

# **CARSON AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

## **Minutes of the April 11, 2012 Meeting**

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A regular meeting of the Carson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization was scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 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 Ray Fierro

Member James Mallery

Member John McKenna

Member James Smolenski

Ex-Officio Member Dennis Taylor

**STAFF:** Andrew Burnham, Public Works Department Director

Darren Schulz, Deputy Public Works Director

Daniel Doenges, Senior Transportation Planner

Ken Smithson, Transit Coordinator

Jeff Sharp, City Engineer

Tina Russom, Deputy District Attorney

Kathleen King, Deputy Clerk / Recording Secretary

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**A. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM** (4:30:20) - Chairperson Des Jardins called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Roll was called; a quorum was present. Member Fierro arrived at 4:33 p.m.

**B. PUBLIC COMMENT** (4:32:20) - Chairperson Des Jardins entertained public comment; however, none was forthcoming.

**C. POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 14, 2012** (4:33:09) - Member Aldean moved to approve the minutes, as presented. Member Smolenski seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0-1. Member Fierro arrived at 4:33 p.m.

**D. AGENDA MANAGEMENT NOTICE** (4:33:50) - Chairperson Des Jardins entertained modifications to the agenda; however, none were forthcoming.

**E. DISCLOSURES** (4:34:16) - None.

**F. CONSENT AGENDA** (4:34:48) - Chairperson Des Jardins entertained requests to hear items separate from the consent agenda. Member Aldean requested to separately hear item F-2. Chairperson Des Jardins entertained public comment and, when none was forthcoming, a motion to approve item F-1. **Member Fierro moved to accept the consent agenda, as presented, with the removal of item F-2. Member Mallery seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.**

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#### **F-1. POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT FUNDING FOR THE ROUTE 50 BIKE PATH IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

**F-2. POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO GRANTEE AGREEMENT NO. P010-11-802 WITH THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (“NDOT”) TO PROVIDE TO CAMPO NON-FEDERAL STATE FUNDS TO USE AS LOCAL MATCH TOWARD CAPITAL PURCHASES** (4:36:46) - Chairperson Des Jardins introduced this item, and Member Aldean noted a clerical correction to the amendment included in the agenda materials. Chairperson Des Jardins entertained a motion. **Member Aldean moved to approve Amendment No. 2 to Grantee Agreement No. P010-11-802 with the Nevada Department of Transportation to provide to CAMPO non-federal state funds to use as local match toward capital purchases; fiscal impact \$37,500 in revenue to CAMPO. Member Mallory seconded the motion.** Chairperson Des Jardins entertained public comment and, when none was forthcoming, called for a vote on the pending motion. **Motion carried 7-0.**

#### **G. PUBLIC MEETING ITEMS:**

**G-1. INFORMATION REGARDING THE NEVADA STATE BICYCLE PLAN DEVELOPED BY THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (“NDOT”)** (4:38:43) - Chairperson Des Jardins introduced this item. Mr. Doenges reviewed the agenda report, and introduced NDOT Transportation Planner / Analyst Bill Story, who provided an overview of the Statewide Bicycle Plan and narrated a corresponding SlideShow presentation. Mr. Story responded to questions of clarification regarding training sessions for public works officials. Member Aldean discussed the importance of bicycle safety training in consideration of pedestrians. In response to a question, Mr. Story anticipates a plan component which will “describe, in general, what the needs statewide for safety are.” He advised that his staff is currently coordinating a strategy for statewide development of safety programs, and that funding will be available for “hands-on expertise ... to assist in training programs.”

Member Aldean discussed the concerns of the Parks and Recreation Commission and various City staff regarding the American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act “that would affect certain aspects of the transportation program with respect to allowing states to build bridges without including safe access for bicyclists and pedestrians, in particular, and would eliminate bicycle and pedestrian coordinators from state departments of transportation. She inquired as to NDOT’s position. Mr. Story advised that the 1990 Nevada State Legislature created the bicycle and pedestrian coordinator in statute. “... the funding revenue for education that comes through via driver’s license fees and driver’s license renewals ... is under state law separate from ... federal law.” Ex-Officio Member Taylor advised that NDOT has not taken “a firm position because we’re still evaluating all of the language. There’s a lot of different things going on right now with continuing ... multi-year bill, and ... MAP-21, things of that nature. However, we’ve always had a policy, regardless of what project we do, to consider all modes of transportation and whether or not that project can facilitate or has a need to provide for access for ... pedestrians, bicycle, transit, etc.” Ex-Officio Member Taylor emphasized that “NDOT’s number one goal is safety ...”

Chairperson Des Jardins entertained additional questions or comments of Mr. Story and, when none were forthcoming, public comment. (5:02:04) Barbara Jones requested appropriate signage for Dayton. Ex-Officio Member Taylor provided an overview of the community outreach process conducted by NDOT, which solicited information from community representatives regarding “a plan, ... an update to their plan

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... or ... assistance to updating their plan.” Mr. Story advised that all the rural counties had provided input. Ex-Officio Member Taylor advised that “the next step will be ... to ... figure out how much it would cost to really ... develop the plan, what will we be doing, actually starting from scratch or updating your plan, and then my discussions with my boss today is let's see what we can do. ... if we can pull this off, we are going to assist in doing your local plan for you because it goes hand in hand with the statewide plan, but we need your input. You know your community better than we do.”

Chairperson Des Jardins encouraged Ms. Jones to follow the process closely, and entertained additional public comment. None was forthcoming. In response to a previous question, Member Aldean advised of a work element addressing bike route sign inventory and mapping. She clarified there is not yet an identified source of funding, “but it is on the agenda to ... help maintain the existing bike route system of the CAMPO planning area as a more safe and user-friendly network and to obtain new signage should a funding source be identified.” She assured Ms. Jones “it is on our radar screen. It's just a matter of identifying a funding source.” Chairperson Des Jardins thanked Mr. Story for his excellent presentation.

#### **G-2. INFORMATION REGARDING THE NEVADA STATE RAIL PLAN DEVELOPED BY THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (“NDOT”)** (5:05:38) - Chairperson Des Jardins introduced this item. Mr. Smithson introduced NDOT Transportation Planner / Analyst Matt Furedy and Mike McCarly, of Jacobs Engineering. Mr. McCarly narrated a SlideShow presentation of the plan update.

Chairperson Des Jardins entertained questions or comments of Mr. McCarly. Member Mallory discussed concerns relative to NDOT's lack of purview over railways. He expressed the opinion that “if you want the railroad to do anything, you've got to bring bags of money. And that's what piques the railroads' interest on fixing something, whether it's a geometric or an alignment or adding capacity ...” He discussed concerns over the seeming lack of detail regarding railroad choke points, and expressed the opinion “that a distinction needs to be made that NDOT has no authority over the railroads but it has total authority over all of the highways ..., the bicycle path stuff, and many of the other things that go on.” Mr. McCarly acknowledged the accuracy of Member Mallory's statements relative to NDOT's lack of purview over the railways. “However, in our conversations with the railroads ..., they want to be good stewards as well.” Mr. McCarly advised of never having encountered a reluctance, on the part of railway representatives, to work with State representatives “within their business model.” He further advised that the State has additional right-of-way. “One of the issues that we came across was these sidings that the railroads require now, if they don't actually have the right-of-way currently, they're going to have to come to either BLM or the State or somebody for these sidings. Now, these sidings ... are five or six miles ... ... It's in their best interests to come work with the State of Nevada.”

Member Mallory clarified his concerns relative to choke points in that “if there's a choke point in Wyoming that's affecting Nevada rail traffic, that ought to be addressed in the plan ... because, if it's affecting Nevada, then it's affecting our state.” Mr. McCarly commended Member Mallory's comments and advised of having “explore[d] and had extensive conversations with them about Donner Pass. That is more weather-related than anything and it's seasonal. As far as stacking up in the Ports of Oakland,” Mr. McCarly advised of having discussed the Inland Ports Bill. “And there's two locations or two areas that have expressed interest in the inland port concept. Nevada has passed legislation concerning the inland ports, authorizing them, and so that could be, in fact, a significant advantage to the State of Nevada and that's discussed thoroughly in the plan as well.” Member Mallory discussed the effects of highway damage

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done by transport trucks, “and the rail is key to this because it ... allows the capacity of the highway and the maintenance issues on the highway to be moved out into the future.” He noted the importance of a regional approach to a rail plan. “You need to look at where you’re going and where you’re coming from and then how does Nevada fit into that.” Mr. McCarly acknowledged the point and the accuracy of Member Mallory’s comments, and advised “that’s what the inland port process is all about.” He explained the Federal Railroad Administration (“FRA”) has required every state to develop a plan “so that it will roll up into the regional plans. ... the FRA is working on that currently ... so your concerns are addressed through the FRA’s efforts.”

Ex-Officio Member Taylor advised of having been selected to serve as a member of the Western States Regional Rail Plan committee. “And there is currently a Western States Regional Plan underway that includes Arizona, California, Utah, Nevada. We have Federal Railroad Administration there, we have Federal Highways [Administration] folks there, we have all the DOTs represented there. We have all of the major rail lines represented and ... those are exactly the type of things that we’re addressing and that’s what makes us and our rail plan so very, very timely because we’ve got current information to help feed right into the regional rail plan.” He emphasized that policies and regulations are being reviewed as part of the process “because ... there may be a necessity at some time in the future to be changing those laws and rules and regulations to better accommodate rail freight and passenger movement.”

Member Mallory emphasized the critical nature of the “Nevada segment of this rail ...” in consideration of foreign shipments. “So if you’ve got a rail system where everything’s flowing smoothly, then the port works better, the system works better, and the state actually greatly benefits from that by being a pass through without any impediments. Mr. McCarly agreed. Chairperson Des Jardins commended the discussion, and suggested that additional comments be conveyed to Mr. McCarly. He entertained public comment and, when none was forthcoming, thanked Mr. McCarly for his presentation.

**G-3. POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CAMPO FISCAL YEAR 2012 - 2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (“TIP”)**  
(5:31:41) - Chairperson Des Jardins introduced this item, and Mr. Doenges reviewed the agenda materials. Chairperson Des Jardins entertained CAMPO member questions or comments. Member Fierro advised the two citizens from the Dayton area, who were present in the meeting room, of the two bicycle and pedestrian improvements projects proposed for Lyon County. “One’s for the Carson River multi-use path and the other one’s the Dayton Safe Routes to Schools Program.”

Chairperson Des Jardins entertained additional CAMPO member questions or comments and, when none were forthcoming, public comments. When none were forthcoming, he entertained a motion. **Member Fierro moved to approve the proposed amendments to the CAMPO Fiscal Year 2012 - 2015 Transportation Improvement Program. Member McKenna seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.**

**G-4. INFORMATION REGARDING THE CAMPO 2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (“RTP”)**  
(5:34:44) - Chairperson Des Jardins introduced this item, and Mr. Doenges reviewed the agenda materials. Chairperson Des Jardins entertained questions or comments of the CAMPO members; however, none were forthcoming. He entertained public comment; however, none was forthcoming.

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**G-5. INFORMATION REGARDING THE DRAFT CAMPO FISCAL YEAR 2013 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (“UPWP”)** (5:39:31) - Chairperson Des Jardins introduced this item, and Mr. Doenges reviewed the agenda materials. Member Aldean noted a necessary correction to the figures in Work Element 2.3. Chairperson Des Jardins noted a public information meeting scheduled for April 18<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Chairperson Des Jardins entertained public comment; however, none was forthcoming.

**G-6. INITIAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE RELEASE OF THE 2010 CENSUS URBANIZED AREA BOUNDARIES** (5:45:33) - Chairperson Des Jardins introduced this item, and Mr. Doenges reviewed the agenda materials. In response to a question, Ex-Officio Member Taylor explained the differences in the terms “urban area” and “urban cluster.” Mr. Doenges provided additional clarification. In the interest of time, Chairperson Des Jardins suggested re-agendizing this item for the next CAMPO meeting.

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

**H-1. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** (5:52:12) - Chairperson Des Jardins entertained requests for future agenda items. Ex-Officio Member Taylor suggested agendizing a presentation on NDOT’s Zero Fatalities Initiative. Mr. Doenges reviewed the tentative agenda for the May CAMPO meeting.

**I. CAMPO MEMBER COMMENTS** (5:54:15) - Chairperson Des Jardins entertained CAMPO member comments. Member Fierro thanked Mr. Pittenger for his April 4<sup>th</sup> presentation to the Lyon County Advisory Boards. Chairperson Des Jardins entertained additional CAMPO member comments; however, none were forthcoming.

**J. PUBLIC COMMENT** (5:55:01) - Chairperson Des Jardins entertained public comment; however, none was forthcoming.

**K. ACTION TO ADJOURN** (5:55:52) - A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

The Minutes of the April 11, 2012 Carson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting are so approved this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012.

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CHARLES DES JARDINS, Chair