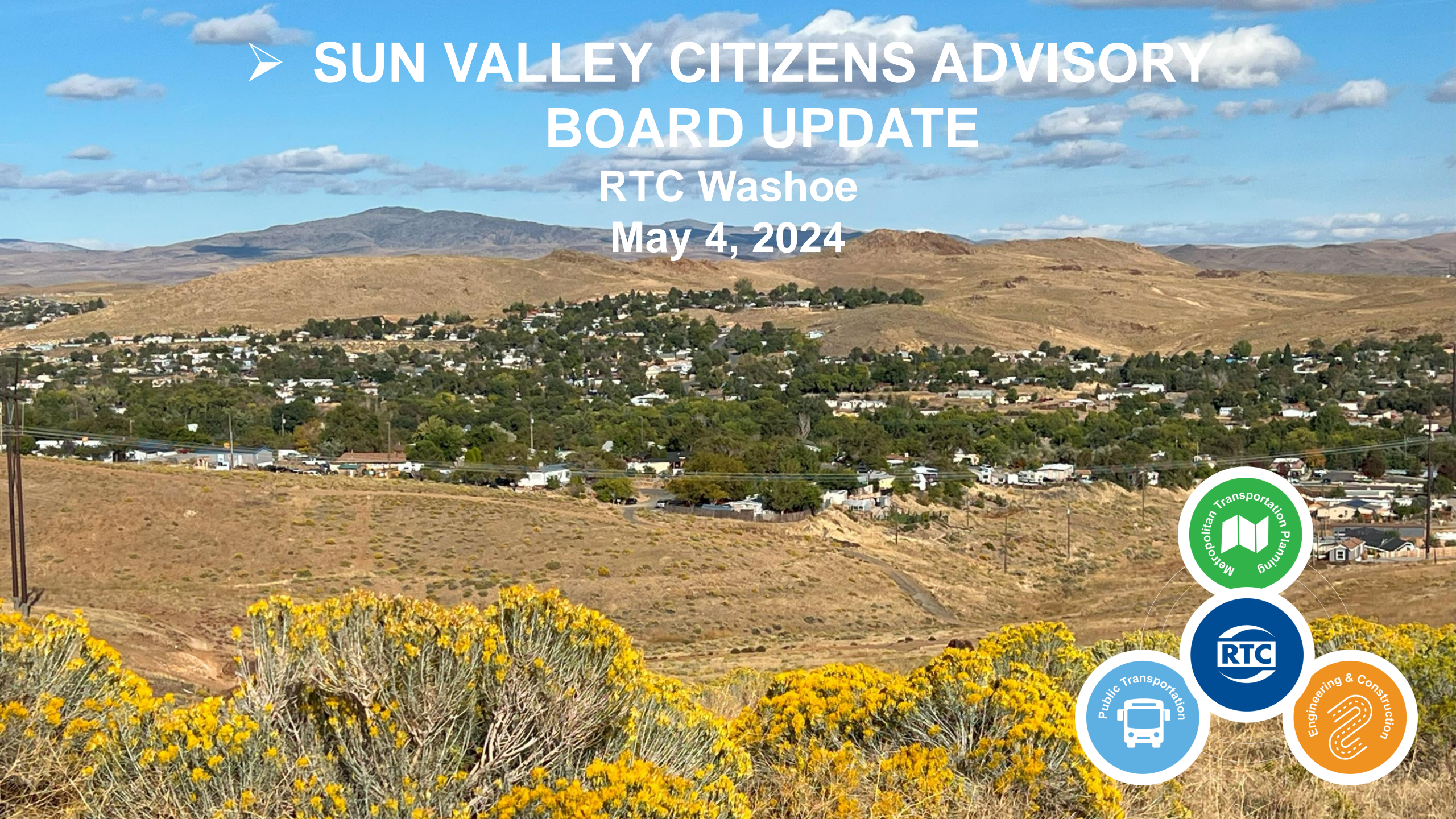


# ➤ SUN VALLEY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE

## BOARD UPDATE

RTC Washoe

May 4, 2024



# > RTC BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RTC Chair**



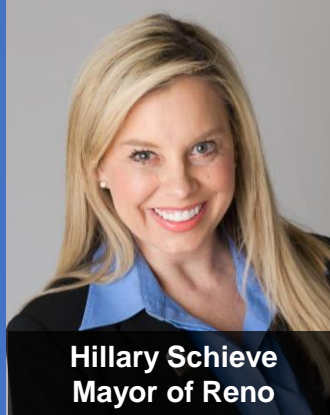
**Ed Lawson** ✪  
Mayor of Sparks

**RTC Vice Chair**



**Alexis Hill**  
Washoe County

**Commissioner**



**Hillary Schieve**  
Mayor of Reno

**Commissioner**



**Devon Reese**  
City of Reno

**Commissioner**



**Mariluz Garcia**  
Washoe County

**Ex-officio**



**Tracy Larkin Thomason**  
NDOT

**RTC**



**Executive Director**  
Bill Thomas, AICP



## > MISSION

**Building A Better  
Community Through  
Quality Transportation**

## > CORE FUNCTIONS



# > PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

## Fixed Route Transit

### RTC RIDE

- Backbone of the Transit System
- Last 12 Months: 5.1 Million Trips
- 60% Work Trips
- 21 Straight Months of Ridership Growth



# > PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION Fixed Route Transit

## RTC Route 5

- 4<sup>th</sup> Street Station to Donatello Drive, Sutro Street and Sun Valley
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Busiest Route
- March: 27,352 Trips
- Last 12 Months: 336,490 Trips



### ROUTE 5 SUTRO/SUN VALLEY

Effective September 9, 2023

**Serving**

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

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

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

775-348-RIDE



**Legend**

- Route 5
- Time Point - See schedule for time bus departs this stop
- Alternative Intersecting Routes
- Direction of bus travel
- Point of interest
- Bus Stops
- Pass Outlet

RTC RIDE & RTC RAPID operates on Saturday/Level Holiday schedules during the following holidays:

President's Day	Indigenous Peoples' Day
Juneteenth	Nevada Day

RTC RIDE & RTC RAPID operates on Sunday/Level Holiday schedules during the following holidays:

New Year's Day	Veteran's Day
Martin Luther King Jr.	Thanksgiving Day
Memorial Day	Family Day (Day after Thanksgiving)
Independence Day	Christmas Day
Labor Day	

Customer Service is Closed on Sunday Holidays.  
Holiday schedule will be reviewed annually.

NO SERVICE WHEN SNOW ROUTE IN EFFECT

SNOW ROUTE DETOUR

Metropolitan Transportation Planning Bureau

Public Transportation

RTC

Engineering & Construction

© 5/23 RTC RIDE  
MAP NOT TO SCALE

# > PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION Alternative Fuels Program

## Sustainable Transportation

- Achieved 100% Alternative-Fuel Fleet in 2022
- Includes 23 Electric Buses (1/3 of fleet)
- Two New Hydrogen Buses in 2023, Six More on Order
- Permanent Hydrogen Fueling Facility in 2023



# > PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

## Rebuild Public Transportation



### Increase Ridership

- Bus Rapid Transit
- FlexRIDE
- Vanpool
- Senior Ride Taxi Bucks



# > PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION Microtransit

## FlexRIDE

- On Demand
- Curb-to-Curb



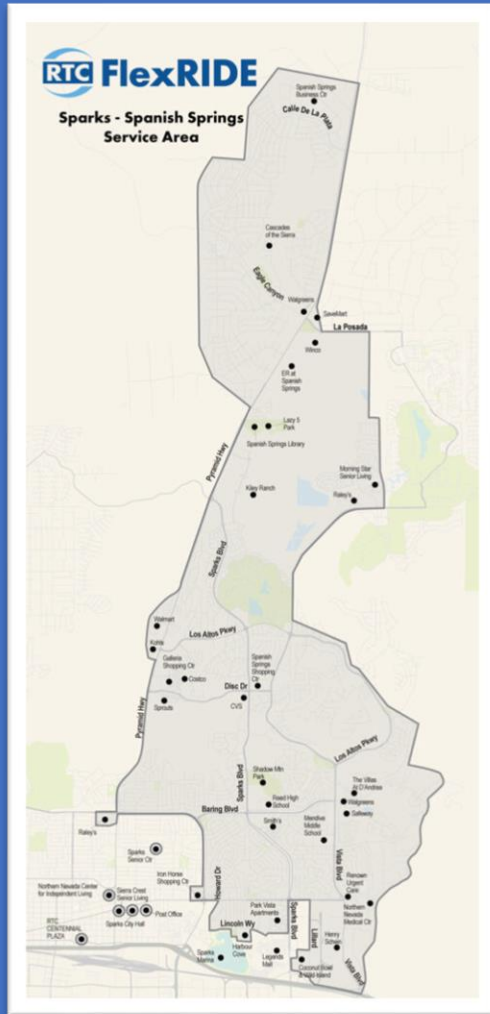
## Operating In:

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

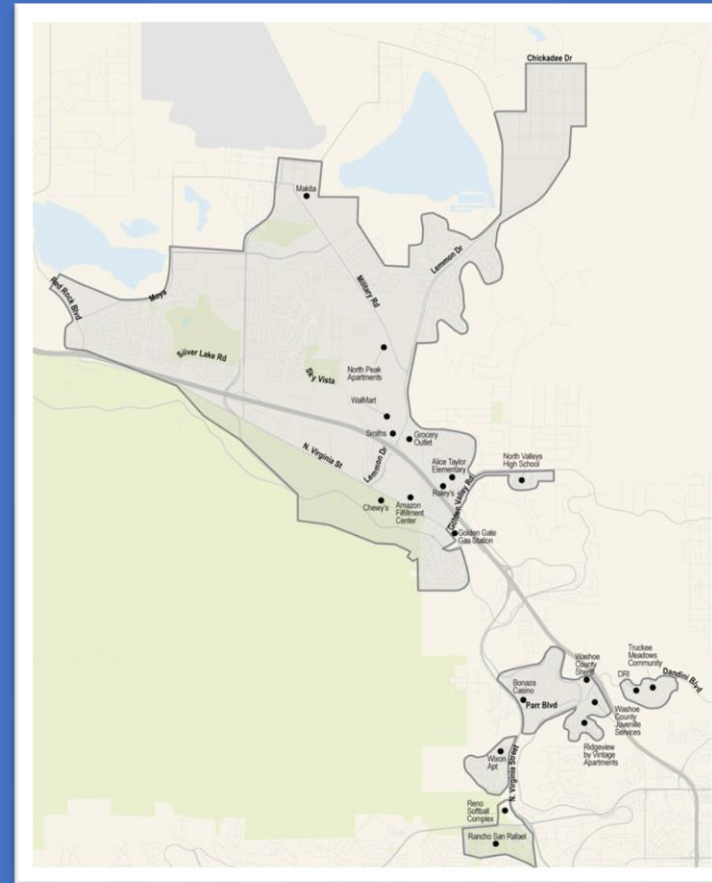




# > PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FlexRIDE Areas



Spanish Springs



North Valleys

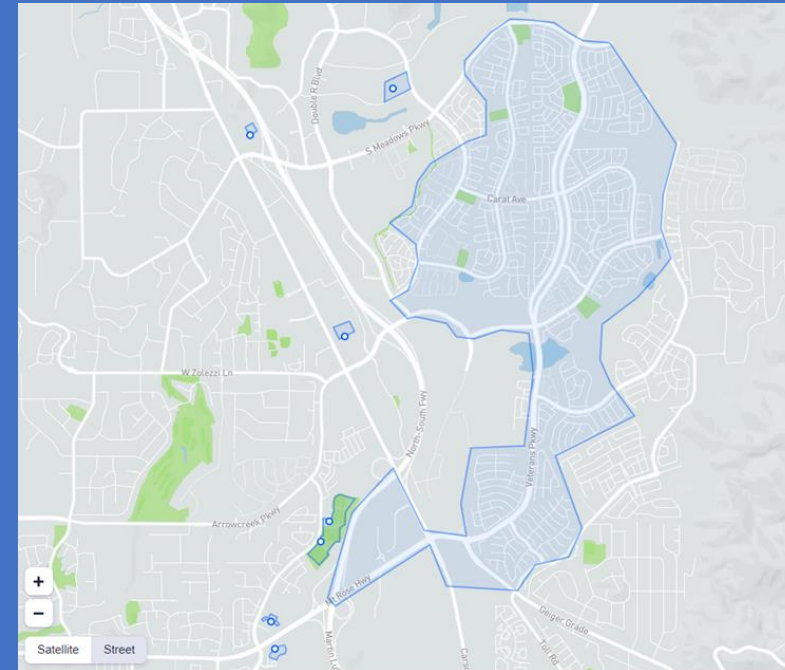


# > PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FlexRIDE Areas



Somerset/Verdi

Damonte Ranch



# > PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION Service Delivery



## Senior Ride Taxi Bucks Program

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



## VANPOOL Program

- Transportation Alternatives for Groups Who Share Commute Routes
- Fleet of 340 Vans
- 6<sup>th</sup> Largest in Nation



# > PLANNING

## Regional Transportation Plan

### 2050 Regional Transportation Plan

- Update Every Four Years, Completion in Spring 2025
- Identifies Long-Term Transportation Needs and Goals for Regional Transportation System
- Captures the Community's Vision of the Transportation System
- Identifies the Projects, Programs, and Services Necessary to Achieve that Vision
- May Be Implemented by the RTC, Member Entities, and NDOT

RTC

# 2050

## REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

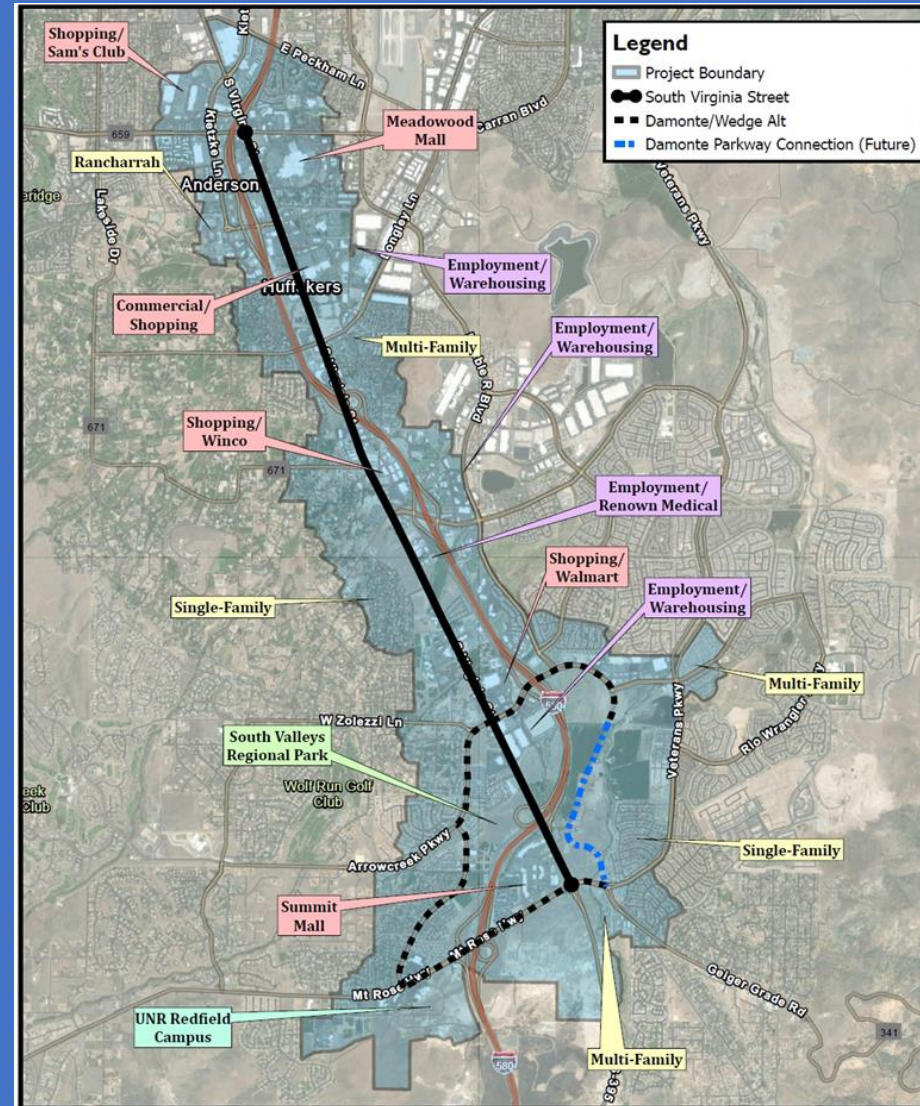


# > PLANNING

## South Virginia TOD Study

### Project Boundary

- South Virginia Street: Meadowood Mall to Summit Mall (5.5 Miles)
- Alternative Study Areas
  - Downtown Damonte
  - UNR Redfield Campus
  - Wedge Parkway/Arrowcreek Parkway
  - Old U.S. 395



# > PLANNING

## Active Transportation Plan

### Walk & Roll Truckee Meadows

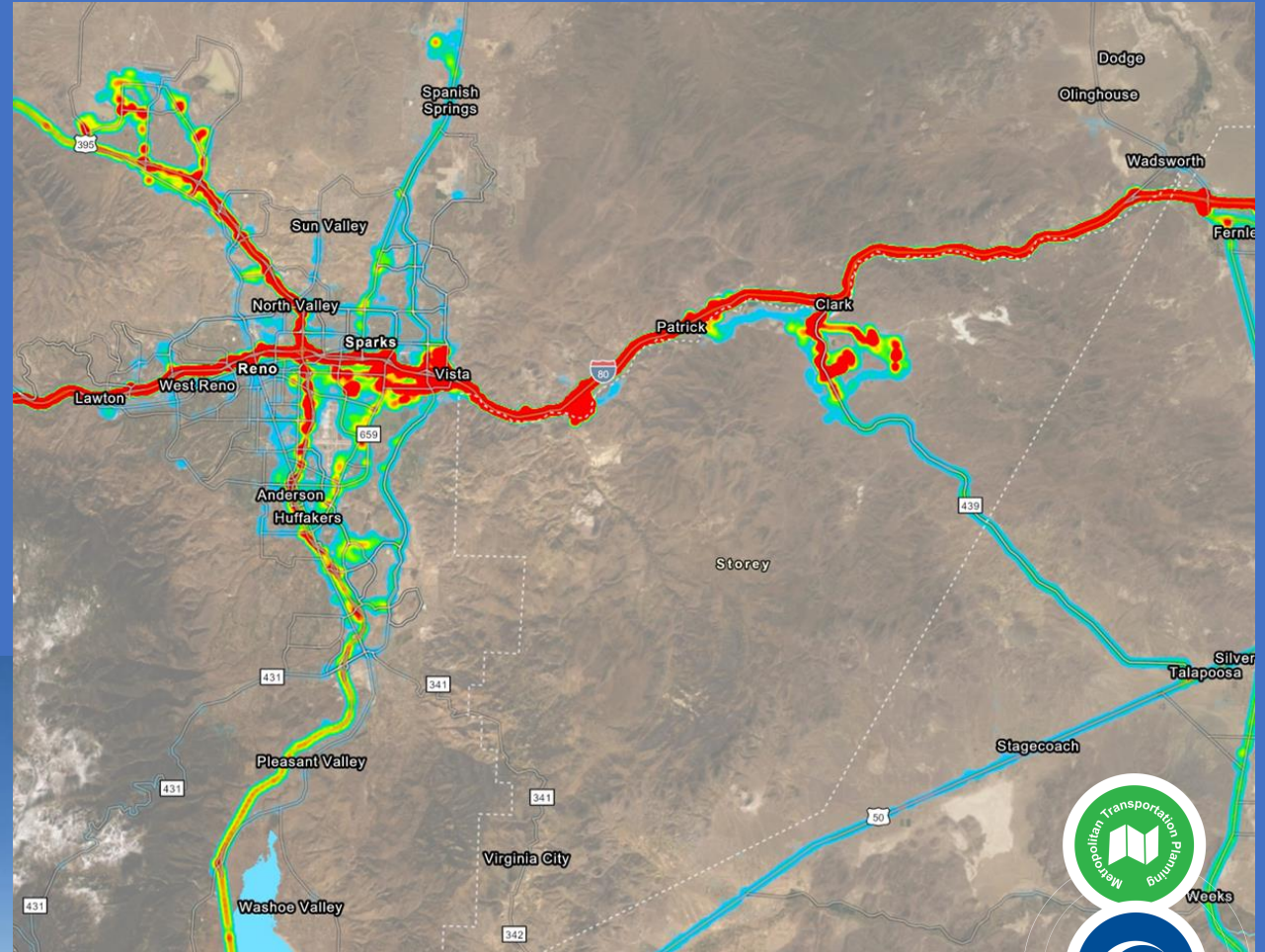
- Component of the Regional Transportation Plan
- Bicyclists and Pedestrians
- All Ages and Abilities – 8 to 80
- Sidewalks and Bicycle Facilities
- Analyze Existing Data
  - Transit
  - Equity
  - Safety
  - Bicycle Level of Stress
  - Pedestrian Experience Index



# > PLANNING Freight Plan

## Purpose and Scope

- Facilitate Safe and Efficient Freight and Goods Movement
- Foster a Thriving and Diverse Economy in Northern Nevada
- Identify and Support Needed Infrastructure Investments

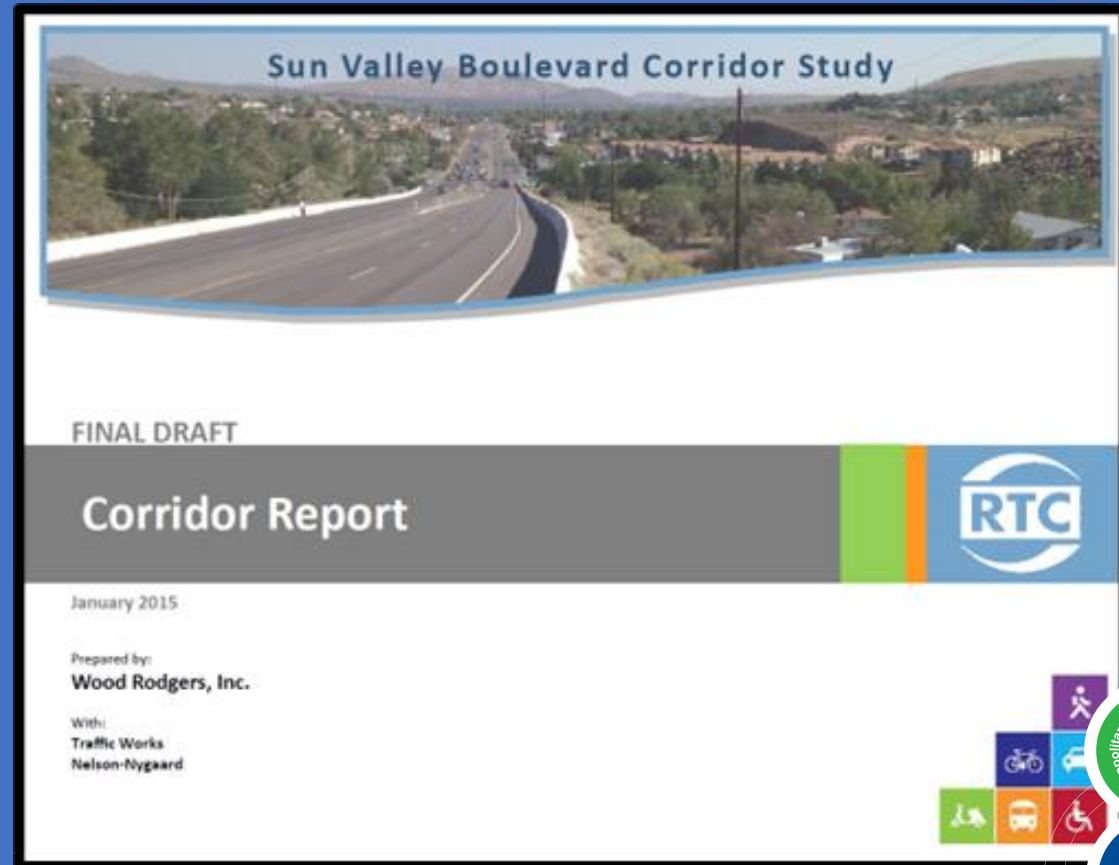


# > PLANNING

## Previously Completed Planning Efforts

### Sun Valley Boulevard Corridor Study

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





# > ENGINEERING Community Investment

Fiscal Year  
2023

Total Investment  
\$87,687,011

Direct Jobs  
2,604



# > 2024 STREET & HIGHWAY PROJECTS

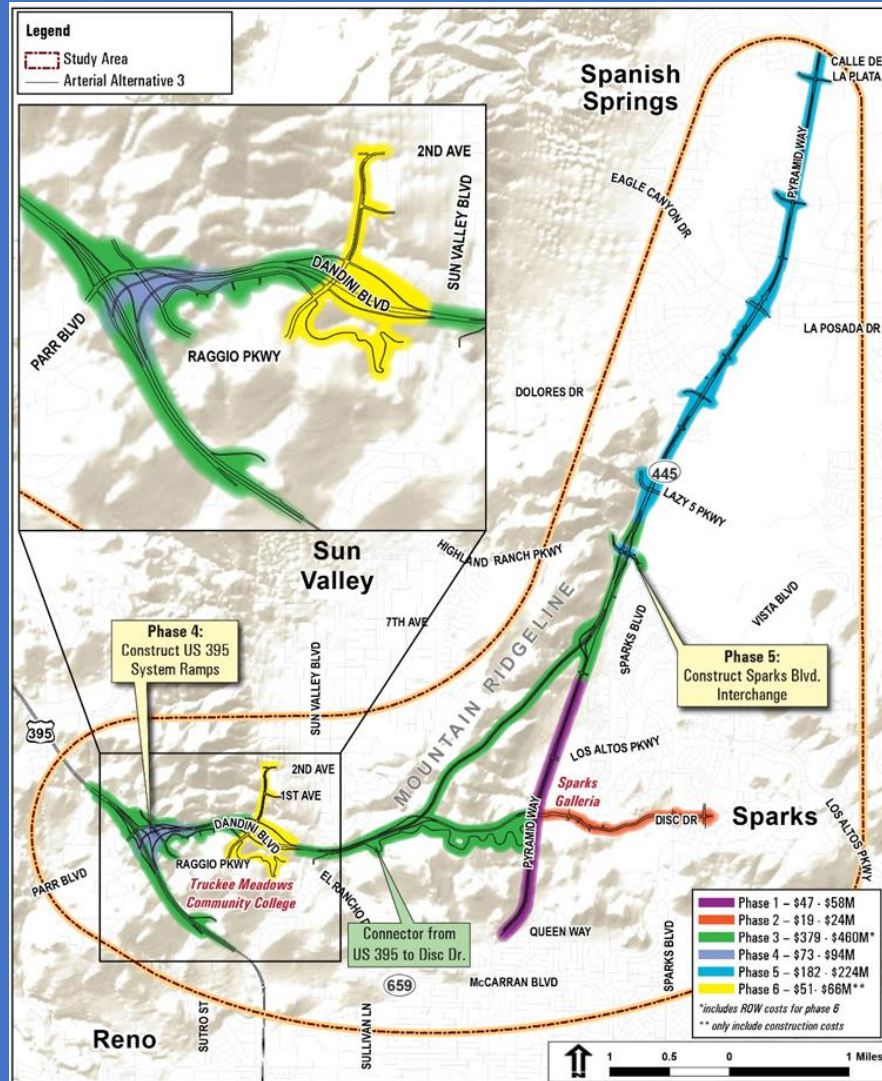
## Selmi Drive Rehabilitation

- Pavement Reconstruction from Sutro Street to Clear Acre Lane
- Began April 2
- Projected Completion: May 26



# > STREET & HIGHWAY PROJECTS

## Pyramid Highway Improvements (2023-TBD)



# > UPCOMING STREET & HIGHWAY PROJECTS

## Pyramid Hwy/Sparks Blvd/Highland Ranch Pkwy



- Convert to a Grade-Separated Interchange
- Project Includes
  - Intermediate Design of the Interchange
  - Preliminary Design of New Road Between Pyramid Highway and U.S. 395



# > UPCOMING STREET & HIGHWAY PROJECTS

## Sun Valley Boulevard – Phase Two (2026)

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

- Scope: Create a Safer Street for All Travel Modes Including Bikes and Pedestrians
- Schedule
  - Design: Fall 2023 – Fall 2025
  - Construction: 2026
- Project Estimate: \$50 Million
- Congressionally Directed Spending, \$2.5 Million
- Applying for \$25 Million RAISE Grant in 2024



# > UPCOMING STREET & HIGHWAY PROJECTS

## McCarran Loop Improvements (TBD)

### El Rancho Drive to Rock Boulevard

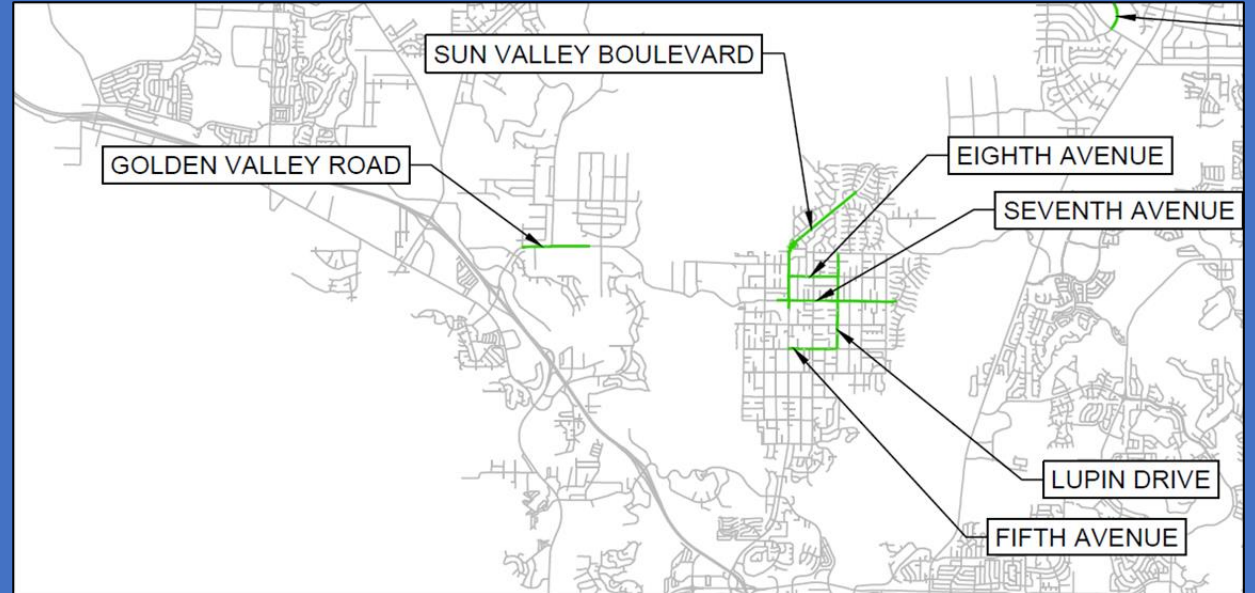
- Advancing Design Based on McCarran Boulevard Corridor Study
  - Potential Lane Addition
  - Potential Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements
- Preliminary Design: May 2025
- Final Design: Summer 2026
- Construction: Summer/Fall 2026
- Total Project Estimate: \$32.67 Million



# > PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED PROJECTS

## Pavement Preservation Program

- Keep Good Roads Good
- Sun Valley Boulevard, 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Lupin Drive
- Completed in Early September, 2023
- Final Project Cost: \$13 Million Regionwide



# > PAVEMENT PRESERVATION PROGRAM



Sparks Boulevard (Preventive Maintenance)





# THANK YOU

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# > HOW CAN YOU HELP? Regional Transportation Plan

**Get Involved!**  
Public Input Survey

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