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**RENO**  
Memorandum

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**DATE:** July 7, 2025

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**THROUGH:** Jackie Bryant, City Manager

**FROM:** Kerrie Koski, Director of Public Works & City Engineer

**DEPT:** Public Works

**SUBJECT:** Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Program Award for FY 2025–2026 and 2026–2027

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This memo provides an update on the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Program awards for fiscal years 2025–2026 and 2026–2027. At its June 20, 2025 meeting, the RTC Board approved a grant award of \$239,001 to the City of Reno for the Grand Canyon Blvd. Sidewalk Connectivity Project, which extends from Kirman Avenue to Yori Avenue. The project includes a required local match of \$12,579, to be funded through the Street Fund.

The Grand Canyon Blvd. Sidewalk Connectivity Project will construct new sidewalks to close critical gaps in the existing sidewalk network to create a safer and more reliable route for all users. A map of the project area can be seen in Exhibit 1. This project supports the goals of the TA Set-Aside Program by improving pedestrian safety, accessibility, and connectivity within the community.

These improvements will encourage sidewalk use as a viable and sustainable transportation option, helping to reduce vehicle dependency, improve air quality, and support a more equitable transportation system. The project will enhance access to the regional transit system by improving connectivity to the bus stop at Kirman Avenue and Capitol Hill Boulevard.

**Background:**

The TA Set-Aside Program covers 95% of the cost for smaller-scale but high-impact transportation projects in Washoe County. The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) issued a call for projects for fiscal years 2026 and 2027 (October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2027), which closed on May 9, 2025. In response, the City of Reno submitted six sidewalk connectivity projects—one in each ward—prioritized based on the highest number of sidewalk requests that met the program’s criteria, as outlined in Table 1 below. The Public Works Department plans to resubmit projects not selected for funding in future application cycles.

**Table 1:**

Ward	General Area	Estimated Construction Cost (TA Set-Aside Funding)	Estimated City Match (Street Fund)
Ward 1	Pat Baker Park	\$468,739.50	\$24,670.50
Ward 2	Plumas Street	\$196,821.00	\$10,359.00
Ward 3	Grand Canyon/Liston Ave.*	\$389,823.00	\$20,517.00
Ward 4	Stead Boulevard	\$182,029.50	\$9,580.50
Ward 5	Vine Street	\$217,084.50	\$11,425.50
Ward 6	Longley Lane	\$230,109.00	\$12,111.00

*\*Only the Grand Canyon Blvd. portion of this project was awarded funding*

Since 2019, the City of Reno has received a total of \$1,302,948 in TA Set-Aside funding, as shown in Table 2 below:

**Table 2**

Cycle	Project Name	RTC Board Approval Date	Total Cost	TA Set-Aside	Match
FY '26-'27	Grand Canyon Sidewalk Improvement Project	6-20-2025	\$251,580	\$239,001	\$12,579
Out of Cycle	WCSD - Flashing School Zone Beacons	N/A	\$82,000	\$77,900	\$3,993
FY '24-'25	Plumas Street Sidewalk Project Phase 2	07-21-2023	\$402,155	\$382,047	\$20,108
FY '22-'23	Urban Road and Plumas Street Sidewalk	12-17-2021	\$600,000	\$570,000	\$30,000
FY '20-'21	Mobile speed radar signs and RRFBS	08-16-2019	\$35,700	\$34,000	\$1,700

**Exhibit 1: City of Reno Awarded Sidewalk Connectivity Project**

