is subsequently used to inform pavement studies, highway monitoring and capacity studies, accident rate calculations, and load factor calculations for structures.
- The Alpine County region will rapidly need to prepare for vehicle electrification. In addition to personal vehicles and the transit fleet, Alpine County will need to prepare roadways to address sustainable freight transition. It is recommended that further planning efforts are needed to prepare for and implement Zero Emissions Vehicle (ZEV) infrastructure readiness, electric vehicle plug-in stations, and other planned improvements that would benefit economic outcomes while reducing the impacts of climate change on the region.

- It is recommended that a separate regional agricultural study and other planned studies that could assist in the public decision-making process are prepared. These studies for improving regional goods resiliency, preservation, and conservation on key natural resources would provide an explanation for how the region plans to address and manage future growth.
- It is recommended that an additional study to describe how the impacts of tourism and recreation affect freight demand for further regional economic/environmental studies is prepared by the region.
- Other recommendations to support goods and freight movement in the region include expanding the truck parking network and coordination of roadway planning relative to future planned developments and areas of natural resource development.

2.12 Railroads

There is currently no rail service within Alpine County. The nearest rail-line is in Truckee, approximately 74 miles north of Alpine County. The rail line is for passenger use only and is operated by Amtrak. Truckee also has a freight rail.

2.13 Interconnectivity Issues

The rural nature of Alpine County inherently creates connectivity issues involving roadways, transit, and non-motorized modes of transportation. Severe winter weather creates additional obstacles to provide County residents with reliable, interconnected travel options.

3 Policy Element

The purpose of the Policy Element is to identify legislative, planning, financial and institutional issues and requirements within Alpine County. Consistent with the 2017 RTP Guidelines, the Policy Element is intended to:

- Describe the most important transportation issues in Alpine County as a region.
- Identify and quantify regional needs expressed within both short-term (0-10 years) and long-term (11-20 years) planning horizons (Government code Section 65080 (b) (1).
- Maintain internal consistency with the Financial Element, STIP fund estimates, and RTIP.

The Policy Element describes transportation issues in Alpine County, California, and the United States and provides goals, objectives, and policies to assist in setting transportation priorities. The Policy Element from the 2015 Alpine County RTP was used as the baseline for the Policy Element and policies and objectives have been updated to align with new legislation and planning strategies. The 2020 Policy Element supports the transition from Level of Service (LOS) to Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) as a metric for roadway effectiveness and emphasizes methods to reduce vehicle use and increase active transportation and transit use to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through the development of Goals, Policies, and Objectives the Alpine County Transportation Commission can utilize to implement and track progress.

3.1 Transportation Issues

3.1.1 Federal Issues

Federal transportation policy direction and programming provides the direction through which transportation planning decisions are made at the State, regional and local levels.

FAST Act

On December 4, 2015, President Obama signed the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act (Pub. L. No. 114-94) into law—the first federal law in over a decade to provide long-term funding certainty for surface transportation infrastructure planning and investment. The FAST Act authorized \$305 billion over fiscal years 2016 through 2020 for highway improvements, highway and motor vehicle safety, public transportation, motor carrier safety, hazardous materials safety, rail, and research, technology, and statistics programs. The FAST Act expired on September 30, 2020.

3.1.2 Statewide Issues

California is dedicated to reducing greenhouse gas emissions through sustainable land use and transportation planning. In 2016, California Senate Bill 32 was passed, which codifies a 2030 GHG emissions reduction target of 40 percent below 1990 levels. The transportation sector accounts for 37% of California's carbon emissions, prompting policy to reduce vehicle miles traveled. Subsequent legislation has been passed to support California's goals of GHG emissions reductions, such as Senate Bill 743 (SB 743), described in the following section, which has an impact on the RTP guidelines and the RTP development process. In 2017, transportation funding in California was changed with California Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), which is a \$52 billion transportation program funded by increased state gas taxes and vehicle license fees.

Senate Bill 743

Former Governor Brown signed Senate Bill (SB) 743 (Steinberg, 2013), which creates a process to change the way that transportation impacts are analyzed under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Specifically, SB 743 requires the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) to amend the CEQA Guidelines to provide an alternative to Level of Service (LOS) for evaluating transportation impacts. In 2018 the CEQA Guidelines were amended to include those alternative criteria, and auto delay (slowed traffic congestion) is no longer to be considered a significant impact under CEQA. Transportation impacts related to air quality, noise and safety must still be analyzed under CEQA where appropriate. SB 743 also amended congestion management law to allow cities and counties to opt out of LOS standards within certain infill areas. The updated 2017 RTP Guidelines have established vehicle miles traveled (VMT) as the metric to replace LOS. Goals, Policies and Objectives related to VMT guidance in Alpine County can be viewed in Section 3.12.

Senate Bill 1 and the Impact on the Transportation Funding

In 2016, several bills that would drastically change the financial outlook for transportation funding for the next decade were debated within the State Legislature. The results of those legislative efforts culminated in the Governor's signing of Senate Bill 1 (SB1) on April 28, 2017. In November of 2018, California Proposition 8 (Prop 8) was defeated, which proposed a repeal of SB 1.

SB 1 is a \$52 billion transportation plan funded by increased taxes on gasoline and diesel fuel, and vehicle license fees, including a new fee for vehicles that do not utilize fossil fuels, but do use the public roads. That new funding source will be used exclusively for transportation purposes, including maintenance, repair and rehabilitation of roads and bridges, new bicycle and pedestrian facilities, public transportation, and planning grants.

SB 1 created the following new and augmented programs that fall under California Transportation Commission (CTC) purview:

- Active Transportation Program (ATP) \$100 million (80%) added annually for bicycle and pedestrian projects.
- Local Streets and Roads \$1.5 billion added annually for road maintenance and rehabilitation.
- State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) \$1.9 billion added annually for projects on State Highways.
- State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Funding source stabilized.

California Electric Vehicle Mandate

On September 23, 2020, Governor Newson signed Executive Order N-79-20 establishing a State goal that 100% of in-state sales of new passenger vehicles and trucks will be zero-emissions by 2035. The Executive Order establishes a further goal that 100% of medium- and heavy-duty vehicles in the State be zero-emission by 2045 for all operations where feasible and by 2035 for drayage trucks. Finally, the order sets a goal of the State of California to transition to 100% zero-emission off-road vehicles and equipment by 2035 where feasible. Regional and local transit fleets are expected to adhere to the State goal of transitioning to zero-emissions vehicles by 2035. The ACLTC will need to prepare for electric vehicle transition for transit, personal vehicles, and freight in coming years. It is recommended that the Alpine region prepares an electrical vehicle analysis plan which will identify and plan for future locations for charging facilities and the associated infrastructure, designs, and local energy providers coordination efforts.

3.1.3 Regional and Local Issues

Even with new funding guaranteed by Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, the primary local and regional issues involve maintaining the integrity of existing facilities. Additional issues at the local and regional level include the need for transportation modes other than the automobile, that provide access and connectivity between communities, health services, shopping, recreational destinations and employment centers. The following general categories of transportation issues have been identified:

- 1. Prioritization of and funding for road and highway projects.
- 2. Maintenance and improvement of the existing road system.
- 3. Improvement of non-auto transportation modes and programs.
- 4. Promotion of economic development within the County, especially related to recreational tourism.

Economic development efforts should include Transportation Planning agencies in their planning decisions to ensure transportation infrastructure and programs adequately account for the demand on the system. The ACLTC will maintain roadways to enable recreational tourism and commercial activity. Alpine County will continue efforts to increase participation in recreational activities such as fishing, camping, bicycling, and general tourism. Elements of the transportation system related to commercial activity include the following:

- Road systems with adequate structural strength to support large truck movements on a regular basis.
- ✤ Airport facilities to support fire suppression.

3.1.4 Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Emissions

In 2006, the California State Legislature adopted Assembly Bill (AB) 32 known as the California Global Warming Solutions Act. The bill establishes a cap on statewide greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) and sets forth the regulatory framework to achieve the corresponding reduction in statewide emissions levels. The updated 2017 RTP Guidelines document provides several recommendations for consideration by rural RTPAs to address GHG. The following strategies from the guidelines have been applied towards small Counties, including Alpine County:

- Emphasize transportation investments in areas where desired land uses as indicated in a city or County general plan result in vehicle miles traveled (VMT) reduction or other lower impact use.
- Recognize the rural contribution towards GHG reduction for counties that have policies that support development within their cities, and protect agricultural and resource lands.
- Prioritize transportation projects that increase connectivity or provide other means to reduce VMT.

The effectiveness of efforts by the RTPA to provide transportation alternatives and to implement policies and strategies consistent with State and national goals of reducing GHG emissions can be measured in terms of reductions in vehicle miles traveled (VMT) or expected growth in VMT. VMT reductions correlate directly with reductions in GHG emissions. Caltrans reports VMT by County on an annual basis.

Alpine County has experienced a slight decrease in population and employment over the past two decades and is forecast to continue this trend into the future. As seen previously in Section 2.7.7 Historic and Existing Vehicle Miles Traveled, in recent years the vehicle miles traveled (VMT) has increased on all roadways managed in Alpine County. The VMT on County roadways increased from 35.7 in 2014 to 42.3 in 2018, with an average annual increase of 4.6%. The State highway VMT increased from 120.5 in 2014 to 126.8 in 2018, with an average annual increase of 1.3%. Overall, VMT on all roadways in Alpine County has increased slightly by an average annual rate of 2.1% between 2014 and 2018.

The County will continue to monitor population and employment and VMT growth consistent with the RTP, RTP performance measures, and the County's General Plan policies to track changes in travel demand. However, with Alpine County having a small and decreasing population, no major changes are foreseen.

3.2 Regional Goals, Objectives, and Strategies

The comprehensive goals, objectives, and policies that have been developed for this RTP meet the needs of the region and are consistent with the County's regional vision and priorities for action, which set the framework for carrying out the roles and responsibilities of the ACLTC and assists them in their decision-making process for transportation investment. These objectives are intended to guide the development of a transportation system that is balanced, multi-modal, and will maintain and improve the quality of life in Alpine County.

The goals, objectives, and policies for each component of the Alpine County transportation system are discussed below.

- A goal is the end toward which effort is directed; it is general and timeless.
- An objective is a direction statement that guides actions for use in determining present and future decisions, often used to help reach goals.
- A policy is a specific means to accomplish the intent of the goal and direction of the policy.

The goals, objectives and policies set forth in this Plan are consistent with the policy direction of the ACLTC, the Alpine County General Plan Circulation Element, the 2018 Active Transportation Plan, the California Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP), and the updated California Transportation Plan (CTP 2050).

The CTP 2050 includes goals to improve travel times and ease traffic congestion; increase safety and security on bridges, highways, and roads; foster healthy lifestyles through active transportation; expand economic opportunities through the movement of people, freight, services, and information; and create a low-carbon transportation system that protects human and environmental health. The current Alpine County General Plan contains the following overall goals for Alpine County:

- Maintain the existing scenic quality available along all of Alpine County's highways (Goal 29).
- Improve safety and circulation on State Route 88 to and through Alpine County (Goal 30).
- Improve safety and circulation on State highway 4 to and through Alpine County (Goal 31).
- Improve safety and circulation on State highway 89 to and through Alpine County (Goal 32).
- Construct safe and efficient intersections for present and future levels of highway use (Goal 33).
- Increase County minimums for Alpine County (Goal 34).
- Ensure County minimum amounts are spent in Alpine County (Goal 35).
- Provide for the cost of maintenance on new and existing County roads (Goal 36).
- Upgrade existing roads and add new roads to the County system that meet projected needs and planned functional classifications and insure that private roads do not become a burden or threat to the health, safety, or welfare of the general public (Goal 37).
- Provide for the transit needs of the County in a timely and economic fashion (Goal 38).
- Establish safe and adequate aviation facilities (Goal 39).
- Develop bicycle circulation and support facilities where safe and reasonable (Goal 40).

- Develop pedestrian circulation for the betterment of local commerce as well as the safety and convenience of local citizens (Goal 41).
- Fulfill the parking needs of local citizens and visiting traffic (Goal 42).
- Establish winter trails for cross-country ski and snowmobile use (Goal 43).
- Develop, maintain, and use pipeline, power line and communication facilities in a wise and efficient manner (Goal 44).

The current Goals, Objectives and Policies recommended for the County of Alpine in this RTP are as follows.

3.3 Regional Goals

Goal #1:

Provide a well-balanced regional transportation system that meets the needs of all users.

Objective:

Include regional entities in the transportation planning process (short/long term).

Policy 1.1:

Coordinate with Caltrans, California Transportation Commission, Washoe Tribe, neighboring Transportation agencies, local governments, Federal and State resource agencies and other pertinent entities when planning transportation capital improvements (short/long term).

3.4 State Highways and Regional Roadways

3.4.1 Issues:

With low traffic volumes, decreasing population and inadequate funds, expanding the capacity of the roadway system in the county is not a high priority for Alpine County. This sentiment was echoed in the public input process. Safety improvements and maintaining the existing system are of central importance.

Goal #2:

Provide and maintain a safe, efficient, and convenient countywide roadway system that meets the travel needs of people and goods through and within the region (short/long term).

Objective:

Identify and prioritize improvements to the roadway system (short/long term).

Policy 2.1:

Support Tri-County (Amador County Transportation Commission, Alpine County Local Transportation Commission and Calaveras Council of Governments) Letter of Agreement (LOA) projects which improve safety, mobility and reliability for visitors and residents of Alpine County and travel to and from Alpine County.

Objective:

Maintain roadways at acceptable safety standards (short/long term).

Policy 2.2:

Identify and eliminate unsafe conditions on state highways and intersections, in coordination with Caltrans.

Policy 2.3:

Prioritize roadway projects according to safety standards, including required maintenance and repair, in the most cost-effective manner given available resources.

Objective:

Employ Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) strategies when feasible and cost effective. ITS includes technology improvements which will enhance the safety and reliability of roadways such as Changeable Message Signs (CMS) which provide travelers roadway information on detours, winter road closures and weather conditions (short term).

Policy 2.4:

The ACLTC will consider implementation of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) technologies for individual modes based on availability, feasibility, and funding.

Objective:

The County will work with developers and Caltrans to ensure that intersection improvements are installed at the appropriate time and in accordance with State and County design standards (short/long term).

Policy 2.5:

Developers shall be responsible for constructing or improving intersections at new developments, including resort communities and ski areas, to maintain acceptable VMT on roadways that provide access or are affected by the development during the implementation of planned or phased development in these areas.

Goal #3:

Support recreational travel by making it safe, easy and inviting (short/long term).

Objective:

Implement improvement projects which will help to reduce vehicle speeds in community commercial areas as well as increase the walkability and attractiveness of downtown areas (short/long term).

Policy: 3.1:

The County will pursue traffic calming and streetscape projects in the downtown Markleeville area in coordination with stakeholders that will avoid significant loss of parking.

3.5 Local Roads

3.5.1 Issues:

As with State highways and regional roadways, expanding the capacity of the local roadway system in the County is not a priority or financial reality for Alpine County. Pavement maintenance and safety improvements continue to be the highest priorities for the local roadway system.

Goal #4:

Upgrade and maintain roadways in order to preserve the County roadway system (short/long term).

Objective:

Accept new roads into the locally maintained road system only when they meet the criteria established by the County and when financial means exist to support both maintenance and snow removal (long term).

Policy: 4.1:

Existing roads should be maintained and upgraded as a priority over the construction of new roads to new areas except where the public benefit clearly outweighs overall costs and impacts.

Objective:

Improve overall pavement condition ratings to a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) rating of 50 or better to reduce the need for expensive roadway reconstruction projects over the long-term. (long term).

Policy: 4.2:

Develop a Pavement Management System (PMS) and roadway inspection schedule as recommended in the Pavement Management System Report, and update the PMS report every few years as needed.

Policy: 4.3:

Prioritize roadway maintenance projects based on pavement condition data obtained from the Pavement Management System and Roadway Data Analysis Report and the overall regional importance of the local roadway.

Policy: 4.4:

Consider imposing traffic impact fees on any industrial, commercial, residential, or other development permit for the purpose of improving affected local roads.

Objective:

Prioritize projects that will ensure that Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) levels remain at the predetermined threshold. New development must encourage further connectivity, allowing shorter driving time and making other non-vehicular modes of transportation a viable option (short/long term).

3.6 Public Transit

3.6.1 Issues:

Despite low ridership on Alpine County public transit services, there is a portion of the population who require transportation to Douglas County or other urban areas for work, commercial or medical purposes. According to the American Community Survey, approximately 6 percent of residents in Alpine County had no vehicle available to them in 2018 (latest data available). Maintaining a limited level of transit service with the goal of more consistent service throughout both sides of the County is an important regional transportation need for Alpine County; however, it is difficult to provide these services in a cost-effective manner.

Goal #5:

Provide for the mobility needs of county residents, visitors, and employees within the financial constraints of state and federal transit funding (short/long term).

Objective:

Tailor public transportation and transit service provisions to the area's population characteristics (long term).

Policy 5.1:

Implement recommendations from the Alpine County Short Range Transit Plan. Update the plan a minimum of every five years as required by Caltrans or as necessary.

Policy 5.2:

Consider transit services first in areas where the greatest operational efficiencies exist (i.e., dependent needs, recreational areas).

Policy 5.3:

Include the Hung A Lel Ti Tribe in the transit planning process.

<u>Objective:</u>

Provide life-line transportation for transit-dependent residents (short/long term).

Policy 5.4:

The ACLTC will conduct a minimum of one public hearing annually to consider and take testimony on unmet transit needs prior to expending LTF funds.

Policy 5.5:

Coordinate annual grant programs, such as FTA Section 5310, programs and assist agencies in preparing applications when applicable.

Policy 5.6:

Ensure that public transit services are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Objective:

As funding permits, develop transit service as an effective alternative transportation mode choice (long term).

Policy 5.7:

Expand transit service to meet the needs of employees commuting between Douglas County and Alpine County as warranted and financially feasible.

Policy 5.8:

Support transit projects that serve recreation and commuter purposes.

Policy 5.9:

Encourage coordination of inter- and intra-county transit service.

Objective:

Promote the use of renewable and alternative fuels for transit where feasible (short/long term).

Policy 5.10:

Purchase renewable and alternative fuel transit vehicles where feasible. Actively seek funding that would allow the purchase of fleet vehicles that use renewable and clean alternatives.

Policy 5.11:

Promote the use of renewable and alternative fueled transportation.

Policy 5.12:

Develop partnerships with other departments and entities to expand the availability and use of alternative and renewable fuels.

3.7 Non-motorized Transportation

3.7.1 Issues:

There is a need to enhance bicycle and pedestrian facilities for recreational users, tourists and residents in Alpine County. Wider shoulders, bike lanes and paths will greatly increase safety in the region while way-finding signage and safe crossing areas will improve connectivity between community destinations. The public input process indicated that providing additional facilities for bicyclists is an important regional transportation need for both motorists and non-motorists.

Goal #6:

Promote a safe, convenient, and efficient non-motorized transportation system that is part of a balanced overall transportation system (short/long term).

Objective:

Integrate pedestrian and bikeway facilities into a multimodal transportation system (long term).

Policy 6.1:

Implement recommendations of the adopted Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. Continue to update the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan in order to be eligible for state and federal funding.

Policy 6.2:

Incorporate non-motorized facilities where feasible when implementing improvements or new developments to the existing roadway network.

Policy 6.3:

Prioritize roadway and street designs that avoid conflicts between automobiles and non-motorized users.

Policy 6.4:

Require bikeway and pedestrian facilities in all appropriate future and development projects when feasible, to facilitate onsite circulation for pedestrian and bicycle travel and connections to the proposed system.

Policy 6.5:

Pursue alternative funding mechanisms for the development of bicycle and pedestrian facilities, as well as look for potential partnerships or interagency agreements.

Policy 6.6:

Implement complete streets that are context sensitive to rural areas, that foster equal access by all users in the roadway design.

Objective:

Provide a pedestrian and bikeway system that emphasizes safety (short/long term).

Policy 6.7:

Prioritize improvement projects which will increase bicycle safety along corridors and intersections frequently used by school children, recreational cyclists, and visitors.

Objective:

Prioritize active transportation projects that enhance the connectivity of the existing non-motorized system (short/long term).

Policy 6.8:

Coordinate with funding programs to provide multiple components of an infrastructure project when appropriate.

Goal #7:

Promote alternative transportation to support the recreational tourism industry and economy of the region (short/long term).

Objective:

Promote equitable and sustainable use of resources (short/long term).

Policy 7.1:

Actively seek funding sources for multi-modal transportation development.

Policy 7.2:

Promote equity, cost effectiveness, and modal balance in planning, and allocate funds to regionally significant roadway and trail projects.

3.8 Parking

Goal #8:

Fulfill the parking needs of local citizens, travelers, and tourists (short/long term).

<u>Objective:</u>

Promote off-street parking to reduce congestion, to accommodate snow removal, and to ensure safety and mobility (short/long term).

Policy 8.1:

Coordinate with Caltrans and the US Forest Service to construct and maintain off-street parking facilities as needed along State highways and County roadways to serve summer and winter recreational travelers.

3.9 Aviation

3.9.1 Issues:

Improvements to the airport are needed. Alpine County's only funding source for airport capital improvements is the California Aid to Airport Program (CAAP) program, which has seen cutbacks in recent years due to State budget shortfalls. This indicates that other funding sources need to be pursued.

Goal #9:

Maintain the Alpine County Airport as a safe and operable general aviation facility. Expand airport services only if additional funding is available beyond CAAP annual grant program (long term)

<u>Objective:</u>

Promote the safe, orderly, and efficient use of airport and air space and compatible land uses as addressed in the updated Airport Layout Plan (long term).

Policy 9.1:

Support land use decisions that discourage or prevent development in the vicinity of the airport that may present significant public safety issues.

Policy 9.2:

Implement Airport Capital Improvement Projects as funding allows with priority for projects which are required to improve the safety of the airport.

3.10 Goods Movement

3.10.1 Issues:

While truck traffic is not generated at a substantial level within Alpine County, Alpine County includes several trans-Sierra State highways which are important roadways for interregional goods movement. It is therefore an important regional transportation need to maintain pavement and implement safety projects on the State highways to a level that is sufficient for goods movement.

Goal #10:

Provide for the safe and efficient movement of goods within Alpine County and connecting to points beyond (short/long term).

Objective:

Mitigate conditions that transporters of goods deem dangerous or unacceptable (long term).

Policy 10.1:

Place a high level of importance on maintenance projects which will assist goods movement.

Policy 10.2:

Provide proper road geometry and consider passing lanes on roadways intended to accommodate truck traffic such as SR 88 and 89.

Policy 10.3:

Support projects that improve safety for all users on goods movement routes.

3.11 Transportation Systems Management

3.11.1 Issues:

Ridesharing and carpooling is an important regional transportation need for Alpine County. This is a relatively inexpensive form of transportation assistance which can benefit all residents, particularly commuters and those in areas not served by public transit, such as Bear Valley. Ridesharing will improve mobility for Washoe Tribe members.

Goal #11:

Promote the use of alternative transportation to reduce the negative impacts of single-occupant vehicle travel and to increase mobility for Alpine County residents (short/long term).

Objective:

Employ ITS strategies when feasible and cost effective (short term).

Objective:

Advance the use of Transportation Demand Management (TDM) in a thorough, cost effective manner that is feasible and appropriate in a rural context. Transportation demand management is the application of strategies and policies to reduce travel demand, such as by encouraging telecommuting and carpooling (long term).

Policy 11.1:

Support the use of public transportation as a transportation control measure to reduce traffic congestion and vehicle emissions.

Policy 11.2:

Work with Caltrans and other agencies to locate and develop park-and-ride lots.

Policy 11.3:

Provide outreach to media, employers, and the general public to promote awareness of alternative transportation. Designate a rideshare coordinator as necessary.

Policy 11.4:

Encourage special event organizers to promote carpooling among event attendees.

3.12 Air Quality and Environment

3.12.1 Issues:

In California, transportation accounts for 37 percent of greenhouse gas emissions (GHG). Transportation strategies include: reducing, managing, and eliminating non-essential trips, GHG emissions and air pollution through smart land use, ITS, demand management, value pricing, and market-based manipulation strategies.

With a population of less than 1,200 people and no traffic congestion, it is not likely that Alpine County policies will have a noticeable effect on GHG emissions. However, it is important that the county transportation and land use decision-makers pursue projects that adhere to adopted state strategies.

Goal #12:

Enhance sensitivity to the environment in all transportation decisions (short/long term).

Objective:

Promote transportation policies and projects that support a healthy environment (short/long term).

Policy 12.1:

Conduct environmental review consistent with CEQA for individual projects as they advance to the implementation stage of development.

Policy 12.2:

Avoid sensitive wildlife habitat when constructing transportation facilities contained in the proposed system whenever feasible. If sensitive areas are affected by new routes, mitigate impacts through the appropriate CEQA or NEPA process.

Goal #13:

Reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions (short/long term).

Objective:

Ensure that transportation projects contribute to the goal of lowering emissions (short term).

Policy 13.1:

Comply with state and federal climate change regulations and standards.

Policy 13.2:

Prioritize and recommend transportation projects that minimize vehicle emissions while providing cost effective movement of people and goods.

Policy 13.3:

Promote projects that can be demonstrated to reduce air pollution, such as alternative fuel programs.

Policy 13.4:

Develop plans that meet the standards of the California Clean Air Act and the Federal Clean Air Act and Amendments in coordination with the local Air Pollution Control District.

Policy 13.5:

Consider GHG emissions as part of every transportation capital improvement project decision.

Policy 13.6:

Pursue projects with positive GHG impacts that are realistic given the rural nature of Alpine County, including transit programs, ridesharing programs, bicycle and pedestrian improvements, ITS strategies, and maintenance of existing roadways to reduce vehicle emissions.

Objective:

Ensure consistency with Senate Bill 743 to actively support greenhouse gas reduction targets (short term).

Policy 13.7:

Replace Level of Service (LOS) analysis with Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) analysis as required statewide under CEQA and to support state and national goals to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

Policy 13.8:

Prioritize projects that will actively reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled such as transit projects, bicycle and pedestrian improvements, ride share programs and other measures that will incentivize other modes of transportation over single-occupancy vehicles.

Policy 13.9:

Implement compact pedestrian-oriented development that provides a mix of land uses within walking or biking distance that meet the daily needs of residents and visitors:

• Encourage clustered and infill development;

• Encourage and develop land use policies that focus development potential in locations best served by transit and other alternative transportation; and

• Implement parking strategies that encourage the "park-once" concept.

This chapter presents a plan to addresses the needs and issues for each transportation mode, in accordance with the goals, objectives, and policies set forth in the Policy Element. It is within the Action Element that projects and programs are prioritized as short- or long-term improvements, consistent with the identified needs and policies. These plans are based on the existing conditions, forecasts for future conditions and transportation needs discussed in the Existing Conditions Section and Policy Element and are consistent with the Financial Element.

4.1 Plan Assumptions

It is necessary to base the Action Element on a series of planning assumptions, as presented below:

- Environmental Conditions No change is assumed in attainment status for air or water quality affected by transportation projects.
- Travel Mode The private automobile will remain the primary mode of transportation for residents and visitors. Public transportation will remain a vital service for the elderly, lowincome, and for persons with mobility limitations. Bicycle and pedestrian travel will increase modestly, for both recreational and utility purposes.
- Changes in Truck Traffic The proportion of truck traffic on State highways will remain relatively steady during the planning period. Primary goods movement corridors are along SR 88 and 89 between Nevada and South Lake Tahoe as well as between Nevada and the Western Sierra foothills.
- Recreational Travel Recreation oriented local travel will continue to have a major impact on State highways in the County as will intra-county visitor travel. SR 4 from Calaveras County, SR 89 from El Dorado County, and SR 88 from Amador County and the state of Nevada will be the primary visitor travel corridors. Monitor Pass is also an important corridor for trans-Sierra travelers.
- Transit Service Though future planning efforts may lead to expansion of services in Alpine County, any expansion will not significantly impact overall traffic levels. It is anticipated that demand for public transit will increase as the population ages.
- Population Growth Alpine County will not be subject to the same development pressures as its neighboring counties. The scale of potential growth within the region will be minimal within the foreseeable future.
- Planning Requirements New State and Federal requirements with respect to climate change and GHG emissions will continue to shape the planning process in the future. This RTP is a dynamic document which will be updated as requirements change.

4.2 Project Purpose and Need

The RTP guidelines require that an RTP "provide a clearly defined justification for its transportation projects and programs". This requirement is often referred to as the Project Intent Statement or the Project Purpose and Need. Caltrans' Deputy Directive No. DD 83 describes a project's "Need" as an identified transportation deficiency or problem, and its "Purpose" is the set of objectives that will be met to address the transportation deficiency. Projects for each type of transportation mode are divided into financially constrained and financially unconstrained improvements. Financially constrained projects are

funded over the short range periods (0-10 years) as demonstrated in the Financial Element. The financial constraint is defined as revenues that can reasonably be assumed to be available for identified projects. The unconstrained project list (11-20 years) is considered a longer term list of projects that would provide benefit to the region without a clearly identified and available funding source. It is prudent to develop projects in the long-range project lists in the event funding should become available. For Alpine County, each project listed in the RTP project lists contributes to system preservation, safety, and/or multimodal enhancements. These broad categories capture the intended outcome for projects during the life of the RTP and serve to enhance and protect the "livability" of residents in the County.

4.3 Regional Priorities

4.3.1 Maintenance Emphasis

In Alpine County, the limited available funding is focused on maintaining existing roadway, transit, nonmotorized, and airport facilities and programs. Capacity increasing projects shall be initiated only when fully or largely funded by revenue sources that otherwise could not be used for maintenance activities. Other capital projects can only be implemented after new funding sources become available to allow full funding of ongoing maintenance responsibilities. The County has limited capacity to fund large projects even when outside funding is available. Maintenance projects will focus on pavement maintenance and improvements and snow plowing during inclement weather.

4.3.2 Regionally Significant Projects

In addition to maintenance projects, a few regionally significant projects have been identified. The following projects have been identified through the community and stakeholder outreach process as being the most highly desired and/or needed projects in the region:

- Diamond Valley Road Widen the pavement along Diamond Valley Road to provide paved shoulders in areas with poor sight distance.
- Hot Springs Road Rehabilitate roadway and widen shoulders on Hot Springs Rd. Between Markleeville and State Park.
- Hot Springs Road-Hot Springs Creek Bridge replacement.
- Safe Crossing at State Highways Projects

4.4 Transportation Safety

Addressing transportation safety in a regional planning document can improve health, financial, and quality of life issues for travelers. In the past, transportation safety has been addressed in a reactionary mode. There is a need to establish methods to proactively improve the safety of the transportation network. In response to this, California developed a Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). This plan sets forth one primary safety goal: reduce roadway fatalities to less than one per one hundred million per vehicle miles traveled. The SHSP focuses on 16 "Challenge Areas" with respect to transportation safety in California. For each Challenge Area, background data is provided, a specific goal is established, strategies are considered to achieve that goal, and institutional issues which might affect implementation of that goal are discussed. In addition to the identified challenge areas in the SHSP, agencies and tribal governments are eligible to apply for safety grants through the FHWA and Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The policy element of this RTP includes safety goals and objectives that comply with the California Strategic Highway Safety Plan as well as regional safety needs within the county. Transportation improvement projects that specifically address safety for all types of transportation modes are included in the project list tables in this chapter.

4.5 Transportation Security/Emergency Preparedness

Transportation security is another element which is incorporated into the RTP. Separate from transportation safety – transportation security and emergency preparedness addresses issues associated with large-scale evacuation due to a natural disaster or terrorist attack. Emergency preparedness involves many aspects including training and education, planning appropriate responses to possible emergencies, and communication between fire protection and county government staff. The Alpine region currently does not have an evacuation plan, and it is recommended that Alpine County of the ACLTC prepares one when feasible.

In the Alpine County region, forced evacuation due to wildfire, flood or landslide is the most likely emergency scenario. Alpine County is approximately 740 square miles of forested landscape with small pockets of population centers and no formal countywide evacuation plan has been developed for the region. Identifying evacuation routes and other methods of evacuation is pertinent to the scope of the RTP. Three major state highways traverse Alpine County and act as the primary evacuation routes for local communities. Seasonal closures on SR 4 and SR 89 limit evacuation possibilities during the winter months. For the eastern portion of the county, evacuation routes should follow SR 89/88 east to Minden, Gardnerville or SR 88/89 north to US 50 in South Lake Tahoe. For Bear Valley residents, there is only one route out of the county in the winter: SR 4 west to Calaveras County. The implementation of Intelligent Transportation System projects such as Road Weather and Information Systems (RWIS), Changeable Message Signs (CMS), and Closed Circuit Television (CCT) could assist with maintaining a steady flow of traffic on these State highways while keeping evacuees informed.

Although Alpine County communities are relatively close to the state highway system, the communities of Hung A Lel Ti, Woodfords, Markleeville, Shay Creek subdivision, Mesa Vista, and Bear Valley depend on local roadways such as Emigrant Trail, Diamond Valley Road, and Foothill Road for access to the State highways.

4.6 Goods Movement

Freight transportation is a crucial function of the Alpine County transportation system. Trucking generates a significant proportion of traffic volumes on the state highway system in the County. The predominant generator of freight movements is through traffic transporting agricultural products between Nevada and California's central valley, particularly on the SR 88 and 89 corridors. Local freight generators in Alpine County consist of the transportation of fuel and supplies for resorts and delivery trucks. All the financially unconstrained roadway improvement projects on SR 88 and 89 will improve the safety and reliability of goods movement through Alpine County. For example, the addition of truck climbing lanes would improve level of service and increase safety as would the left turn pockets at the intersection of SR 88 and Valley Road.

4.7 Intelligent Transportation Systems

The ITS category includes technology improvements which will enhance the safety and reliability of roadways. Common examples include Highway Advisory Radio (HAR) and Changeable Message Signs (CMS) which provide travelers roadway information on detours, winter road closures and weather conditions. CMS notify travelers of seasonal roadway closures at various county border locations. The addition of HAR to the Alpine County regional transportation system would increase traveler reliability. Currently, there are CMS signs in adjoining counties, but none within Alpine County.

4.8 Transportation Systems Management

Transportation systems management (TSM) is a term used to describe low-cost actions that maximize the efficiency of existing transportation facilities and systems. Urbanized areas can implement strategies using various combinations of techniques. However, in rural areas such as Alpine County, many measures that would apply in metropolitan areas are not practical.

With limited funding, Alpine County must look for the least capital-intensive solutions. On a project basis, TSM measures are good engineering and management practices. Many are already in use to increase the efficiency of traffic flow and movement through intersections and along the interstate. Long-range TSM considerations can include:

- Signing and striping modifications.
- Parking restrictions.
- Installing or modifying signals to provide alternate circulation routes for residents.
- Re-examining speed zones on certain streets.

4.9 Environmental Mitigation

As Alpine County is quite sparsely populated, there have been very few transportation improvement projects undertaken within Alpine County in recent years. Therefore, there are no adopted/standard environmental mitigation measures in place for transportation projects other than the implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) for stream protection, erosion, and sedimentation control.

All RTP projects that will have a potential impact on natural resources in the region will undergo individual CEQA and NEPA (if applicable) environmental review. When considering a transportation improvement project, the first course of action will be to consult with natural resource agencies to determine the potential impact of the project. Any changes or reconfiguration to the project which will limit environmental impact will be pursued. BMPs will be followed and mitigation measures employed to reduce project impacts.

4.10 Alpine County Strategies to Reduce GHG Emissions

RTPAs which are not located within the boundaries of a metropolitan planning organization (which ACLTC is not) are not subject to the provisions of SB 375 which require addressing regional greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) targets in the RTP and preparation of a sustainable community strategy. Future improvements to the transit system and a commitment to a future rideshare program could provide residents another alternative to driving a car.

4.11 Transportation System Improvements

Proposed transportation improvement projects and implementation status are listed in Tables 4.1 through 4.6. Projects are categorized by transportation type and funding status. Projects categorized as "constrained" have an identified funding source and construction year and will be completed within the short term planning horizon of this plan (2020-2030). Projects categorized as "unconstrained" do not have an identified funding source and are not expected to be completed within the short term planning horizon. Some unconstrained projects will be completed within the long term planning horizon of the RTP (2031-2040), and some will be constructed beyond that, based on available funding. Many projects on the unconstrained list do not have an associated cost estimate.

Determining exact construction costs of transportation projects is difficult, especially for long-range projects. However, many of the projects in the long range (11-20 years) project list do not have construction years or total costs specified. Estimated project costs cited in this document represent "adjusted for inflation" costs.

4.11.1 Roadway Projects

Roadway projects are separated into two categories – one for roadways managed by Alpine County, and one for roadways managed by Caltrans (state highways, including State Routes 4, 88 and 89). Two large County projects are planned over the next 10 years are listed in Table 4.1. The two road rehabilitation projects total \$11,920,000 in cost.

The Office of State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) Management has primary responsibility for planning, developing, managing and reporting SHOPP projects. SHOPP projects are identified through periodic condition assessments and field reviews, through the biennial State Highway System Management Plan, are guided by the developing Transportation Asset Management Plan, and constrained to the funding in the adopted Fund Estimate. Funding for SHOPP projects is a mixture of Federal and State funds, including the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account created by SB 1. Projects included in the program shall be limited to capital improvements relative to the maintenance, safety, operation, and rehabilitation of the state highway system that do not add new capacity to the system. Six projects from the 2020 SHOPP have been identified for the Alpine region, totaling \$122.4 million in project costs.

	Table 4.1 Roadway Projects							
Project Source	Funding Source	Route/PM	Description	ion Total Cost		Const. Year		
		Alpin	e County					
		Cons	strained					
2015 RTP	STIP	Hot Springs Rd. Between Markleeville and State Park	Rehabilitate roadway and widen shoulders	\$	10,500,000	2022		
2015 RTP	STIP	Diamond Valley Rd.	Rehabilitate Roadway	\$	1,420,000	2025		
Constrainea	l Total			\$	11,920,000			
		Uncor	nstrained					
2015 RTP	STIP		Westbound left turn pocket		TBD	TBD		
2015 RTP	STIP	SR 88, Carson Pass from Kirkwood to Red Lake	Roadway Rehabilitation		TBD	TBD		
2015 RTP	STIP	SR 89, North of Pickett's Junction	Truck climbing lanes		TBD	TBD		

Table 4.1						
	_	Roadwa	y Projects			
Project Source	Funding Source	Route/PM	Description		Total Cost	Const. Year
2015 RTP	TE	SR 88, Near Woodfords	Visitor Information and Interpretive Kiosk		TBD	TBD
2015 RTP	STIP	SR 88 at Diamond Valley Rd/ Foothill Rd	Left turn pockets		TBD	TBD
2015 RTP	STIP	SR 88, Woodfords near Caltrans maintenance station	Warning signs regarding Markleeville turnoff		TBD	TBD
2015 RTP	STIP	SR 88, Intersection with Blue Lakes Rd	Turn pockets		TBD	TBD
2015 RTP	STIP	SR 88, Intersection with Emigrant Trail	Turn pockets		TBD	TBD
2015 RTP	STIP	SR 88, Intersection with Kirkwood Meadows Dr.	Northbound/westbound left-turn acceleration lane		TBD	TBD
2015 RTP	STIP	Local Roads in Bear Valley Avalanche Road	Rehabilitate Roadway		TBD	TBD
2015 RTP	STIP	Various Local Roads	Rehabilitate roadways as prioritized by Pavement Management Plan in order to achieve overall PCI rating of 50		TBD	TBD
ACTC	TBD	SR 4 Bear Valley, SR 88 Kirkwood, and SR 89 east slope	Corridor planning approach to recognize seasonal closures		TBD	TBD
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		Cal	trans			
2020 SHOPP	SHOPP	SR 88, 4, and 89 near Kirkwood	Install new Transportation Management System (TMS) elements and construct Maintenance Vehicle Pullouts (MPVs).	\$	33,608,000	2024
2020 SHOPP	SHOPP	SR 88 near Kirkwood, at the Caples Lake Maintenance Station.	Reconstruct a dormitory and sand shed structures, and rehabilitate a generator building.	\$	32,551,000	2024
2020 SHOPP	SHOPP	Near Bear Valley, at 2.0 miles east of Route 207 (PM 4.96); also on Route 207 north of Route 4. Environmental mitigation for drainage rehabilitation project EA 0S750.	Culverts		TBD	TBD
2020 SHOPP	SHOPP	In Alpine County, on Routes 4, 88, and 89 at various locations. Environmental mitigation for drainage rehabilitation project EA 0S680.	Culverts		TBD	TBD
Caltrans SH	OPP Total			\$	122,357,000	

4.11.2 Bridge Projects

Table 4.2 includes two constrained and two unconstrained bridge improvement projects, which will be funded with federal Highway Bridge Program (HBP) funds. Both constrained bridges are eligible for toll credits while STIP funds will be included in the funding package for the Hot Springs Creek Bridge project. The bridge improvement project is estimated to cost approximately \$4.3 million.

		Table 4.2 Bridge Projects			
Project Source	Funding Source	Route	Descrprition	Cost	Const. Year
		Alpine County			
		Constrained			
2015 RTP	HBD, STIP, Toll Credit	Hot Springs Road-Hot Springs Creek Bridge	Replace bridge	\$ 4,304,250	2021
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		Unconstrained			
2015 RTP	HBD, Toll Credit	Crystal Springs Camp- West Fork of Carson River Bridge	Rehabilitate Bridge	TBD	TBD
2015 RTP	HBD, Toll Credit	Wolf Creek Road - Silver Creek Bridge	Rehabilitate Bridge	TBD	TBD
Const	rained Total			TBD	

4.11.3 Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects

Proposed bikeway and pedestrian improvement projects are listed in Table 4.3. Alpine County's unconstrained projects include a wide variety of improvements including construction of multi-use paths (class I), shoulder widening for class II bike lanes, signage for class III bike routes, crosswalks, sidewalks, way-finding signage and "share the road" signage.

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Table 4.3 Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects							
Project Source	Location	Project Name/Description	Const. Year	Cost			
	Commun	ity Projects - Hung-A-Lel-Ti					
2015 RTP	Health Center - Diamond Valley Road	Hung-A-Lel-Ti Class I Multi-Use Path	TBD	TBD			
	0	ther Unconstrained					
2015 RTP	Weber Street - SR 89	Additional SR 89 Bikeway Signage- Identify segments for shoulder widening	TBD	\$ 670,200			
2015 RTP	Various	Countywide SR2S Program	TBD	TBD			
2015 RTP	Sierra Pines Trailer Park - Manzanita Drive	Sierra Pines Class I Multi-Use Path	TBD	TBD			
2015 RTP	on SR 88 - Visitor Center	Carson Pass Pedestrian Crossing Overhead Flashing Beacons	TBD	TBD			
2015 RTP	Mosquito Lakes Campground Entrance	Mosquito Lakes Pedestrians Crossing	TBD	TBD			
2015 RTP	SR 4 Entrance to Lake Alpine - SR 4 Exit from Lake Alpine	Lake Alpine Speed Reduction Signage	TBD	TBD			
Total Com	munity Projects			\$ 670,200			

4.11.4 Transit Projects

As noted in Chapter 2, transit services are very limited in Alpine County. Given the rural nature of the region, developing an intercity bus service to serve all Alpine County residents is not feasible without a significant funding increase. However, existing public transit could be improved to enhance the mobility of residents and visitors. The projects identified are shown in Table 4.4.

Table 4.4 Transit Projects							
Project Source	Funding Source	Project Description		Cost	Const. Year		
	Unconstrained						
2015 SRTP	PTMISEA, FTA	Install security cameras in minivam	\$	5,000	TBD		
2015 SRTP	PTMISEA, FTA	Passenger amenities - shelter and bench at Sierra Pines	\$	10,000	TBD		
2015 SRTP	TBD	Minivan Replacement		TBD	TBD		
Unconst	rained Total		\$	15,000			

4.11.5 Aviation Projects

The primary aviation goal of the County is to provide safe airports for general aviation users. Improving goods movements is also a minor goal for the Alpine region. As the Alpine County Airport is not eligible for FAA funding, Alpine County must rely on the \$10,000 per year California Aid to Airports Program (CAAP) grant from the state. This level of funding does not allow for large scale projects and will be used to simply maintain the airport to state safety standards. The public input and regional transportation needs assessment showed that there is not a great need to expand the airport in the short term.

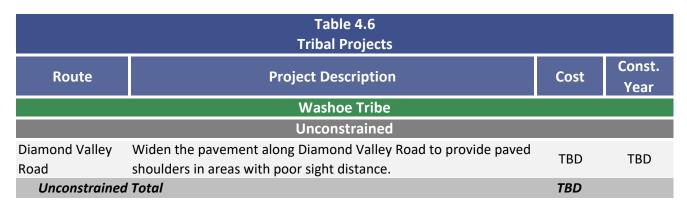
Necessary airport improvement projects are estimated at \$453,000 (see Table 4.5). By implementing these projects, Alpine County would improve the airport to standards that make it eligible for federal funding resources.

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Table 4.5 Aviation Projects						
Project Source	Funding Source	Project Description		Cost	Const. Year	
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CSAP	CAAP	AC Overlay and restripe runway	\$	300,000	2050	
CSAP	CAAP	Chip seal and restripe runway	\$	140,000	2050	
CSAP	CAAP	Install safety related signage	\$	18,000	TBD	
CSAP	CAAP	Install 2 windsocks	\$	20,000	TBD	
CSAP	CAAP	Fence and gate airport property	\$	275,000	TBD	
CALTRANS	TBD	Air Cargo Operations and Goods Movement Study		TBD	TBD	
Unconstr	Unconstrained Total					

4.11.6 Tribal Projects

The Hung A Lel Ti Community Council of the Washoe Tribe is in need of safety improvements to Diamond Valley Road, an important route for the community. This project is consistent with the Tribe's Long Range Transportation Plan. In addition, Tribal trust lands outside of Hung A Lel Ti are connected to proposed improvements on Diamond Valley Rd and the ongoing maintenance of Barber Road, Carson River Road, and Emigrant Trail.



4.12 Performance Measures

4.12.1 Program-Level Performance Measures

In 2015 the Rural County Task Force (RCTF) completed a study on the use of performance measure indicators for the 26 Regional Transportation Planning Agencies in California. This study evaluated the current statewide performance monitoring metrics applicability to rural and small urban areas. In addition, the study identified and recommended performance measures more appropriate for the unique conditions and resources of rural and small urban places, like Alpine County. These performance measures are used to help select RTP project priorities and to monitor how well the transportation system is functioning, both now and in the future.

The following criteria was used in selecting performance measures for this Regional Transportation Plan, ensuring it is feasible to collect data and monitor performance of the transportation investments:

- 1. Performance measures align with California State transportation goals and objectives.
- 2. Performance measures continue to inform current goals and objectives of Alpine County.
- 3. Performance measures are applicable to Alpine County as a rural area.
- 4. Performance Measures are capable of being linked to specific decisions on transportation investments.
- 5. Performance measures do not impose substantial resource requirements on Alpine County.
- 6. Performance measures can be normalized to provide equitable comparisons to urban regions.

4.12.2 Application of Performance Measures

The program-level performance measures are used to help select RTP project priorities and to monitor how well the transportation system is functioning, both now and in the future. The intent of each performance measure and their location within the RTP are identified below.

Performance Measure 1 – Congestion/ Delay/ Vehicle Miles Traveled

Performance measure 1 monitors how well State and County Roads are functioning based on peak volume/ capacity and vehicle miles traveled (VMT). The data is reported annually and as a trend over time from the year 2000. Monitoring this performance measure requires minimal resources as data regarding the State Highway system is readily available; however, broader coverage may require effort by County and localities to conduct periodic traffic counts. Not all locations are reported annually in Caltrans Vehicle Reports; thus, there is the chance that individual locations may have out-of-date data. This performance measure is reasonably accurate for most location and may be used in a cost/benefit analysis with additional calculations (travel time/delay as functions of V/C).

Desired outcome and RTP/State Goals:

- Measure of overall vehicle activity and use of the roadway network.
- Input maintenance and system preservation.
- Input to safety.
- Input health based pollutant reduction, input GHG reduction.
- (RTP Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10).

Performance Measure 2 – Mode Share/ Split

This performance measure monitors transportation mode and mode share to understand how State and County roads function based on modes used. The data is reported as a trend over time from 2000 and does not require a high level of additional resource requirements. Although the data is less accurate for smaller counties, the data is reasonably accurate at the County level. This performance measure cannot be used as a benefit/cost analysis.

Desired outcome and RTP/State Goals:

- Multimodal.
- Efficiency.

- GHG reduction.
- (RTP Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10).

Performance Measure 3 – Safety

This performance measure monitors safety through the total accident cost, and should be monitored annually. To access this data, staff may be required to access secondary data sources. The data is reasonably accurate and can be used directly for benefit/cost analysis. Alpine County does not track VMT on its County roads, therefore a comparison with the collision rate (collisions per 1,000,000 VMT) for Caltrans District 10 and the State on similar facilities does not exist. However, the County does track the number of collisions on local roads and these will be monitored to identify locations that are in need of safety improvements by comparing County roads to similar facilities throughout the State. The Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System (SWITRS), a database that collects and processes data gathered from collision scenes, can be used to monitor the number of fatal and injury collisions by location to see if added improvements are needed.

Desired outcome and RTP/State Goals:

- Establish baseline values for the number of fatal collisions and injuries per ADT on select roadways over the past three years.
- Monitor the number, location and severity of collisions. Recommend improvements to reduce incidence and severity.
- Work with Caltrans to reduce the number of collisions on Alpine County State highways.
- Completion of project identified in TCRs and RTP.
- (RTP Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 10).

Performance Measure 4 - Transit

This performance measure monitors the cost-effectiveness of transit in Alpine County. This performance measure should be monitored annually.

Desired outcome and RTP/State Goals:

- Increase productivity.
- Increase efficiency.

- Reduce the cost per passenger.
- (RTP Goals: 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13).

Performance Measure 5 – Transportation System Investment

This performance measure monitors the condition of the roadway in Alpine County, which can be used in deciding transportation system investment. Distressed lane miles should be monitored tri-annually. This performance measure should have a high level of accuracy and can be used indirectly for benefit/cost analysis by estimating the costs of bringing all roadways up to a minimum acceptable condition.

Desired outcome and RTP/State Goals:

- Safety.
- System Preservation.
- Accessibility.
- Reliability.

- Productivity.
- Return on Investment.
- (RTP Goals: 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13).

Performance Measure 6 – Preservation Service/ Fuel Use/ Travel

In addition to performance measure 5, performance measure 6 also monitors the condition of the roadway in Alpine County through pavement condition, which should be monitored every two years. This performance measure should have a high level of accuracy which can be indirectly used in estimating the costs of bringing all roadways up to a minimum acceptable condition.

Desired outcome and RTP/State Goals:

- Safety.
- System Preservation.
- Accessibility.
- Reliability.
- Productivity.
- Return on Investment.
- Coordinate with Caltrans on State highway projects to maintain State highways at acceptable maintenance levels and reduce lane miles needing rehabilitation or resurfacing.
- Recommend RTP projects to maintain roads at or above the minimum acceptable condition as set by the Cities or County.
- (RTP Goals: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 10)

Performance Measure 7 – Land Use

This performance measure monitors the efficiency of land use and is reported over time since 2000. Tourism is very important to the County in order maintain its economic status, which is why monitoring of land use efficiency is important. Accessing this data requires minimal resource requirements, should be monitored every 2 years, and has a high level of accuracy. This kind of data is not usable for benefit/cost analysis.

Desired outcome and RTP/State Goals:

- Land use efficiency.
- Coordinate with Caltrans on State highway projects to maintain State highways at acceptable maintenance levels and reduce lane miles needing rehabilitation.
- Recommend RTP projects to maintain roads at or above the minimum acceptable condition as set by the Cities or County.
- (RTP Goals: 7, 11, 12, 13).

	Alpine Co	Table 4.7 unty RTP Program Level Performance Measures		
Performance Measure	F	Performance Measure Indicator	Monitoring Frequency	RTP Goals
1. Transportation System Investment	Distressed Lane Miles	 Total and percent By jurisdiction	Triannual	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10
2. Preservation/ Service Fuel Use/ Travel Distance/ Time/ Cost	Pavement Condition Index	Local Roads	2 years	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10
3. Safety	Total Accident Cost	Per capitaPer VMT	Annual	1, 2, 3, 4, 10
4. Mode Share/Split	Journey to work	 Work trips/commute (Peak Periods) Drive alone, carpool, transit, walk, bike 	Triannual	1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13
5. Transit	Total Operating Cost	• Per revenue mile	Annual	1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13
	Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)	 Per Capita Area (County, jurisdiction, sub-region) By Facility Ownership (State hwy; local, state, federal roads) Local vs Tourist 	Annual	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 10
6. Congestion/ Delay/ VMT	Congestion/ Delay/ Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)	 Peak Hour Directional/ Bi-Directional Volume Average Weekday Peak Hour Directional/ Bi-Directional Volume Peak Month Peak our Directional/Bi Directional Volume K (% of peak hour to ADT) D (peak direction %) Threshold volumes based on HCM 2010 	Annual	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 10
7.Land Use	Land use efficiency	Building densityWalkability	2 years	7, 11, 12, 13

5 Financial Element

The Financial Element is fundamental to the development and implementation of the RTP. This chapter identifies the current and anticipated revenue resources available to fund the planned transportation investments that are described in the Action Element, as needed to address the goals, policies and objectives presented in the Policy Element. The intent is to define realistic funding constraints and opportunities. This chapter presents a discussion of future regional transportation revenues and a comparison of anticipated revenues with proposed projects.

It is important to note that there are different funding sources for different types of projects. The County is bound by strict rules in obtaining and using transportation funds. Some funding sources are "discretionary," meaning they can be used for general operations and maintenance, not tied to a specific project or type of project. However, even these discretionary funds must be used to directly benefit the transportation system for which they are collected. For example, funds derived from gasoline taxes can only be spent on roads, and aviation fuel taxes must be spent on airports. State and federal grant funding is even more specific. There are several sources of grant funds, each designated to a specific type of facility (e.g. bridges or State Highways), and/or for a specific type of project (e.g. reconstruction or storm damage). This system makes it critical for eligible entities in the region to pursue various funding sources for projects simultaneously and to have the flexibility to implement projects as funding becomes available.

5.1 Projected Revenues

Projecting revenues and expenditures over a 20-year horizon is difficult because funding levels can dramatically fluctuate or be eliminated by legislation and policy changes. In addition, many projects are eligible for discretionary funds, which are nearly impossible to forecast, because they are allocated on a recurring competitive basis. Despite these variables, roadway, bridge, bicycle and pedestrian, aviation and transit revenues were forecasted over the next 20 years by using a variety of methods defined in the footnotes of Table 5.1.

Table 5.1 provides a summary of the projected federal, state, and local transportation funding sources and programs available to the Alpine region for transportation facility improvements over the next 20 years. To project funding for the long range (11-20 years) we use the following assumptions:

- Revenues that have been historically constant and reliable are reflected through 2040 for all modes.
- State revenues are expected to be available at historical funding levels.
- Non-auto revenues are estimated based on historical levels.

Funding sources for roadway projects includes the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) which allocates funds for regional and local capital projects. The STIP is a five year funding program that is developed in two year cycles. The Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) is also a potential funding source for preserving and enhancing eligible facilities, including roadway, bridge and tunnel projects. RSTP is allocated to counties based on a population formula. The Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) and Federal Forest Reserves are other funding sources for roadway projects. HSIP is a federal aid program aimed to improve highway safety. Federal Forest Reserve funding comes from a 25% tax on logging revenues that is given back to the county in which the logging occurs.

The following Table 5.1 identifies projected revenues for Alpine County.

Table 5.	1						
Projected Revenues from Federal, State, and	nd L	ocal Sources*	for	Alpine Count	У		
	Revenue						
Revenue Category	S	hort-Range (1-10 yr)	Long-Range (11-20 yr)			Total	
Grant Prog	ams	• • •	-	(,			
Active Transportation Program (ATP)(1)		TBD		TBD		TBD	
Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)(2)		TBD		TBD		TBD	
Grant Programs Total		TBD		TBD		TBD	
Bridge Programs							
Highway Bridge Program (HBP)(1) (2)	\$	4,304,250	\$	7,170,000	\$	11,474,250	
Bridge Programs Total	\$	4,304,250	\$	7,170,000	\$	11,474,250	
Roadway Progra	ms -	Local					
Highway Users Tax Account (HUTA) (3)(4)	\$	5,622,030	\$	5,559,424	\$	11,181,454	
SB1 Roadway Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) (4)	\$	3,332,805	\$	3,327,585	\$	6,660,390	
Roadway SB1 Loan Repayment (4) (5)	\$	220,639	\$	220,639	\$	441,278	
Receipts from Federal Lands (6) (7)	\$	3,401,951	\$	3,401,951	\$	6,803,903	
State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)(8) (9)	\$	6,159,333	\$	2,876,667	\$	9,036,000	
Roadway Programs - Local Total	\$	18,736,758	\$	15,386,266	\$	34,123,024	
Transit Prog	ram	IS					
State Transit Assistance (STA) State of Good Repair- (11)	\$	85,001	\$	81,490	\$	166,491	
Transit Programs - Total	\$	85,001	\$	81,490	\$	166,491	
Aviation Pro	gran	ns					
Annual Distribution for Aviation (12)	\$	100,000	\$	100,000	\$	200,000	
Aviation Programs - Total	\$	100,000	\$	100,000	\$	200,000	
Total Transportation Revenue	\$	23,226,009	\$	22,737,756	\$	45,963,765	
Roadway Progra	ms -	State					
State Highway Operations and Protection Program	\$	244,714,000	\$	244,714,000	\$	489,428,000	
Roadway Programs - State Total	\$	244,714,000	\$	244,714,000	\$	489,428,000	

(1) Based on assumption of 100% bridge toll matching funds.

(3) State Controller Source: https://www.sco.ca.gov/Files-AUD/roads_apportionment_1819.pdf

(4) E 11-16, F 11-16 source: http://californiacityfinance.com/LSR2005.pdf

(5) D 11-12, 15-16 source: https://www.sco.ca.gov/Files-AUD/roads_apportionment_1819.pdf

(6) Based on 50% of total estimated apportionments from USDA.

(7) Source https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/pts/securepayments/projectedpayments

(8) Estimate based on 2020 Report of STIP balances for FY 20/21 through 24/25

 $(9) \ https://catc.ca.gov/-/media/ctc-media/documents/programs/stip/2020-stip/2020325-2020-stip-resolution-a11y.pdf$

(10) Derived from Caltrans supplied project list

 $(11) State Controller Source: https://www.sco.ca.gov/Files-ARD-Payments/Transit/statetransitassistanceestimate_1617_november 16.pdf$

(12) Based on \$10K/airport.

5.2 Cost Summary

Table 5.2 contains a summary of the RTP improvement costs identified for each modal category in the RTP. All cost estimates have been projected in year-of-construction dollars. The numbers in red represent areas where project costs are greater than expected revenue. As can be seen in Table 5.2, funding shortfalls occur a number of times in the long-range planning and programming of projects in Alpine County. A total of approximately \$395.7 million has been proposed for roadway, bridge, bike/pedestrian, transit and aviation projects for the next 20 year RTP period. This only includes projects with cost estimates. Many projects, specifically in the long-range project lists, do not have associated estimates. The identified funding shortfalls do not include projects that have been identified but lack cost estimate detail. Additional funding sources, like grants and appropriations, may be awarded to the region to decrease this funding shortfall.

							e 5.2 Costs by Mode						
Project	Funding		Projected Revenue by Mode Projected Costs by Mode					Difference					
Туре	Source	5	Short Range		Long Range		Short Range	Lo	Long Range		Short Range		Long Range
Roadway	HUTA, RMRA, TCRF, RSTP, STIP	\$	18,736,758	\$	15,386,266	\$	11,920,000		TBD	\$	6,816,758	\$	15,386,266
Roadway - State	SHOPP	\$	244,714,000	\$	244,714,000	\$	122,357,000		TBD	\$	122,357,000	\$	244,714,000
Bridge	НВР	\$	4,304,250	\$	7,170,000	\$	4,304,250		TBD	\$	-	\$	7,170,000
Bicycle and Pedestrian	ATP		TBD		TBD		TBD	\$	670,200		TBD	\$	(670,200)
Transit	STA	\$	85,001	\$	81,490		TBD	\$	15,000	\$	85,001	\$	66,490
Airport Capital	Annual Distribution for Aviation, AIP	\$	100,000	\$	100,000		TBD	\$	313,000	\$	100,000	\$	(213,000)
Total		\$	267,940,009	\$	267,451,756	\$	138,581,250	\$	998,200	\$	129,358,759	\$	266,453,556

5.3 Revenue vs. Cost by Mode

5.3.1 Roadway

Table 5.3 compares the expected revenue for roadway projects to expected costs for the next 20 years. There is an estimated \$11.9 million of identified project needs in Alpine County.

Table 5.3 Comparison of Roadway Costs to Expected Revenue									
	Projected Rev	enue by Mode	Projected Cos	ts by Mode	Difference				
	Short Range	Long Range	Short Range	Long Range	Short Range	Long Range			
Estimated Roadway Costs	\$ 18,736,758	\$ 15,386,266	\$ 11,920,000	TBD	\$ 6,816,758	\$ 15,386,266			
Estimated Roadway Costs - State	\$ 244,714,000	\$ 244,714,000	\$ 122,357,000	TBD	\$ 122,357,000	TBD			

5.3.2 Bridge

Table 5.4 compares the expected revenue for bridge projects to expected costs for the next 20 years. The Highway Bridge Program will cover the cost of replacing or rehabilitating public highway bridges. Bridge conditions are checked regularly and conditions are reported. Bridges that are structurally deficient are eligible for HBP funding for rehabilitation or replacement.

	Comparison	Table of Bridge Cos	5.4 ts to Expected	l Revenue		
	Projected Revenue by Mode		Projected Costs by Mode		Difference	
	Short Range	Long Range	Short Range	Long Range	Short Range	Long Range
Estimated Bridge Costs	\$ 4,304,250	\$ 7,170,000	\$ 4,304,250	TBD	\$ -	TBD

5.3.3 Bicycle and Pedestrian

Bicycle and pedestrian project funding will come primarily from the Active Transportation Program (ATP) which is a highly competitive grant program which supports multi-modal, active transportation.

Comparis	on of Bike		able 5.5 edestrian Cos	ts to Expect	ted Revenue		
	Projected Revenue by Mode		Projected Mod		Difference		
	Short Range	Long Range	Short Range	Long Range	Short Range	Long Range	
Estimated Bicycle and Pedestrian Costs	TBD	TBD	TBD	\$ 670,200	TBD	\$ (670,200)	

5.3.4 Transit

There is a need for capital improvement projects in Alpine County, including benches, covered shelters, security cameras, and the acquisition of new fleet vehicles. Transit improvement projects are expected to be limited in both the short- and long-range. Transit projects are funded under the Transit Development Act (TDA) which provides Local Transportation Funds (LTF) and State Transit Assistance (STA) for supporting public transportation. Funds are allocated based on population and transit performance.

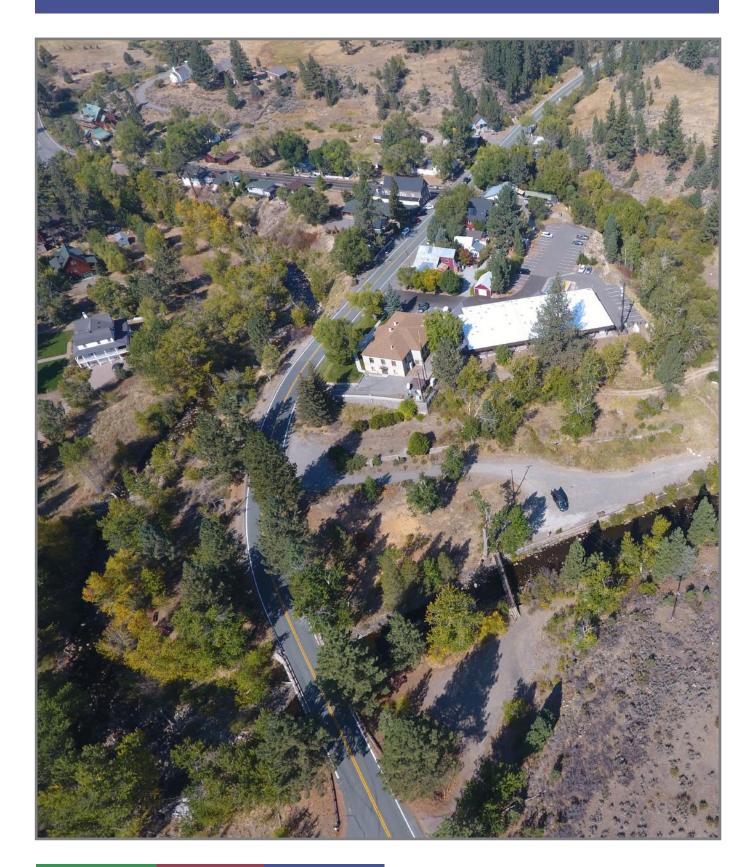
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	Projected Revenue by Mode			Projected Costs by Mode			Difference			
	Sho	rt Range	Lon	ig Range	Short Range	Long Range		Short	t Range	Long Range
Estimated Transit Costs	\$	85,001	\$	81,490	TBD	\$	15,000	\$	85,001	\$66,490

5.3.5 Aviation

The primary aviation goal of the County is to provide safe airports for general aviation users. As the Alpine County Airport is not eligible for FAA funding, Alpine County must rely on the \$10,000 per year California Aid to Airports Program (CAAP) grant from the state.

		Compar	ison (le 5.7 Costs to Expect	ed R			
	Pro	ojected Reve	nue l	oy Mode	Projected Co	sts k	Difference		
	Sho	ort Range	Lo	ng Range	Short Range	Loi	ng Range	Short Range	Long Range
Estimated Aviation Costs	\$	100,000	\$	100,000	TBD	\$	753,000	\$ 100,000	\$ (653,000)

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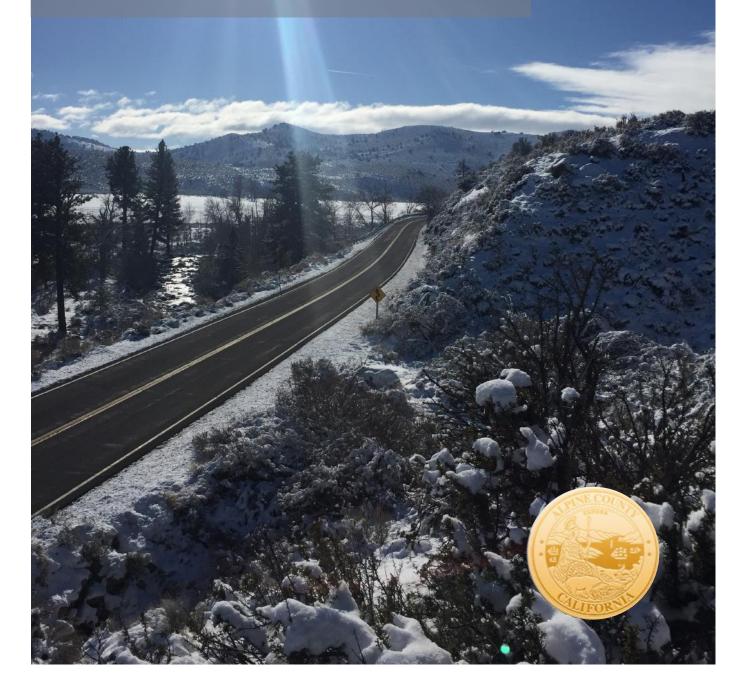
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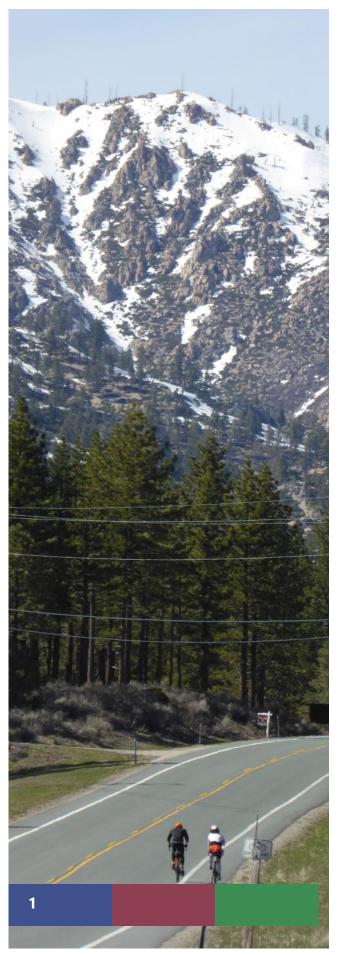
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ATTACHMENT B - OUTREACH MATERIALS

Outreach Strategy

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Outreach Meetings

Public & Stakeholder Participation

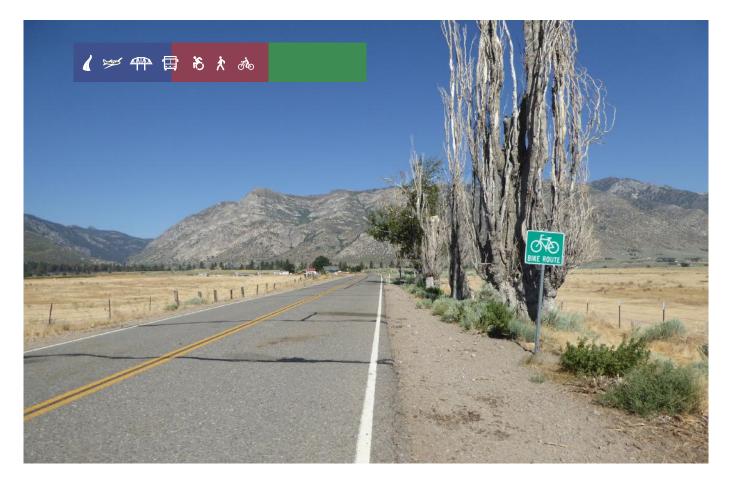
A variety of tools will be used to comprise a comprehensive community outreach campaign for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). These include community workshops, individual stakeholder communication, a project specific website and many methods of comment/ input. The consultant Project Manager will facilitate project team meetings and prepare and distribute agendas as well as meeting minutes.

Community Workshops

There will be two community workshops held in Markleeville for the Alpine RTP. The first workshop will be an introduction of the RTP to the community and will provide interactive exercises with the public to develop priority projects to include in the RTP. The meetings will narrow down the most important topics and issues the community feels are pertinent, prioritize the projects and provide any recommendations they may have. The project team will emphasize social equity with input from the community.

The second meeting will act as an update to present progress made since the first meeting back to the public. The meeting will be used at the draft phase of the project to present the draft RTP to the community. By this point, previous outreach effort will have contributed to a more polished priority project list and a more well-defined set of needs the community and stakeholders have identified. We will have large format displays of the RTP assumptions, Policy Element, Action Element, and Financial Element. An information packet with the "meat" of the RTP will be distributed prior to the meeting so community members can provide us with comments and discussion at the meeting. This meeting is intended to give the community a chance to review the plan and discuss it with project managers and other members of the public.

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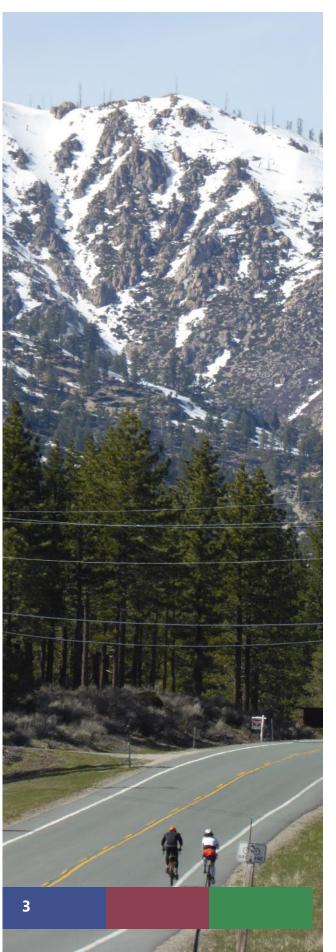
Pop-up Events

The project team will visit popular locations or set up an informational table heavily-traveled locations within Alpine County, such as grocery stores and post offices, to gather input. The project team will set up a table with educational materials, comment cards, and questionnaires. This approach has been successful in other rural counties including Tehama, as it reaches the average citizen instead of only those already aware of transportation planning efforts. During the pop-out process, the project team will visit Bear Valley, Woodfords County, and other communities as deemed appropriate. During the pop-up events, the project team will employ social distancing and proper personal protective equipment protocols. As social distancing and shelter-in-place guidelines begin to lift, it is expected that community events will begin to proceed as normal. If this happens during the period planned for outreach for the Alpine RTP, popups may be scheduled to coincide with these existing events.



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Public Engagement

Website

A website has been developed by Green DOT under the URL alpineregionalplan.com and will contain community workshop notifications, project information, agency information, documents, a feedback form, and an online questionnaire. The project website is available to advertise for meetings and disseminate other project information, but also acts as a tool to promote community involvement and encourage public feedback. The website contains a direct feedback form as well as links to project information and other means of submitting feedback, including social media handles and meeting information.

Questionnaire

To facilitate participation, an online questionnaire has been created via Survey Monkey. The online questionnaire has been administered with questions that the Alpine County Transportation Commission and the project team agreed upon in order to gauge the community needs and wants. Data will be presented in the final draft of the RTP. The questionnaire will also be distributed at community workshops in hardcopy format. Comments and questionnaire results can also be collected from previous RTP outreach efforts.

Advertising

Advertising for public workshops will be done through email blasts to stakeholders. Upcoming community workshops will also be advertised through flyers that are posted to the project website and in key locations around the County, such as grocery stores. A Facebook event page will also be created to promote outreach events and livestream community meetings.

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1. Which general area do you live in or travel from most often?	5. Approximately how often do you walk in Alpine County (including recreational or utilitarian)?
 Markleeville Woodfords Community Mesa Vista Kirkwood Alpine Village Bear Valley Other: 	 7 days a week 5-6 days a week 3-4 days a week 1-2 days a week A few times a month A few times a year I do not go for walks
 2. How often do you drive a vehicle, on average? 7 days a week 5-6 days a week 3-4 days a week 1-2 days a week A few times a month A few times a year I do not drive 	 6. How far do you commute to work, school, or other frequent destinations? Less than 1 mile 1-2 miles 2-5 miles 6-15 miles 16-30 miles 31-50 miles
 3. Approximately how often do you use public transit in Alpine County? 7 days a week 5-6 days a week 3-4 days a week 1-2 days a week A few times a month A few times a year I do not take public transit in Alpine County 	 51-99 miles 100+ miles 7. If you have school-aged children, how far do they commute to school? Less than 1 mile 1-2 miles 2-5 miles 6-15 miles 16-30 miles 31-50 miles
4. Approximately how often do you ride a bicycle in Alpine County (including recreational or utilitarian)?	□ 51-99 miles □ 100+ miles
 7 days a week 5-6 days a week 3-4 days a week 1-2 days a week A few times a month A few times a year I do not ride a bicycle 	 8. Which general area do you work in or travel to most often? Markleeville Woodfords Community Mesa Vista Kirkwood Alpine Village Bear Valley South Lake Tahoe/Tahoe area Carson City, NV Other:

9. What are your most frequent out-of-county destinations?

South Lake Tahoe/Tahoe are	a
Carson City, NV	
Reno, NV	
Sacramento	
Stockton	
Other:	

10. How frequently do you travel out-of-county?



11. What concerns do you have with the transportation network in Alpine County? Check all that apply.

Potholes/road condition
Lack of transit service
Lack of access to areas outside of Alpine County
Reckless/inattentive drivers
Speeding drivers
Lack of warning signs, guardrails, etc.
Lack of bicycle and pedestrian facilities
Other:

12. Would you like to see more of the following? Check all that apply.

Bike lanes
Bike racks
Crosswalks
Passing lanes
Bicycle/pedestrian paths
More walking and biking connections
Sidewalks and curb ramps
Transit stops
Transit service/frequency
Wide shoulders
Other:

13. What areas need more bicycle and pedestrian facilities?

14. What areas need better transit service or facilities?

- 15. Please rank the following transportation needs in order of priority (1 is your highest priority and 5 is
 - _____ Invest in road maintenance
 - _____ Invest in transit options
 - _____ Invest in walking and biking options
 - _____ Improve roadway safety
 - _____ Increase recreational opportunities
- 16. Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the transportation network in Alpine County?



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It's Fall time in Alpine County!

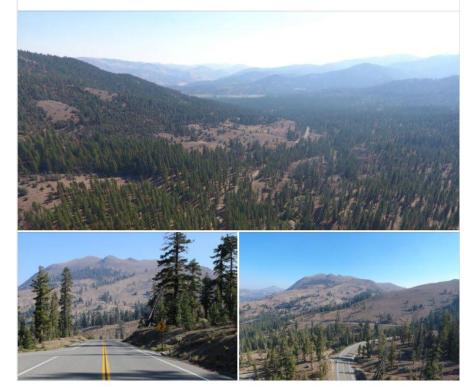
Are you getting out and enjoying these beautiful Autumn days?

Come talk to us about how we can improve your experience recreating, commuting or traveling in this beautiful County!

Attend our virtual Community Meeting for the Alpine County Regional Transportation Plan this Wednesday, October 7th from 4-5pm!

Visit www.alpineregionalplan.com for more info. The Zoom link will be posted on our website the morning of the meeting.

Can't attend but still have input? Take this survey! https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/alpinecountyrtp





WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7 FROM 4PM-5PM FOR MORE INFORMATION AND MEETING ACCESS, VISIT <u>HTTPS://WWW.ALPINEREGIONALPLAN.COM</u>

Join us to help identify transportation projects in the region that will improve mobility for residents and visitors. Improvements may include roadway, bicycle, pedestrian, and safety enhancements.

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***If you have language needs, accessibility needs or general questions, contact Stephanie Alward at: stephanie@greendottransportation.com | 530-895-1109

Date:	Wednesday, October 7 th , 2020
Time:	4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Location:	Zoom Webinar
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AGENDA:

- 1. Introductions
- 2. Presentation
 - a. Introduction to the Regional Transportation Plan
 - b. Elements of a Regional Transportation Plan
- 3. Open Discussion and Community Feedback
- 4. Adjourn



Alpine County 2020 Regional Transportation Plan – October 7, 2020 Meeting Notes

Presentation

- What is an RTP?
 - Long range, 20-year Plan but is updated every 5 years
 - Covers all modes of transportation roadways (State, County, and City), bike/ped, bridges, transit, aviation, and rail
 - Although roadway constitutes the greatest expenditures in most regions, the Plan includes all modes
 - Three critical components policies, actions (projects), and financial future available funding (implementation plan)
- Statutes and Guidance
 - o SB 743
 - Mostly concerned about project eligibility
- Planning process
 - o Outreach is constrained, but still have opportunities for involvements
 - Digital outreach survey, website, Facebook, directly to the project team by email/phone
 - Digital conversation through Zoom
 - Information sharing process
 - Opportunity to influence mobility and projects that come through this effort
- The Challenge: Funding
 - Recent gas tax increase via Senate Bill 1
 - Funding sources include gas and federal gas tax, state base and price-based excise tax, state truck weight fees, state diesel sales/excise tax, general sales tax, tolls, transportation bonds, State vehicle registration fees, Cap and Trace Auction Allowance Proceeds
 - Proceeds to state, highways, county, MPO/RTPA, cities
- Pavement needs
 - o 270 lane miles in Alpine County
 - Pavement Condition Index is 41 in Alpine County, quite low lowest 20% of meeting pavement needs
 - o Pavement needs reach \$34 million per ten-year period in Alpine County
- Bridge Needs
 - o 11 bridges in Alpine County average sufficiency rating of 74
 - o \$2 million bridge rehabilitation needs in Alpine County
- Multimodal needs
 - o Recreational biking community is substantial in Alpine County
 - o Transit improvements new bus replacing old 2014 bus with high miles
 - New van replacement in coming years
- Financial Element
 - Several programs available for transportation, many mode- or type-specific, i.e. for safety, rail, bike/ped, sustainable projects, etc.
- Action Element

- Roadway, bridge, transit, bike/ped, Tribal
- Project Updates
 - o Diamond Valley Road Culvert Replacement project
 - Just ordered to contract, will be in construction now or in the following spring/summer
 - Hot Springs Road Bridge Replacement
 - \$4.5 million project, will be going to construction nest spring
 - SR 89 @ Markleeville Creek Bridge Replacement
 - Scheduled to be replaced, likely next season
 - Caltrans project on the state highway
 - Hot Springs Road Reconstruction Project
 - Large reconstruction project from Markleeville to the State Park
 - \$9.5 million project
 - Will include shoulder widening where feasible for bike/ped accommodation and safety
 - o Dixon Mine Road @ Wolf Creek Bridge Replacement
 - \$1.9 million project in progress now
 - Transit Bus Replacement Project
 - Markleeville Creek Restoration Project
- Next Steps
 - 10/30/20 Finish collecting and addressing community input
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 - 11/5/20 Action and financial element
 - 12/20 Finalize RTP
 - 1/2021 ACTC Final Adoption

Questions & Answers and Comments

- Move to NextDoor app, more use than FB
- Dixon Mine Road Bridge over Wolf Creek was completed this year



Alpine County 2020

Regional Transportation Plan Update

Community Meeting October 7, 2020

Presented by: Green DOT Transportation Solutions Alpine County Transportation Commission



What is an RTP?

Identify future regional transportation needs and plan how these needs can and will be met.

Long-range, regional transportation planning document (20 years) for Alpine County

Must be updated every 4-5 years

Covers all modes – City, County and State roadways, bridge, transit, bicycle and pedestrian, aviation, rail

- Typical Elements:
 - Introduction/Background
 - Existing Conditions
 - Goals, Objectives and Policies
 - Project Lists Inventory of regional transportation needs
 - Financial and Implementation Plan

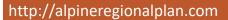




STATUTES AND GUIDANCE

Federal Transportation Funding= RTPAs MUST prepare a Regional Transportation Plan

- 2017 Regional Planning Handbook
- 2017 Regional Transportation Plan Guidelines
- California Transportation Plan
- Senate Bill 45-Local Control
- Assembly Bill 32-Global Warming Solutions Act
- SB 375-Sustainable Communities Act
- State Implementation Plan (non-attainment areas)
- Senate Bill 1 Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017





PLANNING PROCESS

Stakeholders – County, Caltrans, Tribal Governments, resource management agencies, freight, local business owners, residents of Alpine County

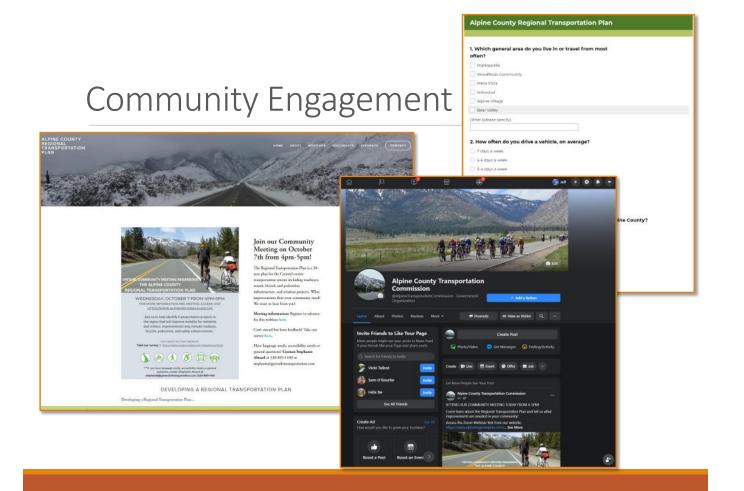
Community Involvement and Input

Opportunity to influence project lists and goals, objectives and policies

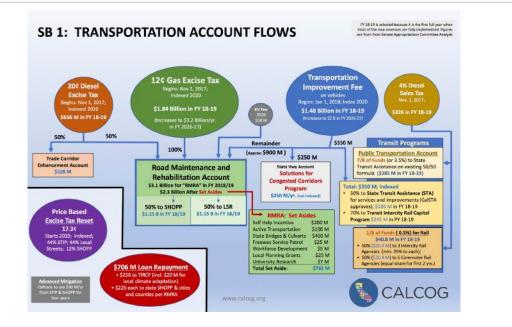






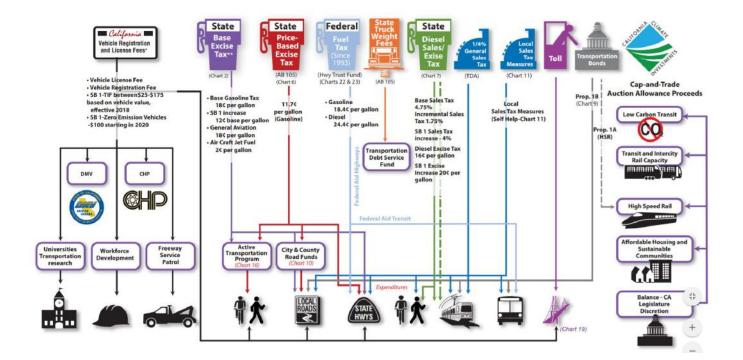


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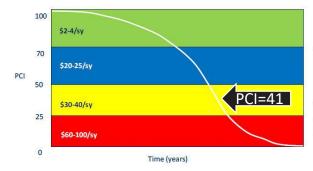
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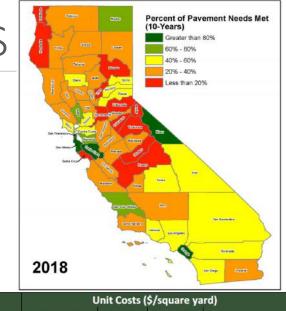


PAVEMENT NEEDS

Pavement

- 270 Lane Miles
- ♦ Avg. PCI = 41 (2018)
- Pavement Cost
 - \$34 Million Need 10 year





	Unit Costs (\$/square yard)					
Classification	Preventive Maintenance	Thin AC Overlay	Thick AC Overlay	Reconstruction		
Major Roads	\$4.85	\$18.82	\$29.73	\$68.48		
Local Roads	\$4.61	\$18.04	\$28.44	\$60.31		



BRIDGE NEEDS



11 Bridges
Average Sufficiency Rating = 74
\$2 Million Rehabilitation Needs



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MULTI-MODAL NEEDS

Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements

- Aviation Projects
- Transit Improvements
- Project Lists not final

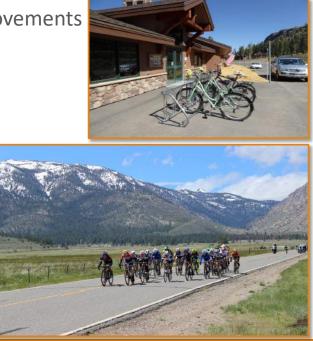


Table 5.1						
Projected Revenues from Federal, State, and Local Sourc	Revenue					
Revenue Category	Short-Range (1-10 yr)	9	Long-Range (11-20 yr)		Total	
Grant Programs						
Active Transportation Program (ATP)(1)	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	
Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)(6)	\$	-	\$-	\$	-	
Grant Programs Total	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	
Bridge Programs						
Highway Bridge Program (HBP)(5) (26)	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	
Bridge Programs Total	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	
Roadway Programs - Local						
Highway Users Tax Account (HUTA)	\$	-	\$-	\$	-	
SB1 Roadway Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA)	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	
Roadway TCRF Loan Repayment	\$	-	\$-	\$	-	
Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP)	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	
Receipts from Federal Lands (Secure Rural Schools, 1908 Act, et. Al.)(12) (21)	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	
State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)(14) (22)	\$	-	\$-	\$	-	
Roadway Programs - Local Total	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	
Roadway Programs - State						
State Highway Operations and Protection Program			\$ -	\$	-	
Roadway Programs - State Total	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	
Transit Programs						
Federal Transit Administration (FTA) (17)	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	
Local Transportation Funds (LTF)(8)	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	
Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) (10) (24) (25)	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	
State Transit Assistance (STA) State of Good Repair- (16)	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	
Transit Fare Box Revenue(15)	\$	-	\$-	\$	-	
Other Transit Revenues (18)	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	
Transit Programs - Total	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	
Aviation Programs						
Annual Distribution for Aviation(2)	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	
Aviation Programs - Total	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	
Total Transportation Revenue	\$	-	\$ -	\$		



ACTION ELEMENT

Project Categories

- ➢ Roadway
- ≻Bridge
- ► Transit
- ➢ Bicycle and Pedestrian

			Table 4	1.1							
Roadway Projects											
Project Source	Funding Source	Route	Route/PM Descrprition		Total Cost	Constructio n Year					
	Constrained										
2015 RTP	STIP	Hot Springs Rd.	Between Markleeville and State Park	Rehabilitate roadway and widen shoulders	\$ 1,200,000	2020-21					
2015 RTP	STIP	Diamond Valley Rd.	Diamond Valley Road	Rehabilitate Roadway	\$ 1,420,000	2025					
2015 RTP	STIP	SR 88/89	Near Woodfords	Westbound left turn pocket	\$ -	TBD					
2015 RTP	STIP	SR 88	Carson Pass from Kirkwood to Red Lake	Roadway Rehabilitation	\$ -	TBD					
2015 RTP	STIP	SR 89	North of Pickett's Junction	Truck climbing lanes	\$ -	TBD					
2015 RTP	TE	SR 88	Near Woodfords	Visitor Information and Interpretive Kiosk	\$ -	TBD					
2015 RTP	STIP	SR 88	Intersection with Diamond Valley Rd/ Foothill Rd	Left turn pockets	\$ -	TBD					
2015 RTP	STIP	SR 88	Woodfords near Caltrans maintenance station	Warning signs regarding Markleeville turnoff	\$ -	TBD					
2015 RTP	STIP	SR 88	Intersection with Blue Lakes Rd	Turn pockets	\$ -	TBD					
2015 RTP	STIP	SR 88	Intersection with Emigrant Trail	Turn pockets	\$ -	TBD					
2015 RTP	STIP	SR 88	*Intersection with Kirkwood Meadows Drive	Northbound to westbound left-turn acceleration lane	\$ -	TBD					
2015 RTP	STIP	Local Roads	In Bear Valley Avalanche Road	Rehabilitate Roadway	\$ -	TBD					
2015 RTP	STIP, FLAP	HS Road	Hot Springs Road	Hot Springs Road Phase 2- Between Markleeville and State Park	\$ 10,490,000	TBD					
2015 RTP	STIP	Local Roads	Various	Rehabilitate roadways as prioritized by Pavement Management Plan in order to achieve overall PCI rating of 50		TBD					



Project Updates

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Questions/Comments?



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ALPINE COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN DOCUMENT

Draft Document is Currently Being Prepared

UPCOMING MILESTONES

- Draft project lists have been compiled
- First digital community meeting likely to be held in Winter/Spring of 2021
- A second community meeting will be held at the draft phase of the RTP
- The Alpine RTP is anticipated to be completed and adopted in June 2021



CHECK BACK FOR MORE UPDATES SOON!!

For more information visit: www.alpineregionalplan.com

ATTACHMENT C - COORDINATION WITH THE STATE WILDLIFE ACTION PLAN

Conservation Unit	Geographic and Ecological Summary	Conservation Target	Target Summary	Focal CWHR Types Associated with Target
Sierra Nevada Ecoregion	The temperate to very cold parts of the Sierra Nevada, which is a north-northwest aligned mountain range that is much steeper on the east than on the west side. Predominant vegetation communities include mixed conifer, ponderosa pine, Jeffrey pine, white fir, red fir, lodgepole pine, huckleberry oak, western juniper, aspen, big sagebrush, mixed subalpine forest, mountain hemlock, whitebark pine, and giant sequoia. Elevation range: 1,000 to 14,495	North Coastal Mixed Evergreen and Montane Conifer Forests	All of these forests average cooler and wetter conditions than California Foothill and Valley Forests and Woodlands. There is relatively broad overlap between the three groups composing this target. The moist coastal mixed evergreen has (or had) tanoak, madrone, giant chinquapin mixed frequently with Douglas-fir, but also mixes with bigleaf maple and red alder in upland settings. The more interior mixed evergreen forests have cooler winters and warmer summers than the moist coastal group above, and contain Oregon oak and drier Douglas-fir with canyon oak mixes.	Montane Hardwood; Montane Hardwood- Conifer; Douglas-Fir Klamath Mixed Conifer; Sierran Mixed Conifer; White Fir, Eastside Pine; Jeffrey Pine Ponderosa Pine
		Alpine Vegetation	This target is representative of the state's alpine zone in the Sierra Nevada, Cascades, White, Sweetwater, and Klamath Mountains. It either occurs above timberline or is found localized within subalpine areas in cold air drainages (e.g., North-facing slopes, often near long persisting snow banks). The characteristic species are either herbaceous (many are cushion plants, some tufted or rhizomatous graminoids) or low prostrate or dwarf shrubs. Different groups segregate based on substrate type (e.g., scree, talus, felfield) and moisture regime (e.g., snowbank, felfield). Snowbank indicator species include white heather, several species of saxifrage, and sedge. Felfield indicators include alpine reedgrass, Congdon sedge, alpine goldenbush, and Phlox species, among others. Alpine turf indicators include dwarf willows, dwarf huckleberry, Muir's hairgrass, and several sedges.	Alpine Dwarf- Shrub
		Pacific Northwest Subalpine Forest	Includes montane conifer forests and woodlands adapted to very high winter snowfall, from montane to subalpine elevations. Snow loads are the greatest anywhere in North America and persist well into the summer. Tree germination is also limited in some cases by the short period the ground is not covered by snow. Characteristic trees include red fir, mountain hemlock, and western white pine.	Red Fir, Subalpine Conifer

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Sierra Nevada Ecoregion (continued)		Wet Mountain Meadow	Typical of low lying sites in the mountains and in some lower elevation valleys and depressions. Widespread throughout the state wherever freshwater meadows and seeps occur. Saturated soil or standing water through the growing season are key characteristics. Wet mountain meadows are generally characterized by herbaceous plants with shrubs or trees absent or sparse (<20 percent cover), or along the edges. Most species are perennial and canopy cover is generally dense (60-100 percent).	Wet Meadow
		Western Upland Grasslands	Dominated by grasses, which are typically not restricted to moisture surrounding landscape (not seeps, riparian, or wet meadows). Dominant vegetation generally includes native grasslands of Idaho fescue, Great Basin wild rye, blue wild rye, one- sided bluegrass. It also includes the non-native grasslands that are from cool temperate settings in Eurasia such as creeping bentgrass, velvetgrass, Kentucky bluegrass, and Harding grass and cheat- grass.	Perennial Grassland; Annual Grassland

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Key Ecological Attributes	American Southwest Riparian Forest and Woodland	Freshwater Marsh	Chaparral	California Foothill and Coastal Rock Outcrop Vegetation	California Foothill and Valley Forests and Woodlands	Desert Transition Chaparral	Montane Chaparral	North Coastal Mixed Evergreen and Montane Conifer Forests	Alpine Vegetation	Pacific Northwest Subalpine Forest	Wet Mountain Meadow	Western Upland Grasslands	Clear Lake Native Fish Assemblage	Carson River Native Fish Assemblage	Walker River Native Fish Assemblage	San Joaquin Native Aquatic Species	Upper Kern River Native Fish Assemblage
Area and extent of community	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	X	Х	X	X	X X
Community structure and composition		Х	X	X	Х	X	Х	X	Х	Х	Х	X	Х	Х	Х	Х	X
Connectivity among communities and ecosystems	Х	X	х	Х		Х	Х		Х		X	X	X		Х	Х	
Fire regime			Х	X	Х	Х	Х	X		Х	Х	X		Х			Х
Hydrological regime	Х							Х								X	
Nutrient concentration and dynamics													X		14		
Pollutant concentrations and dynamics													X	Х			
Soil quality and sediment deposition regime	X				Х						Х	X	X	Х			X
Successional dynamics	Х	Х	Х		X	Х	Х	X		Х							
Surface water flow regime	X	Х											Х	Х	Х	X	Х
Water level fluctuations											Х	Х				Х	
Water quality															X	X	
Water temperatures and chemistry																x	

Table 5.4-4 Key Pressur	es on (Con	ser	vation T	argets ·	– C		and the second se	-					ovinc	e		
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Pressure	American Southwest Riparian Forest and Woodland	Freshwater Marsh	Chaparral	California Foothill and Coastal Rock Outcrop Vegetation	California Foothill and Valley Forests and Woodlands	Desert Transition Chaparral	Montane Chaparral	North Coastal Mixed Evergreen and Montane Conifer Forests	Alpine Vegetation	Pacific Northwest Subalpine Forest	Wet Mountain Meadow	Western Upland Grasslands	Clear Lake Native Fish Assemblage	Carson River Native Fish Assemblage	Walker River Native Fish Assemblage	San Joaquin Native Aquatic Species	Upper Kern River Native Fish Assemblage
Agricultural and forestry effluents	Х	Х			2									Х			
Annual and perennial non-timber crops	Х	Х									Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	
Climate change	X	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	X	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	X	X	Х
Commercial and industrial areas	Х	Х															
Dams and water management/use	Х	Х									Х	Х	Х	Х	X	Х	
Fire and fire suppression			Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х		Х			
Household sewage and urban waste water	X	Х				1 22								Х		Х	
Housing and urban areas	Х	Х	X	Х	Х	Х	Х				X	Х		Х			
Industrial and military effluents						1 22											
Introduced genetic material														Х	Х		Х
Invasive plants/animals	X	Х			X				Х		Х	Х	X	Х	X	X	Х
Livestock, farming, and ranching	Х	X	x	Х	Х	X	X	Х	Х		X	Х		х	х		X
Logging and wood harvesting	Х							X			Х	Х					
Marine and freshwater aquaculture																Х	
Mining and quarrying		Х											Х	Х			
Parasites/pathogens/diseases										Х				į			
Recreational activities					Х				Х	Х	X	Х	Х			X	
Renewable energy			x	Х		Х	Х	X									
Roads and railroads	Х	Х			Х						X	Х		Х	Х		
Tourism and recreation areas																	
Utility and service lines	X							X									

Table 5.4-3

Focal Species of Conservation Strategies Developed for Conservation Targets – Central Valley and Sierra Nevada Province

	Ta Nevada Province									Con	serv	atio	n U	nits	and Targets ¹	_	_		
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Common Name	Scientific Name	American Southwest Riparian Forest and Woodland	Freshwater Marsh	Chaparral	California Foothill and Coastal Rock Outcrop Vegetation	California Foothill and Valley Forests	and Woodlands	Desert Transition Chaparral	Montane Chaparral	North Coastal Mixed Evergreen and Montane Conifer Forests	Albine Vegetation	Pacific Northwest Subalpine Forest	Wet Mountain Meadow	Western Upland Grasslands	Gear Lake Native Fish Assemblage	Carson River Native Fish Assemblage	Walker River Native Fish Assemblage	San Joaquin Native Aquatic Species	Upper Kern River Native Fish Assemblage
Invertebrates																			
California floater mussel	Anodonta californiensis				2	2		ĺ.,									X	X	<u>.</u>
Western pearlshell mussel	Margaritifera falcata	-			85	35					6				-	Х	X	X	X
Valley elderberry longhorn beetle*	Desmocerus californicus dimporphus	Х				<i>.</i>		2	5 5		33	25							
Fishes						•													
Pacific lamprey*	Entosphenus tridentatus	5	8-5		2) 	2)					8 - 6							Х	
Goose Lake lamprey*	Entosphenus tridentatus ssp. ¹								Ì. Î		1								
Pit-Klamath brook lamprey	Lampetra lethophaga					2	_		11										2
Green sturgeon*	Acipenser medirostris				35 35	35							-		- 		33	Х	8
Lahontan cutthroat trout*	Oncorhynchus clarkii henshawi				50	85		_								Х	X	X	50
Paiute cutthroat trout*	Oncorhynchus clarkii seleniris		8-1		s	8		Į.,			3-3	-				Х	3	Х	8
Rainbow trout	Oncorhynchus mykiss														X			Х	
California golden trout*	Oncorhynchus mykiss aguabonita		1		22. 	22		0			8-3		5		1		1		X
Kern River rainbow trout*	Oncorhynchus mykiss gilberti				22. 	22					8		1				22 	5	Х
Goose Lake redband trout*	Oncorhynchus mykiss ssp.1							Ĵ.	Î.Î										
Little Kern golden trout*	Oncorhynchus mykiss whitei				i.	20											<u></u>		X
Mountain whitefish	Prosopium williamsoni		2		5 	3		L.			2 - 2					Х	Х	2	3
Hitch	Lavinia exilicauda chi																	Х	
Clear Lake hitch	Lavinia exilicauda chi				2						3 - 3				Х				ŝ.
California roach	Lavinia symmetricus														Х			Х	
Pit roach*	Lavinia symmetricus mitrulus					2													
Hardhead*	Mylopharodon conocephalus				85	35		_					-				8	Х	X
Sacramento blackfish	Orthodon microlepidotus		2-1		s	3		-	8 18		8-9				Х		s	Х	3
Sacramento pickeminnow	Ptychocheilus grandis														X			X	
Lahontan redside	Richardsonius egregius															Х	X		
Speckled dace	Rhinichthys osculus															X	X		-
Lahontan Lake tui chub*	Siphateles bicolor pectinifer					0			8							Х			-
Lahontan Creek tui chub	Siphateles bicolor obesa		8-2		S:	3		-	8 18		8-8					X	X	25	3
Goose Lake tui chub*	Siphateles bicolor thalassina			1	2									\square				~	2
Sacramento sucker	Catostomus occidentalis lacusanserinus														X			Х	Х
Goose Lake sucker*	Catostomus occidentalis lacusanserinus				8	8											3 		3
Mountain sucker*	Catostomus platyrhynchus				3 	2		87—	1							Х	X	57	2
Tahoe sucker	Catostomus tahoensis				1	1		i.	i i							X	X		1. c.
Unarmored threespine	Gasterosteus aculeatus				50 1				1 1						Х		со 1		22

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stickleback*	williamsoni				20													
Sacramento perch	Archoplites interruptus				85	8	2			- 38		-		Х		8		
Clear Lake tule perch	Hysterocarpus traski lagunae		-		3	3.	-	8-8				2-3		Х		s	×	3-20
Prickly sculpin	Cottus asper													Х				
Paiute sculpin*	Cottus beldingi*						1					8 - 8 1 - 1			Х	X	í.	
Pit sculpin	Cottus pitensis																	
Amphibians																		
	Ambystoma californiense	X	0.0	X	32	Х	Х	Х		- 3		3 - 3				s	x	3 - 22
Southern long-toed salamander*	Ambystoma macrodactylum		83-78		3	s	-	3 - 15	X	x	Х	X	X			s	2	3 20
Limestone salamander*	Hydromantes brunus			Х	Х		Х	Х										
Mount Lyell salamander*	Hydromantes platycephalus				3					Х	Х					3		2 53
Red-bellied newt	Taricha torosa		Х				1	Ì., Ì						1				1
Western spadefoot*	Spea hammondii			Х	X		Х	Х										
Kern Canyon slender salamander	Batrachoseps simatus				20	X												
Tehachapi slender salamander	Batrachoseps stebbinsi				35 35	Х	2		Х									
Relictual slender salamander	Batrachoseps relictus								X									
Yosemite toad	Anaxyrus canorus		8		3	3	82	8		-8		×		5	Х	X		2 - Si
Northern leopard frog	Lithobates pipiens						5					Х	Х					
	Rana boylii	X																
California red-legged frog*	Rana draytonii	X	Х		2	X												
legged frog	Rana muscosa					0		5	X	X	Х	X	x					
Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog	Rana sierra										27				X	x		
Reptiles			•				•	•										
Northwestern western pond turtle*	Actinemys marmorata	Х	X		3	X											-	
Blunt-nosed leopard lizard*	Gambelia sila			Х	Х		Х	Х					Π					
Blainville's horned lizard (coast horned lizard) *	Phrynosoma blainvillii		3	X	X		х	X	2	- 22		ş				2	5	21
Sagebrush lizard	Sceloporus graciosus		10-10		92 	22	8	1-2	X	1	Χ	-	Π	2			5	92 - 9Å
Western skink	Plestiodon skiltonianus	X			2.9	Х	1	1.1								S	l)	
California legless lizard*	Anniella pulchra			X	X		Х	X					Π					1
Southern rubber boa*	Charina umbratica				8	J.			X									
Ring-necked snake	Diadophis punctatus	Х		Х	X	X	Х	Х					Π					
	Lampropeltis zonata		<u></u>		3	2) 	1	S		-3		Х	Х			2	97	S
San Joaquin whipsnake	Masticophis flagellum ruddocki			Х	X		Х	Х	1	- 22			Π			0	í.	

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Gopher snake	Pituophis catenifer	X		Х	Х		Х					Х	Х					
Coast patch-nosed snake*	Salvadora hexalepis virgultea	8	-	Х	X		Х	Х				-					5	
Giant garter snake*	Thamnophis gigas	Х	Х	Х	X		Х	Х	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			s	-				s	
Birds																		
Greater white-fronted goose	Anser albifrons	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	X									Х	
Sooty grouse	Dendragapus fuliginosus	5	Ŭ.				1	Ĩ.	X		X							
California quail	Callipepla californica	Х		Х	X	Х	Х	Х				0						
Great egret	Adea alba	Х	Х	Х	X		Х											
Great blue heron	Ardea herodias	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х					П					
Black-crowned night heron	Nycticorax nycticorax	Х	Х				2)	87 - S		1		2)		9	;		2)	
Least bittern*	Ixobrychus exilis	X	Х				1	1				S						
American white pelican*	Pelecanus erythrorhynchos		Х				0			1		0					X	-
California condor*	Gymnogyps californianus	2	-	Х	Х		Х	X			Х	-						
Osprey	Pandion haliaetus	Х	Х			X	3		X		Х	3					Х	
Northern goshawk*	Accipiter gentilis	Х				Х			Х	Х	Х							
Golden eagle*	Aquila chrysaetos	Х	8	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	X	Х	Х	Х	Х		1			20
Rough-legged hawk	Buteo lagopus			Х	Х		Х	Х										
Ferruginous hawk	Buteo regalis			Х	X		Х	Х				0						
Swainson's hawk*	Buteo swainsoni	Х	2	Х	X	X	Х	Х									Į	
Northern harrier*	Circus cyaneus		Х	Х	Х		Х	Х										
White-tailed kite*	Elanus leucurus	5	67 - 3 	Х	Х	X	Х	Х				2)					8 8	
Bald eagle*	Haliaeetus leucocephalus	Х				X	20		X				2		t i		Х	
Snowy plover (interior population)*	Charadrius nivosus	0															Х	
Western yellow-billed cuckoo*	occidentalis	X																
Short-eared owl*	Asio flammeus		Х	Х	Х		Х					Х	Х					
Long-eared owl*	Asio otus	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х					Х	Х				8 8	
Burrowing owl*	Athene cunicularia	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х										
Great gray owl*	Strix nebulosa	5					2				Х	2			:		8 S	8
Spotted owl*	Strix occidentalis								Х		Χ				1			
Vaux's swift*	Chaetura vauxi								X			Х	Х					
Black swift*	Cypseloides niger			Х	Х		Х		Х		Х							
American peregrine falcon*	Falco peregrinus anatum		Х	Х	X	X	Х				X	3			: 8		s	
Prairie falcon	Falco mexicanus			Х	Х		Х	Х										
Olive-sided flycatcher*	Contopus cooperi								X		X							
Loggerhead shrike*	Lanius ludovicianus			Х	Х		Х	Х				1						
Hutton's vireo	Vireo huttoni	Х				Х						0						

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Clark's nutcracker	Nucifraga columbiana					10 10					Х							
Purple martin*	Progne subis	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х			-				35		80 8
Bank swallow*	Riparia riparia	Х	Х	Х	Х	S	Х	Х		8-8		Х	X			s)	8	3
Common yellowthroat*	Geothlypis trichas*	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х										
Marsh wren	Cistothorus palustris		Х		22 	22 	5			8 - 98		1				22 	5	
Yellow-breasted chat*	Icteria virens	X										Ĩ.				5.9 	1	
Yellow warbler*	Setophaga petechia	Х		X	Х	Х	Х	Х	X									
Rufous-crowned sparrow	Aimophila ruficeps			X	Х	s)	Х	Х								J		J
Grasshopper sparrow*	Ammodramus savannarum			Х	Х		Х	Х										
Song sparrow	Melospiza melodia	Х	Х		2	2	87	Q		3-6		8X				3 		2
California towhee	Melozone crissalis			X	X		Х	Х						1		1		
Savannah sparrow*	Passerculus sandwichensis			Х	X	Х	Х	Х								2	1	
Tricolored blackbird*	Agelaius tricolor	Х	Х	X	Х	Х	Х	Х				2				8	2	80
Gray-crowned rosy-finch*	Leucosticte tephrocotis		-		s	s)		8-3		Х		÷				s		3
Mammals																		
Vagrant shrew	Sorex vagrans				2	2	8					Х	Х			0		
Pallid bat*	Antrozous pallidus	X		X	X	X	Х	Х								502 202	ļ.	
Townsend's big-eared bat*	Corynorhinus townsendii			Х	Х	2	Х	Х							_			
Spotted bat	Euderma maculatum			X	Х	5 5	Х	Х		3 - 3								
Western small-footed bat	Myotis ciliolabrum	Х		Х	Х		Х	Х										
Long-eared bat*	Myotis evotis				2	2	1		X	3-6		17		2		3	1	2)
Fringed myotis*	Myotis thysanodes	X		Х	X		Х	Х		8-38		ĺ.					1	
Yuma myotis	Myotis yumanensis	X				20 20				10		1						
Western pipistrelle	Parastrellus hesperus			Х	X	8	Х	X				-				2		
Western mastiff bat	Eumops perotis californicus	Х	Х	Х	X	s)	Х	Х		3-3		-				3		3)2
American pika*	Ochotona princeps									Х	Х							
Snowshoe hare	Lepus americanus								Х					1				
Black-tailed jackrabbit	Lepus californicus			Х	X		Х	Х				Х	Х					
Riparian brush rabbit*	Sylvilagus bachmani riparius	X			ù.				_			1						<u>) </u>
Mountain beaver	Aplodontia rufa				3	3			Х		Х					ş		J2
Nelson's antelope squirrel*	Ammospermophilus nelsoni	Х																
Northern flying squirrel	Glaucomys sabrinus				2	2			Х	3 - 6	Х		1					2
California pocket mouse	Chaetodipus californicus			Х	X	Ĵ	Х	Х										
North American beaver	Castor canadensis		Х													1		
Heermann's kangaroo rat*	Dipodomys heermanni heermanni			X	X		x	x										
Giant kangaroo rat*	Dipodomys ingens	Х			85	85										3		
San Joaquin kangaroo rat*	Dipodomys nitratoides	-		Х	X	s)	Х	Х						2		3		s:2

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Fresno kangaroo rat*	Dipodomys nitratoides exilis			Х	Х		Х	Х			-							
San Joaquin pocket mouse*	Perognathus inornatus inornatus	Х		Х	X	х	х	Х										
Dusky-footed woodrat	Neotoma fuscipes			Х	X		Х	Х	Х			Х	χ					
Riparian (=San Joaquin Valley) woodrat*	Neotoma fuscipes riparia	Х	15—3		57	52 	8-3			2)	2	0-0				S		07 - 68
Large-eared woodrat	Neotoma macrotis		2—3	Х	Х	57	X	Х		25	2)-	0-0				×		17 - CA
Deer mouse	Peromyscus spp.	Х	3 - 33	Х	X	1	Х	Х	X	122	22					5		
Porcupine*	Erethizon dorsatum		0		1	Х		0	Х		Х							
Gray wolf*	Canis lupus					Į			Х									
Sierra Nevada red fox*	Vulpes vulpes necator				l.					X	3	0-0						
Ringtail*	Bassariscus astutus	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	X			Х	Х					
California wolverine*	Gulo gulo				ĩ.				Х	Х	Х							97 - 68 -
Northern river otter	Lontra canadensis	X	Х		1	Х					1						1	
Pacific marten*	Martes caurina [=americana]				1				Х	X	1.1.1.1.1.1.1							
Fisher - West Coast DPS*	Pekania [=Martes] pennanti								X	3	Х					Į		
American badger*	Taxidea taxus	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х			Х	Х					
Western spotted skunk	Spilogale gracilis	X	2-3	Х	X	Х	Х	Х	Х	2	2						3	67 - SA
Tule elk*	Cervus elaphus nannodes	Х			ĺ.						1							
Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep	Ovis canadensis sierrae		1.0		Ĵ					X	X							

¹A species is shown for a particular conservation unit only if it is associated with specific conservation targets identified for the unit. For a complete list of SGCN associated with each habitat type by ecoregion, see Appendix C. * Denotes a species on the SGCN list. Non-asterisked species are not SGCN but are identified as important species by CDFW staff.

ATTACHMENT D - NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBAL CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

Native American Tribal Consultation and Consultation Summary	d Coordination
Outreach Method	Date
Initial Consultation Letter	June 18, 2020
Invitation #1 to Community Meeting with links to survey and websites	September 30, 2020
Invitation #2 to Community Meeting with links to survey and websites	October 7, 2020
Community Meeting #1	October 7, 2020
Questionnaire Distribution	October 15, 2020
Project List Solicitation	TBD
Invitation to Draft RTP Presentation Meeting #1	TBD
Invitation to Draft RTP Presentation Meeting #2	TBD
Draft RTP Meeting	TBD
Invitation to Final RTP Adoption Meeting #1	TBD
Invitation to Final RTP Adoption Meeting #2	TBD
Final RTP Adoption Meeting	TBD
Tribal Government	Contacts
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Woodfords, CA 96120	Kenneth Cruz, Program Director, Roads
	kenneth.cruz@washoetribe.us



June 18, 2020

Hung a Lel Ti ATTN: Irvin Jim, Jr., Chairman 96A Washoe Blvd. Woodfords, CA 96120

Re: Alpine County Regional Transportation Plan, 2020 Update

Dear Mr. Jim,

The Alpine County Local Transportation Commission (ACLTC) is in the process of developing a new Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for the 2020 – 2040 planning horizon. The RTP is the long range planning document required by law to define the policies, financial projections, and projects within the region. This information is used by local agencies, tribes, the regional transportation planning agency, and the State to implement transportation projects within Alpine County.

Coordination and consultation with local and regional Tribes is recommended by the California Transportation Commission's RTP Guidelines. In order to address this recommendation and improve inter-regional coordination, we are soliciting your input in regards to the Alpine County 2020 RTP. The ACLTC is soliciting any information on potential projects, and any comments your Tribe may have for the Alpine County 2020 RTP.

Input and comments can be submitted by contacting project consultant Green DOT Transportation Solutions, currently contracted to perform duties of the ACLTC and to prepare the 2020 RTP, at the contact information provided below. We will provide updates to the development of the RTP and the CEQA review process as milestones are reached. As updates and new information become available, they will be posted on Alpine County RTP website at <u>https://www.alpineregionalplan.com/</u>.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, feel free to contact me by email at <u>jeff@greendottransportation.com</u> or by phone at (530) 895-1109.

Thank you for your attention to this process,

Sincerely,

Jeff Schwein, AICP CTP Project Manager (530) 895-1109

627 Broadway, Suite 220 Chico, CA 95928

2020 Alpine Regional Transportation Plan - Outreach Meeting 10-07-2020

Stephanie Alward <stephanie@greendottransportation.com>

🖙 Sep 30, 2020, 3:59 PM 🛛 🕁 to Debbie, michelle, DMJardine105, twoodrow, rharvey, info, Lloyd.Clark, arc2arcmark, paulnordic, johncressaty, rlovell, markleedisc, brokenspur, kenneth.cruz, Jeff, Sofia 🕶 Good afternoon.

I hope this email finds you well. I am reaching out to inform you that the Alpine County Transportation Commission is hosting a digital community meeting on Wednesday, October 7th from 4pm-5pm regarding the County's 2020 Regional Transportation Plan update.

We encourage you to attend this meeting, as it will provide a chance to learn about the Regional Transportation Plan and an opportunity to tell us what improvements you would like to see. Suggested improvements to the County's transportation system may include road, bicycle, pedestrian, and safety enhancements.

Please see the attached flyer for meeting details, and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

The meeting's Zoom link is: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82831897291?pwd=TWVOdndPa1JJc2JyM0tEWE5FZG1JQT09

For more information, visit the Regional Transportation Plan website at the following link: https://www.alpineregionalplan.com/

Unable to make the meeting, but would still like to provide input on the Plan? Click the following link to take the survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/alpinecountyrtp

Sincerely.

Stephanie Alward

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Meeting Today, 4 pm - Alpine County Regional Transportation Plan

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Stephanie Alward <stephanie@greendottransportation.com>

🗢 Oct 7, 2020, 10:01 AM 🕁 🔺 🗄 to bcc: Jeff, bcc: Debbie, bcc: zwood, bcc: michelle, bcc: DMJardine105, bcc: rhames, bcc: krakow, bcc: twoodrow, bcc: dGriffith.9, bcc: rharvey, bcc: info, bcc: Lloyd.Clark, bcc: ac2arcmark 🛩 Good morning,

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Agenda – Community Meeting

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Time:	4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Location:	Zoom Webinar
	<u>https://us02web.zoom.us/s/82020700058?pwd=UDd5VnFOSVRZaHYv</u> Wmlvd1g5Mk0vQT09
Call-in:	+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)
Webinar ID:	820 2070 0058
Passcode:	374354

AGENDA:

- 1. Introductions
- 2. Presentation
 - a. Introduction to the Regional Transportation Plan
 - b. Elements of a Regional Transportation Plan
- 3. Open Discussion and Community Feedback
- 4. Adjourn



Alpine County 2020 Regional Transportation Plan – October 7, 2020 Meeting Notes

Presentation

- What is an RTP?
 - o Long range, 20-year Plan but is updated every 5 years
 - Covers all modes of transportation roadways (State, County, and City), bike/ped, bridges, transit, aviation, and rail
 - Although roadway constitutes the greatest expenditures in most regions, the Plan includes all modes
 - Three critical components policies, actions (projects), and financial future available funding (implementation plan)
- Statutes and Guidance
 - o SB 743
 - Mostly concerned about project eligibility
- Planning process
 - Outreach is constrained, but still have opportunities for involvements
 - Digital outreach survey, website, Facebook, directly to the project team by email/phone
 - Digital conversation through Zoom
 - Information sharing process
 - Opportunity to influence mobility and projects that come through this effort
- The Challenge: Funding
 - o Recent gas tax increase via Senate Bill 1
 - Funding sources include gas and federal gas tax, state base and price-based excise tax, state truck weight fees, state diesel sales/excise tax, general sales tax, tolls, transportation bonds, State vehicle registration fees, Cap and Trace Auction Allowance Proceeds
 - Proceeds to state, highways, county, MPO/RTPA, cities
- Pavement needs
 - o 270 lane miles in Alpine County
 - Pavement Condition Index is 41 in Alpine County, quite low lowest 20% of meeting pavement needs
 - Pavement needs reach \$34 million per ten-year period in Alpine County
- Bridge Needs
 - o 11 bridges in Alpine County average sufficiency rating of 74
 - o \$2 million bridge rehabilitation needs in Alpine County
- Multimodal needs
 - o Recreational biking community is substantial in Alpine County
 - o Transit improvements new bus replacing old 2014 bus with high miles
 - \circ New van replacement in coming years
- Financial Element
 - Several programs available for transportation, many mode- or type-specific, i.e. for safety, rail, bike/ped, sustainable projects, etc.
- Action Element

- Roadway, bridge, transit, bike/ped, Tribal
- Project Updates
 - o Diamond Valley Road Culvert Replacement project
 - Just ordered to contract, will be in construction now or in the following spring/summer
 - Hot Springs Road Bridge Replacement
 - \$4.5 million project, will be going to construction nest spring
 - SR 89 @ Markleeville Creek Bridge Replacement
 - Scheduled to be replaced, likely next season
 - Caltrans project on the state highway
 - o Hot Springs Road Reconstruction Project
 - Large reconstruction project from Markleeville to the State Park
 - \$9.5 million project
 - Will include shoulder widening where feasible for bike/ped accommodation and safety
 - Dixon Mine Road @ Wolf Creek Bridge Replacement
 - \$1.9 million project in progress now
 - o Transit Bus Replacement Project
 - Markleeville Creek Restoration Project
- Next Steps
 - \circ 10/30/20 Finish collecting and addressing community input
 - 10/30/20 Comments due
 - 11/5/20 Action and financial element
 - 12/20 Finalize RTP
 - 1/2021 ACTC Final Adoption

Questions & Answers and Comments

- Move to NextDoor app, more use than FB
- Dixon Mine Road Bridge over Wolf Creek was completed this year

Alpine Regional Transportation Plan - Questionnaire

Stephanie Alward <stephanie@greendottransportation.com> to irvin.jim, Kenneth, Jeff 🖛

Hello Irvin and Kenneth,

Green DOT will be in Alpine County tomorrow regarding the Regional Transportation Plan and we wanted to deliver hard-copy questionnaires and self-addressed, stamped envelopes for members of Hung A Lel Ti to fill out and return. I have attached the questionnaire and flyer. Do you have a preferred location accessible to Hung A Lel Ti members that we could leave the questionnaires? How many copies should we supply? We will also leave a flyer with information about the RTP and where to access more information.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Alward

Green DOT Transportation Solutions 627 Broadway, Suite 220 Chico, CA 95928 Office: 530-895-1109 Mobile: 530-209-0427

2 Attachments



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THE ALPINE COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The Regional Transportation Plan is a 20-year plan for the County's entire transportation system including roadways, transit, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, and aviation projects. What improvements does your community need? We want to hear from you!

For more information, visit the project website at: <u>https://www.alpineregionalplan.com/</u>

 Take our survey online at:
 https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/alpinecountyrtp



If you have questions or want to provide input directly to the project team, contact Stephanie Alward at: stephanie@greendottransportation.com | 530-895-1109

ATTACHMENT E - PROJECT LISTS

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		Table 4.2 Bridge Projects		
Project Source	Funding Source	Route	Descrprition	Cost
		Alpine County		
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2015 RTP	HBD, STIP, Toll Credit	Hot Springs Road-Hot Springs Creek Bridge	Replace bridge	\$ 4,304,250
Unconstrained	Unconstrained Total		\$ 4,304,250	
		Unconstrained		
2015 RTP	HBD, Toll Credit	Crystal Springs Camp- West Fork of Carson River Bridge	Rehabilitate Bridge	TBD
2015 RTP	HBD, Toll Credit	Wolf Creek Road - Silver Creek Bridge	Rehabilitate Bridge	TBD
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		Table 4.3 Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects		
Project Source	Location	Project Name/Description	Const. Year	Cost
		Unconstrained		
	C	ountywide / State Highway Projects		
2018 ATP	SR 89 at Turtle Rock Park	Safe Recreational Crossings of State Highway	TBD	TBD
2018 ATP	SR 88 - Pacific Crest Trail at Kit Carson Pass	Safe Recreational Crossings of State Highway	TBD	TBD
2018 ATP	SR 88 0 Kirkwood Trail Crossing	Safe Recreational Crossings of State Highway	TBD	TBD
2018 ATP	SR 4 at Bear Valley Road	Safe Recreational Crossings of State Highway	TBD	TBD
2018 ATP	SR 4 at Bear Valley - Lake Alpine Trail Crossing	Safe Recreational Crossings of State Highway	TBD	TBD
2018 ATP	Highway Guide Sign Replacement	Countywide Wayfinding Implementation	TBD	TBD
2018 ATP	Natural Features, Portals and Places Signage	Countywide Wayfinding Implementation	TBD	TBD
2018 ATP	Visitor Kiosks	Countywide Wayfinding Implementation	TBD	TBD
		Community Projects - Markleeville		
2018 ATP	SR 89 at Montgomery Street	Crosswalks and pedestrian warning signage	TBD	TBD
2018 ATP	SR 89 - Markleeville to Woodfords	Class II - Bike signage and shoulder widening to accommodate Class II Bicycle Lanes	TBD	TBD
2015 RTP	SR 4 - Markleeville	SR 89 Shoulder and Pavement Improvements	TBD	TBD
2015 RTP	Laramie Street - County Building Driveway	Markleeville Class I Path	TBD	TBD
		ity Projects - Woodfords and Alpine Village		
2018 ATP	East side of SR 89 from Diamond Valley Rd. to Barber Rd.	Alpine Village Trail	TBD	TBD
	SR 89/Luther Pass Road from County Line to SR 88/99	Luther Pass Road Class III Bicycle Route	TBD	TBD
	SR 88 from the SR 89 junction in Woodfords to the Nevada State Line	SR 88 Class III Bicycle Route	TBD	TBD
	Diamond Valley Road - Barber Road	Alpine Village Trail	TBD	TBD
	East end of Manzanita Lane - Diamond Valley School	Manzanita Drive/Diamond Valley Trail	TBD	TBD
		Community Projects - Kirkwood		
2015 RTP	Kirkwood Meadows Road - Luther Pass Road	Class II - SR 88 Bike Lanes and Shoulder Widening	TBD	TBD
	Loop Road - Kirkwood Meadows Drive	Loop Road Crosswalks	TBD	TBD
	Kirkwood Meadows Drive - At Main Lodge	Kirkwood Meadows Road - Main Lodge Crossing	TBD	TBD
	Kirkwood Meadows Drive - At Main Lodge	Pedestrian Access on Kirkwood Meadows Bridge Striping	TBD	TBD
	SR 88/ Emigrant Trail Road Intersection - Kirkwood Meadows Drive Bridge	Class II - Kirkwood Meadow Road Bike Lanes	TBD	TBD
2010 111		Community Projects - Bear Valley	100	100
2018 ΔΤΡ	SR 4 in the Lake Alpine area	Lake Alpine Speed Feedback Signs	TBD	TBD
	Bear Valley - elementary school, library, Bear Valley Lodge, gas station	Bicycle Parking	TBD	TBD
	Bear Valley Road - Creekside Drive	Class I Bear Valley Loop Path	TBD	TBD
2013 111	•	Community Projects - Hung-A-Lel-Ti	TBB	TDD
2015 RTP	Health Center - Diamond Valley Road	Hung-A-Lel-Ti Class I Multi-Use Path	TBD	TBD
2013 KTP		Other Unconstrained	IBD	שטו
2015 PTD	Weber Street - SR 89		TBD	\$ 670,200
2015 RTP 2015 RTP		Additional SR 89 Bikeway Signage- Identify segments for shoulder widening Countywide SR2S Program	TBD	3 670,200 TBD
	Sierra Pines Trailer Park - Manzanita Drive	Sierra Pines Class I Multi-Use Path	TBD	TBD
	on SR 88 - Visitor Center	Carson Pass Pedestrian Crossing Overhead Flashing Beacons	TBD	TBD
	Mosquito Lakes Campground Entrance	Mosquito Lakes Pedestrians Crossing	TBD	TBD
	SR 4 Entrance to Lake Alpine - SR 4 Exit from Lake Alpine	Lake Alpine Speed Reduction Signage	TBD	TBD
	munity Projects	Lake Alphile Speed Neddelloll Signage	עסו	\$ 670,200
	numey Projects			\$ 070,20

Table 4.4 Transit Projects					
Project Source	Funding Source	Project Description		Cost	Const. Year
Unconstrained					
2015 SRTP	PTMISEA, FTA	Install security cameras in minivam	\$	5,000	TBD
2015 SRTP	PTMISEA, FTA	Passenger amenities - shelter and bench at Sierra Pines	\$	10,000	TBD
2015 SRTP	TBD	Minivan Replacement		TBD	TBD
Unconstrained Total			\$	15,000	

		Table 4.5 Aviation Projects		
Project Source	Funding Source	Project Description	Cost	Const. Year
		Unconstrained		
CSAP	CAAP	AC Overlay and restripe runway	\$ 300,000	2050
CSAP	CAAP	Chip seal and restripe runway	\$ 140,000	2050
CSAP	CAAP	Install safety related signage	\$ 18,000	TBD
CSAP	CAAP	Install 2 windsocks \$ 20		TBD
CSAP	CAAP	Fence and gate airport property	\$ 275,000	TBD
CALTRANS	TBD	Air Cargo Operations and Goods Movement Study	TBD	TBD
Unconstr	Unconstrained Total \$ 753,000			

	Table 4.6 Tribal Projects
Route	Project Description
	Washoe Tribe
	Unconstrained
Diamond Valley Road	Widen the pavement along Diamond Valley Road to provide paved shoulders in areas with poor sight distance.

Unconstrained Total

