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SUBJECT: Biggest Little Bike Network Project Public Outreach and Schedule Update

The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) of Washoe County, together with the City of Reno, is continuing the Biggest Little Bike Network (BLBN) Project. This project will change the roads in Downton Reno to make it easier and safer for people to bike, walk, and use scooters to get around. The network will connect places like the University of Nevada, Reno, Downtown, and MidTown, so students can comfortably get to school, and visitors and residents can enjoy entertainment and other nearby places by biking, walking, or scooting. The figure below shows the corridors included in the project.



The RTC is leading the project design BLBN. The project started in April 2024, and the preliminary design (30%) is complete. The public outreach efforts have been extensive, and the community responses have been received. The design team will work to address comments as they move through the next phase of design. To date, the public outreach includes:

- Over 15,000 mailers were sent out, notifying any residents or property owners within 700 feet of the project.
- Three pop-up public outreach events where approximately 410 people visited or received information at the in-person pop-up events.
 - o Off the Rails Concert at Locomotion Plaza on September 19th,
 - o Reno Aces Game on September 20th, and
 - o Riverside Farmers Market at Idlewild Park on September 29th.

Also, during the public comment period of August through September, over 350 unique visitors accessed the project website. All of the project information presented at the public outreach can also be found in the virtual public meeting space located at: <u>Biggest Little Bike Network Virtual Public Meeting Space</u>

The project is on schedule, and the future milestone dates are listed below:

• 60% design: October 2024 – March 2025

• Public outreach #2: February – March 2025

• Final Design: April 2025 – December 2025

• Begin Construction: Spring 2026

Additional project information including videos showing conceptual improvements of each corridor can be found at: Home | Biggest Little Bike

