A regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, May 19, 1998 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 N. Carson St., Carson City, NV at 3:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairperson Frank Page
John Bullis
Bill Hoffman
Vern Krahn
Jerry Mather
Dennis Ritchie
Bruce Robertson
Walter Sullivan

STAFF: John Berkich, City Manager
Harvey Brotzman, RTC, Engineer
Fran Smith, Recording Secretary
(TAC 5/19/98 1-0000.5)

NOTE - Unless otherwise indicated each item was introduced by Chairperson Page. Individuals speaking are identified following the heading of each item. A tape recording of these proceedings is on file in the Clerk-Recorder's office. This tape is available for review and inspection during normal business hours.

A. CALL TO ORDER - Chairperson Page called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum was not present.

C. MODIFICATION OF AGENDA - None.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT - None.

E. DISCUSSIONS - COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

1. PRESENTATION ON STATUS OF TRANSIT SERVICES AND UPDATE ON DOWNTOWN CIRCULATION STUDY BY JOHN BERKICH - (1-0008.5) Mr. Berkich said various studies had been done by consultants during the past several years. He added that a recent study recommended phases of a transit system the first being a consolidation of existing services. He said those services include the Senior Citizens Center and OARC. He noted that these, in conjunction with the current services provided, are also available to the general public. He commented that a contract has been signed with the Senior Citizens Center and the City which calls for the City to take over their work July 1 and that it will be considered by the Board of Supervisors at their May 21 meeting. He added that OARC will also be turning over their operation to the City. He then explained how the City will operate the system. He noted perhaps services will also be developed for non-profit groups such as F.I.S.H. and RSVP. He said the City is being asked to subsidize transit for about $105,000 per year. He commented that the ridership is growing each month and that they also have contracts with state agencies for Medicare ridership and the State Welfare Department. He then said the next phase of transit calls for routes benefitting those who do not currently have access although he felt that would not take place for two or three years. He said ridership is currently 1,300-1,400 per month and explained the coupon system saying it is $4.00 each way. He commented that the majority of the people who were surveyed in the community felt the need is there and something should be done. However, they do not want to pay for it. He also said the Board adopted that as a priority and directed staff to develop this by July 1. He noted that the City will be talking to Douglas County, Dayton, Indian Hills, and Washoe about serving those areas. Mr. Krahn asked if the airport would be included and Mr. Berkich said that is down the road. However, it is called for in the studies.

(1-0325.5) An extensive discussion ensued with Mr. Brotzman on past and current studies and how this all fits in with what is being done and what can be done. No formal action was taken.

Member Sullivan had arrived at 3:29 p.m. during the discussion. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present although Vice Chairperson Garcia and Members Abbett, Fronapfel, Guzman, Loebeer and Weaver were absent.

2. REVIEW MINUTES OF PRIORITIZATION PROCEDURE AND ADOPTING A PRIORITY LIST - (1-0491.5) See following discussion.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 21 and May 5, 1998 - (1-0485.5) Member Bullis moved to approve the Minutes of the April 21 and May 5 meetings as presented with the only correction being that Member Hoffman should have been listed as Bill rather than Tom. Member Sullivan seconded the motion. At this point Mr. Krahn questioned the statement on Page 4 of the May 5 Minutes where it mentioned the "Roop Street expansion". It was discussed that this should be "extension" rather than "expansion". It was also noted instead of restating the motion there should be clarification of prioritization. A lengthy discussion relating to priorities ensued which included changing "Arrowhead-Graves Lane connector as a high priority...." to "as the third priority" on the list. Member Bullis then amended his motion to include the corrections just discussed. Member Sullivan continued his second. Motion carried 8-0-6-0.

2. CONTINUED (1-0619.5) Chairperson Page reiterated the action taken on the priorities. Member Bullis said it could be summarized by having the order of the priorities be the Curry Street project, the Stewart Street extension, moving the Arrowhead-Graves connection to a high priority on Table 3, and the traffic signal at Roop and Musser added as a priority. Chairperson Page felt the subject of the traffic signal should be clarified that this should be when and if it meets the warrant. Member Bullis disagreed saying he believed the need for the light at Roop and Musser is definitely going to be needed and explained his reason. Mr. Krahn then asked for clarification of the action on a signal at Hot Springs and College Parkway. Mr. Mather said the desire is to avoid a signal there if the intersection can be designed so the traffic can be handled in a different way.

3. DISCUSSION OF GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE 1990 MASTER PLAN AND INCLUSION OF THEM IN THE 1998 PLAN - (1-0805.5) Mr. Brotzman had provided a copy of the goals and objectives and said Mr. Krahn had developed some for the bicycle plan. He talked about incorporating these asked if anyone wanted to modify, add or make deletions to the previous plan. Mr. Sullivan said they had already been considered. Member Bullis asked if cul de sacs had been discussed. Mr. Mather said they were a big problem for the Sheriff's Department and explained. Member Bullis suggested continuing this until Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Brotzman can work on putting this all into one document. Member Sullivan then moved to continue discussion on the goals and objectives until the next meeting. Member Ritchie seconded the motion. Motion carried 8-0-6-0.

4. DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF PEDESTRIAN PLAN - (1-1005.5) Mr. Krahn said he and Mr. Guzman had met on this and that John Long would be putting a draft document together and they would review it when he returns from vacation. It would then be presented to the Committee. The date for this is to be scheduled later.

5. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS - (1-1025.5) Chairperson Page solicited comments from Members on anything discussed at those meeting which they wanted to re-visit. Member Bullis had a question as to why the planner did not want the Planning Commission to receive the lastest tables showing the finances. He felt although it is a draft and would be revised it is helpful information. He added he was referring to Tables 5 and 6 in particular. He also had a concern about funding and Mr. Brotzman said this only speaks to the improvements done with the four cent regional gasoline tax. Mr. Sullivan agreed with the opinion stated by Member Bullis and provided his reasons. He then asked that this be discussed at the June 19 meeting when Mr. Long would be present. Member Ritchie asked if this is something the Committee should be getting into because it was his understanding that RTC would be involved. Chairperson Page felt that the Committee should give RTC something. Otherwise he felt they would come back to the Committee asking for information. Member Robertson agreed with Member Ritchie and felt if Finance Director Mary Walker provides the alternatives for paying for all of these things that information could be put in their report. Mr. Sullivan felt the Committee has studied the problem more than anyone else. Member Mather agreed that the financial information is important and is something that RTC and the Board need to review. Mr. Brotzman said he would have the existing goals and objectives re-typed as they are and bring them back to a meeting for additional discussion or editing. Chairperson Page said it had been requested that NDOT be invited to the June 2 meeting to discuss the bypass.

Member Krahn left at 4:47 p.m. A quorum was no longer present.

6. DISCUSSION - COMMITTEE MEMBERS (NON-ACTION ITEMS) - None.

E-1 STAFF REPORTS WHEN REQUIRED - None.

E-2 FUTURE COMMITTEE ITEMS - Previously discussed.

F. ADJOURNMENT - There being no quorum Chairperson Page disbanded the meeting at 4:48 p.m.

The Minutes of the May 19, 1998 meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee

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Frank Page, Chairperson