

CARSON CITY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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A regularly scheduled meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday August 4, 1998, at the Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada, beginning at 3:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Chairperson Frank Page and Members Bill Hoffman, John Bullis, Tom Fronapfel, Vern Krahn, Juan Guzman, Jerry Mather, and Dennis Ritchie

STAFF PRESENT: Mayor Ray Masayko, City Manager John Berkich, RTC

Engineer Harvey Brotzman, and Recording Secretary Andrea Burnell

(T.A.C. 8/4/98 Tape 1-0034)

A. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM - Chairperson Page convened the session at 3:10 p.m. Roll call was taken. A quorum was present although Vice Chairperson Garcia and Members Abbott, Robertson, and Weaver were absent.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Member Krahn moved to approve the Minutes of the July 21, 1998 meeting. Member Bullis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

C. MODIFICATION OF AGENDA - None.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT - None.

E. DISCUSSION - COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

1. REVIEW OF A PROPOSAL FOR CONSULTING SERVICES ON BEHALF OF CARSON CITY FOR THE BYPASS PROJECT (1-0078) - Deferred until later in the meeting.

6. REVIEW OF PEDESTRIAN PLAN (DOWNTOWN) AND BICYCLE PLAN (1-0089) - Member Krahn gave an update on issues in the Bicycle Plan. He discussed adding a new category to the Bicycle Plan due to the lack of a program to acquire additional rights-of-way. He and Mr. Brotzman used their copies of the Draft Carson City Transportation Plan to indicate routes versus lanes, on the drawings, creating a shared lane concept. Member Krahn then suggested a disclaimer on the plan indicating that there is no dedicated right-of-way for that particular section of road and that additional right-of-way will have to be obtained. Mr. Brotzman explained the measurements and changing routes and lanes.

(1-0185) Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles, Highway and Safety Representative Sue Newberry commented on the definition of a "bike route", encouraged the Committee to revisit the idea of terminology and to be cautious about long-term plans eliminating the possibility of acquiring a right-of-way. Chairperson Page expressed concern about the bicyclists on Roop Street. Ms. Newberry also discussed the importance of having bicyclists downtown and her bicycling background. (1-0292) Member Ritchie asked about the number of bicyclists in the area and discussed funding, goals, and uses with Ms. Newberry. No formal action was taken.

1. REVIEW OF A PROPOSAL FOR CONSULTING SERVICES ON BEHALF OF CARSON CITY FOR THE BYPASS PROJECT (1-0357) - Chairperson Page distributed the proposal to the Members and the Clerk. (A copy is in the file.) Time was taken to look at the proposal. Mr. Berkich asked the members to consider the concept and merit of having Mr. Dull represent Carson City as a liaison between Carson City and NDOT. Mr. Berkich reviewed concerns over the status, dates, and critical elements of the project. He stated the merits of Mr. Dull's experience and his possible role as a troubleshooter for the City. Mayor Masayko stated that the proposal was in response to requests from members of the business community. He then discussed concerns over transportation needs which were felt to be overwhelming, reasons for bringing the proposal to the Committee, the importance of having an advocate, the financial issues and impacts, and need to maintain open communication with NDOT. (Member Hoffman left the room at 3:50 p.m. A quorum was not present.) The Members present continued to discuss the merits, intent, and issues of the proposal. Mayor Masayko indicated that the City

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currently does not have anyone to perform the proposed function. (Member Guzman left the room momentarily at 4:00 p.m. A quorum was not present as previously indicated.) The merits of the proposal were discussed further. Mayor Masayko asked the Committee to consider sending the proposal to the RTC. No formal action was taken.

2. PRESENTATION BY JOHN LONG ON STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLAN, AND 5. DISCUSSION - COMMITTEE MEMBERS (1-0930) - (A quorum was not present.) Mr. Long referred to the Draft Carson City Transportation Plan that was distributed at the July 21st meeting. He indicated elements that he wished to review, beginning with the draft classification system. He referred to Hot Springs Road as an arterial in the plan. Mr. Brotzman mentioned that the old plan had Hot Springs Road under NDOT's control, and as a condition of roadway trades, that Hot Springs Road is now under Carson City control and maintenance. Discussion ensued as to whether Hot Springs Road is or ever will function as an arterial. Mr. Long explained that a collector is a two lane road and an arterial is a four lane road. He questioned whether he should downgrade Hot Springs Road to a collector. (Member Hoffman returned at 4:18 p.m. A quorum was present upon his return.) Right-of-way, priorities, drainage, development and pressure on other roadways were discussed. Mr. Long explained that the functional classification shows the intended usage. Ms. Newberry suggested making Hot Springs Road a collector. Member Ritchie moved to downgrade Hot Springs Road to collector status. Mr. Brotzman identified the portion of Hot Springs Road as: from Carson Street up to College Parkway. Member Ritchie agreed to include the identification in his motion. Due to a lack of a second Chairperson Page stated that the motion died. **(1-1245) Member Guzman moved to leave Hot Springs Road as it is defined on Figure 12 in the plan. Member Krahn seconded the motion. Motion was voted by roll call with the following result, Member Hoffman - No; Member Bullis - Yes; Member Fronapfel - No; Member Krahn - Yes; Member Guzman - Yes; Member Mather - Yes; Member Ritchie - No; Chairperson Page - Abstained. Motion passed 4-3-1.**

(1-1280) Discussion ensued about right-of-way, density, design function and various other aspects of Roop Street. Ms. Newberry advised the Committee that there will be a roundabout class on August 21st and 22nd. She felt that well thought out roundabouts dramatically increase the capacity of the roadway and generally drop accident rates. Chairperson Page stated, as he understood it, the FHWA study on roundabouts will not be complete until 1999. Mr. Long stated that projections show a good portion of the northern section of Roop Street will be seriously congested until the full by-pass goes in. After the by-pass is in, the forecasts show, the numbers dropping to where a two lane facility seems to be adequate. Discussion ensued about population growth, residential and industrial growth, zoning, upzoning and projections. Mr. Long pointed out that there were some elements that are policy issues. He indicated that a lot of the collector and some of the arterial streets are actually residential streets. It is difficult at this time to say whether the City is going to have adequate capacity on these streets to define a complete system of truck routes. One of the key components of the truck route system is the full by-pass. Until the full by-pass is in place it will be difficult to enforce the truck routes. (At 4:58 p.m. Member Fronapfel left. A quorum was not present for the remainder of the meeting.) Discussion continued on truck routes, current policies, restrictions, and future meeting dates.

3. DISCUSSION OF GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE 1990 MASTER PLAN AND INCLUSION OF THESE IN THE 1998 PLAN - None.

4. REVIEW OF PAST MOTION - None.

7. REVIEW OF V & T RAILROAD PROGRESS - None.

8. FUTURE COMMITTEE ITEMS - None.

9. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent at 5:30 p.m.

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.

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ARE SO APPROVED ON 8/25, 1998.

/s/
Frank Page, Chairperson