



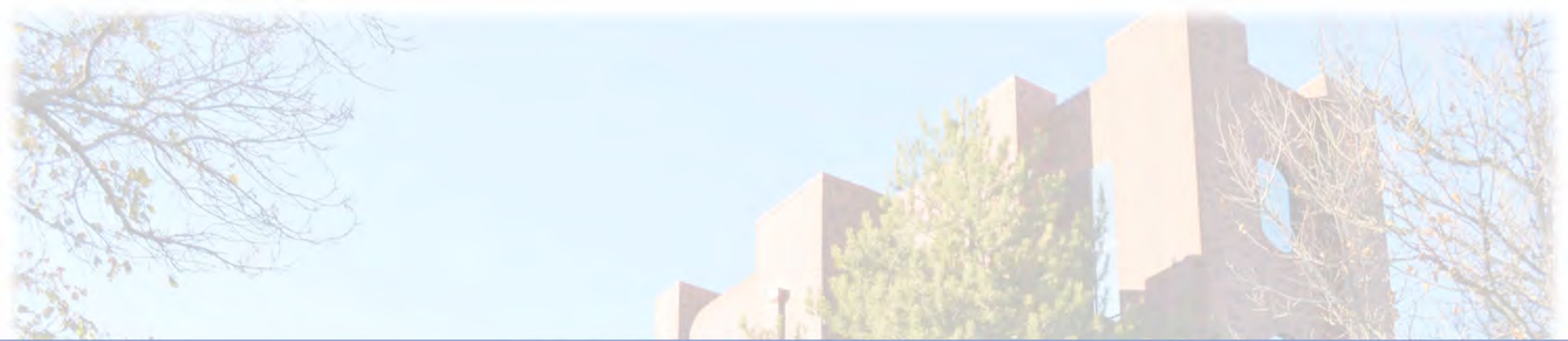
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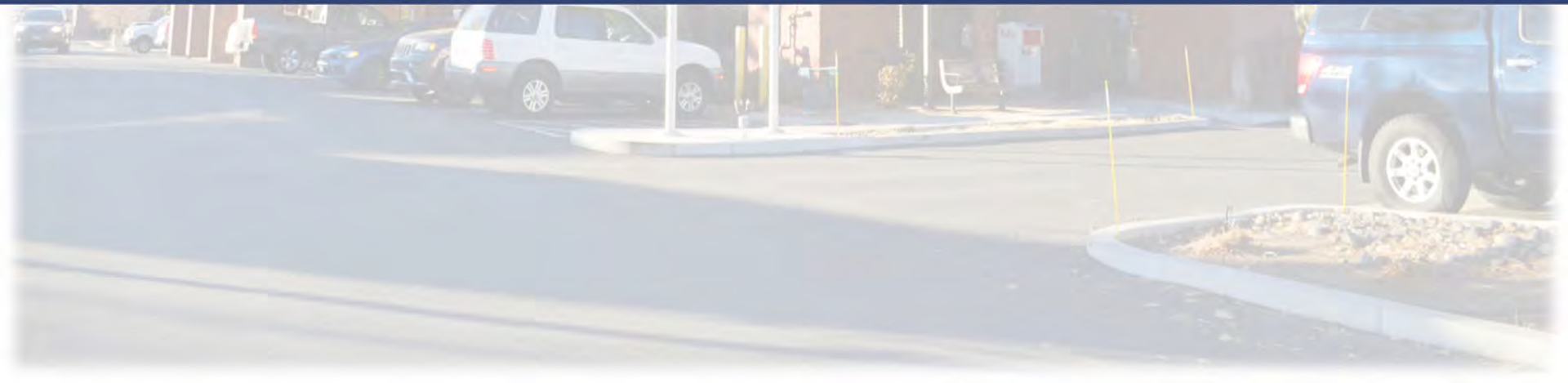
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RTC Washoe

(AGENCY OVERVIEW)





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MISSION

Building a Better Community Through Quality Transportation



Public Transportation

FlexRIDE
On-Demand
Curb-to-curb
service



RIDE

About 8 million trips on a typical year
Backbone of the transit system
60% are essential trips

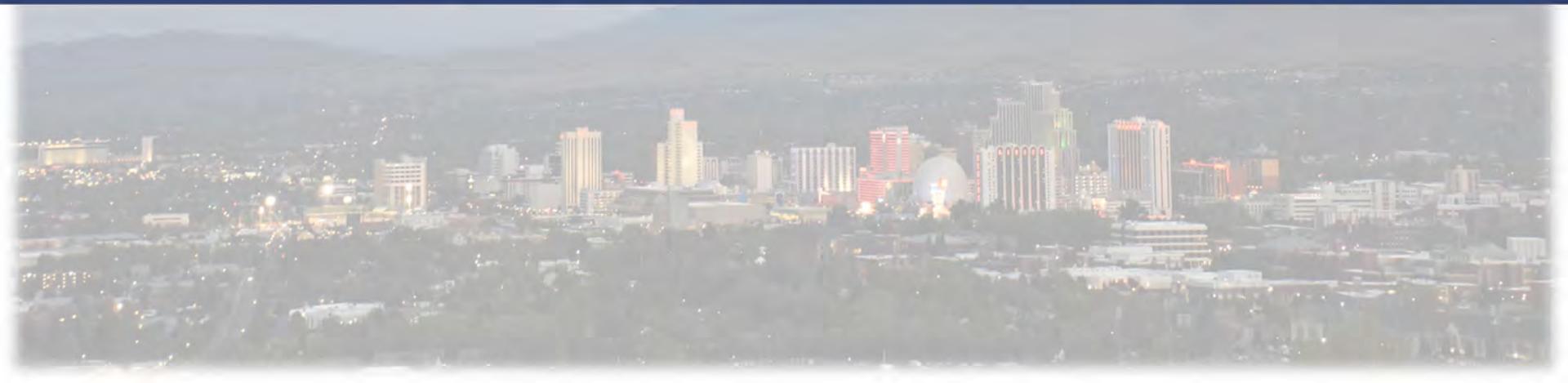
ACCESS

Door-to-door
Prescheduled
ADA eligibility criteria



Changes and Opportunities

(IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC)





65%

Decrease in ridership
from COVID

32%

Decrease in drivers
from COVID

37%

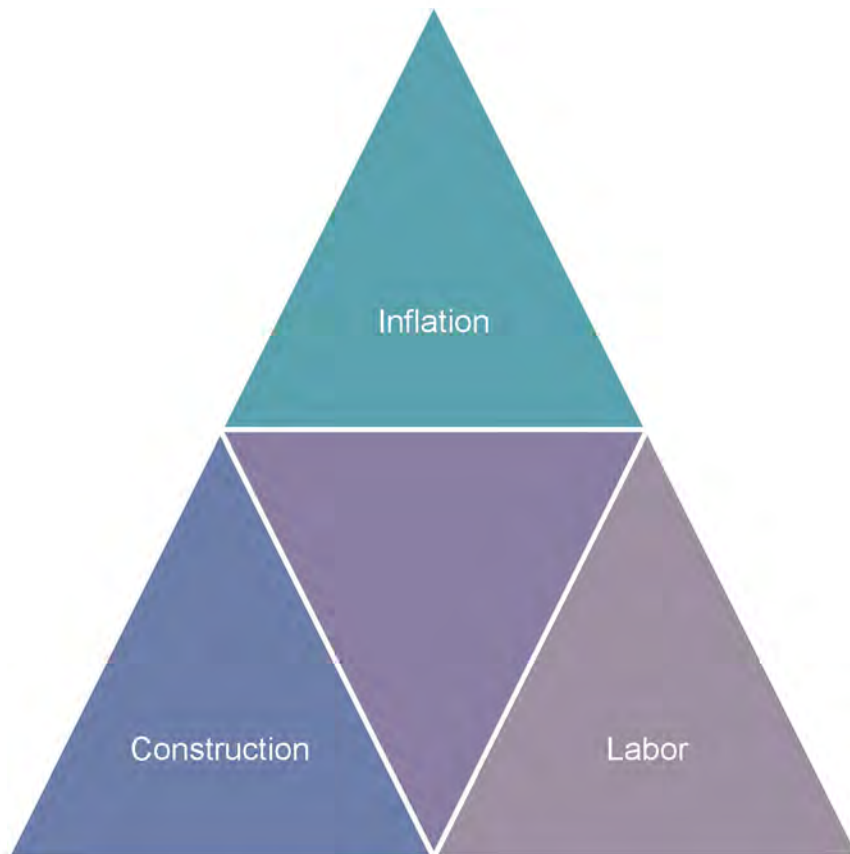
Ridership decrease
from
pre-COVID to present

20%

Driver decrease from
pre-COVID to present



Increasing Capital Costs



\$ 10M

Average cost per
mile of new road
construction



Roadway Opportunity – Virginia Street BRT

When faced with COVID-19 and mandated business closures, construction on this project was significantly accelerated following requests from business owners.

- Improved transit connectivity
- Efficiency
- Timeliness
- Connected RAPID to UNR
- Improved safety for all modes
- Corrected ADA sidewalk deficiencies
- Improved traffic operations

**17
Months**

SAVINGS

\$28.8 Million



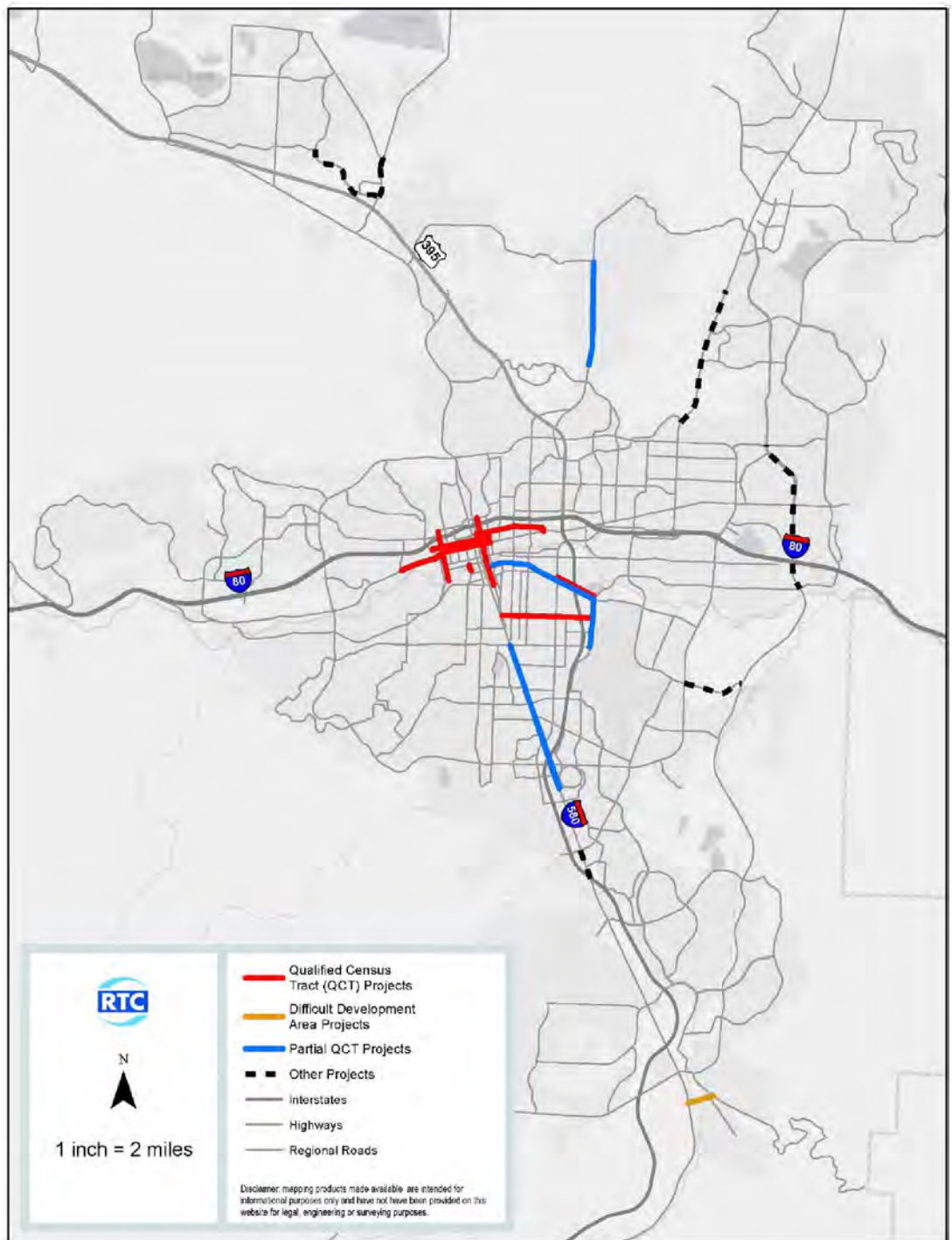
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Improving Transportation Infrastructure



77%

Funding to
census
designated
QCT and DDA
areas





Maximizing Transportation Infrastructure Funding

(FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL)





Federal Funding (COVID-19)



\$20,828,544

CARES Act



\$5,411,552

CRRSAA



\$19,942,473

ARPA

At the end of Q3-FY22, all of these funds will have been invested into the operation of our public transit system.



Federal Funding (Competitive)



DOT low/no emissions buses grant for hydrogen fuel cell buses and fuel site



DOT grant for Arlington Avenue Bridges Project



FTA transit-oriented development planning grant to plan future expansion of the Virginia BRT



DOT BUILD grant for Pyramid Highway Project



Federal Funding (Formula)

- **STBG**
- **CMAQ**
- **TA Set-Aside**
- **PL/FTA 5303**
- **FTA 5307**
- **FTA 5310**
- **FTA 5339**
- **Discretionary**



Local Funding



45%

Fuel Tax
(base + indexing)



17%

Sales Tax
(only funding
source
that can be used
towards transit)



23%

Federal Funding

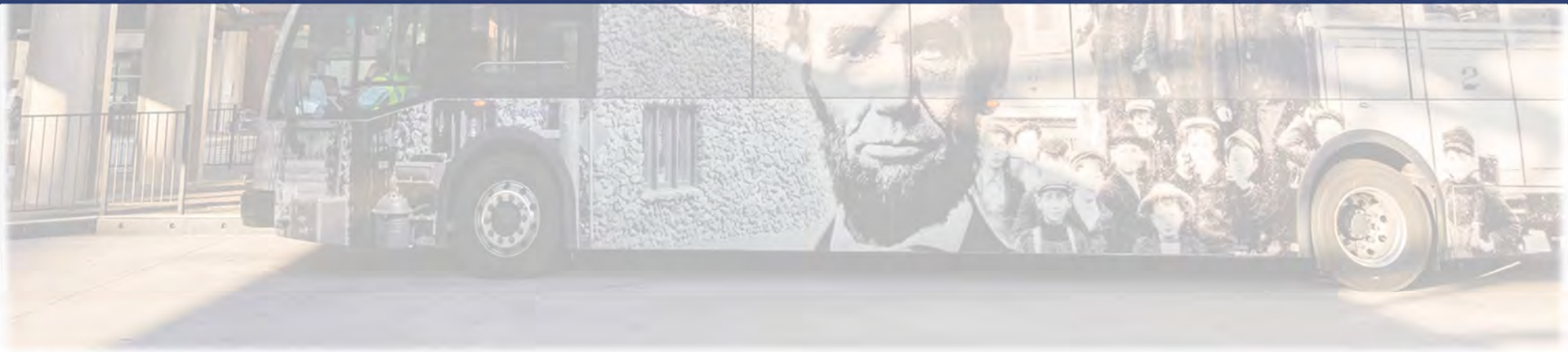
Other Sources

(passenger fares, RRIF, NDOT & misc.): 15%



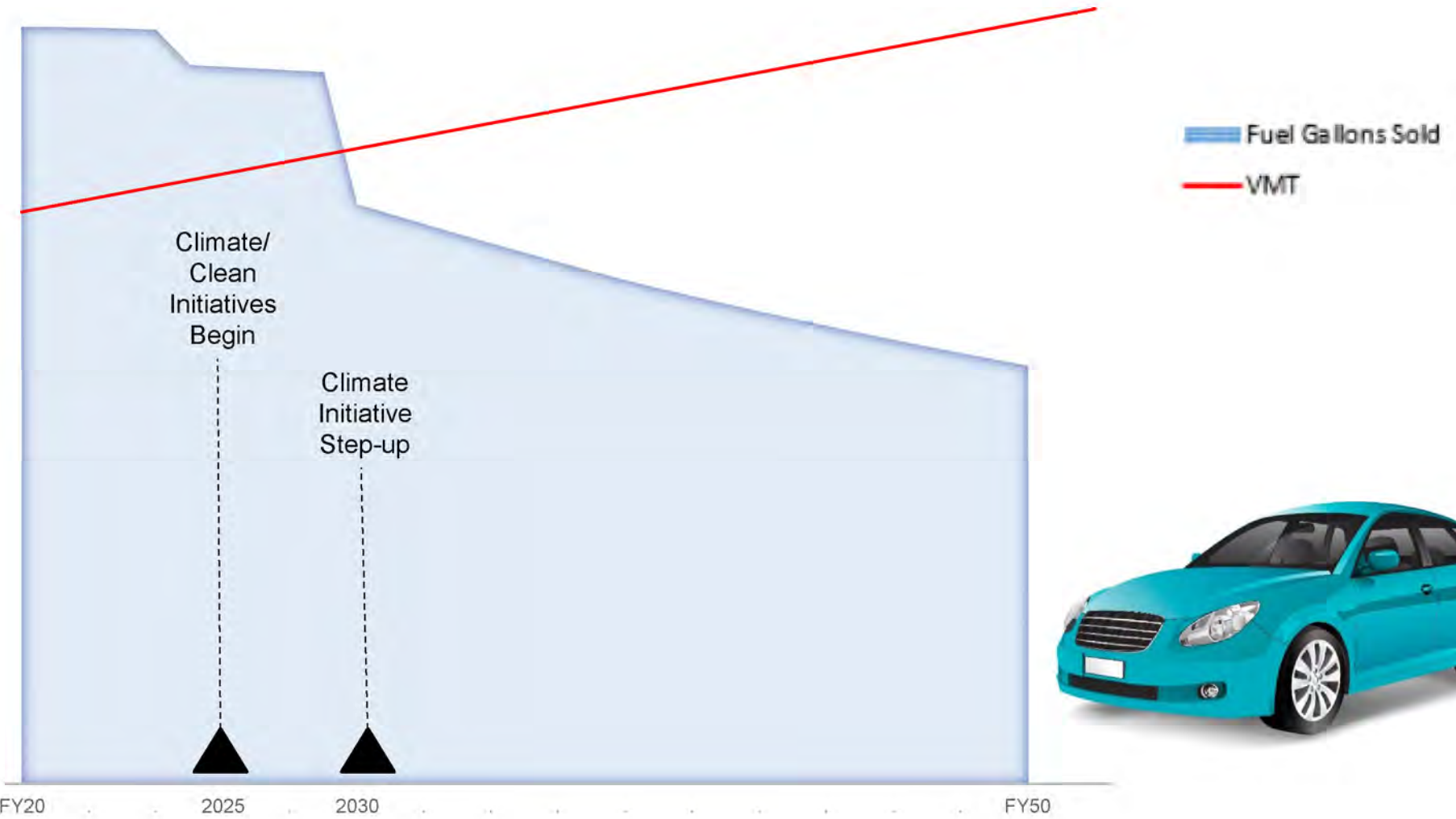
Hot Topics

(DURING THE 2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION)





Fuel Consumption Forecast



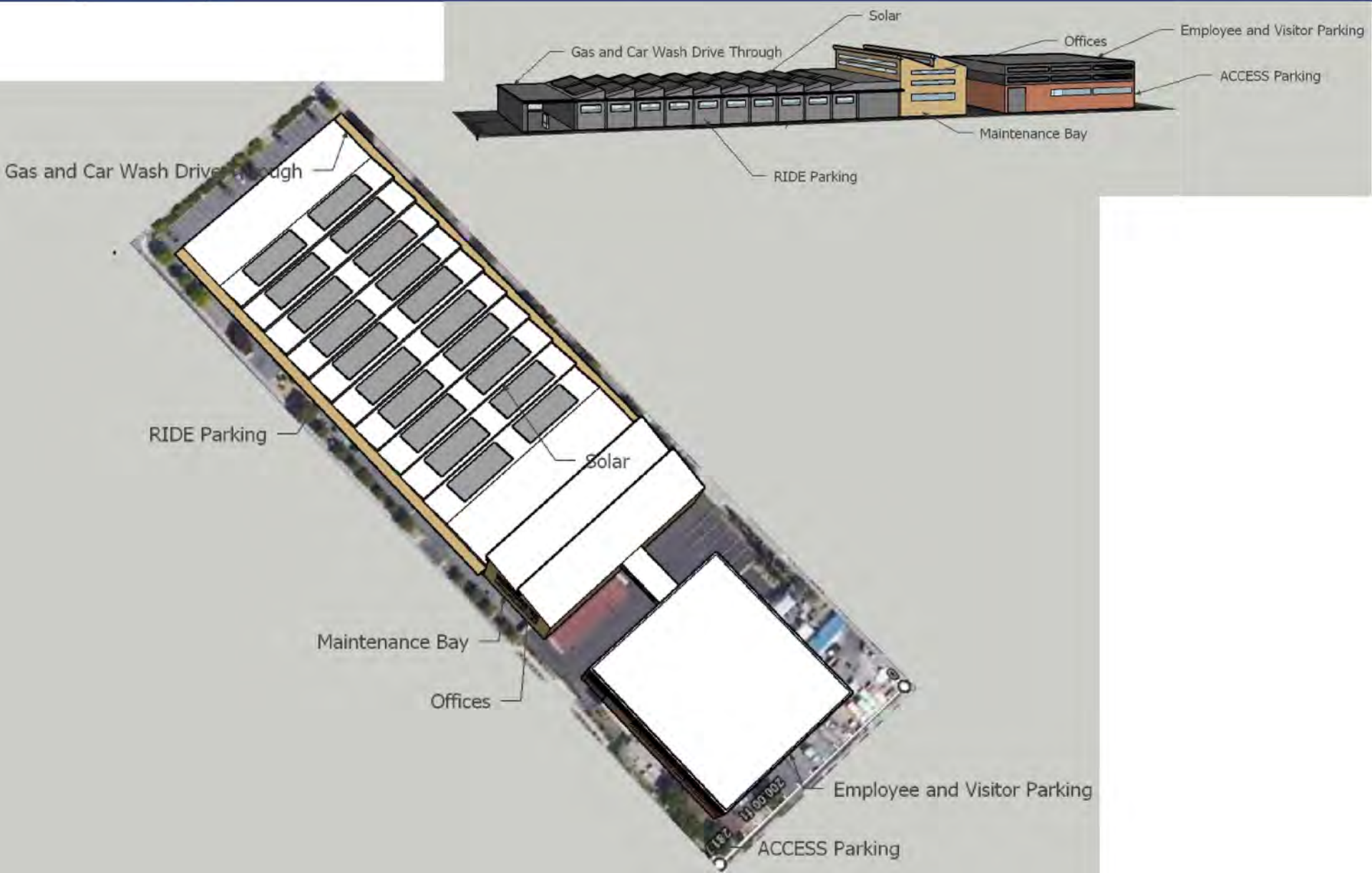


- **Lemmon Drive – Segment 2**
- **Keystone Avenue**
- **Sierra Street**
- **Highland Ranch Parkway/Pyramid Highway Intersection**
- **Sparks Boulevard**
- **Bus Maintenance Facility Replacement**

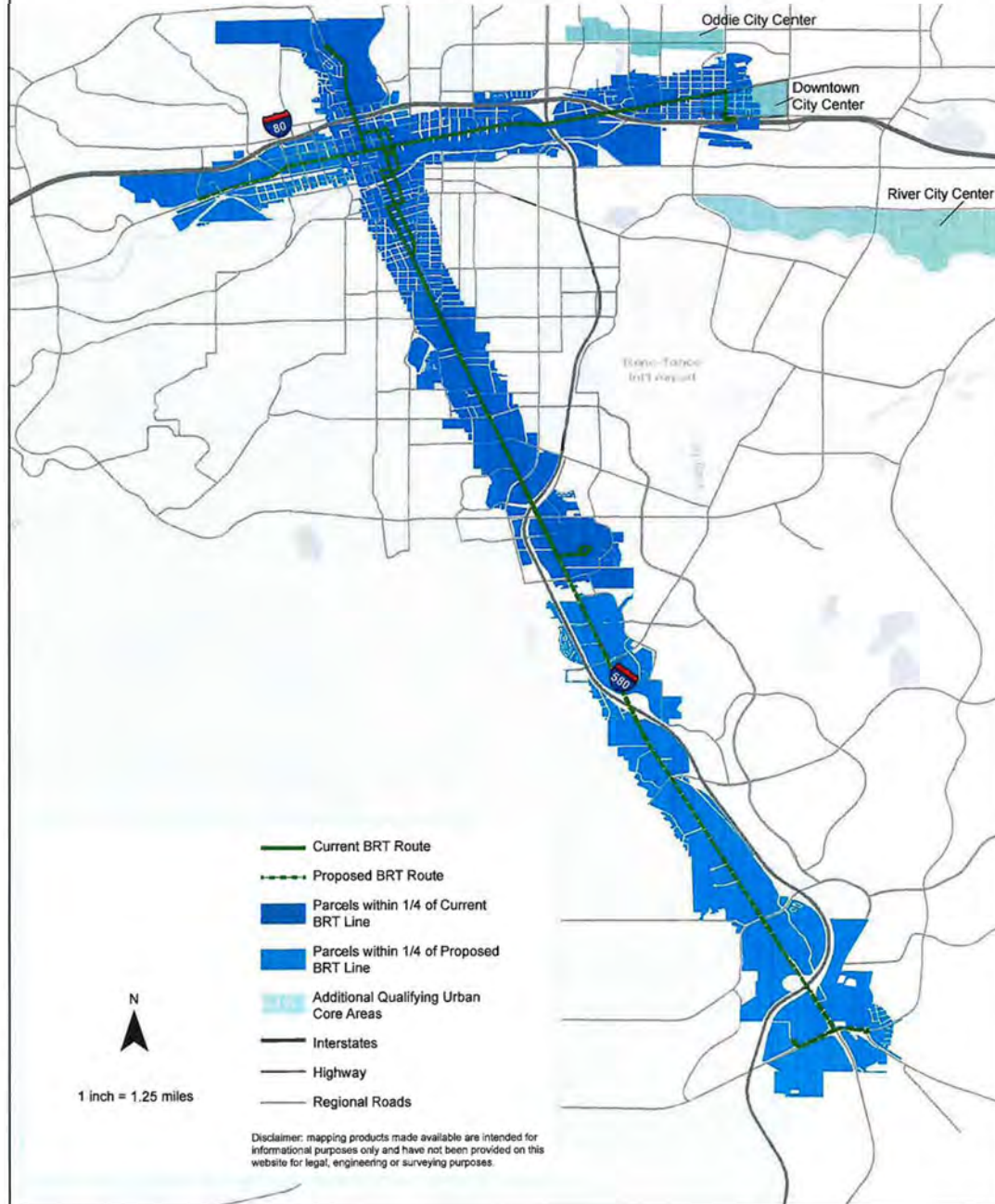




Future Bus Facility



Washoe County Missing Middle Housing Program





Transportation Safety

(INITIATIVES AND UPDATES)





Recent Infrastructure Near Schools

Rectangular
Rapid-Flashing
Beacons
(RRFBs)

6

Installed



8

Planned



Transportation Set-Aside Projects

Installed:

- Shared Used Path: Peckham Lane (City of Reno)

Planned:

- Regional Trail Connectivity Project: Wingfield Hills Road (City of Sparks)
- Solar Powered Traffic Calming Devices (Washoe County School District)
- Urban Road and Plumas Street Sidewalk (City of Reno)
- School Zone Flasher Project: Van Gorder Elementary School (City of Sparks)
- Non-infrastructure: School Safety Equipment (Washoe County School District)



Media Campaigns



Locked Eyes Saves Lives (June 2021)



Dusk 2 Dawn (November 2021)



Pedestrian Safety Zones

May 2021

- Reno City Council approved the creation of three Pedestrian Safety Zones (PSZ)

June 2021

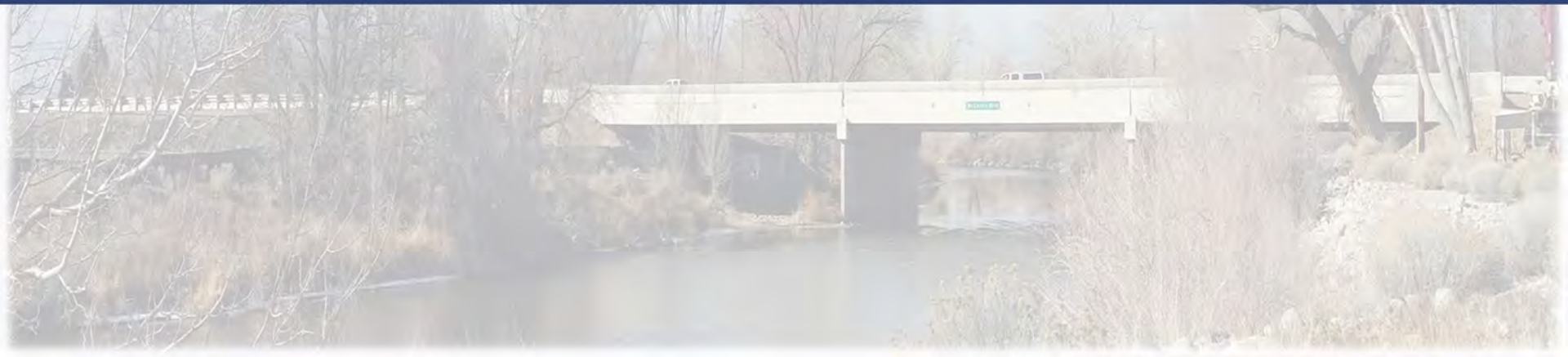
- City of Reno installed new 20 MPH signage at the corner of Lake Street and Fourth Street to designate a PSZ
- The first PSZ in the state of Nevada

Planned

- East Sixth Street from Center Street to Record Street
- Sierra Street from Third Street to Ridge Street



Recommendations for Possible Legislation





Thank You!

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