

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, July 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

Ex-Officio Member Dennis Taylor

STAFF: Andrew Burnham, Public Works Department Director

Darren Schulz, Deputy Public Works Director

Patrick Pittenger, Transportation Manager

Daniel Doenges, Senior Transportation Planner

Ken Smithson, Transit Coordinator

Jeff Sharp, City Engineer

Joe Ward, Senior Deputy District Attorney

Kathleen King, Deputy Clerk / Recording Secretary

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A. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM (4:31:21) - Chairperson Des Jardins called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. Roll was called; a quorum was present. Member Smolenski was absent.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT (4:32:58) - Chairperson Des Jardins entertained public comment; however, none was forthcoming.

C. POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June 13, 2012 (4:33:39) - Member Aldean moved to approve the minutes, as presented. Member McKenna seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

D. AGENDA MANAGEMENT NOTICE (4:34:14) - Chairperson Des Jardins entertained modifications to the agenda; however, none were forthcoming.

E. DISCLOSURES (4:34:39) - None.

F. PUBLIC MEETING ITEMS:

F-1. INFORMATION ONLY ON THE STATUS OF THE CARSON CITY FREEWAY (4:35:07) - Chairperson Des Jardins introduced this item, and Mr. Pittenger introduced NDOT Freeway Project Manager Nick Johnson. (4:36:08) Mr. Johnson provided an overview and narrated a PowerPoint presentation on the status of the freeway project.

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Member Mallory commended Mr. Johnson's presentation. In response to a question, Mr. Johnson advised that Snyder Avenue will be increased in capacity "to some extent, but in going through the traffic volumes, what we have proposed to build will handle that." He acknowledged Snyder Avenue will remain one lane in each direction. In response to a further question, he advised that there will be no aesthetic treatments to the detention basin fencing along South Carson Street. He acknowledged that the streets to be closed during construction will be large enough at the ends to accommodate vehicles turning around. In response to a question, Mr. Burnham advised that the City incurred some costs associated with the utility relocations "because [NDOT was] there first ..." In response to a further question, he estimated the City's portion of the costs in the \$600,000 range. Member McKenna inquired as to the possibility of negotiating civic use of the detention basins, and discussed concerns regarding traffic volumes associated with construction detours near the Stewart Indian Community. He suggested that NDOT reconsider detours in the area or consider closing streets to local use only, and discussion followed. Member Fierro discussed concerns relative to emergency vehicle access from the Fire Station located on Snyder Avenue. In response to a question, Mr. Johnson advised of discussions with Fire Department personnel, and that Ponderosa Street will remain open during bridge construction.

Chairperson Des Jardins thanked Mr. Johnson for his presentation, and requested him to provide frequent status reports. In response to a question, Mr. Johnson provided an overview of comments received during and following a recent public information meeting. Chairperson Des Jardins discussed the importance of moving the freeway project along to completion. Vice Chairperson Foltz thanked Mr. Johnson for his presentation and, in response to a question, Mr. Johnson advised that the planning process for the remainder of the freeway is anticipated to move forward in the near future. Ex-Officio Member Taylor advised of a new transportation bill. He further advised that Phase 2B-2 is considered a priority project, and that his division is working very closely with the scoping team.

Chairperson Des Jardins entertained public comment; however, none was forthcoming. In response to a question, Mr. Johnson advised that the interchange will not be redesigned. He acknowledged that other alternatives had been considered, but nothing was found to be as effective from an operational standpoint. Ex-Officio Member Taylor provided additional clarification. Chairperson Des Jardins again thanked Mr. Johnson and requested him to provide another status report within six to nine months.

F-2. INFORMATION ONLY ON THE PROPOSED CAMPO FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2013 - 2016 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ("TIP") (5:03:57) - Chairperson Des Jardins introduced this item, and Mr. Doenges reviewed the agenda materials. Chairperson Des Jardins entertained CAMPO member and public comments and, when none were forthcoming, thanked Mr. Doenges for his presentation.

F-3. INFORMATION ONLY ON AN UPDATE TO THE STATUS OF FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATION (5:06:23) - Chairperson Des Jardins introduced this item, and Mr. Pittenger advised that MAP-21 was signed into law on July 6th. He provided background information on and an overview of MAP-21. He advised there were no significant changes made relative to the metropolitan planning organizations or transit elements. Ex-Officio Member Taylor provided an overview of the effect of the law relative to NDOT. In response to a question, he discussed performance measures and reporting requirements. Chairperson Des Jardins entertained additional CAMPO member comments and public comments. None were forthcoming.

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G. INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

G-1. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (5:16:37) - Mr. Pittenger reviewed the tentative agenda for the August CAMPO meeting.

H. CAMPO MEMBER COMMENTS (5:17:20) - Chairperson Des Jardins entertained comments; however, none were forthcoming.

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS (5:17:43) - Chairperson Des Jardins entertained public comment; however, none was forthcoming.

J. ACTION TO ADJOURN (5:18:28) - Member Mallery moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:18 p.m. Member Aldean seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

The Minutes of the July 11, 2012 Carson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting are so approved this 12th day of September, 2012.

CHARLES DES JARDINS, Chair