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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: February 25, 2025

DATE: January 24, 2025

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to: 1) approve Fiscal Year 2026 Street and Highway Projects Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Washoe County, the City of Reno, and the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC); and 2) approve the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Street and Highway Projects Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Washoe County, the City of Sparks, and the RTC; for the RTC FY 2026 Program of Projects that were identified and approved in the RTC FY 2026 Regional Transportation Plan Update. The agreements identify regional roadway projects and priorities with construction project estimates of \$104.5 million determined by RTC and funding sources. Washoe County is the pass-through agency with associated fiscal costs under the Interlocal Cooperative Agreements. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) and the subject local agencies enter into separate Interlocal Cooperative Agreements (ICAs) for the design, property acquisition (where necessary), engineering, and construction of specific projects contained in the RTC's approved annual Street and Highway Program.

The 2026 Program of Projects is scheduled for approval by the RTC Board on February 21, 2025, and identifies the proposed uses of the net fuel tax revenues for the RTC's upcoming Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 budget. The Street and Highway Program also describes planned projects, delivery phases and funding from all available funding sources including RTC-5 fuel taxes and bonds, sales taxes, Regional Road Impact Fees, and federal sources. This Program has been developed in accordance with priorities established as part of the Unified Planning Working Program, Regional Transportation Plan and the regional road pavement preservation program.

Staff has reviewed the list of regional roadway projects and is in concurrence with those recommendations and subsequently recommends that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) enter into separate ICAs with the City of Reno and the RTC as

well as the City of Sparks and the RTC. The use of separate agreements provides clarity to the overall program of projects and simplifies the process so that the approval of each ICA can occur independently, minimizing delays that may occur with one jurisdiction while not affecting the ICA approval of another. The terms and conditions of both ICAs are the same except that those prior approved regional projects identified in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) that are specific to either the City of Reno or City of Sparks, have been identified separately within each respective ICA – New Projects list. The Exhibit A also identifies region-wide programs with specific improvements that are located in both the City of Reno and the City of Sparks.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Fiscal Sustainability: Efficient delivery of regional services.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On February 20, 2024 the Board approved the Fiscal Year 2025 Street and Highway Program Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Washoe County, the City of Reno and the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC); and 2) approve the Fiscal Year 2025 Street and Highway Program Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Washoe County, the City of Sparks and the RTC; for the approval of the RTC's Fiscal Year 2025 Program of Projects that were identified and approved in the RTC Fiscal Year 2025 Regional Transportation Plan Update.

On January 19, 2024, the RTC Board approved the FY 2025 Street and Highway Projects for the RTC Street and Highways Program.

On March 28, 2023 the Board approved the Fiscal Year 2024 Street and Highway Program Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Washoe County, the City of Reno and the Regional Transportation Commission; and 2) approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Street and Highway Program Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Washoe County, the City of Sparks and the RTC; for the approval of the RTC's Fiscal Year 2024 Program of Projects that were identified and approved in the RTC Fiscal Year 2024 Regional Transportation Plan Update.

On February 24, 2023, the RTC Board approved the FY 2024 Street and Highway Projects for the RTC Street and Highways Program.

On January 25, 2022, the Board approved the Fiscal Year 2023 Street and Highway Program Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Washoe County, the City of Reno and the Regional Transportation Commission; and 2) approve the Fiscal Year 2023 Street and Highway Program Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Washoe County, the City of Sparks and the RTC; for the approval of the RTC's Fiscal Year 2023 Program of Projects that were identified and approved in the RTC Fiscal Year 2023 Regional Transportation Plan Update.

On December 17, 2021, the RTC Board approved the FY 2023 Program of Projects.

On December 8, 2020, the Board approved the Fiscal Year 2022 Street and Highway Program Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Washoe County, the City of Reno

and the Regional Transportation Commission; and 2) approved the Fiscal Year 2022 Street and Highway Program Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Washoe County, the City of Sparks and the RTC; for the approval of the RTC's Fiscal Year 2022 Program of Projects that were identified and approved in the RTC Fiscal Year 2022 Regional Transportation Plan Update.

BACKGROUND

The RTC's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), which includes planning and public works representatives from Reno, Sparks, and Washoe County, recommends to the RTC Board an annual Street and Highway Program of Projects to be funded using fuel tax funds, sales tax funds and Regional Road Impact Fees. The TAC also recommends amendments to the programs as necessary to meet changing conditions and regional needs. This program identifies specific projects and proposed funding allocations for various activities such as design, construction/right-of-way, construction engineering, etc. Pursuant to the provisions of NRS 373.140, agreements between the RTC, City of Reno, City of Sparks, and Washoe County, are necessary to proceed with the work contained in these programs. The specific agreements brought forward at this time will authorize certain work activities contained in the current Street and Highway Projects. Ownership and responsibility for any regional roadway project identified in the ICA and located within unincorporated Washoe County and completed under the terms of the Agreement will be transferred to the County upon completion and will not require further action by the County Commission.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with the approval of the Interlocal Cooperative Agreements.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Board of County Commissioners: 1) approve Fiscal Year 2026 Street and Highway Projects Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Washoe County, the City of Reno, and the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC); and 2) approve the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Street and Highway Projects Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Washoe County, the City of Sparks, and the RTC; for the RTC FY 2026 Program of Projects that were identified and approved in the RTC FY 2026 Regional Transportation Plan Update. The agreements identify regional roadway projects and priorities with construction project estimates of \$104.5 million determined by RTC and funding sources. Washoe County is the pass-through agency with associated fiscal costs under the Interlocal Cooperative Agreements.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to: 1) approve Fiscal Year 2026 Street and Highway Projects Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Washoe County, the City of Reno, and the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC); and 2) approve the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Street and Highway Projects Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Washoe County, the City of Sparks, and the RTC; for the RTC FY 2026 Program of Projects that were identified

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