

# **CARSON AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

## **Minutes of the September 9, 2009 Meeting**

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A regular meeting of the Carson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 9, 2009 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Charles Des Jardins

Vice Chairperson Paul Esswein

Member Shelly Aldean

Member Russell Carpenter

Member Robert Crowell

Member Jeff Foltz

Member James Mallery

Ex-Officio Member Dennis Taylor

**STAFF:** Joel Benton, Senior Deputy District Attorney

Dan Doenges, Senior Transportation Planner

Kathleen King, Recording Secretary

Patrick Pittenger, Transportation Manager

Darren Schulz, Deputy Public Works Director - Engineering

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**A. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM (5:30:53)** - Chairperson Des Jardins called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Roll was called; a quorum was present.

**B. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - August 12, 2009 (5:32:50)** - Member Aldean moved to approve the minutes, as presented. Member Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

**C. MODIFICATION OF AGENDA (5:33:34)** - None.

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT (5:33:54)** - None.

**E. DISCLOSURES (5:34:43)** - None.

**F. PUBLIC MEETING ITEMS:**

**F-1. INFORMATION REGARDING PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE U.S. HIGHWAY 50 EAST CORRIDOR IN THE MOUNDHOUSE AREA (5:35:21)** - Chairperson Des Jardins introduced this item, and referred to the map displayed in the meeting room. NDOT Transportation Planner / Analyst Sandy Stanio distributed to the CAMPO members and staff a written summary of the U.S. Highway 50 East corridor study and reviewed the same. NDOT Project Coordinator / Senior Designer Steve Bird reviewed the project in conjunction with the displayed map. He responded to questions of clarification regarding the design, and Member Carpenter expressed concern over the effect of the proposed improvements to the business owners along the Highway 50 East corridor. Member Carpenter requested Mr. Bird to review the map with the affected business owners along the corridor. Mr. Bird explained the

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“tough balancing act” associated with the proposed improvements, noting the impossibility of “accommodating everyone.” He further explained that the most frequently used roads were chosen for acceleration / deceleration lanes. He expressed appreciation for the comments and advised that he would consider additional improvements. Vice Chairperson Esswein acknowledged the potential difficulties associated with the proposed improvements, but “from the county’s perspective, the benefit to the broader community ... far outweighs the difficulties that an individual business might experience ...” Mr. Bird advised that NDOT representatives plan to schedule a public forum and to extend an invitation to “every property owner along this corridor.”

In response to a question, Mr. Bird advised there is currently no frontage system along Highway 50 East. In response to a further question, he advised that NDOT will construct a frontage road from Linehan Road to Newman Lane. In response to a comment, he pointed out the location of a future freeway interchange on BLM property on the south side of U.S. Highway 50 East. Member Aldean advised of an ongoing dialogue between Carson City and BLM representatives regarding an alternate location for the BLM hot shots facility, and that the previously-described location will be examined as a possibility. In response to a question, Mr. Bird advised that NDOT representatives would need to review BLM’s proposal in order to determine how to accommodate increased traffic prior to completion of the freeway interchange. He suggested the possibility of a “high-T median treatment” in the interim. He acknowledged a willingness to serve as the NDOT contact person for the multi-jurisdictional task force scheduled to meet on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Stanio provided background information on an NDOT team which is “coordinating all projects on U.S. 50.”

In response to Member Carpenter’s earlier comments, Ex-Officio Member Taylor explained that the subject corridor study was conducted with a “very, very large degree of public participation ...” In addition, a U.S. Highway 50 advisory committee, comprised of business owners and residents, was convened following completion of the corridor study. Ms. Stanio provided additional background information on county representative participation in the corridor study.

Chairperson Des Jardins opened this item to public comment; however, none was forthcoming. At his request, Mr. Bird and Ms. Stanio provided their contact information. Member Mallery provided background information on Ms. Stanio’s employment with NDOT, and commended her on the subject improvement project. Ms. Stanio offered the displayed plat to Mr. Pittenger. In response to a comment, Mr. Bird explained the concept of a high-T intersection. Chairperson Des Jardins thanked Ms. Stanio and Mr. Bird for their attendance and presentation.

**F-2. ACTION TO APPROVE A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CAMPO 2030 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (“RTP”)(5:57:23)** - Chairperson Des Jardins introduced this item. Mr. Doenges reviewed the agenda report and the attachments, and responded to questions of clarification. Chairperson Des Jardins opened this item to public comment and, when none was forthcoming, entertained a motion. **Member Aldean moved to approve the proposed amendment to the CAMPO 2030 Regional Transportation Plan. Member Crowell seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.**

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**F-3. ACTION TO APPROVE A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CAMPO FFY 2009 - 2012 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (“TIP”) (6:02:58)** - Chairperson Des Jardins introduced this item. Mr. Doenges reviewed the agenda report and the attachments. Chairperson Des Jardins opened this item to public comment and, when none was forthcoming, entertained a motion. **Member Crowell moved to approve the proposed amendment to the CAMPO FFY 2009 - 2012 Transportation Improvement Program. Member Aldean seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.**

**G. INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**G-1. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (6:05:59)** - Mr. Pittenger reviewed the tentative October CAMPO agenda.

**H. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (6:06:24)** - Member Aldean moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 p.m. Vice Chairperson Esswein seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The Minutes of the September 9, 2009 Carson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting are so approved this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009.

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CHARLES DES JARDINS, Chair