

Reenvisioning Transit in Western Nevada County

Public Open House
February 25, 2026



Presentation will begin at 5:15 PM

What We Will Cover Today

- 1. What is this Project?**
- 2. Why is this Project Happening?**
- 3. What Could Make Transit Better?**
- 4. How Do You Fit In?**

What is this Project?

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Reenvision services provided by Nevada County Transit



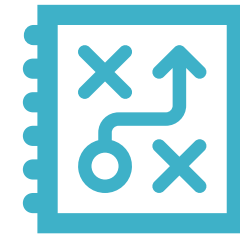
Analysis

Evaluate the current transit system and understand trends



Engagement

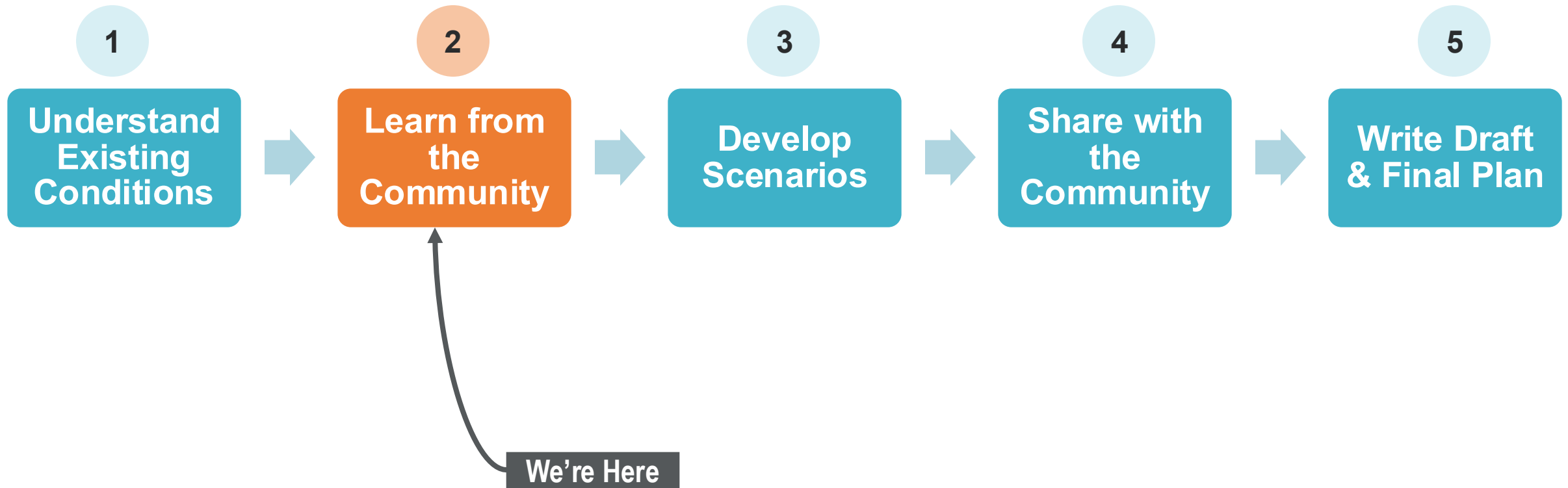
Learn about transit needs from the community and stakeholders



Strategies

Identify potential transit system improvements to better serve the community

There are five steps in the project to complete it by Fall 2026



Why is this Project Happening?

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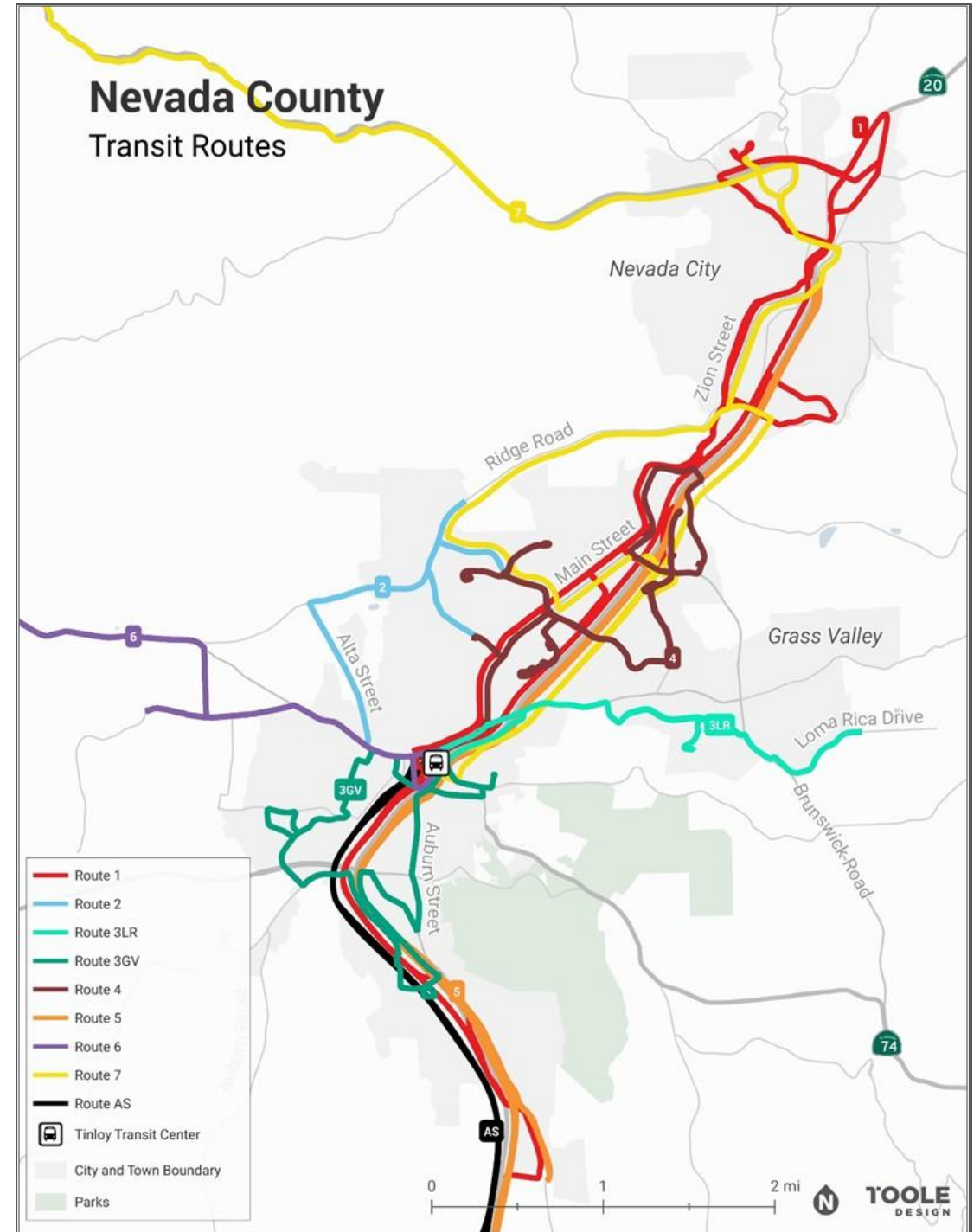
The County provides two types of transit services in western Nevada County:

- 1. Nevada County Connects (NCC):** fixed-route buses
Regular bus routes with set stops that are the same everyday.
- 2. Nevada County Now (NCN):** paratransit
Door-to-door service for seniors or people with disabilities.

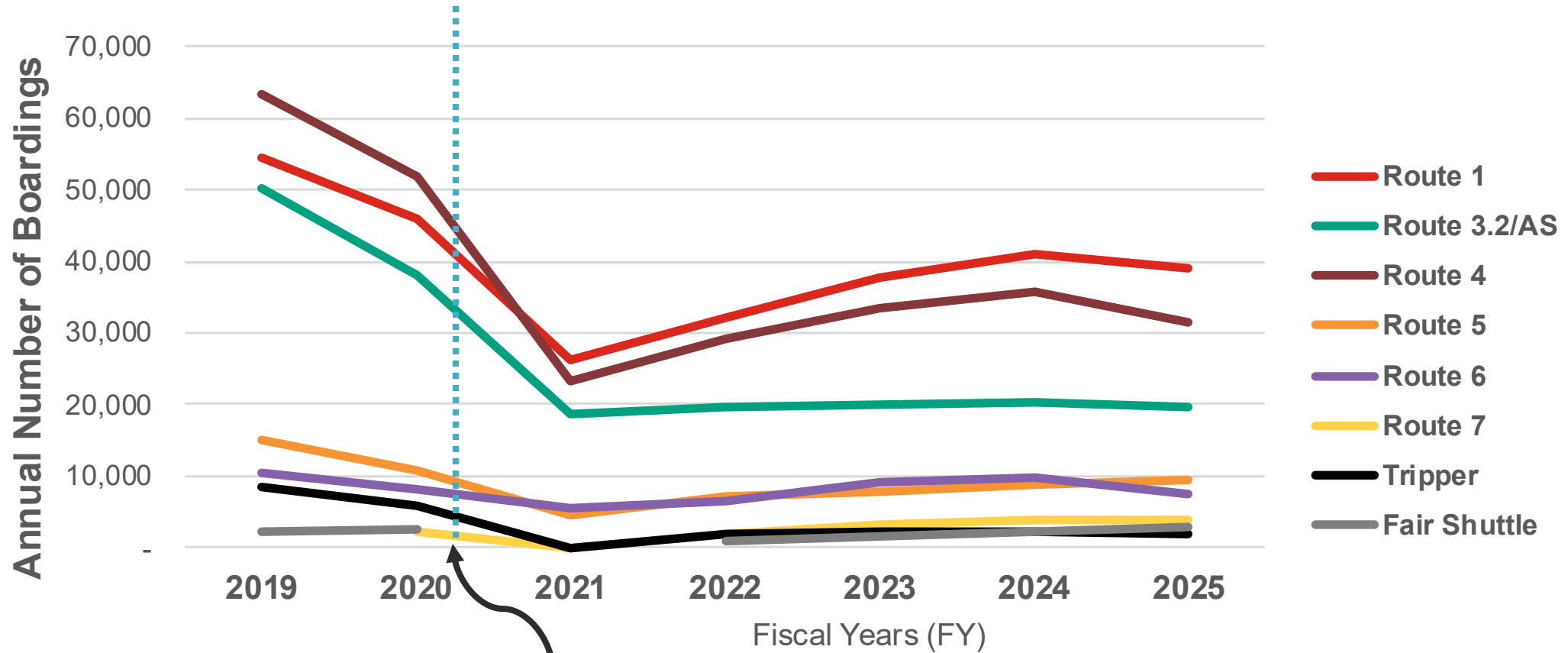
This is an opportunity to examine if these services are still meeting community needs

Service Type 1: Fixed-Route Buses

- 8 primary routes
- +special school & event routes
- Weekday & Saturday
- Covers Grass Valley, Nevada City, Penn Valley, Lake Wildwood, North San Juan, North Columbia, and Auburn Station



Number of bus riders has decreased

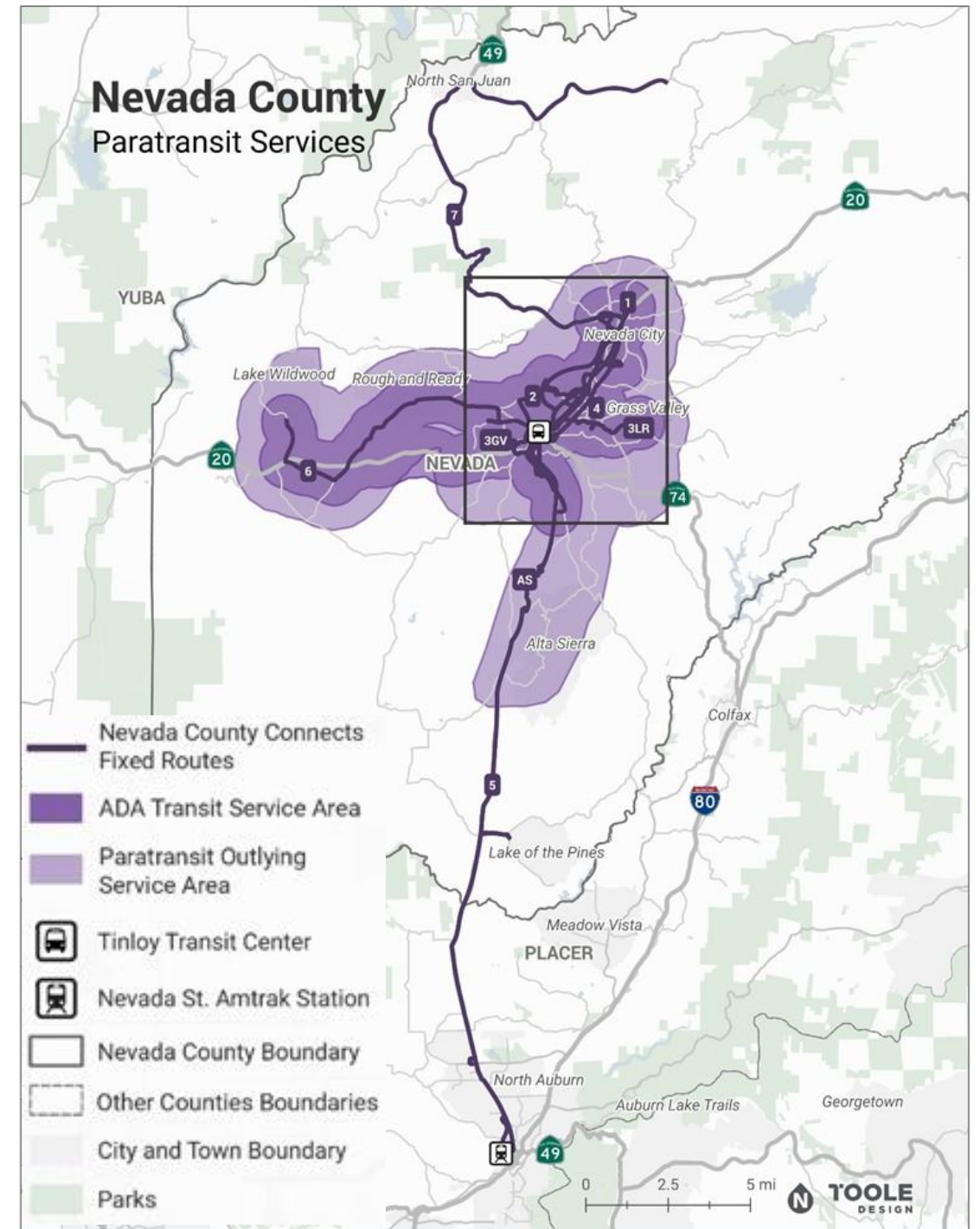


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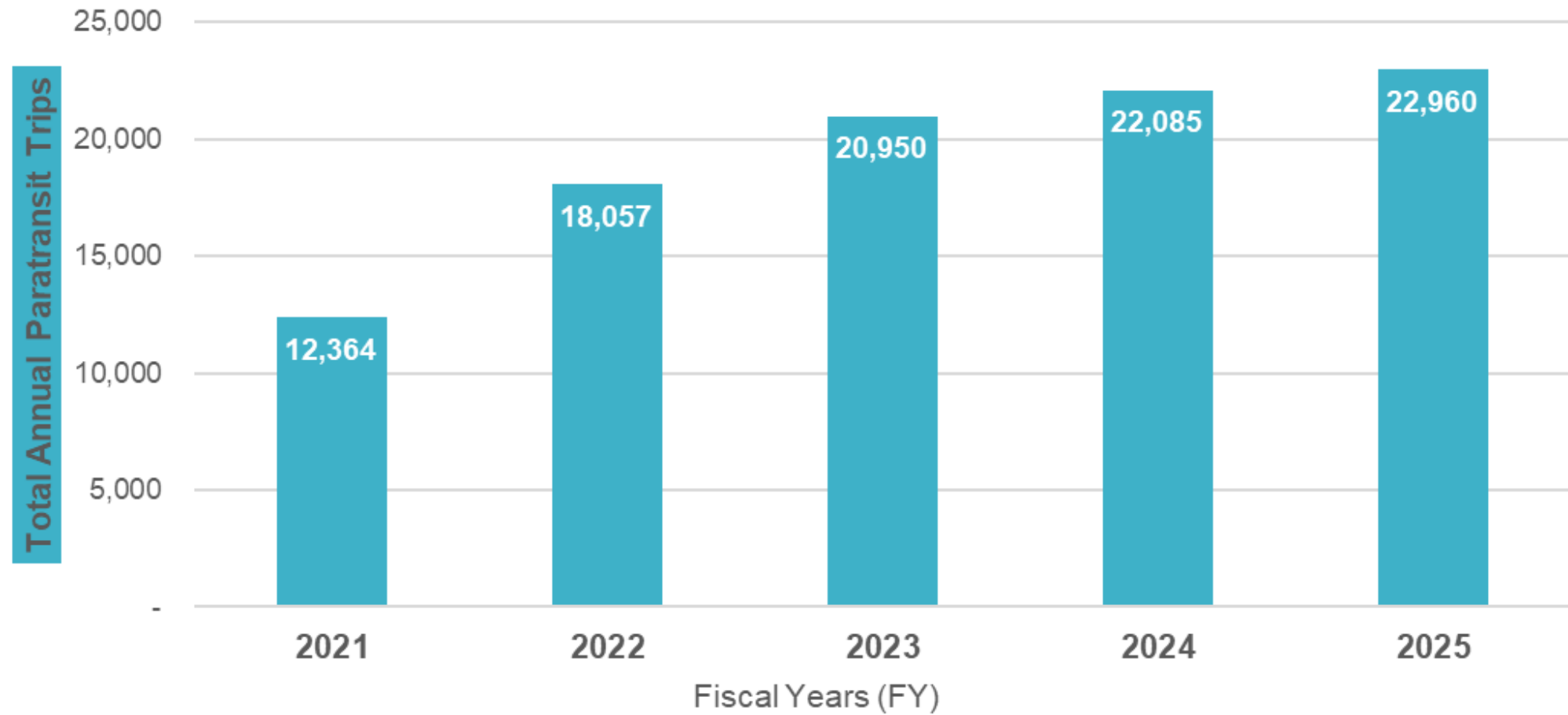
Service Type 2: Paratransit

- Service for Seniors age 65+ or ADA certified people
- Weekdays and Saturday service; Call-ahead
- $\frac{3}{4}$ -mile around fixed routes

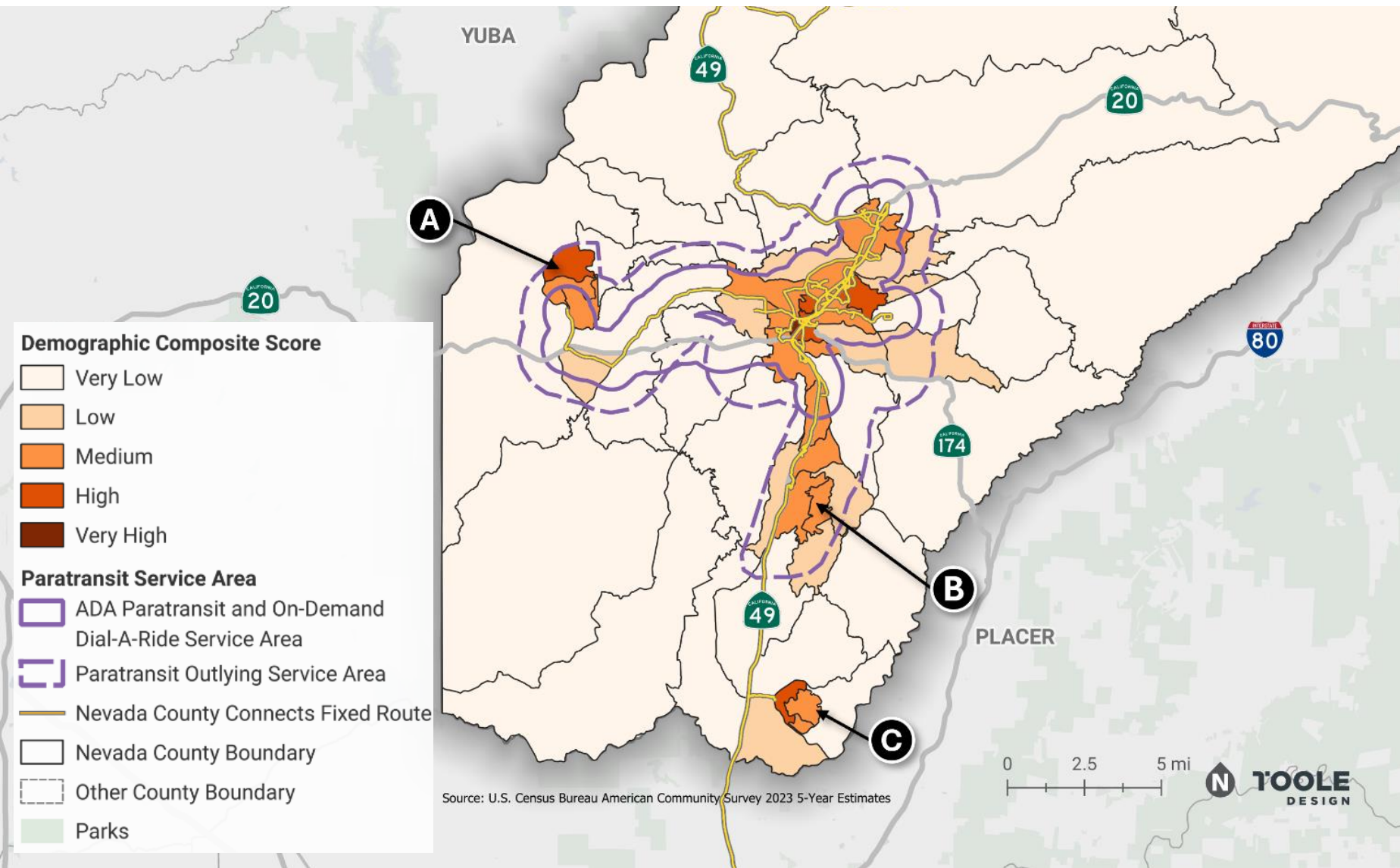
ADA = Americans with Disabilities Act



Number of paratransit riders is increasing



There are parts of the County that do not have service but may need it



Each area's *level of transit need* scored based on who lives there

Three potential areas:

- A** Area north and east of **Lake Wildwood**
- B** Area in the vicinity of **Alta Sierra Country Club**
- C** Area around **Lake of the Pines**

What Could Make Transit Better

Potential Options

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Increasing how often the bus comes or increasing number of places buses go?

Imagine a town that only has **16 buses**.



2 routes with 8 buses on each
Buses will come **more often**
Buses will go **fewer places**



8 routes with 2 buses on each
Buses will come **less often**
Buses will go to **more places**

Address transit with specific strategies from a menu of possibilities

Add service to **new areas** with new routes or adjusted routes

Increase how **often** the buses come

Update **information** sharing

Add **small routes** (shuttles, circulators)

Update **fare** structure

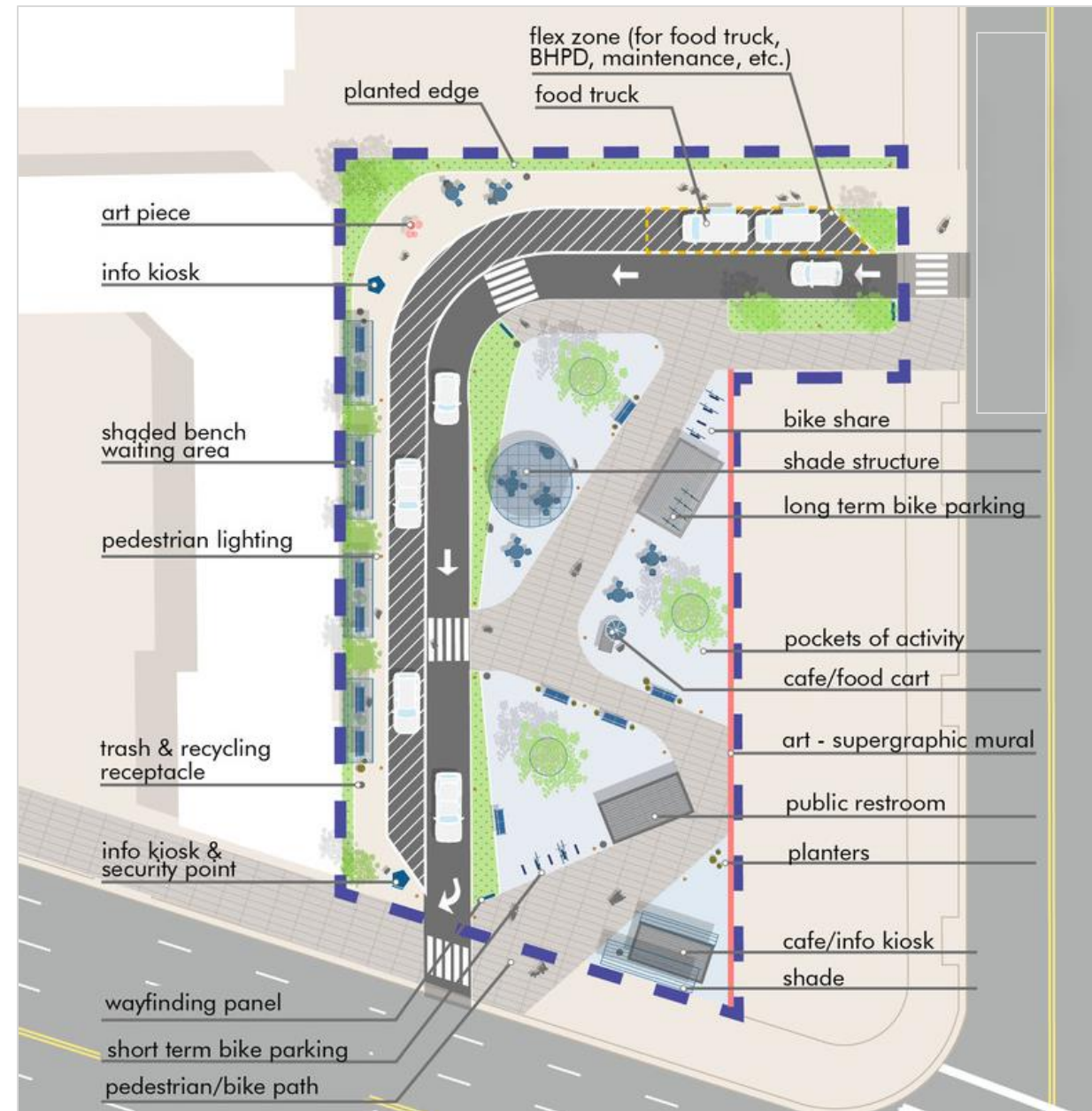
Build **mobility hubs** to improve access

Implement **microtransit** (on-demand)

Build mobility hubs to improve access

What are mobility hubs?

- Places where people can switch between different forms of transportation
- Bus, bicycle/scooters, ridehailing, packages, etc.
- Public and private providers



Implement
microtransit
(on-demand)

What is microtransit?

- Transit service that riders schedule when they need
- Schedule via app or phone call (like Uber/Lyft)
- Available to all riders



Smaller vehicles

(rideco.com)



Scheduled via app

(route genie.com)

What could make transit work better for riders

Improvement	Impact to Riders
Improve speed	Bus gets to destinations faster
Increase reliability	Can count on bus to arrive on time
Enhance information	More information about routes and schedules
Expand hours	Bus runs earlier in the morning and later at night
Expand days	Bus runs more on weekends
Restructure fares	Bus fares cheaper and easier to understand
Build-up infrastructure	More amenities like covered shelters, or benches

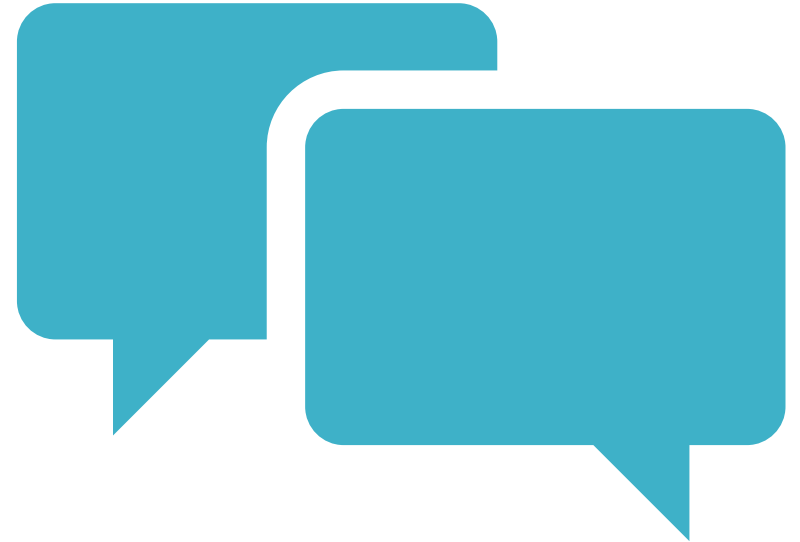
How Do You Fit In?

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Give Us Your Thoughts

1. How/Why do you use transit **now**?
2. Where do you **wish** you could take transit to/from?
3. What types of **improvements** do you want to see in transit?



Your Thoughts Will...

1. Help refine transit goals
2. Identify what types of improvements are needed
3. Help frame potential service scenarios



How to Stay Engaged

**Answer
Questions**

tinyurl.com/SurveyNevCo25

Visit Website

FutureOfNevCoTransit.org

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In Summer 2026

Thank You

