

# **CARSON AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

## **Minutes of the December 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, December 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 James Mallory

Ex-Officio Member Dennis Taylor

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

Dan Doenges, Senior Transportation Planner

Kathleen King, Recording Secretary

Patrick Pittenger, Transportation Planner

Darren Schulz, Deputy Public Works Director - Engineering

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**A. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** (5:29:48) - Chairperson Des Jardins called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Roll was called; a quorum was present. Member Foltz was absent.

**B. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - November 4, 2009** (5:31:13) - Member Aldean moved to approve the minutes, as presented. Member Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

**C. MODIFICATION OF AGENDA** (5:31:47) - None.

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT** (5:31:59) - None.

**E. DISCLOSURES** (5:32:50) - None.

**F. PUBLIC MEETING ITEMS:**

**F-1. ACTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED CAMPO FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2010 - 2013 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ("TIP")** (5:33:20) - Chairperson Des Jardins introduced this item. Mr. Doenges provided background information and reviewed the agenda report. At Member Aldean's request, Mr. Doenges described corrections to the TIP, copies of which were included in the agenda materials.

Member Crowell advised of having received e-mail correspondence earlier in the day indicating that the federal appropriations bill designated approximately \$770,000 for phase 2 highway funding. Mr. Pittenger acknowledged having received the same information. In response to a question, Ex-Officio Member Taylor explained that "until the money is actually posted to the federal management information system, it's not real ... Oftentimes, ... an appropriation is made and it can take as much as two months or longer, in some

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cases, before that is actually posted. Once it is posted, that's when [NDOT] will give Carson City official notice that money is, in fact, available." NDOT will then recommend to Mr. Pittenger to amend the TIP accordingly. In response to a comment, Ex-Officio Member Taylor explained the process for posting money to the federal management information system. Discussion ensued and, in response to a question, Mr. Pittenger speculated that the appropriations bill designation was in response to a joint letter from the four metropolitan planning organizations and NDOT to the Congressional delegation. Ex-Officio Member Taylor agreed, and advised that NDOT annually submits appropriations requests for major projects. In addition, an application was submitted for the TIGER grant with a response expected in February 2010. Ex-Officio Member Taylor reiterated that nothing will be known until the funding is posted to the federal management information system. Additional discussion ensued, and Ex-Officio Member Taylor explained that the funding allocation will have "language attached" specifying its use.

Chairperson Des Jardins entertained public comment and, when none was forthcoming, a motion. **Member Carpenter moved to approve the proposed CAMPO federal fiscal year 2010 - 2013 transportation improvement program; with no indicated fiscal impact. Member Aldean seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.**

**F-2. INFORMATION REGARDING THE AFFECT OF THE RECENT FEDERAL RESCISSION ON THE FEDERAL METROPOLITAN PLANNING FUNDS ALLOCATED TO CAMPO** (5:43:04) - Chairperson Des Jardins introduced this item, and Mr. Pittenger reviewed the agenda report. Ex-Officio Member Taylor provided background information, reviewed the November 18, 2009 letter included in the agenda materials, and responded to questions of clarification. At Member Aldean's request, Ex-Officio Member Taylor explained the process for obligating funds. Extensive discussion ensued.

In response to a question, Mr. Pittenger advised of having been informed, a number of months ago by Ex-Officio Member Taylor, of the importance of obligating the Fifth Street and Goni Road enhancement projects by a certain date. Mr. Pittenger assured the CAMPO members that the projects were obligated and are now under construction "so we did not have any of our enhancement projects rescinded."

Chairperson Des Jardins entertained public comment and, when none was forthcoming, thanked Ex-Officio Member Taylor for his presentation.

## **G. INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**G-1. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** (6:15:20) - None.

**H. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT** (6:15:42) - Member Aldean moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Member Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

The Minutes of the December 9, 2009 Carson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization are so approved this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2010.

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CHARLES DES JARDINS, Chair