

Why it matters: June 18, 2026: Garrett reports starting a job in Roseville through Build Strong/ABC NorCal placement. Employment evidence predating the dispute.

Subject: Re: Transportation

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Hello, On a break and my site project manager informed me I have to get work boots to be on site or I cannot work. I don't have work clothes or work boots for construction. I know this is short notice but I believe I was already approved for this program last year (ABC Norcal job in conjunction with Build strong). I get off work at 330pm

Thank youGarrett Madden

On Wed, Jun 17, 2026 at 7:56 AM Garrett Madden <garrettmadden479@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello, I sent an email yesterday but am sending again in light of my DOR worker being out. I recently started a job in Roseville. The site address is 1302 Pleasant Grove Blvd, Roseville, CA 95747 (the construction company headquarters is 7621 Painted Desert Dr, Roseville, CA 95747). My hours are 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. I was placed at this site through my Build Strong training program and the ABC NorCal program that DOR originally introduced me to.

I continued to research whether public transit can get me there on time, and it cannot:

- The trip crosses three agencies (SacRT, Roseville Transit, Placer County Transit) with multiple transfers.
- Roseville Transit does not begin service until 5:45 a.m., and the routes near my work do not run early or frequently enough to get me there by my 7:00 a.m. start.

There is no combination of routes that produces an on-time arrival. Transit is not a viable option for this job.

This is an ongoing position with no set end date, and that fact is what makes a vehicle purchase the responsible choice rather than a rental. A rental is an open-ended, recurring cost with no cap. A used vehicle is a one-time, fixed cost. The longer my employment continues, the more a rental costs relative to simply purchasing a reliable vehicle.

A rental in this area runs roughly \$1,000 to \$1,500 per month once daily rates, taxes, and fees are included. A reliable used vehicle typically falls in the \$5,000 to \$10,000 range. At those numbers, an ongoing rental pays for an entire vehicle in about four to eight months, and my job has no anticipated end point. Every rental dollar spent past that window is money with nothing to show for it, against a need that does not stop.

Because the employment is indefinite, the rental is the higher-cost path and a vehicle purchase is the lower-total-cost path. I am asking that we explore a vehicle purchase on that basis. I raised this before during the previous transportation study.

Can anyone assist with this as soon as possible? I need this job so I can find a place to live. I do not have access to my cell phone during work hours and am available after 3:30 p.m.

Thank you,

Garrett Madden