

CARSON AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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A regular meeting of the Carson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization was scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 11, 2010 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson James Mallery
Vice Chairperson Paul Esswein
Member Shelly Aldean
Member Russell Carpenter
Member Robert Crowell
Member Charles Des Jardins
Member Jeff Foltz
Ex-Officio Member Dennis Taylor

STAFF: Darren Schulz, Deputy Public Works Director
Patrick Pittenger, Transportation Manager
Ken Smithson, Transit Coordinator
Jeff Sharp, City Engineer
Kim Belt, Capital Projects Manager
Joel Benton, Senior Deputy District Attorney
Kathleen King, Recording Secretary

NOTE: A recording of these proceedings, the CAMPO's agenda materials, and any written comments or documentation provided to the recording secretary during the meeting are part of the public record. These materials are available for review, in the Clerk's Office, during regular business hours.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM (4:30:11) - Chairperson Mallery called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Roll was called; a quorum was present.

B. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - July 14, 2010 (4:31:26) - Member Aldean moved to approve the minutes, as presented. Member Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

C. MODIFICATION OF AGENDA (4:31:50) - None.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT (4:31:56) - None.

E. DISCLOSURES (4:32:33) - None.

F. PUBLIC MEETING ITEMS:

F-1. INFORMATION REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE CARSON CITY FREEWAY (4:32:42) - Chairperson Mallery introduced this item, and Mr. Pittenger introduced NDOT Senior Project Manager Jim Gallegos. Mr. Gallegos narrated a SlideShow presentation on the status of the Carson City Freeway. He described the phase 1 and phase 2 freeway alignment, and advised that the freeway is approximately 70 percent complete. He reviewed a project schedule delineating the various phases, and described the corresponding status of each phase. He advised of a 2012 / 2013 target for the final phase "and target dates for completion, depending upon availability of funding will be the 2014 to 2016 dates ...

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that have been made public recently.” He reviewed construction costs for the various phases. He expressed the opinion that the “good news for this freeway project compared to others around the State is that we do have all the right-of-way required for this project. So, if there is money available, we can move quickly to get the rest of the project complete.” Mr. Gallegos narrated photographs of the various freeway phases. He advised that estimated costs for the “final package” have been reduced “from ... \$140 - \$160 million to \$120 million with current market conditions.”

In response to a question, Mr. Gallegos advised that all required archaeological studies are complete. In response to a further question, he advised that the North Carson Crossing developer obtained an encroachment permit to remove a portion of the freeway sound wall. NDOT personnel monitored the work, and the sound wall removal is nearly complete. In response to a further question, he advised that funding sources for completion of the freeway have not yet been identified. Projects are being considered statewide, and plans are being made “far enough ahead so that we can anticipate the best time to try and obtain the funding we need for the project.” Ex-Officio Member Taylor provided additional clarification and advised that the final phase of the freeway will likely be bonded. Mr. Gallegos advised that NDOT personnel have been “working very hard on other methods for procuring projects, including design-build ...” He described “an unsolicited type of bid where a contractor can come to NDOT and say, ‘We’d like to construct the rest of the freeway ... and we’d like to finance the project and these are the terms ...’” He acknowledged the unsolicited bid scenario would be a public / private partnership. Member Crowell thanked NDOT personnel, and expressed understanding for the funding constraints.

Chairperson Mallery entertained public comment; however, none was forthcoming. He thanked Mr. Gallegos for addressing the CAMPO’s questions in his presentation. He expressed appreciation for the reduction in the freeway cost, and commended Mr. Gallegos’ presentation.

F-2. INFORMATION REGARDING THE PROPOSED CAMPO FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2011 - 2014 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (“TIP”) (4:46:25) - Chairperson Mallery introduced this item, and Mr. Pittenger reviewed the agenda materials. At Member Aldean’s request, he reviewed revisions between the previous and proposed TIPs. Ex-Officio Member Taylor thanked Mr. Pittenger and Transportation Division staff, and commended the working relationship between the City and NDOT. Ex-Officio Member Taylor reviewed the time line associated with incorporating the subject TIP into the State Transportation Improvement Plan. Chairperson Mallery entertained additional CAMPO member and public comments. None were forthcoming.

F-3. ACTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED CAMPO METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA (“MPA”) BOUNDARY EXPANSION AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SUBMIT A LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR REQUESTING HIS SUPPORT AND APPROVAL OF THE BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT (4:50:27) - Chairperson Mallery introduced this item. Mr. Pittenger provided background information and reviewed the agenda materials. Vice Chairperson Esswein expressed appreciation, on behalf of the Lyon County Board of Commissioners, for Carson City’s willingness to absorb a portion of the first-year costs associated with the proposed boundary adjustment. He advised that the Lyon County Board of Commissioners is very anxious to see the CAMPO boundary expanded, and expressed understanding for “the ongoing responsibilities to be a contributing member.” Member Des Jardins expressed appreciation and support for the proposed boundary expansion, and looked forward to the results of the 2010 Census in consideration of “logically expanding the boundaries even further, especially into Douglas County.”

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Chairperson Mallory entertained additional CAMPO member and public comments. In response to a question, Mr. Benton advised that forgiveness of the \$5,315 debt was not agendized as part of the subject item. He expressed the understanding that the debt is not an impediment to proposed expansion of the CAMPO boundary. He acknowledged a recommendation that the CAMPO agendize formal action to forgive the debt at a future meeting. Mr. Pittenger suggested the appropriate time to agendize such an item would be following receipt of a response to the request letter. He assured the CAMPO members that staff will not invoice any entity until such time as disposition of the request letter is known.

Chairperson Mallory entertained additional questions or comments and, when none were forthcoming, a motion. **Vice Chairperson Esswein moved to approve the proposed CAMPO metropolitan planning area boundary expansion and to authorize the chair to submit a letter to the governor requesting his support and approval of the boundary adjustment. Member Crowell seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.**

F-4. INFORMATION REGARDING THE PROPOSED “TRIANGLE” TRANSIT SERVICE CONNECTING CARSON CITY, SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, AND MINDEN (4:56:59) -
Chairperson Mallory introduced this item, and Mr. Pittenger reviewed the agenda report. Mr. Smithson reviewed highlights of the PowerPoint presentation included in the agenda materials. He acknowledged that public outreach will certainly be a part of the overall process. “Once we get something more concrete that we can take to the public that has costs, financial considerations, as well as service design, then it would be appropriate to take it to the public.” Member Aldean suggested encouraging the input of current riders.

At Member Des Jardins’ request, Mr. Smithson provided additional detail of the “triangle” transit service, in conjunction with the PowerPoint presentation included in the agenda materials. Member Foltz advised of having transmitted the agenda materials to the DART System operator, who expressed “a number of concerns.” Member Foltz expressed appreciation for the previously-stated intent to schedule public meetings. In consideration of the expiration of the current 21X agreement, Mr. Smithson advised that staff may request an extension of time in September. He acknowledged that extensions of time could be on a month-to-month basis. Because of significant changes with BlueGO administration, Mr. Pittenger emphasized “there will be changes to route 21X and route 20X.”

Chairperson Mallory entertained additional CAMPO member questions or comments, and public comments. No public comment was forthcoming. In consideration of the “one service, one operator” proposal indicated in the staff report, Chairperson Mallory anticipated increased efficiency. “Less need for multiple dispatch, multiple mechanics, multiple driver training programs and supervisors, etc.” He inquired as to costs associated with the triangle system, and Mr. Smithson agreed to provide information to the CAMPO members at future meetings. He, too, anticipates greater efficiency and expressed the hope that will translate into reduced cost.

In response to a question regarding MV Transportation’s lawsuit, Mr. Pittenger advised that the BlueGO agency has been served as well as the entire STATA board. “Because the Tahoe Transportation District has a representative on the STATA board, ... the Tahoe Transportation District, ... as an agency, has been served.” Mr. Pittenger advised that, although he serves as a member of the Tahoe Transportation District Board, he has not personally been served with the lawsuit. In response to a question, Mr. Benton was unaware of any Carson City or City-related agency having been served.

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Chairperson Mallery entertained additional CAMPO member comments and called again for public comments. None were forthcoming.

G. INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

G-1. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (5:07:25) - Mr. Pittenger reviewed the tentative September CAMPO agenda.

H. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (5:07:42) - Member Aldean moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:07 p.m. Vice Chairperson Esswein seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The Minutes of the August 11, 2010 Carson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting are so approved this 8th day of September, 2010.

JAMES MALLERY, Chair