

## Eastern Sierra Transportation Plan

Nelson\Nygaard developed the Eastern Sierra Public Transportation Plan to identify transit service needs, service coordination opportunities, and passenger rail service options for California's Eastern Sierra counties: Mono, Inyo, and portions of Kern and San Bernardino. The study area included the lengthy Highway 395 corridor from Reno, Nevada along the eastern side of Lake Tahoe, Yosemite, and Kings Canyon to the Los Angeles County line.

The process included reviews of transit operational needs, origin-destination information, and demographics as well as engineering scenarios for passenger rail. The study recommended daily corridor-wide intercity service, providing two round-trips per day, service coordination with the regional transit services, and an extensive joint marketing program. In addition, the study outlined a series of strategies to improve intra-regional mobility through the implementation of car-sharing, volunteer driver programs, and shuttle services. The final report included a presentation of the feasibility of a new passenger rail alignment between Los Angeles and Mammoth Lakes.



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**Nelson\Nygaard Budget:** \$103,687

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