

**City of Carson City
Agenda Report**

Date Submitted: October 24, 2013

Agenda Date Requested: November 7, 2013
Time Requested: 5 minutes

To: Mayor and Supervisors

From: Public Works Department (Patrick Pittenger)

Subject Title: For Possible Action: Action to direct staff to participate in the Regional Shared Federal Framework effort and to pursue the inclusion of Carson City-related matters in the Northwestern Nevada Shared Federal Framework document to be presented to the region's congressional delegation.

Staff Summary: A new effort entitled the Regional Shared Federal Framework was initiated by officials in Washoe County to collaboratively present a common vision to improve the quality of life and economic prosperity of the region. Many agencies are already involved in the development of a Shared Federal Framework (SFF) document which will articulate the region's needs and priorities. This action would direct staff to participate in this collaborative effort and provide guidance on the needs and priorities of Carson City which staff will work to have included in the SFF document.

Type of Action Requested: (check one)
() Resolution () Ordinance
(XXX) Formal Action/Motion () Other

Does This Action Require A Business Impact Statement: () Yes (XX) No

Recommended Board Action: I move to direct staff to participate in the Regional Shared Federal Framework effort and to pursue the inclusion of Carson City-related matters in the Northwestern Nevada Shared Federal Framework document to be presented to the region's congressional delegation.

Explanation for Recommended Board Action: A new regional collaborative effort is underway called the Regional Shared Federal Framework. A group of regional agencies has held several meeting and continues to meet. The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) of Washoe County is providing the staffing for the group, and has reached-out to Carson City. Lee Gibson, the agency's Executive Director, has discussed the matter with Mayor Crowell and briefed the Board of Supervisor's during public comment at the Board's October 3, 2013, meeting.

The group has developed a draft document entitled the Northwestern Nevada Shared Federal Framework which they intend to share with the regional's congressional delegation, including at a Northwestern Nevada Local Government Summit in Washington D.C. on December 10th. The draft document, which is attached, currently does not contain information regarding the needs and priorities of Carson City, but the group would like to have Carson City's input and continued participation.

Carson City staff has reviewed the draft document and identified opportunities to include additional information. The Board of Supervisors is asked to direct staff to participate in the Regional Shared Federal Framework group in general and to specifically seek the inclusion of the following changes to the draft document:

- Changes to the executive summary indicating Carson City's participation and support.
- Addition of Carson City support for continued funding of the Community Development Block

- Grant.
- Additional information will be provided to complete the information for the Carson City Freeway.
- Addition of Carson City support for reauthorization of national transportation legislation – MAP-21.
- New priorities to be added to document:
 - Carson City Freeway multiuse path connection
 - Carson Street downtown corridor revitalization including Curry Street improvements
 - North Carson Street corridor improvements
 - William Street corridor improvements
 - South Carson Street corridor improvements
 - Carson city wastewater reclamation facility – secondary system upgrades
 - Development of Community Paramedic Programs
- The addition of Carson City as an interested entity regarding the various priorities on pages 6 through 12 consistent with latter sections which specify needs and priorities.

Applicable Statue, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation: N/A

Fiscal Impact: Unknown.

Explanation of Impact: Potential additional financial resources for Carson City and the overall region should the effort be successful.

Funding Source: Federal funds.

Alternatives: Provide other direction to staff.

Supporting Material: Draft Northwestern Nevada Shared Federal Framework document dated October 16, 2013.

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Reviewed By:  Date: 10-29-13
 (Department Head)

Concurrences:  Date: 10/29/13
 (City Manager)

 Date: 10/29/13
 (District Attorney)

 Date: 10/29/13
 (Finance Director)

Board Action Taken:

Motion: _____	1) _____	Aye/Nay
	2) _____	_____

 (Vote Recorded By)

Northwestern Nevada Shared Federal Framework

One Region. One Voice

10/16/2013

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In an era of unprecedented economic and political change, leaders of the local, regional, state, and not-for-profit agencies in Northwestern Nevada are collaborating with urgency, and a common vision to improve the quality of life and economic prosperity of the region. The combined infrastructure, program, and policy recommendations outlined in this report are critical to building a stronger community. The Shared Federal Framework (SFF) is designed to articulate the federal regulatory, policy, and funding needs and priorities of Northern Nevada.

The initial objectives of the SFF were focused on economic development and infrastructure investments that support short- and long-term job growth. The early champions of the SFF were members of the City of Reno, City of Sparks, and Washoe County.

Economic Development

This recommended package of infrastructure investments supports regional access to jobs and freight & passenger mobility in the western U.S.

Environmental Stewardship

These recommended policies protect water quality in the Lake Tahoe Basin & Truckee River Watershed and protect against wildfires.

Public Safety

These recommended projects protect against catastrophic wildfires and flooding and support emergency responses.

Current SFF participants are predominantly associated with the Washoe County region and the Lake Tahoe Basin. The SFF is a dynamic group and the number of participating entities is expected to grow over time. It is anticipated that additional county and city governments in Northern Nevada will join the SFF discussions as well as members of the private sector. Participation in the SFF is voluntary and no costs will be incurred by participants unless they desire to do so. This document reflects the federal priorities that have been provided by the following entities:

- City of Reno
- City of Sparks
- County of Washoe
- Desert Research Institute

- Douglas County
- Flood Management Authority
- Nevada Department of Transportation
- Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County
- Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority
- Tahoe Regional Planning Agency

Additional participants in the SFF to date, who may be providing their federal priorities for future editions of this report, include the following:

- Consolidated Municipality of Carson City
- Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada
- Nevada Association of Counties
- Nevada League of Cities
- Office of Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval
- Reno Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority
- Tahoe Transportation District
- Truckee Meadows Community College
- Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency
- Truckee Meadows Water Authority
- University of Nevada, Reno
- Western Nevada Development District

The SFF integrates and builds on the efforts of other regional collaborations, including the following:

- Trans-Sierra Coalition – The Trans-Sierra Coalition recognizes that transportation and mobility improvements have the capacity to positively impact public safety and the local economy. The Coalition supports working with regional partners to pursue a well-funded investment program for transportation infrastructure. Members of the Coalition include the Tahoe Transportation District, Douglas County, Washoe County, and the Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County.
- Stronger Economies Together (SET) Program through the Western Nevada Development District (WNDD) Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) includes the following nine jurisdictions: Carson City, Churchill County, Douglas County, Humboldt County, Lyon County, Mineral County, Pershing County, Storey County, and Washoe County. Their vision:

Western Nevada is an innovative, regional economy, rooted in sustainable development and enriched by the area's abundant natural resources and the collaboration of its independent unique communities. Region-wide, these prosperous communities

demonstrate a forward-moving commitment to quality of life and to opportunity for all residents.

They work to provide opportunities for individuals in rural communities to work collaboratively toward a regional economic development plan. SET has worked to establish targets for multiple sectors in the region including: business services, energy, mining, agriculture, defense, manufacturing, biomedical, transportation and logistics, arts, entertainment, and recreation.

The key priority areas for the SFF are:

- Economic Development and Community Services
- Energy & the Environment
- Transportation
- Public Safety
- Federal Lands
- Health & Human Services

While there are many project priorities in each of these policy areas, some initiatives are expected to be the subject of legislative action within the next year. These most pressing issues are summarized below.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNITY SERVICES

The initiatives below support the economic health of northwestern Nevada and critical social services. The Marketplace Fairness Act is the top economic priority for local governments in the region and allows for competitiveness with local businesses that must collect taxes. Community Services issues are centered on restoring funding of programs to prior levels. The Medicaid issue pertains to inmate care not being allowed in the Affordable Care Act.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNITY SERVICES	
Entities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City of Sparks City of Reno Washoe County State of Nevada
Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marketplace Fairness Act Community Assistance Center Community Development Block Grant Housing Rehabilitation Deferred Loan Program Homeless Housing Assistance Grants Medicaid Eligibility for Incarcerated individuals Child Welfare Mental Health Funding
Federal Entities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HUD Department Budget Center for Medicaid Services Marketplace Fairness Act HUD Program Funding HOME Consortium Federal Title IV-E Funding Marketplace Fairness Act Social Security Act - Title XIX

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT PRIORITIES

The energy and environment priorities reflect the needs of the entities that are interconnected parts of the Truckee River Basin, ranging from Lake Tahoe through the Truckee Meadows and beyond. These areas share a common river system and regional infrastructure and all will benefit from protecting against invasive species, flooding, and wildfires.

WRDA is funding that will be governed by the USACE and impacts critical flood control projects in the Truckee Meadows. The Lake Tahoe Restoration Act (LTRA) will address many of the critical issues surrounding water issues in the Lake Tahoe Basin and Truckee River Watershed. The Farm Bill allows for certain water and waste water projects as well as funding for rural development.

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT PRIORITIES	
Entities	Douglas County Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Desert Research Institute City of Reno City of Sparks Truckee River Flood Control Washoe County
Priorities	Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) Lake Tahoe Restoration Act (\$300 Million) Catastrophic Wildfire Prevention Act (S. 1479 or HR 1526)
Federal Entities	US Army Core of Engineers US Bureau of Reclamation USDA Rural Development US Department of Energy

TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES

Transportation priorities reflect the need to support thriving aviation, including passenger and goods movement, at the Reno-Tahoe International Airport, which is a critical economic generator for northwestern Nevada. In addition, reauthorization and adequate funding for MAP-21 supports the streamlining processes that are important for surface transportation project delivery, funding of critical bus transit facilities, and the roadway and transit projects that ensure regional mobility and public safety.

TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES	
Entities	Nevada Department of Transportation RTC Washoe County Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority Carson City Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
Priorities	Transportation Security Administration - Security Exit Lane Staffing Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Funding Program Passenger Facility Charge Cap Increase MAP 21 Reauthorization
Federal Entities	Federal Highway Administration Federal Transit Administration Federal Aviation Administration Transportation Security Administration

PUBLIC SAFETY

Public safety priorities encompass the programs and policies that are essential to local law enforcement and fire protection. Examples of priorities include meeting local EMS needs, funding for community policing, restoration of funding for emergency management and Homeland Security, and equipment for firefighters.

PUBLIC SAFETY	
Entities	City of Reno City of Sparks Washoe County
Priorities	Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program Community Oriented Policing Strategies

Emergency Management Performance Grant Program
 Justice Assistance Grant Program
 SAFER Program
 Sparks Fire Department Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus ~
 Replacement

Federal Entities	FEMA Department of Homeland Security Annual US Department of Justice
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FEDERAL LANDS

The Douglas County Lands Bill will facilitate land exchange and conservation easement funding along with tribal land and land usage options in the Tahoe Basin.

FEDERAL LANDS	
Entities	Douglas County, Washoe County
Priorities	Douglas County Lands Bill Other land bills as needed by other counties Sage grouse listing Sparks Cemetery Project
Federal Entities	Bureau of Land Management US Forest Service

The federal priorities that have been identified by SFF participants to date are summarized in the list below. The priorities are organized by issue in categories that are aligned with the Congressional committees that address the various topics. A project sheet providing more information about each priority is provided later in this report.

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REQUESTING ENTITY	CITY OF RENO, CITY OF SPARKS, WASHOE COUNTY
Project/Policy Name	Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
Location	Cities of Reno & Sparks, Washoe County, Nevada
Federal Agency:	Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Annual Budget
Project/Policy Description	The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) provides funding and control to communities to meet local needs for economic development, housing, and public services. CDBG's eligible activities include funding economic development programs, mitigating blight, creating jobs, providing housing, and funding public services that benefit low- to low-moderate income individuals.
Regional Significance	<p>Reno uses its CDBGs to fund infrastructure improvements that benefit eligible neighborhoods; housing programs for low-income individuals; and public services for very-low income individuals and households that facilitate recovery from homelessness. In FY 12/13, Reno's CDBGs supported services for >5,000 individuals, provided > 60 units of housing, and preserved/created 6 jobs.</p> <p>Sparks utilizes CDBG funds with Reno and Washoe County to finance Continuum of Care, the Silver State Fair Housing Council, and the Community Assistance Center in Reno. Sparks designates a share of its CDBG funding for the rehabilitation of homes owned and occupied by low and moderate-income households. The Housing Rehabilitation Deferred Loan Program assists single-family homeowners with zero percent interest deferred loans up to \$20,000. The Emergency Repair Grant Program provides single-family homeowners with a one-time grant up to \$2,500 for life safety emergencies and ADA modifications.</p> <p>CDBG funding is additionally used to upgrade aging infrastructure in older, low, and moderate income neighborhoods. Sparks plans for investments over \$500,000 for improvements in sidewalks, curbs, and gutters along 5th Street in FY 2013/2014.</p>
Amount request by Fiscal Year:	Maintain current funding levels
Congressional District and Members:	2nd Congressional District Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader, United States Senate Honorable Dean Heller, United States Senate Honorable Mark Amodei, U.S. House of Representatives
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REQUESTING ENTITY	CITY OF RENO, CITY OF SPARKS, WASHOE COUNTY
Policy Name	HOME Investment
Location	Cities of Reno & Sparks, Washoe County, Nevada
Federal Agency	Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Annual Budget
Project Description	HOME provides formula grants to states and local governments to create affordable housing for low-income households. HOME's eligible activities include providing financing assistance to eligible homeowners for rehabilitation and to new homebuyers for home purchase. HOME funds may also be used to build or rehabilitate housing for rent or ownership by low-income individuals.

Regional Significance	<p>The City of Reno, the City of Sparks and Washoe County comprise the Washoe County HOME Consortium (WCHC), which receives and administers HOME funds in Reno, Sparks and unincorporated Washoe County. These funds can be utilized for pre-development, development, construction, acquisition, preservation and substantial rehabilitation of affordable, permanent or transitional, housing units. WCHC's primary goal is to help low-income persons obtain affordable housing. WCHC additionally allocates funds for deposit and rental assistance to homeless families who meet certain qualifying criteria. In FY12/13, the WCHC developed and/or rehabilitated approximately 100 rental units that are affordable to households earning no more than 50 percent of the area median income (AMI), as well as provided deposit and rental assistance to approximately 50 renter households. Significantly, in FY12/13, HOME funds expended by the WCHC for completed rental projects leveraged approximately \$18,635,039 in private and state resources.</p> <p>HOME Consortium and the Low Income Housing Tax Credit have provided much needed development in low and medium income neighborhoods. The recent construction of a 43-unit housing development in the Oddie Boulevard corridor is just one example of this program's success. The affordable housing developments in Sparks are accredited to HOME and the Low Income Housing Tax Credit.</p> <p>The HOME Consortium is a Housing and Urban Development funded program focused on affordable housing. This program combined with the Low Income Housing Tax Credit has encouraged investments in Sparks' Oddie Boulevard corridor. These programs are currently threatened due to a tax reform proposal set to eliminate "all special provisions in the form of exclusions, deductions, and credits and other preferences" unless they have support from Senators.</p>
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Amount request by Fiscal Year: Maintain current funding levels

Congressional District and Members

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REQUESTING AGENCY	WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA
Project/Policy Name	Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program funding
Location	Washoe County, Nevada
Project/Policy Description:	<p>Support for FY 2013 and FY 2014 appropriations for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD): including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • funding for core HUD in the final FY 2013 and FY 2014 appropriations bills; • \$1.9 billion for Homeless Housing Assistance grants, including an amount to fully fund expiring supportive housing and Shelter Plus Care rent subsidy contracts; • full funding for existing Section 8 project-based and tenant-based contracts; • funding for homebuyer education; • and \$275 million in Section 108 Loan Guarantee authority. <p>This would restore funding for CDBG and HOME to their FY 2011 levels.</p>
Regional Significance	
Congressional District(s) and Member(s)	<p>Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader, United States Senate Honorable Dean Heller, United States Senate Honorable Mark Amodei, U.S. House of Representatives, Nevada 2nd Congressional District</p>
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REQUESTING AGENCY	WASHOE COUNTY
Project/Policy Name	Federal Title IV-E Funding
Location	Washoe County, Nevada
Federal Agency and Program	Health and Human Services Federal Title IV-E funding
Project/Policy Description:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain current levels of Federal Title IV-E funding (approximately \$13.3 million annually) to ensure the safety and protection of children; • Expand of Federal Title IV-E funding to support placement prevention services to insure the safety and protection of children; • Continue to allow child welfare agencies to claim targeted case management through the Center for Medicaid Services. This program currently provides support in Washoe County in the annual amount of \$2.5 million; • Continue funding of federal grants to include the Department of Housing and Urban Development to support community based housing efforts given demands have increased dramatically for the children, families, and adults we serve, and the Permanency Innovations Initiative (PII) Grant currently in year 4 of 5. • Support New Funding Streams for County/Community-Based Mental Health Programs: Support the continuous and increased use of federal funds to improve early intervention community-based mental health programs, in coordination with local human services and law enforcement.
Regional Significance	Identified areas are critical to meeting the needs of the vulnerable children, families, and adults in our region.
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REQUESTING AGENCY	CITY OF SPARKS
Project/Policy Name	Larry D. Johnson Community Center
Location	Sparks, Washoe County, Nevada
Federal Agency & Program	HUD/ Economic Development Initiative
Project Description	This project will finish construction of a multi-purpose community center. Phase I was partially funded by an Economic Development Initiative grant. Phase II will include a larger main entry, additional class and meeting rooms on multiple levels. Phase III will include a gymnasium in addition to expanded recreation, education, and community meeting facilities serving the neighborhoods of West Sparks.
Regional Significance	The Larry D. Johnson Community Center will serve the neighborhoods of Western Sparks. These neighborhoods feature some of the lowest income households and at-risk children in the city. The Center plans on hosting English as a Second Language classes for all ages.
Total project cost	\$5 million
Prior Federal funding	\$1.25 million
Congressional District	2 nd Congressional District Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader, United States Senate Honorable Dean Heller, United States Senate Honorable Mark Amodei, U.S. House of Representatives
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REQUESTING ENTITY	CITIES OF RENO & SPARKS, WASHOE COUNTY
Project/Policy Name	Marketplace Fairness Act
Location	Cities of Reno & Sparks, Washoe County, Nevada
Federal Agency & Program:	New Legislation
Policy Description:	Under current law, Main Street merchants are required to collect state and local sales taxes while internet and mail-order retailers are not subject to the same requirements. The Marketplace Fairness Act would remove the unfair competitive advantage that internet retailers have over our Main Street merchants.
Regional Significance	The Marketplace Fairness Act is not a new tax, but instead a way of leveling the playing field. It will provide substantial funding to state and local governments without increasing the federal deficit. According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, state and local governments lose an estimated \$23.3 billion annually to uncollected taxes on remote sales. The bill would greatly assist our city by providing a much needed source of revenue as we continue to struggle out of the recession.
Total project cost:	
Prior Federal funding:	
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REQUESTING ENTITY	WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA
Project/Policy Name	Medicaid eligibility for incarcerated individuals
Location	Washoe County, Nevada
Federal Agency/Account:	Center for Medicaid Services (CMS)
Program Description:	Currently Title XIX of the Social Security Act, which governs the Medicaid Program, prohibits Federal Financial Participation (FFP) for services provided to inmates even if they are eligible and already enrolled in Medicaid. Additionally, because the State of Nevada does not assume the federal share of providing Medicaid services to eligible persons in county custody, inmates lose eligibility which results in the entire cost of inmate's care to fall on the county.

Currently Title XIX of the Social Security Act, which governs the Medicaid Program, prohibits Federal Financial Participation (FFP) for services provided to inmates even if they are eligible and already enrolled in Medicaid. Additionally, because the State of Nevada does not assume the federal share of providing Medicaid services to eligible persons in county custody, inmates lose eligibility which results in the entire cost of inmate's care to fall on the county.

A conflict with Medicaid regulations resulted with the passage of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), which requires Qualified Health Plans (QHP) offered through Insurance Exchanges to cover inmates pending disposition of charges which would maintain their coverage. To date, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services have declined to issue revised regulations which would harmonize the definition of "inmate of a public institution" with the ACA. Without this reconciliation of the regulations, inmates enrolled under QHPs would be eligible to receive services from that plan but those who are Medicaid eligible would not be covered. In fact, many in-custody QHP eligible individuals will lose their income and become Medicaid eligible. Clearly the administration of both programs will be much more complicated without changes to the regulations.

Regional Significance	The Washoe County Sheriff's Office currently has responsibility for operations and funding for incarceration; the Washoe County Department of Social Services coordinates with the WCSO to provide health care assistance to indigent clients with a total budget of over \$20 million annually expended on indigent health care. A change supporting continuation or even suspension of benefits while incarcerated will ensure eligible clients remain within the current health care system and ensure efficiencies for funding at a Federal, State, and County level. At a larger level, benefit qualified jail inmates under the ACA would provide new revenues for counties to provide more comprehensive services, particularly substance abuse treatment. Such treatment generally results in measureable savings in the overall cost of health care
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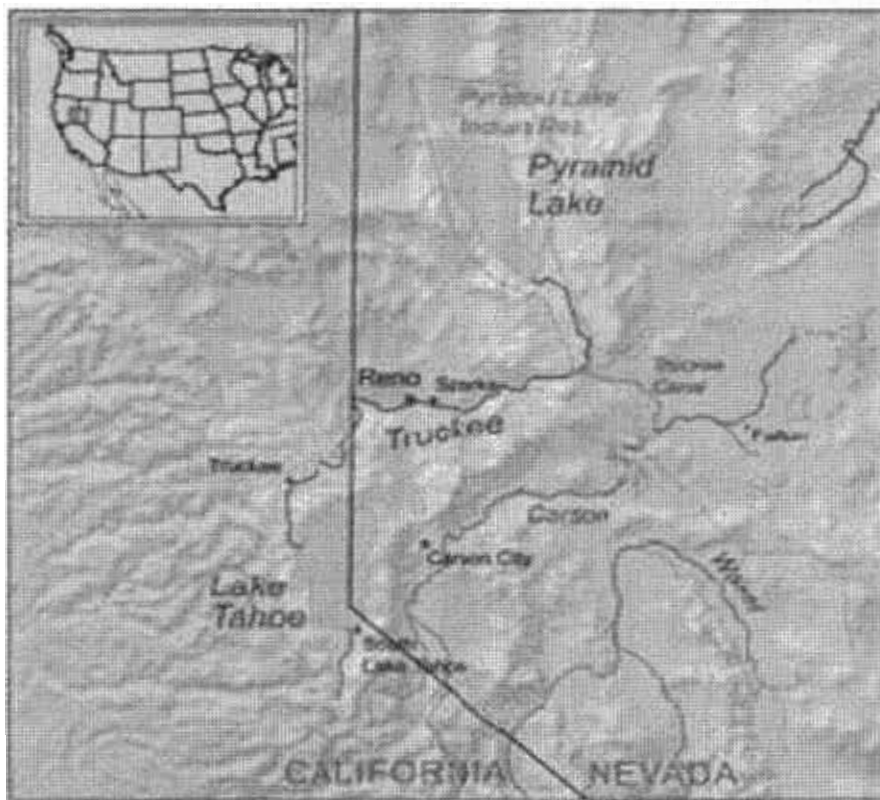
Congressional District(s) and Member(s):

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ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT PRIORITIES

The energy and environment priorities reflect the needs of the entities that are interconnected parts of the Truckee River Basin, ranging from Lake Tahoe through the Truckee Meadows and beyond to Pyramid Lake. In addition to the same river system, these entities share common regional infrastructure like the Reno/Tahoe International Airport. For example, preventing new aquatic invasive species from entering Lake Tahoe also protects the Truckee Meadows water treatment and distribution system, while the management of flooding in the Truckee Meadows will protect the airport serving Reno, Sparks, Washoe County, Carson City, Douglas County and Lake Tahoe.



The energy and environment priorities are divided into those that require legislation, and those that require funding through existing programs within the Presidential Budget.

LEGISLATION PRIORITIES (HIGHEST TO LOWEST)	REQUESTING ENTITY(IES)	PAGE NUMBER (S)	DELEGATION ASK
<p>Water Resources Development Act</p> <p>a. Funding under Section 5013 in Senate Bill related to Nevada projects is important (e.g., Truckee River Flood Project and Carson Valley-Douglas County Nevada Water Project) and</p> <p>b. Sec 2055 in Senate Bill is important to the Truckee River Flood Project</p> <p>c. The expansion of aquatic invasive species provisions and funding beyond Columbia River Basin to entire country</p> <p>d. Continued funding of research and demonstration of urban flood and stream restoration in arid and semi-arid watersheds. (i.e., Urban Flood Demonstration Program)</p>	<p>Truckee River Flood Management Authority, City of Reno, City of Sparks, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, Truckee Meadows Water Authority, Desert Research Institute</p>	<p>42</p>	<p>Please keep these as priorities in the house bill and in conference.</p> <p>Or thanks for keeping these priorities in mind.</p>
<p>Lake Tahoe Restoration Act This would include important water supply and fire protection projects (e.g., Douglas County intertie and fire flow projects)</p>	<p>Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, Douglas County</p>	<p>28, 27, 34, 36</p>	<p>Please continue to support the LTRA as introduced in the senate and support once introduced in the house.</p>
<p>Catastrophic Wildfire Prevention Act (s.1479 or HR1526) The provisions in s.1479 and H.R. 1526 title II are important to prevent catastrophic wildfire</p>	<p>Washoe County</p>		<p>Please support the provisions in these bills related to expansion of the Healthy Forest Restoration Act</p>
<p>Protecting Lakes Against Quaggas (PLAQ) H.R. 1823</p>	<p>Tahoe Regional Planning Agency</p>		<p>Thank you for your support in the effort to list this species as injurious.</p>

PRESIDENTIAL BUDGET PRIORITIES (NOT IN PRIORITY ORDER)	REQUESTING ENTITY	PAGE NUMBER	ADMINISTRATION ASK
Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility (TMWRF) Environment and Energy Enhancements	City of Reno, City of Sparks, Truckee River Flood	39	DOE -
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Truckee Basin Study Results Implementation	Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, Truckee Meadows Water Authority, Truckee River Flood Management Authority	38	BOR -

REQUESTING ENTITY	DOUGLAS COUNTY NEVADA
Project/Policy Name	Carson Valley – Douglas County Nevada Water Project
Location	Carson City, Carson Valley, Nevada
Potential Legislative Vehicle/Federal Agency/Account:	
Project/Policy Description:	This is a regional project that interties the east and west portion of the Carson Valley and provides a back-up for water to Carson City.
Regional Significance	<p>On the west side of the valley there are failed wells and failed systems that need to be tied into the main source of water on the east side of the valley. The east side also needs a back and redundancy for providing water for Carson City.</p> <p>As the water table in certain aquifers are drawn down water users and systems are having to drill deeper. This solution will provide for economic benefits for the entire Carson Valley as well as Carson City who owns water rights in Douglas County. This project looks at how Douglas County can be a water provider for more parts of Nevada.</p>
Total project cost/Federal share/Local Share (amount and percentage):	\$10 Million
Amount request by Fiscal Year:	2014-2015 \$4 Million 2015-2016 \$4 Million 2016-2017 \$2 Million
Prior Federal funding:	No
Congressional District(s) and Member(s):	Mark Amodei (R) Nevada 2 nd Congressional District
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Local Agency Contact	Commissioner Lee Bonner 775.901.2619, lbonner@co.douglas.nv.us

REQUESTING ENTITY	TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY (TRPA), DOUGLAS COUNTY
Project/Policy Name	Lake Tahoe Restoration Act (LTRA)
Location	Lake Tahoe Basin
Potential Legislative Action:	Reauthorization of the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act
Project/Policy Description:	<p>LTRA is crucial to continuing the vital Environmental Improvement Program (EIP) at Lake Tahoe. The creation of the EIP spawned from the need to make more progress toward achieving the environmental threshold standards as directed in the Bi-State Compact. Following the Compact amendment in 1980, TRPA adopted nine environmental threshold carrying capacities which set environmental standards for the Lake Tahoe Basin. The nine threshold categories are water quality, soil conservation, air quality, vegetation, wildlife, fisheries, scenic resources, noise, and recreation. The thresholds serve as our benchmarks of success for the health of the Tahoe Basin and many of the standards will take generations to achieve.</p> <p>Priorities for funding would include stormwater/water quality, hazardous fuels reduction, and invasive species management and prevention. Continuing funding for other important initiatives is included in the areas of science, special species such as the Lahontan cutthroat trout, and watershed restoration. The bill protects the Tahoe Basin from future mining claims.</p>
Regional Significance	<p>More than \$1.6 billion has been invested over the last 15 years in environmental restoration projects and scientific evidence shows the loss of clarity is slowing in Lake Tahoe. In 2012, lake clarity was the best it's been in 10 years. This news has inspired a renewed commitment to continuing Tahoe Basin restoration efforts and we believe our collective energy and tremendous investment of resources is making a positive difference. The key to the success of the EIP is the partnership approach to leveraging funds. By having commitments from the federal, state and local governments along with the private sector, EIP dollars are used cost effectively and for maximum benefit. This partnership approach sets Tahoe apart from other large-scale restoration programs in the United States which rely more heavily on federal and state funding.</p>
Bill/Report language request (if applicable):	10 year authorization for \$300 million.
Prior Federal funding:	Authorized under 2000 LTRA
Congressional District(s) and	

REQUESTING ENTITY

**TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY (TRPA),
DOUGLAS COUNTY**

Project/Policy Name

Lake Tahoe Restoration Act (LTRA)

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REQUESTING ENTITY	TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY (TRPA)
Project/Policy Name	Protecting Lakes Against Quaggas (PLAQ), HR 1823
Location	Nation-wide implementation and benefits. Lake Tahoe and Truckee Basin are currently threatened by the quagga mussel. These invasive freshwater mollusks were first introduced to the U.S. in 1986 and are currently found in inland waterways across the U.S., particularly in the southwest and Great Lakes region. 
Potential Legislative Vehicle	Protecting Lakes Against Quaggas, HR 1823
Policy Description	Add quagga mussels to the national list of invasive species as defined under the Lacey Act. It would allow for better-directed inspections of boats crossing state lines or entering federal lands to help prevent further spread of quagga mussels. This important first step will help stop the spread of these pests and could potentially save billions of dollars in future maintenance costs.
Regional Significance	The sharp shells of the quagga mussels have serious adverse impacts on boats, water infrastructure, and native wildlife. They wreak havoc on the water bodies they invade by multiplying at an alarming rate, concentrating pollutants, clogging pipes, and lining shorelines with razor-sharp shells. One established, quaggas are extremely expensive and difficult to remove.
Congressional District(s) and Member(s):	Nation-wide
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REQUESTING ENTITY	DESERT RESEARCH INSTITUTE
Project/Policy Name	Quagga mussel research
Location	Lake Tahoe Basin
Potential Legislative Vehicle/Federal Agency/Account:	US Army Corps of Engineers, US Bureau of Reclamation

Project/Policy Description:

Quagga mussels are establishing with great densities in the Colorado Aqueduct system, and Lake Mead, NV-AZ-CA in particular. This invasion is already having profound ecological and economic impacts. When quagga mussel establish, they can dominate and alter the ecology of lakes. Survival from the veliger stage to adult stage is key in the establishment of mussels in any water body—this indicates the ability for species establishment after introduction. The proposed research will directly assess the habitat suitability of Lake Tahoe and its watershed to support the establishment of quagga mussel. Possible management options in the unfortunate event of mussel introduction and spread in Lake Tahoe will also be addressed. There is an urgent need to finalize answers to the question of whether quagga could be established with reproductively viable populations that increase over time. This is a particularly critical question given the more strict control and management strategies have been adopted by the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, particularly with respect to boat inspection and washing programs at the lake. Decisions related to future investments in costly inspection activities would clearly benefit from a better understanding as to whether quagga can survive and reproduce in Lake Tahoe.

Regional Significance of Project/Policy – describe current project status

Recent findings from other western aquatic ecosystems indicate that quagga mussels survival can occur under variable and lower calcium concentrations than previously reported. While Lake Tahoe has been categorized as "low risk" for quagga mussel establishment based solely on its low dissolved calcium, preliminary findings from the pilot study conducted by University of Nevada Reno and Desert Research Institute scientists provide evidence that short-term adult and juvenile quagga survival could be possible in Lake Tahoe. There is an urgent need to develop a complete risk analysis based on early and late stage life histories of quagga and a basic predictive model for describing the locations of mussels in Lake Tahoe's nearshore and region. Lake managers are seeking information to determine how strict boater inspections and policies need to be to prevent invasion of quagga mussel to the basin. Thus, additional funding is needed to provide critical information that will fill in critical gaps of knowledge. DRI's past and ongoing projects on Quagga mussels.

REQUESTING ENTITY**DESERT RESEARCH INSTITUTE****Project/Policy Name****Quagga mussel research**

1. *Scale of invasion: spatio-temporal distribution in Lake Mead*
2. *Physiological Ecology of Quagga mussel: To understand the potential of damage and to predict the future environmental alteration, it is important to understand temperature tolerances, preferences, and acclimation by these species in the local environment*
3. *Population structures under various substrate conditions: The success or failure of any invading species depends on its capacity to acclimate and/or adapt to the recipient ecosystem. Therefore, the study of population structure under various substrate conditions is extremely important.*
4. *Potential for metalloid bioaccumulation: It is important to determine the extent to which Quagga mussels can bioaccumulate metals and metalloids of concern in the local environment.*
5. *Determination of Quagga veliger attachment survival and growth*
6. *Determination of Quagga adult survival, growth, and potential for producing viable gametes*
7. *Laboratory spawning of Quagga mussels: comparison of spawning methods and adult fecundity*

DRI/UNR's Ongoing Project in Lake Tahoe**Testing the survival and growth of quagga mussels in Lake Tahoe**

The primary goal of this study is to fill in the knowledge gaps from the pilot study initiated by the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency to further develop invasive species prevention policies in the basin. To fill these knowledge following issues are being addressed:

- 1) Whether the veliger state of quagga mussel will attach, survive and grow in the low calcium waters of Lake Tahoe;
- 2) Whether adult quagga mussel will survive, grow, or produce viable gametes in the low calcium waters of Lake Tahoe;
- 3) Whether Lake Tahoe will represent a "sink" for quagga populations and thus not produce viable populations.

The specific objective for understanding the invasion potential for quagga mussel into the waters of Lake Tahoe include:

- 1) Determination of quagga veliger settlement, survival and growth;
- 2) Determination of quagga adult survival, growth, and

REQUESTING ENTITY	DESERT RESEARCH INSTITUTE
Project/Policy Name	<p>Quagga mussel research</p> <p>potential for producing viable gametes;</p> <p>3) Assign a probability of risk to the nearshore areas and regional water bodies based on the experiments and previously collected calcium concentrations along the nearshore of lake during the pilot study.</p> <p>Past projects on quagga mussels have provided funding for several graduate students to work and train on quagga mussel research and management. Many new treatment techniques are currently being studied to help deal with quagga mussels infested water. DRI has a state of the art laboratory facility for quagga mussel research.</p>
Total project cost:	\$1 million
Amount request by Fiscal Year:	\$500,000
Congressional District(s) and Member(s):	<p>Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader, United States Senate</p> <p>Honorable Dean Heller, United States Senate</p> <p>Honorable Mark Amodei, U.S. House of Representatives, Nevada's 2nd District</p> <p>Honorable Dina Titus, U.S. House of Representatives, Nevada's 3rd District</p>
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REQUESTING ENTITY	DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEVADA
Project/Policy Name	Lake Tahoe Water Projects – Regional Intertie System
Location	Lake Tahoe Nevada – from Stateline to Glenbrook
This request is a	(3) publically sponsored project
Potential Legislative Vehicle/Federal Agency/Account:	Lake Tahoe Restoration Act
Project/Policy Description:	In a 2008 Emergency California Nevada Tahoe Basin Fire Commission Report several findings came from that study. Finding #49 also found that this upgrade would help lead us toward a basin-wide water distribution system.
Regional Significance of Project/Policy – describe current project status	Regional Inter-tie Projects – In response to the 2007 Angora Fire in South Lake Tahoe, California, governors of California and Nevada Established the California-Nevada Tahoe Basin Fire Commission to review and evaluate the existing laws, policies and practices regarding prevention of wildfires and long-term effects of wildfires in the Tahoe Basin. In May 2008, the Commission finalized a report titled, <i>The Emergency California-Nevada Tahoe Basin Fire Commission Report</i> . Finding 18 of the report states, "Much of the Tahoe Basin is inadequate to provide fire flows necessary to meet current fire codes and fire agency needs." Additionally, Recommendation No. 49 includes a proposal to conduct a Basin-wide assessment of the various water distribution systems. Douglas Count completed an assessment of the existing water systems located in the Douglas County portion of the Lake Tahoe Basin from Stateline to Glenbrook. The recommended projects as costs are summarized below with the goal of delivering water from one system to another, so that during a fire water could be routed from an area that is not immediately threatened by fire to an area in which fire threat is more imminent. The interties can also be used to deliver potable water from one system to another to provide redundancy in the event that one system loses the ability to produce potable water.
Total project cost/Federal share/Local Share (amount and percentage):	\$10 Million
Amount request by Fiscal Year:	2014- 2015 \$3 Million 2015-2016 \$4 Million 2016-2017 \$3 Million
Congressional District(s) and Member(s):	2 nd Congressional District Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader, United States Senate Honorable Dean Heller, United States Senate Honorable Mark Amodei, U.S. House of Representatives

REQUESTING ENTITY	DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEVADA
Project/Policy Name	Lake Tahoe Water Projects – Regional Intertie System
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REQUESTING ENTITY	DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEVADA
Project/Policy Name	Lake Tahoe Water Projects to Upgrade Fire Flow Capacity
Location	Lake Tahoe Nevada – from Stateline to Glenbrook
This request is a	(3) publically sponsored project
Potential Legislative Vehicle/Federal Agency/Account:	Lake Tahoe Restoration Act
Project/Policy Description:	In a 2008 Emergency California Nevada Tahoe Basin Fire Commission Report several findings came from that study. Finding #18 determined that we do not have the proper fire flow capacity to serve the region in case of a fire. Finding #49 also found that this upgrade would help lead us toward a basin-wide water distribution system.
Regional Significance of Project/Policy - describe current project status	<p>This project is regional in how the Tahoe Basin is interconnected through both fire suppression and the water systems. As the local municipalities live and work in the same environment, it will be crucial to identify and consistent water system that is interconnected and can help with redundancy issues around the lake. The critical aspect of the funding is in the area of fire flow and according to the 2008 report mentioned above we do not meet the minimum standards.</p> <p>These improvements were identified as a result of the May 2008 Emergency California-Nevada Tahoe Basin Fire Commission Report. Additionally, the inter-tie projects will extend water lines (fire protection) to large tracts of USFS and private properties where service does not exist today (i.e. between the various water systems).</p>
Bill/Report language request (if applicable):	
Total project cost/Federal share/Local Share (amount and percentage):	\$14 Million
Amount request by Fiscal Year:	2014- 2015 \$3 Million 2015-2016 \$4 Million 2016-2017 \$4 Million 2017-2018 \$3 Million
Congressional District(s) and Member(s):	2 nd Congressional District Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader, United States Senate Honorable Dean Heller, United States Senate Honorable Mark Amodei, U.S. House of Representatives
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REQUESTING ENTITY	DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEVADA
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REQUESTING ENTITY	TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY (TRPA)
Project/Policy Name	Truckee Basin Study Result Implementation
Location	Take Tahoe Basin and Truckee River Basin
Federal Agency:	
Policy Description:	This study is identifying existing and projected water demands under varying conditions. The study will develop recommendations to modify facilities and operating strategies for water supply systems; modification or development of facilities including groundwater and surface water storage, water conservation and management programs, and development of performance metrics.
Regional Significance	This study is developing a comprehensive assessment of water supplies and demand in the Truckee River Basin. The Truckee River is a vital sources of water for mover 700,000 people in California and Nevada.
Total project cost:	Partnership between Placer county Water Agency (PCWA), Truckee River Flood Management Authority (TRFMA), Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA), and the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA)
Amount request by Fiscal Year:	
Congressional District(s) and Member(s):	2 nd Congressional District
Local contact (address, phone, email):	Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader, United States Senate Honorable Dean Heller, United States Senate Honorable Mark Amodei, U.S. House of Representatives
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REQUESTING ENTITY	CITIES OF RENO & SPARKS, WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA
Project/Policy Name	Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility (TMWRF) Environmental and Energy Enhancements
Location	Cities of Reno & Sparks, Washoe County, Nevada
Federal Agency:	U.S. Department of Energy
Project/Policy Description:	TMWRF requires funding for overhauls and to meet federal regulatory standards. The project will utilize a 1.0 megawatt co-generator to convert methane gas into electricity for Reno, Sparks, and Washoe County. This project will generate considerable operational productivities for the treatment plant, decrease demand on the regional power grid, and produce in more affordable and reliable energy.
Regional Significance of Project	Sparks has enacted a five year capital spending plan with \$50 million investment in the TMWRF. The waste water treatment plant is the region's largest and spends \$2 million dollars annually for electricity. The Co-Generator unit will reduce wastewater treatment plant's total electrical consumption by 20-30%.
Total project cost:	\$3 million
Congressional District and Member:	2 nd Congressional District Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader, United States Senate Honorable Dean Heller, United States Senate Honorable Mark Amodei, U.S. House of Representatives
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Local Agency Contact	Adam Mayberry, 775-353-7894, amayberry@cityofsparks.us

REQUESTING ENTITY	CITY OF SPARKS
Project/Policy Name	Truckee River Flood Project
Location	Reno, Sparks, Washoe County, Nevada
Federal Agency:	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Project/Policy Description:	
Regional Significance of Project/Policy - describe current project status	One of the highest priorities for the City to protect from flooding is the Sparks industrial area, which contributes to nearly 25,000 jobs, along with protection to the Reno/Tahoe International Airport and areas throughout the Truckee Meadows, including downtown Reno. The Army Corps of Engineers appears to have the potential to move Sparks closer toward its flood control goal. The Corps is considering a 50-year plan versus a locally preferred 100-year plan. The Corps' plan would require \$160 million in federal funding for a 50-year plan, which leaves the remaining funds, approximately \$160 to \$200 million, to be obtained from local sources in order to provide for the 100-year plan.
Bill/Report language request (if applicable):	Amendments submitted and included in Water Resources Development Act of 2013
Total project cost/Federal share/Local Share (amount and percentage):	\$160 million
Congressional District and Member:	2 nd Congressional District Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader, United States Senate Honorable Dean Heller, United States Senate Honorable Mark Amodei, U.S. House of Representatives
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REQUESTING ENTITY	DESERT RESEARCH INSTITUTE
Project/Policy Name	Urban Flood Demonstration Program
Location	Lake Tahoe Basin
Federal Agency:	US Army Corps of Engineers
Project Description:	Program to develop and demonstrate innovative technologies for urban flood damage reduction and stream restoration in arid and semi-arid watersheds. The program is used to develop tools or technologies that have significant application to urban flooding and channel restoration projects in arid regions.
Regional Significance	<p>The program supports works that includes the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development and demonstration of innovative technologies for urban flood damage reduction and stream restoration in arid and semi-arid watersheds. 2. Research, development, or demonstration of technologies that support the above goal in various fields, including, but not limited to water quality, environmental sciences, geology, and geophysics, hydrology, hydraulics, sedimentation, computer science, software development, etc. 3. Jointly and independently pursue avenues of technology transfer to place innovative technologies developed and demonstrated under this program into the hands of Federal and State personnel, local governmental representatives, and the engineering and scientific community in a routine, timely, and continual manner (technology transfer). 4. Standardization of geospatial data to maintain consistency among data sets produced or utilized by the Desert Research Institute (DRI) and USACE.
Congressional District(s) and Member(s):	<p>2nd Congressional District Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader, United States Senate Honorable Dean Heller, United States Senate Honorable Mark Amodei, U.S. House of Representatives</p>
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REQUESTING ENTITY	TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY (TRPA), TRUCKEE RIVER FLOOD PROJECT, CITY OF RENO
Project/Policy Name	Water Resource Development Act (WRDA) Reauthorization

Location	Nationwide
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Potential Legislative Vehicle	Water Resource Development Act
Policy Description	Authorize funding for prevention and management of aquatic invasive species, including support for watercraft inspection stations, monitoring and contingency planning, and interagency coordination. Support expansion of these provisions beyond the Columbia River Basin and inclusion to all areas of the country in which the Secretary of the Army deems to be at severe risk for infestation.

Regional Significance	Aquatic invasive species are a pressing issues across the county. This program for invasive species prevention and management should be expanded to areas such as the Lake Tahoe Basin and Truckee Basin that are at risk. FY 2014 funding for a robust nationwide aquatic invasive species prevention and management program is recommended.
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Bill/Report language request (if applicable):

Congressional District(s) and Member(s):	Nation-wide
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FEDERAL LANDS PRIORITIES

REQUESTING ENTITY	CITY OF SPARKS
Project/Policy Name	Sparks Cemetery Project
Location	Sparks, Washoe County, Nevada
Federal Agencies:	Bureau of Land Management and Veterans Administration.
Project/Policy Description:	The city is considering the options for the conveyance of approximately 40 acres of BLM land to the City of Sparks to establish a public and veteran's cemetery. Management options of the future cemetery are under review. The Bureau of Land Management is working with Sparks to identify sites and legal descriptions.
Regional Significance of Project:	Population growth coupled with the high numbers of US Veterans residing in the region is increasing demand for local public and veteran's cemetery resources. City of Sparks will be unable to meet these demands given the existing public land resources. Land needs to be acquired for the purpose of establishing a City public and veteran's cemetery.
Congressional District(s) and Member(s):	2 nd Congressional District
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REQUESTING ENTITY	WASHOE COUNTY
Project/Policy Name	Sage Grouse Habitat Protection
Location	Washoe County, Nevada
Federal Agencies:	Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Project/Policy Description:	<p>In August 2013, the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management formally proposed to list as threatened the Bi-State Sage-Grouse populations located in Nevada and California. This is of immediate concern and will greatly affect Douglas, Lyon and Mineral Counties in Nevada. Currently, the Bi-State Sage Grouse Draft Environmental Impact statement is in the 90-day comment period whereby interested governments can submit comments. After that, the BLM and Forest Service will review the comments and issue a final EIS and record of decision.</p> <p>Senators Dean Heller and Harry Reid introduced the Douglas County Conservation Act of 2013 (S. 1263), which will assist in creating Sage-Grouse habitat conservation areas. The next step will be for the bill to be introduced in the House of Representatives.</p>
Regional Significance of Project:	<p>The listing of the Greater Sage-Grouse under the Endangered Species Act would have significant impacts on the economy and major industries throughout Northern Nevada. The FWS will complete their listing decision of the Greater Sage-Grouse by September 2015. Currently, the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service are updating their Resource Management Plans to incorporate adequate conservation measures to avoid a potential listing. The BLM is preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the RMP. The final EIS is expected in March 2014.</p> <p>At the local level, we have been actively collaborating with our respective planning groups and state and federal partners by analyzing our local land use development plans. We will continue to work closely with the Nevada Congressional Delegation to identify actions that can be taken to create or enhance Sage-Grouse habitat conservation areas in order to avoid the listing on the Threatened or endangered species list.</p>

Congressional District(s) and Member(s):

2nd Congressional District

Local contact (address, phone, email):

REQUESTING ENTITY **WASHOE COUNTY**

Project/Policy Name **Sage Grouse Habitat Protection**
Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader, United States Senate
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PUBLIC SAFETY PRIORITIES

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REQUESTING AGENCY	CITY OF RENO
Project/Policy Name	Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program
Location	Reno, Washoe, Nevada
Federal Agency & Legislative Vehicle	Federal Emergency Management Administration, Department of Homeland Security Annual Budget & Consolidated Appropriations Act
Project/Policy Description	The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG) provides funding for fire departments and EMS organizations which can be used for vehicle acquisition, medical services – including transport, equipment, training and modifications to fire stations and fire facilities.
Regional Significance of Project	With declines in local revenues since 2008, local governments rely on the AFG program to augment local budgets for needed vehicle, equipment, and training.
Total project cost	\$285,635,000 nationally in FY 12/13 (25% local match); request maintaining existing funding levels
Congressional District and Member	2 nd Congressional District Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader, United States Senate Honorable Dean Heller, United States Senate Honorable Mark Amodei, U.S. House of Representatives
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REQUESTING ENTITY	CITY OF RENO, CITY OF SPARKS, & WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA
Project/Policy Name	Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)
Location	Reno, Sparks and Washoe County, Nevada
Federal Agency:	U.S. Department of Justice Budget
Project/Policy Description:	The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services is the office of the U.S. Department of Justice that advances the practice of community policing in America's law enforcement agencies. COPS furthers its objectives principally by sharing information and making grants to police departments around the United States.
Regional Significance of Project/Policy – describe current project status	Reno, Sparks and County police services require COPS funding and technical resources to maintain public safety levels. COPS funds have been used to support officer hiring, training and implementation of public safety efficiencies and innovations.
Amount request by Fiscal Year:	Maintain current funding levels
Congressional District and Members:	2 nd Congressional District Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader, United States Senate Honorable Dean Heller, United States Senate Honorable Mark Amodei, U.S. House of Representatives
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REQUESTING ENTITY **WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA**

Project/Policy Name **Emergency Hazardous Fuels Reduction Projects**

Location Washoe County, Nevada

Potential Legislative Vehicle/Federal Agency/Account: H.R. 818, the "Healthy Forest Management and Wildfire Prevention Act," S. 1479

Project/Policy Description: Support the components of H.R. 818, the "Healthy Forest Management and Wildfire Prevention Act," which gives states the authority to identify areas effected by insect damage, drought, deteriorating forest health conditions, and high risk of wildfires and to put in place emergency hazardous fuels reduction projects.

Regional Significance of Project/Policy – describe current project status

Congressional District(s) and Member(s): Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader, United States Senate
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REQUESTING ENTITY	WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA
Project/Policy Name	Emergency Management Performance Grant program
Location	Washoe County, Nevada
Project/Policy Description:	Emergency Management/Homeland Security Funding Restore funding to Emergency Management and Homeland Security programs such as the Emergency Management Performance Grant program.
Regional Significance of Project/Policy – describe current project status	
Congressional District(s) and Member(s):	Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader, United States Senate
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REQUESTING ENTITY	CITY OF RENO, CITY OF SPARKS
Project/Policy Name	Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG)
Location	Reno and Sparks, Washoe County, Nevada
Federal Agency:	U.S. Department of Justice Budget
Project/Policy Description:	Support a range of program areas including law enforcement, prosecution and courts, crime prevention and education, corrections and community corrections, drug treatment and enforcement, planning, evaluation, technology improvement, and crime victim and witness initiatives.
Regional Significance of Project/Policy – describe current project status	The City of Reno, the City of Sparks and Washoe County split JAGs among the 3 entities. Reno primarily utilizes its JAGs to provide specialized training to officers, purchase equipment and improve technology. In FY 12/13, Reno's JAGs provided significant training for officers. Reno also used JAGs to purchase various pieces of equipment, including a trailer for SWAT, bikes for the CAO program, helmets for motorcycle officers, and a tape recorder for use in investigating sex crimes. Reno additionally used JAGs to upgrade equipment in the briefing room and purchase forensic computer equipment.
Amount request by Fiscal Year:	Maintain current funding levels
Prior Federal Funding (FY 12/13)	JAG 2009 \$2673.11 ended 9/30/2012 (total allocation \$106,453.20) JAG 2010 \$39729.17 ends 9/30/2013 (total allocation \$98,207.60) JAG 2011 \$18233.99 ends 9/30/2014 (total allocation \$81,400.00) JAG 2012 \$20666.56 ends 9/30/2015 (total allocation \$63,810.00)
Congressional District and Members:	2 nd Congressional District Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader, United States Senate Honorable Dean Heller, United States Senate Honorable Mark Amodei, U.S. House of Representatives
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REQUESTING ENTITY	CITY OF RENO
Project/Policy Name	SAFER
Location	Reno, Washoe, Nevada
Federal Agency & Legislative Vehicle	Consolidated Appropriations Act, Federal Emergency Management Administration/Department of Homeland Security Annual Budget
Project/Policy Description	SAFER provides annual grant funding for firefighting personnel
Regional Significance of Project	The Reno Fire Department has received two (2) SAFER awards which were used to re-hire laid-ten (10) off firefighters and retain sixty-four (64) career firefighters. With declines in local revenues since 2009 coupled with the increasing incidence of catastrophic wildfires in the urban/wildland interface, maintaining firefighting staffing levels has protected public safety in the region.
Total project cost	Approximately \$320 million annually, nationwide
Prior Federal Funding	\$1,960,000 in FY 2010 and \$13,438,720 in FY 2011
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REQUESTING ENTITY	CITY OF SPARKS
Project/Policy Name	Sparks Fire Department Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Replacement
Location	Sparks, Washoe County, Nevada
Federal Agency:	Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
Project/Policy Description:	The Sparks Fire Department's SCBA systems are outdated and the City is requesting Federal funding through the Federal Fire ACT Grants.
Regional Significance	The Sparks Fire Department requires new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). The Fire Department's current SCBAs are outdated and must be replaced. The City is requesting funding to replace all SCBAs. The cost of one SCBA is \$6,000. Currently 80 SCBAs are in service and can be replaced for \$480,000.
Total project cost	\$480,000
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REQUESTING ENTITY	WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA
Project/Policy Name	Wildfire Management and Mitigation
Location	Washoe County, Nevada
Potential Legislative Vehicle/Federal Agency/Account:	Fire Management Assistance Grant Program (FMAGP); Stafford Act; Hazard Mitigation Grant Program; USDA NRCS Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWPP); Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program;

Project/Policy Description:

Funding is either unavailable or inadequate to effectively deal with newly created or increased flooding and debris flow risks from post-wildfire events. Support the following Post-Wildfire Disaster Actions:

- Amend the Fire Management Assistance Grant Program (FMAGP) and Stafford Act declaration time period to help states, tribes, and local governments respond to floods and debris flows that directly result from a declared fire.
- An improved FMAGP would provide cost-sharing grants to fund flood and debris flow emergency work in Categories A (Debris Removal) and B (Emergency Protective Measures) for a period of two years after the fire declaration and allow for construction of temporary protective structures under Category B or direct federal assistance.
- As an alternative, for declared fires that originated on federal lands or enough federal lands were burned that a Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) team was involved and created a post-wildfire assessment that identified post-wildfire flood and/or debris flow risk, the incident period should remain open until federal funds (USFS, BLM, NRCS) are made available and mitigation work identified in the BAER report is completed.
- Even with a declared FMAGP, all expenses eligible under Public Assistance (and therefore FMAGP) Categories A-H should be considered toward the state and local per capita indicators when requesting a Presidential disaster declaration.
- Trigger the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program with a Fire Management Assistance Grant declaration for

REQUESTING ENTITY **WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA**

Project/Policy Name **Wildfire Management and Mitigation**

mitigation actions directly associated with the actual fire event and secondary consequences. Allow for a shorter application period and time frame to address the sudden new risks.

- Fully fund the USDA NRCS Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWPP).
- Fully fund the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program.
- Revise and simplify the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) and Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program (PDM) application process. As an example, require FEMA regions to pursue programmatic agreements with other federal and state agencies with the intent of completing environmental and historic preservation reviews faster and more efficiently.

Regional Significance

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REQUESTING ENTITY	REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WAHSOE COUNTY
Project/Policy Name	4th Street/Prater Way BRT & Complete Street Project
Location	Reno & Sparks, Washoe County, Nevada
Federal Agency:	US Department of Transportation (Federal Highway Administration & Federal Transit Administration)
Project Description:	Multimodal improvements on 4 th Street/Prater Way between Evans Ave and Pyramid Way, including 8 BRT RAPID stations, bicycle lanes, sidewalks, and traffic signal upgrades.
Regional Significance:	The 4 th /Prater Corridor connects downtown Reno and Sparks, and links the two transit transfer stations (4 th STREET STATION and CENTENNIAL PLAZA). It is one of the premier transit oriented development corridors in the region and is targeted for redevelopment. This project will improve safety, support local redevelopment plans, and improve infrastructure for walking, biking, and transit. NEPA and preliminary design will be completed in the fall of 2013.
Total project cost/Federal share/Local Share:	\$30.7 million
Amount requested:	\$12.7 million
Congressional District(s) and Member(s):	2 nd Congressional District Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader, United States Senate Honorable Dean Heller, United States Senate Honorable Mark Amodei, U.S. House of Representatives
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REQUESTING ENTITY	RENO-TAHOE AIRPORT AUTHORITY
Project/Policy Name	Airport Infrastructure Funding
Location	Reno-Tahoe International Airport, Reno, NV Reno-Stead Airport, Reno, NV
Federal Agency:	US Congress US Senate
Project/Policy Description:	US Department of Transportation / Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Approve full FAA Reauthorization Acts, in lieu of passing Continuing Resolutions, which include: 1) increased Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funding levels or at least AIP funding levels no less than currently authorized, 2) protection of AIP funding for eligible airport infrastructure projects only, and 3) either the transfer of local Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) funding control to airport sponsors or a raise to the PFC cap.
Regional Significance	<p>The 2012 Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization Act was passed after 22 separate short-term Continuing Resolutions. Such Continuing Resolutions, which impact federal funding, are becoming a common occurrence. These delays make it extremely difficult to efficiently plan construction activities and complete critical airport improvement projects.</p> <p>Additionally, sequestration is expected to reoccur in FY 2014. Sequestration includes automatic spending cuts set to begin on a certain date without a federal reauthorization, and previous Sequestration cuts in the form of furloughs have already impacted FAA, Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and Customs & Border Patrol (CBP) staffing levels. Any FAA, TSA or CBP staffing decreases have a direct impact on passenger service, increasing processing times and causing delays. The TSA is currently working under a hiring freeze and limiting overtime expenditures resulting in delays at security checkpoints. A 2014 Sequestration is likely to result in additional air traffic control system disruptions, reduced service levels at flight service and weather observation stations, delays in federal funding allocations, additional delays in CBP processing and TSA checkpoint processing.</p> <p>In addition to customer service impacts, Continuing Resolutions and Sequestration will likely result in delayed grants. Delayed grants can push a project from one calendar year to another, requiring re-bidding and risking higher prices. RTAA's winter-related construction shutdown for airfield projects begins at Thanksgiving and runs through April 1.</p> <p>Timely approval of an FAA Reauthorization Act is of great benefit to airports nationwide. On an annual basis, the FAA distributes monies to eligible airports in the form of AIP grants for the planning and development of public-use airports. AIP grant funds are drawn from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund which is supported through a user paid system in which commercial passengers are assessed a fee on a per ticket basis.</p> <p>The capital improvements portion (\$3.35 billion) of the AIP has not been</p>

raised in many years and in fact, there is continual pressure to reduce levels. Existing AIP levels are inadequate to properly address national airport system infrastructure needs. Without increases to AIP funding levels or changes to the Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) program, critical airport improvements projects will not be funded.

Additionally due to Sequestration, the FAA was allowed to raid the "Grants-in-Aid for Airports" program (e.g. AIP funding) of \$253 million in 2013 to pay air traffic control tower operational costs, including controller salaries. This is a contradictory use of AIP funds since airports cannot use AIP funding for the day-to-day operations of their facilities. Yet, the FAA was allowed to use AIP funding for exactly that purpose.

The FAA's recent "solution" to staffing cuts has set a disturbing precedence. Although the transfer of AIP funds to the FAA for day-to-day operations was labeled a "one-time" event, upcoming funding issues are great enough to raise the concern that it could happen again. The FAA cut expenditures by \$486 million in FY2013 to meet the requirements of Sequestration, with upcoming FY2014 expenditure reductions expected to be \$697 million. Although the FAA has already identified \$500 million in cuts through overtime, travel, contracts, services, attrition and hiring freezes, the FAA must also account for \$100 million in mandatory pay increases. This leaves a shortfall of \$337 million still to be identified which should not be drawn from the AIP grant program.

The recent uncertainties related to AIP funding (e.g. decreasing authorization levels, delayed funding, transfer of AIP funding to FAA salaries) has increased the importance of the PFC program to airport sponsors. At the Reno-Tahoe International Airport, PFC funds may be used to support FAA-approved airport capital projects that mitigate environmental concerns, enhance safety, security, capacity, or increase air carrier competition. Every commercial airline passenger that departs the Reno-Tahoe International Airport is assessed a PFC of \$4.50. The expenditure of PFC funds, pursuant to federal law, must be approved by the signatory airline carriers of Reno-Tahoe International Airport, the FAA, and the RTAA Board of Trustees.

PFC collections were first authorized in 2000, but capped at \$4.50 per departing passenger. Inflation has eroded the purchasing power of the PFC. When adjusted for inflation, the \$4.50 authorized in 2000 is the equivalent of \$2.45 today. With dwindling reserves and allocations from AIP funding sources (budget cuts and Sequestration), the PFC program's \$4.50 cap needs to be raised and indexed to inflation or uncapped entirely. Unlike AIP funds, PFC funds are generated locally and therefore local communities should have more flexibility in determining their respective PFC cap levels based on their better understanding of local conditions.

Bill/Report language request:	Increase or maintain AIP funding levels Remove or raise the PFC cap
Total project cost:	N/A
Amount request by Fiscal Year:	No less than the \$3.35 billion currently budgeted for AIP and no less than \$8.00 per passenger for PFC.
Can federal funds be spent in the fiscal years requested?:	Yes, both AIP and PFC funds are used annually to make airport infrastructure improvements. The AIP and PFC funding sources are long established existing federally approved programs.

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REQUESTING ENTITY	REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WASHOE COUNTY
Project/Policy Name	Bus Maintenance Facility & Alternative Fuels Program
Location	Reno, Washoe County, Nevada
Federal Agency:	US Department of Transportation (Federal Transit Administration)
Project/Policy Description:	Construction of a new bus maintenance facility will replace the technically outdated and overcrowded 50-year old bus garage. The new facility will utilize alternative fuels technology, which cannot be utilized in its current location under I-580 due to safety concerns. The limited capacity at the existing facility has restricted the RTC's ability to use additional alternative fuel vehicles. This situation creates major inefficiencies in the operation of the current bus fleet and will only be compounded as the fleet continues to grow.
Regional Significance of Project/Policy – describe current project status	Constructing a new maintenance facility that allows alternative fuel use will reduce long-term transit operating costs and reduce fossil fuel consumption. This project will be a new central operations and maintenance facility to replace the existing central garage under I-580. It is proposed to be built on land owned by the RTC. Conceptual design is complete. The location is an urban redevelopment site.
Legislative Request:	MAP-21 Reauthorization
Total project cost/Federal share/Local:	\$120 million (\$100 million federal/\$20 million local)
Amount requested:	\$100 million
Congressional District(s) and Member(s):	2 nd Congressional District Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader, United States Senate Honorable Dean Heller, United States Senate Honorable Mark Amodei, U.S. House of Representatives
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REQUESTING ENTITY	NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, CARSON CITY
Project/Policy Name	Carson City Freeway
Location	Carson City, Nevada
Federal Agency:	Federal Highway Administration
Project/Policy Description:	Completion of I-580/US 395 in Carson City, connecting to the US 50 West - Tahoe Junction/Carson Street intersection
Regional Significance of Project	This project will improve regional connectivity in Northern Nevada by linking I-580 from I-80 to Carson City, decrease congestion, provide shorter commute times, improve safety, reduce idling and vehicle emissions, and beautify the corridor
Total project cost/Federal share/Local Share (amount and percentage):	
Congressional District(s) and Member(s):	
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DC Contact	
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REQUESTING ENTITY	NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WASHOE COUNTY
Project/Policy Name	I-11
Location	Northwestern Nevada
Federal Agency:	Federal Highway Administration
Project Description:	New interstate between Mexico and Canada through Arizona and Nevada
Regional Significance of Project	This project will improve mobility and freight transport throughout the western U.S. An I-11 corridor through northwestern Nevada will support the established freight and logistics industry in Washoe and Storey Counties.
Total project cost:	Under development
Congressional District(s) and Member(s):	2nd Congressional District Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader, United States Senate Honorable Dean Heller, United States Senate Honorable Mark Amodei, U.S. House of Representatives
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REQUESTING ENTITY	REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WASHOE COUNTY
Project/Policy Name	I-80 Corridor Investment Plan Improvements
Location	I-80 Corridor of Northern Nevada
Federal Agency:	Federal Highway Administration
Project Description:	Implementation of improvements to the I-80 corridor consistent with the I-80 Corridor Investment Plan
Regional Significance of Project	I-80 is a nationally significant freight corridor and critical for regional mobility within the Truckee Meadows
Total project cost	\$535.2 million
Congressional District(s) and Member(s):	2 nd Congressional District
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REQUESTING ENTITY	REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WASHOE COUNTY
Project/Policy Name	MAP-21 Reauthorization
Location	National
Federal Agency:	Federal Highway Administration
Policy Description:	Reauthorize MAP-21 and provide sufficient funding to meet critical transportation needs and continue environmental and project delivery streamlining provisions
Regional Significance of Project	MAP-21 establishes the policy framework and long term funding for transportation investment
Total project cost/	
Congressional District(s) and Member(s): Local contact (address, phone, email):	2 nd Congressional District Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader, United States Senate Honorable Dean Heller, United States Senate Honorable Mark Amodei, U.S. House of Representatives
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REQUESTING ENTITY	REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WASHOE COUNTY
Project/Policy Name	National Bus and Bus Facilities Program
Location	National
Federal Agency:	Federal Transit Administration
Policy Description:	Most of the Nation's bus-only transit authorities lack sufficient funding for bus maintenance facilities and stations. This proposed program would provide the Federal Transit Administration with authority and funding both facilities/stations and bus purchases.
Regional Significance of Project	<p>This proposed program would provide the Federal Transit Administration with authority and funding both facilities/stations and bus purchases with a set aside for facilities at 70% of the authorized funds and 30% for buses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funds would be allocated by FTA on a competitive basis, not formula, for projects. This would be an add on to the existing MAP 21 program that is allocated by formula); • Authorized annual amount \$1 billion to get the bus program back to its original funding level pre-MAP-21; • Funds would be awarded/allocated by demonstrated need – age and condition of existing assets; • 80/20 split or use Federal lands share from FHWA; • Local share can use CMAQ funds; • Availability of funds for 5 fiscal years (including the year the amount is made available) like new starts ; • Require regional diversity and property size diversity in awards/allocations or do set asides; • Give FTA authority to enter into multiple year grant agreements; and • Demonstrated project readiness in terms of design, NEPA, and local financial commitment.
Total project cost/	\$500 million per year

REQUESTING ENTITY**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION OF WASHOE COUNTY****Project/Policy Name****National Bus and Bus Facilities Program**

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REQUESTING ENTITY	CITY OF SPARKS, REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WASHOE COUNTY
Project/Policy Name	Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connector
Location	Sparks, Washoe County, Nevada
Federal Agency:	Federal Highway Administration
Project/Policy Description:	The US 395 Connector will connect the Pyramid Highway with US 395. North Sparks and Spanish Springs have experienced significant development and growth since 2000. This connector is designed to alleviate pressure on North/South traffic in Sparks and improve connectivity from Pyramid Highway to US 395.
Regional Significance of Project	The Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connector is designed to improve connections from the Pyramid Highway to US 395 and to Vista Boulevard. Phase I of the project is expected to be underway in early 2016. Total project costs are expected to be \$150-200 million. The DEIS has been completed and is available for public review and comment.
Total project cost/Federal share/Local Share (amount and percentage):	Phase 1: \$124.6 million Phase 2: \$280.3 million
Congressional District(s) and Member(s):	2 nd Congressional District
Local contact (address, phone, email):	Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader, United States Senate Honorable Dean Heller, United States Senate Honorable Mark Amodei, U.S. House of Representatives
DC Contact (address, phone, email - include congressional staff/committees and lobbyists)	Anja Graves, 1660 L Street NW, 501, Washington, DC 20036, 202-969-2090, anjagraves@chgassociates.com
Local Agency Contact	Adam Mayberry, 775-353-7894, amayberry@cityofsparks.us

REQUESTING ENTITY	REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WASHOE COUNTY
Project/Policy Name	RAPID Extension to University of Nevada, Reno
Location	Reno, Washoe County, Nevada
Federal Agency:	Federal Transit Administration
Project Description:	Extending RAPID fixed route transit services from downtown Reno to the University of Nevada, Reno
Regional Significance of Project	This project will link the premier transit service (RAPID) to the region's largest activity center, better connecting the university to the rest of the community. The extension includes 4 BRT stations, associated sidewalk and crosswalk improvements, and acquisition of BRT vehicles.
Total project cost	\$10 million (including station area construction and BRT vehicles)
Congressional District(s) and Member(s)	2 nd Congressional District Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader, United States Senate Honorable Dean Heller, United States Senate Honorable Mark Amodei, U.S. House of Representatives
DC Contact (address, phone, email - include congressional staff/committees and lobbyists)	Anja Graves, 1660 L Street NW, 501, Washington, DC 20036, 202-969-2090, anjagraves@chgassociates.com
Local Agency Contact	Amy Cummings, Director of Planning, acummings@rtcwashoe.com , 775-636-1153

REQUESTING ENTITY	REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WASHOE COUNTY
Project/Policy Name	US 395 Widening North of I-80
Location	Reno, Washoe County, Nevada
Federal Agency:	Federal Highway Administration
Project/Policy Description:	Widen US 395 between I-80 and Parr Boulevard
Regional Significance of Project	This segment of US 395 is a critical freeway link in the metro region that consistently experiences traffic congestion. It connects to I-80 and I-580.
Total project cost	\$183.2 million
Congressional District(s) and Member(s):	2 nd Congressional District
Local contact (address, phone, email):	Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader, United States Senate Honorable Dean Heller, United States Senate Honorable Mark Amodei, U.S. House of Representatives
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