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RENO
Memorandum

DATE: July 21, 2026

TO: Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Jackie Bryant, City Manager 

FROM: Khalil Wilson, Interim Public Works Director

DEPT: Public Works

SUBJECT: Regional Transportation Commission Biggest Little Bike Network – Update

This memorandum provides Council with an update on the Regional Transportation Commission's (RTC) Biggest Little Bike Network (BLBN) Project. Final design has been completed, the project has been advertised for construction bids, and construction is anticipated to begin in August 2026.

The Biggest Little Bike Network implements the Downtown Reno Micromobility Project approved by the Reno City Council under the FY2025 Interlocal Cooperative Agreement (ICA) between RTC and the City of Reno. The estimated construction cost is approximately **\$22 million** and is funded through RTC Fuel Tax revenues and federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) funds.

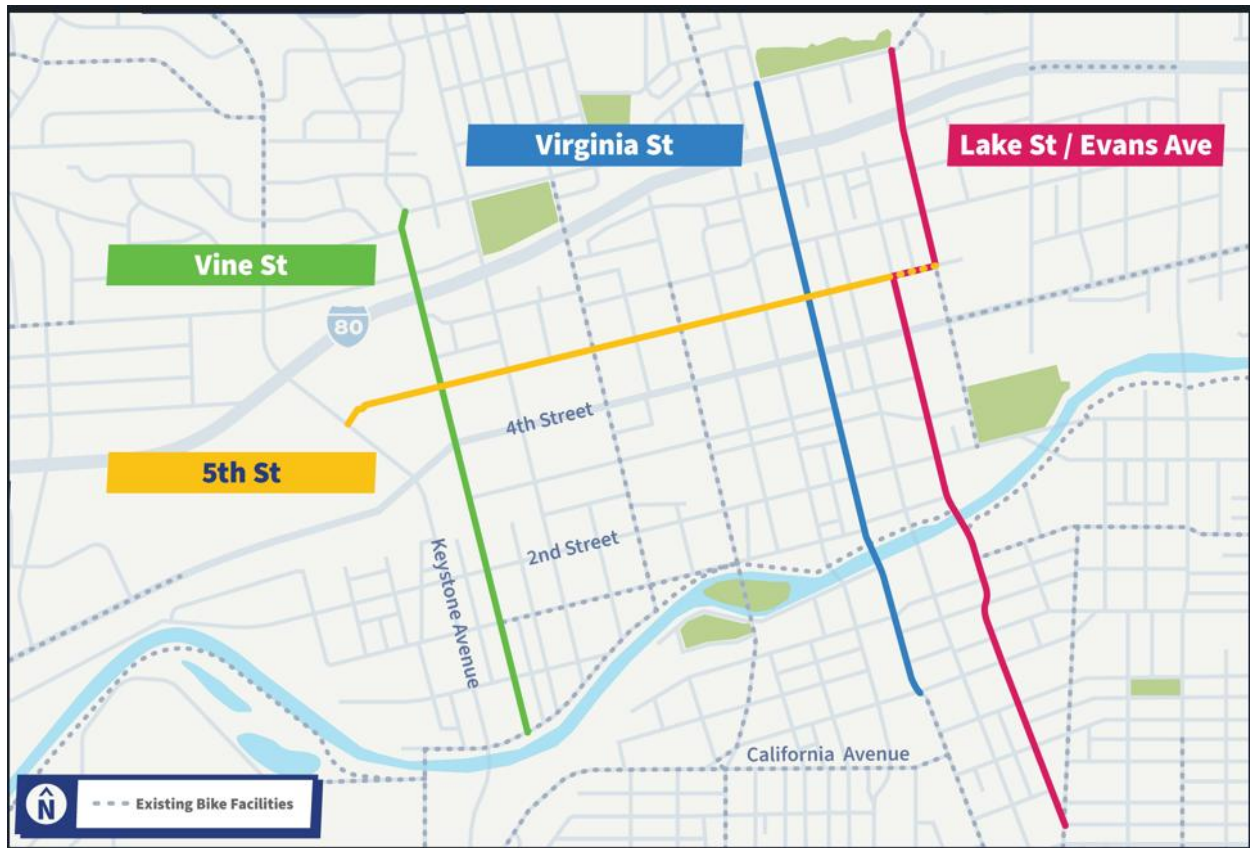
The project is consistent with the RTC Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). By addressing critical gaps in the existing bicycle network, it will create more than four miles of continuous bicycle facilities connecting Downtown Reno, Midtown, the University of Nevada, Reno, neighborhoods, employment centers, transit services, parks, and the regional trail system. These improvements expand transportation options and improve safety for all roadway users.

The project was developed through extensive public outreach and stakeholder engagement led jointly by RTC and the City of Reno. Feedback from residents, businesses, property owners, transit providers, emergency responders, and community organizations was incorporated throughout design to refine corridor layouts and multimodal improvements.

The project includes improvements along the following corridors:

- Virginia Street

- Fifth Street
- Vine Street
- Lake Street / Evans Avenue / Sinclair Street Corridor



Major improvements include:

- Protected bicycle lanes and other bicycle facility improvements, as appropriate for each corridor.
- Intersection and traffic signal safety improvements.
- Transit improvements and traffic calming measures.
- New pavement markings, signage, and wayfinding to improve connectivity throughout Downtown Reno.

Construction will be phased to minimize impacts on the community. Active construction will be limited to no more than two project corridors at any given time. Traffic will generally be maintained throughout construction, with temporary one-way operations implemented where necessary. Side street closures will be limited to every other intersection to preserve local access, and construction activities will be coordinated with major downtown events and seasonal weather conditions to reduce disruptions.

The project schedule is as follows:

Milestone	Date
Bid Opening	July, 2026
Construction Begins	August 2026
Substantial Completion	Summer 2027

Throughout construction, the City will continue working closely with RTC to coordinate traffic operations, public communication, utility coordination, and construction activities to minimize impacts to residents, businesses, and visitors.

Next Steps

Following the bid opening, RTC is expected to award a construction contract, subject to RTC Board approval, and begin construction in August 2026. RTC and the City will continue coordinating on construction phasing, public outreach, utility coordination, and traffic operations throughout construction. Project updates will be provided throughout the construction period, with substantial completion anticipated in Summer 2027. Project updates can be found on RTC Washoe website at rtcwashoe.com.