

CARSON CITY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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A regular meeting of the Carson City Regional Transportation Commission was scheduled to begin following adjournment of the Carson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting on Wednesday, January 8, 2014, in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson John McKenna
Vice Chairperson James Mallery
Commissioner Brad Bonkowski
Commissioner Robert McQueary
Commissioner James Smolenski

STAFF: Darren Schulz, Deputy Public Works Director / City Engineer
Patrick Pittenger, Transportation Manager
Daniel Doenges, Senior Transportation Planner
Graham Dollarhide, Transit Coordinator
Joseph Ward, Senior Deputy District Attorney
Kathleen King, Deputy Clerk / Recording Secretary

NOTE: A recording of these proceedings, the commission'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 (5:00:12) - Chairperson McKenna called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Roll was called; a quorum was present.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT (5:00:37) - Chairperson McKenna entertained public comment; however, none was forthcoming.

C. POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 9, 2013 (5:01:06) - Vice Chairperson Mallery moved to approve the minutes, as presented. Commissioner Smolenski seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0-2, Commissioners Bonkowski and McQueary abstaining.

D. AGENDA MANAGEMENT NOTICE (5:01:44) - Chairperson McKenna entertained modifications to the agenda; however, none were forthcoming.

E. DISCLOSURES (5:02:01) - Chairperson McKenna entertained disclosures; however, none were forthcoming.

F. PUBLIC MEETING ITEMS:

F-1. INFORMATION ON A PENDING PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT APPLICATION FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ("CDBG") (5:02:18) - Chairperson McKenna introduced this item, and Mr. Pittenger reviewed the agenda materials. At Chairperson McKenna's request, he explained match funding opportunities which will result in no City funding allocations. Mr. Pittenger responded to additional questions of clarification regarding proposed

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projects. Chairperson McKenna entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

F-2. INFORMATION ON THE INITIATION OF CARSON CITY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION'S SHORT-RANGE TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN (5:07:00) - Chairperson McKenna introduced this item. Mr. Pittenger reviewed the agenda materials, and responded to questions of clarification. Chairperson McKenna entertained public comments and, when none were forthcoming, noted that no action was required on this informational item.

F-3. PRESENTATION BY THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ("NDOT") STAFF REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE CARSON CITY FREEWAY (5:13:50) - Chairperson McKenna introduced this item. Mr. Pittenger introduced NDOT Senior Project Manager Jeff LeRud, and provided an overview of his presentation. (5:15:03) Mr. LeRud narrated a PowerPoint presentation which included a status report on the southern interchange redesign, the landscape and aesthetics plan, the construction schedule and the bicycle / pedestrian plan. He responded to questions of clarification regarding various elements of the status report. Chairperson McKenna entertained additional questions of the commissioners and, when none were forthcoming, public comments.

(5:27:17) Chas Macquarrie, a Carson City resident and member of Muscle Powered, discussed the shared use path "that would extend from Old Clear Creek Road north to Appion [Way]." He suggested "it would be much better if it went all the way to Clearview because then you'd have a light to cross from the east to the west to get on the path and then be able to get back to the east." He read into the record a portion of the Federal Highway Administration policy on bicycle and pedestrian accommodation, dated March 11, 2010. He expressed appreciation for NDOT's agreement to accommodate the shared use path on the west side, and discussed the importance of integrating bicycle lanes into the design. In response to a question, Mr. Macquarrie requested, as a Muscle Powered representative, to be included in discussions between NDOT and City representatives as plans move forward through further stages of design. Mr. Pittenger acknowledged the importance of bicycles in the City's transportation plan.

Chairperson McKenna entertained additional public comment. (5:33:05) Donna Inversin, President of Muscle Powered, requested a show of hands of all those in attendance in support of bicycle and pedestrian safety. She discussed the importance of the shared multi-use path.

Chairperson McKenna entertained additional public comment. (5:35:57) James Saddleback, a member of Muscle Powered, advised that riding a bicycle in a pedestrian path is illegal. He expressed support for an overpass.

(5:37:50) DeeDee Foremaster discussed the importance of equipping traffic signals with "accessibility" elements.

(5:40:27) Bill Davies discussed concerns over the intersection at south 395 and Old Clear Creek Road. He inquired as to plans for Edmonds Drive relative to a bike path. Mr. Pittenger offered to meet with Mr. Davies to discuss his concerns.

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Mr. LeRud assured the commissioners and the citizens that NDOT is willing to keep pursuing design which will "make it safe for everybody." Discussion took place regarding the pedestrian crossing.

Chairperson McKenna entertained additional public comments. (5:51:51) Charlie Macquarrie discussed concerns regarding the pedestrian crossing on Highway 50 adjacent to the Gold Dust West. He expressed appreciation for the commission's support of the bicycle friendly community designation. In response to a question, Mr. Pittenger expressed the opinion that Highway 50 is a "joint issue" for the City and for NDOT.

(5:53:59) Dennis Coin, a member of Muscle Powered and the owner of a local bicycle shop, inquired as to NDOT's responsibilities relative to design in light of the FHA guidelines read into the record by Chas Macquarrie. Mr. LeRud advised that he would be reviewing the guidelines.

(5:56:24) Ray Rickard, a member of Muscle Powered, discussed concerns regarding bicycle access from Douglas County into Carson City. Mr. LeRud and Mr. Pittenger pointed out the access route on a displayed map.

(5:59:31) Jean Bondieth described the location of her residence west of the Clearview and Highway 395 intersection, and discussed concerns associated with crossing the Clearview intersection heading east.

(6:01:03) Courtney Bloomer, a Muscle Powered Board member and the lead for the community health improvement plan, issue K, bicycle and pedestrian safety and access, thanked NDOT for considering bike lanes. She discussed concerns regarding various bicycle rider skill levels relative to bike lane design. Chairperson McKenna assured the citizens that the commission would hold as many meetings as necessary, but noted the "old equation. We can do it the ideal way and we wouldn't have any money left or we can not do it at all and we would have a lot of money. Some place, there's a balance and we have to find that ... fairly quickly."

(6:03:02) DeeDee Foremaster suggested painting the bike lanes green.

(6:05:12) Kelly Clark, a member of Muscle Powered, advised of having presented a petition approximately 15 years ago to require bike paths along the freeway at the north end. She expressed concern that the proposed design doesn't consider an overpass "which would separate and create a safe environment." In consideration of bicycle and pedestrian deaths across the state, she suggested that NDOT should "look carefully at overpasses and stop saying it costs too much."

Chairperson McKenna entertained additional public comment and, when none was forthcoming, additional commissioner comments. Commissioner Bonkowski discussed safety concerns associated with bicycle riding in the subject area, and expressed concern that the proposed design doesn't address bicycle safety. He clarified that NDOT has never turned him down for a meeting, and encouraged everyone present to continue meeting with NDOT to be part of the design process. Commissioner Mallery requested NDOT representatives to develop cost estimates for constructing a crossing from Spooner Summit underneath the road "in a giant culvert or an undercrossing."

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Mr. LeRud advised that NDOT is approaching 60 percent design. He assured the commissioners and the citizens "nothing's off the table yet. We're still looking into the design. We're still talking to people, meeting with people, taking your input and we will try to make this the safest, bike friendly / pedestrian friendly facility that addresses safety and mobility that we can." Chairperson McKenna thanked Mr. LeRud for his attendance and presentation. Mr. Pittenger thanked NDOT, and agreed with Commissioner Bonkowski's comments.

F-4. POSSIBLE ACTION TO ELECT REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OFFICERS (6:11:01) - Chairperson McKenna introduced this item, reviewed the requirements for chair, and entertained nominations for chair. **Commissioner Bonkowski nominated John McKenna for chair. Commissioner Smolenski seconded the nomination.** Chairperson McKenna called for a vote on the pending nomination.

RESULT:	Approved [5 - 0]
MOVER:	Commissioner Brad Bonkowski
SECOND:	Commissioner James Smolenski
AYES:	Commissioners Bonkowski, Smolenski, Mallery, McQueary, and Chairperson McKenna
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Chairperson-elect McKenna entertained nominations for vice chair. **Commissioner Mallery nominated Jim Smolenski for vice chair. Commissioner Bonkowski seconded the nomination.** Chairperson-elect McKenna entertained additional nominations and, when none were forthcoming, called for a vote on the pending nomination.

RESULT:	Approved [4 - 0 - 1]
MOVER:	Commissioner James Mallery
SECOND:	Commissioner Brad Bonkowski
AYES:	Commissioners Mallery, Bonkowski, McQueary, and Chairperson McKenna
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	Commissioner James Smolenski

G. INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

G-1. STREET OPERATIONS REPORT - NOVEMBER 2013; G-2. PROJECT STATUS REPORT; and G-3. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (6:12:12) - Chairperson McKenna introduced these items, and Mr. Pittenger reviewed the street operations and project status reports which were included in the agenda materials. In response to a question, Mr. Pittenger discussed the status of the Fairview Drive median project. He responded to additional questions regarding the annual striping budget.

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In response to a question, Mr. Pittenger reviewed the tentative agenda for the February commission meeting. Commissioner Mallery requested to agendaize discussion regarding "the precedent of RTC actions as related to anticipated expectations." He referenced the "Fandango traffic signal, Campagni, and some of those issues."

H. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS (6:17:25) - Chairperson McKenna entertained commissioner comments; however, none were forthcoming.

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS (6:17:28) - Chairperson McKenna entertained public comments; however none were forthcoming.

J. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (6:17:29) - Chairperson McKenna adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

The Minutes of the January 8, 2014 Regional Transportation Commission meeting are so approved this 12th day of March, 2014.

JOHN McKENNA, Chair