



City Manager's Office

MEMORANDUM

DATE: 5/10/22

TO: Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Doug Thornley, City Manager Approved Electronically

FROM: Kelly Mullin, AICP, Principal Planner

SUBJECT: **Action summary for 2021 Annual Report to Regional Planning
(Item B.2, 5/11/22 Council meeting)**

During the consent agenda portion of its May 11, 2022 meeting, Council will be asked to accept the 2021 Annual Report to Regional Planning. This memo provides a summary of that request.

State law and the Truckee Meadows Regional Plan require that planning commissions and other local entities submit an annual report to the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (TMRPA). The report is required to summarize action taken during the prior calendar year to implement Regional Plan policies. It also identifies efforts anticipated for the coming year, and infrastructure expenditures expected for the next five years.

These reports help to provide a better understanding of cumulative impacts of development across the region over time. Reports are presented to the Regional Planning Commission and Governing Board for review and acceptance.

The Reno City Planning Commission accepted the City's 2021 report at its April 20, 2022 meeting. **Staff recommends Council also accept the report.**

Select City activities from the 2021 report are highlighted below:

- Waived \$974,000 in sewer connection fees and \$27,000 in building permit fees to facilitate construction of 222 multi-family affordable housing units at or below 60 percent AMI.
- Authorized the issuance of assessment bonds to help finance infrastructure costs for a large development project containing an affordable housing component.
- Worked with regional partners to plan, finance, construct, and open the Nevada Cares Campus in Reno in spring 2021, with capacity to shelter over 600 individuals.

- Continued to lead the region in affordable housing, with 87 percent of income-restricted units in the Truckee Meadows located in Reno.
- Brought over 3,800 multi-family dwellings and over 3,200 single-family homes online in the 2020/2021 timeframe.
- Approved two detachments from the Sphere of Influence totaling ±61.5 acres. Also adopted three Master Plan map amendments and one Master Plan text amendment.
- Made substantial progress on the City's tree protection ordinance, with significant stakeholder outreach and coordination with the Reno Urban Forestry Commission completed.
- Made substantial progress towards a new Parks, Recreation and Open Space Service Plan.
- Identified sustainability as one of the top three priority areas for zoning code amendments.
- Actively engaged with Nevada legislators to provide input on proposed land use planning bills that impacted local and regional policies and development patterns.
- Upcoming initiatives include: considerable efforts to increase the availability of affordable housing in Reno; participation in the next Consensus Forecast; adoption of a citywide tree protection ordinance; continued participation in Public Infrastructure Investment Plan and Natural Resources Plan efforts; and, further development of the City's various facility plans to ensure adequate provision of infrastructure and services over the long-term.