



Public Works Department

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 22, 2023
TO: Mayor and City Council
THRU: Doug Thornley, City Manager Approved Electronically
FROM: Kerrie Koski, Public Works Director
Khalil Wilson, Assistant Public Works Director
SUBJECT: **\$1,605,000 Transportation Alternative (TA) Set-Aside Funding approved for FY 2023-2024**

On July 21, 2023, the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) approved funding for the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA Set-Aside) projects for the federal fiscal year 2023-2024 cycle in the amount of \$1,605,000.

Four projects were submitted and funded. The Citizens Multimodal Advisory Committee (CMAC) and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommended funding all TA Set-Aside projects for the federal fiscal year 2023-2024 cycle at their July 5 and July 6, 2023 meetings, respectively.

- Plumas Street Sidewalk Project Phase 2 - \$382,047
- Rosewood Trailhead Project Planning & Design Services - \$165,000
- Broadhead Park River Bank Restoration Project - \$687,453
- City of Sparks Pedestrian Ramp Project - \$370,500

Below is a summary of projects selected for TA Set-Aside funding FY2023-2024

City of Reno: Plumas Street Sidewalk Project Phase 2. This project will install sidewalk on the west side of Plumas Street from the Reno Tennis Center located at 2601 Plumas Street to connect to the existing sidewalk north of the Alpine Skilled Nursing Center at 3101 Plumas Street. Installing a sidewalk where one currently does not exist will improve safety and mobility, encourage non-motorized travel, improve access to public transit, and create a healthier community.

Plumas Street Sidewalk Project Phase 2



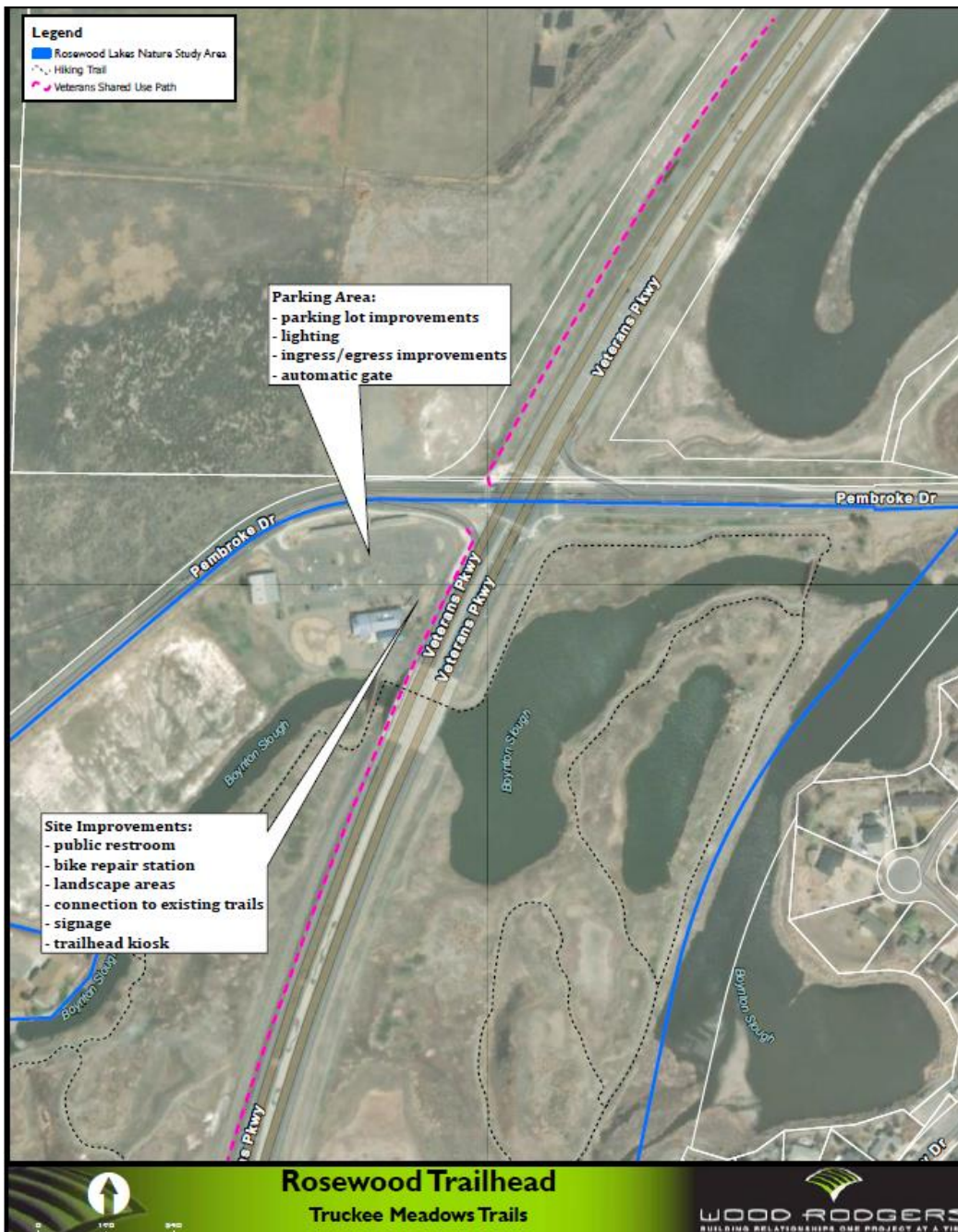
On September 8, 2021, the Urban Road & Plumas Street sidewalk project was presented to Council and the project was divided into two phases. Phase one included the installation of sidewalks along the southern side of Urban Road, from Arlington Avenue to Plumas Street, and the west side of Plumas Street, from Urban Road to Mountain View Drive. This project was selected for TA Set-Aside funding for the federal fiscal year 2023-2024 cycle in the amount of \$580,000. This first phase is scheduled for construction in early 2024. The limits are shown in red in the exhibit below.

Plumas Street Sidewalk Project Phase 1 – Funded FY2022-2023



Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation: Rosewood Trailhead Project. This project will provide a safe pedestrian and bicycle access point to the Veterans multi-use pathway, further connecting users to nearby trail systems. Additionally, the project will commence a trailhead design process with a private-sector firm that will initiate a survey of the site, develop design opportunities, and culminate with the selection of facility options. Deliverables will also include a bid-ready set of plans, engineers estimate, and construction documents for the next phase of the project.

Rosewood Trailhead Project



One Truckee River (under the Truckee River Foundation): Broadhead Park Restoration Project. The Broadhead Park Restoration Project is a collaborative effort by the City of Reno and One Truckee River (OTR). The goal is to complete a riverbank restoration and vegetation management project at Broadhead Memorial Park along the Tahoe-Pyramid Trail. The project will address critical environmental issues facing the Truckee River including impaired water quality, erosion, aquatic wildlife habitat needs, and vegetation loss. The project is also engaging with the local neighborhood to create an invested stakeholder base to participate in the planning, implementation, and creation of a local neighborhood support system to provide ongoing care of the riverbank restoration.

Broadhead Park Restoration Project



City of Sparks: City of Sparks Pedestrian Ramp Project - Phase 1. This project will provide safe, reliable pedestrian connectivity to schools for the residents of Sparks by updating approximately 50 pedestrian ramps within school zoning areas that are currently non-ADA compliant. These ramps provide access to a safe place to walk and navigate intersections. Pedestrian travel is a fundamental and necessary transportation mode that encourages safer and healthier communities.

About the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Program:

The TA Set-Aside Program provides funds for projects that improve non-motorized mobility, historic preservation-related to transportation, scenic accessibility, Safe Routes to School programs, and environmental management related to transportation activities. TA Set-Aside Program projects may be included within existing planned transportation projects or may be stand-alone projects, and the projects must be legally accessible to the general public. TA Set-Aside projects must benefit the general public and eligible projects must demonstrate a relationship to one or more of the National Performance Goals initially established under Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). The National Goals areas are:

- Improved safety for all users
- Reduction in vehicle travel by providing non-motorized alternatives
- Expansion of bicycle infrastructure in congested core areas
- Improve non-driver access to jobs, education, services, public transit
- Reduction in emissions and energy use by encouraging non-motorized travel

As the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the region, projects are submitted to the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) through the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Program. The TA Set-Aside Program is an established process for ranking and selecting projects that conform to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requirements. Eligible agencies that can submit projects include local governments, regional transportation authorities, transit agencies, natural resource or public land agencies, school districts, and Tribal governments. Applications are scored and ranked by RTC, and applications with the highest scores are presented to the RTC advisory committees for recommendation to the RTC Board for final approval. If approved, RTC administers TA Set-Aside funding through the State of Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), and allocating these funds requires an agreement between the City of Reno and NDOT.