

Douglas County working on connectivity plan

Douglas County's Countywide Connectivity Plan is the transportation blueprint designed to accomplish many of the projects incorporated in the county's Master Plan as well as the approved 2011 South Shore Vision and 2013 Valley Vision.

The Board of Commissioners will receive an update on the Countywide Connectivity project Feb. 5 in Minden and Feb. 19 in Stateline.

The team started its work on the initiative last summer when commissioners added an action item to the Strategic Plan to "work in partnership with residents, businesses, public entities and stakeholders to develop multimodal transportation solutions for improved connectivity and economic development."

It includes road and highway projects such as identifying an alternate truck route to remove the heavy truck traffic of Highway 395 out of Minden and Gardnerville and the loop road project at Stateline. Shared-use paths such as Martin Slough Trail in Minden and Gardnerville, a Ranchos Connectivity path to connect the Gardnerville Ranchos to the new Community and Senior Center, the Pony Express Trail and the Stateline to Stateline Bikeway. Also included in the plan is regional transit, the potential for the return of the V&T railroad and a cross-lake passenger ferry for Lake Tahoe.

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