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A regular meeting of the Carson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization was scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 9, 2011 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada

PRESENT: Chairperson Charles Des Jardins

Vice Chairperson Jeff Foltz

Member Shelly Aldean

Member Russell Carpenter

Member Ray Fierro

Member James Mallery

Ex-Officio Member Dennis Taylor

STAFF: Darren Schulz, Deputy Public Works Director

Patrick Pittenger, Transportation Manager

Daniel Doenges, Senior Transportation Planner

Tina Russom, Deputy District Attorney

Kathleen King, Deputy Clerk / Recording Secretary

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A. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM (4:31:35) - Chairperson Des Jardins called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. Roll was called; a quorum was present. Member Crowell was absent. (4:35:21) Chairperson Des Jardins introduced Member Fierro and provided background information on his appointment.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT (4:33:57) - Chairperson Des Jardins entertained public comment; however, none was forthcoming.

C. POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 12, 2011 (4:34:49) - Member Aldean moved to approve the minutes, as presented. Member Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0-1, Member Fierro abstaining.

D. AGENDA MANAGEMENT (4:35:55) - Chairperson Des Jardins entertained modifications to the agenda; however, none were forthcoming.

E. DISCLOSURES (4:36:19) - None.

F. PUBLIC MEETING ITEMS:

F-1. INFORMATION ON THE STATUS OF THE UPDATE TO THE CAMPO TRAVEL DEMAND MODEL AND 2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN ("RTP") (4:36:51) - Chairperson Des Jardins introduced this item. Mr. Pittenger provided background information and provided a detailed review of the agenda materials. In response to a question, he advised that the travel demand model is systemwide. Member Aldean noted major development as a factor, in addition to population increase and roadway improvements, which affects travel patterns and volumes. In response

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to a question, Mr. Pittenger advised that land use professionals from each county were closely involved in the forecasting aspect of the travel demand model. In response to a question, Mr. Doenges advised that the consultant provided model documentation which details all the assumptions. It is currently in draft form and will be posted to the website in the near future. In response to a further question, Mr. Pittenger explained the ability to designate a segment of the model to determine trip origins and destinations of the vehicles forecasted to be traveling there.

In response to a comment, Mr. Doenges advised that 2010 census data was incorporated into the base model, as well as employment estimates. The urbanized area boundary data will not be available until next spring. Mr. Doenges anticipates most of the change to be reflected in the Douglas County area. In response to a question, he advised that the travel demand model does not currently extend to the Minden / Gardnerville area. “We’re dealing with a big unknown until they do release those urbanized area boundaries. Of course, once that does become available, we’ll be in talks with Douglas County and setting new planning area boundaries because, ideally, you want your planning area boundaries to not only encompass the urbanized area but a logical distance beyond that ...”

At Vice Chairperson Foltz’s request, Mr. Doenges agreed to provide a draft of the model documentation to the CAMPO members. In response to a question, he advised that freeway through-trips are designated by external and internal zones and by county. “We don’t have it specifically for the freeway corridor.” He offered to research the availability of the information. He expressed the belief there are approximately seven areas within the model and external stations which would be on the ends of Highways 50 and 395. Member Mallery expressed an interest in the percentage of vehicles traveling north / south which “would not stop at all vis-a-vis what it was before 2010.” Mr. Doenges advised that this level of detail will be included in the transportation plan as it develops.

With regard to the Illustrative Improvements to the CAMPO Travel Demand Model table which was included in the agenda materials, Mr. Pittenger requested input from the CAMPO members and from citizens relative to “any improvements that should be modeled as we go forward.” He advised that a public meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, November 30th to receive input. He acknowledged that staff will be able to answer questions about the model documentation. “... we will take questions about any aspect of the Regional Transportation Plan, any mode, anything that relates.”

Mr. Pittenger acknowledged that Hillview Drive will be reopened, and Member Fierro commended the idea in consideration of bicyclists. Mr. Pittenger expressed the belief that Hillview Drive will be an important future link for local connectivity. He clarified that the roadway will not be reopened prior to the freeway opening in order to avoid inviting “through traffic into that neighborhood and the school zone and the like.” Mr. Pittenger responded to questions of clarification relative to Ormsby Boulevard, as depicted in the fiscally constrained 2011 - 2035 daily model growth map included in the agenda materials.

Chairperson Des Jardins entertained additional questions or comments of the CAMPO members and public comment. None was forthcoming.

F-2. POSSIBLE ACTION TO AWARD FORMER CHAIRPERSON PAUL ESSWEIN A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION IN GRATITUDE FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE CAMPO
(5:04:46) - Chairperson Des Jardins introduced this item, and entertained comments of the CAMPO members. Member Aldean referred to her comments at the last meeting in appreciation of former

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Chairperson Esswein's service to the CAMPO. She advised that Mr. Esswein was recently appointed to the Carson City Planning Commission, and expressed appreciation for his ongoing commitment to public service. Mr. Pittenger thanked Mr. Esswein and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to have worked with him.

Chairperson Des Jardins entertained a motion. **Member Carpenter moved to award former Chairperson Paul Esswein a certificate of appreciation in gratitude for his service on the CAMPO Board. Member Aldean seconded the motion.** Chairperson Des Jardins entertained public comment and, when none was forthcoming, called for a vote on the pending motion. **Motion carried 6-0.** Chairperson Des Jardins presented Mr. Esswein with the certificate of appreciation, expressed appreciation for the opportunity to have served with him, and read into the record the language of the certificate. The CAMPO members, City staff, and citizens present applauded.

(5:10:15) Mr. Esswein expressed the opinion that Lyon County is now in a good position to actively participate in transportation decisions relative to the CAMPO area. He expressed confidence in Member Fierro's abilities and provided background information on his experience and qualifications. He thanked the CAMPO members and City staff.

G. INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (5:13:54) - At Member Aldean's request, Ex-Officio Member Taylor provided information on the status of the new surface transportation bill, MAP-21. Ex-Officio Member Taylor acknowledged the biggest hurdles are length, duration, and cost. He advised that "it is still uncertain at this point ... as to exactly what but ... we're hoping ... we are going to be funded as we had been in past years as opposed to the anticipated \$34 million cut." Ex-Officio Member Taylor provided an overview of the discussions to date, relative to combining programs, eliminating the bicycle pedestrian programs, reorganizing metropolitan planning organizations, etc. "At this time, it is still very, very, very uncertain. We do have a continuing resolution through March 31st ... that's a good thing but that's only half of what we anticipate. ... It's just wait and see." Discussion followed.

G-1. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (5:11:35) - Chairperson Des Jardins entertained requests for future agenda items from the CAMPO members; however, none were forthcoming. Mr. Pittenger reviewed the tentative agenda for the December CAMPO meeting.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT (5:16:23) - Chairperson Des Jardins entertained public comment; however, none was forthcoming.

I. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (5:17:44) - Member Aldean moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:17 p.m. Member Mallery seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

The Minutes of the November 9, 2011 Carson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting are so approved this 14th day of December, 2011.

CHARLES DES JARDINS, Chair