

CARSON CITY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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A regularly scheduled meeting of the Carson City Regional Transportation Commission was held on Wednesday, May 14, 2003, at the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Richard S. Staub, Vice Chairperson Steve Reynolds, and Commissioners Shelly Aldean, Charles Des Jardins, and Bob Kennedy

**STAFF PRESENT:** Acting City Manager Andrew Burnham, Street Operations Manager John Flansberg, RTC Engineer Harvey Brotzman, and Recording Secretary Katherine McLaughlin (R.T.C. Tape 1-0007)

**ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM** - Chairperson Staub convened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. and reminded the Commission of the need to keep the meeting short due to the MPO meeting scheduled for 5:45 p.m. Roll call was taken. The entire Commission was present, constituting a quorum.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - 3/12 AND 4/9/03 (1-0020)** - Commissioner Des Jardins corrected his term of office to indicate that it expires in December 2003. Ms. McLaughlin explained that the tape had indicated 2006 and that a note will be added to the Minutes. Commissioner Des Jardins moved to approve the Minutes including the note. Commissioner Kennedy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**C. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS (1-0034)** - None.

**D. PUBLIC COMMENTS (1-0036)** - Chairperson Staub indicated that there had been a recent Supreme Court ruling that limits the public comments to agenized items rather than items not agenized. The normal policy was followed pending receipt of an opinion/guidelines from the District Attorney's office.

**E. DISCLOSURES (1-0050)** -None.

**F. PUBLIC MEETING ITEMS:**

**F-1. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON FUNDING THE INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTS AT THE INTERSECTION OF GRAVES LANE AND SHERMAN LANE (1-00052)** - Street Operations Manager John Flansberg explained former Commissioner/Supervisor Jon Plank's request that street lights be installed at this intersection. Funding for safety and enhancements could be used for installation of the lights. The City currently does not have street warrants for lights. People are difficult to see in the Graves Lane at Sherman Lane cross walk. Staff is currently analyzing the entire City and establishing zones for a lighting standard. This study is almost two-thirds completed. Roop Street, as an example, will require more street lights due to its use. They will be included in the widening project. Graves Lane is an arterial. Installation of these lights will establish a precedence for heavier traveled roads. Mr. Flansberg agreed that there should be a standard for measuring when lights should be installed. Commissioner Aldean supported the concept but felt that the standard should be developed before lights are installed. Acting City Manager Andrew Burnham explained that development standards are part of the City Code that was adopted 18 months ago. They are being used to analyze the City's lighting need. An analysis of how

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the City meets or fails to meet the standards will be brought back to the Commission for its review. Commissioner Reynolds explained that the proposal is for overhead street lighting and not traffic signals. Mr. Flansberg indicated that the intent is to have a priority listing similar to the one he had developed for the grindings program. Mr. Burnham also indicated that the street lighting standards will include an energy savings program/alternatives. Chairperson Staub explained the reasons street lighting was not part of a subdivision's development requirements in the 1970s. At that time individuals wanting street lights installed them. He also supported creation of a policy/standard. Mr. Flansberg indicated that he could not think of an alternative to street lights for the intersection at this time. In the future when the vacant lot is developed, lighting for it will be provided. This could mitigate part of the current problem. The street lighting for the Library crosswalk on Roop Street was not considered due to its cost. It was also indicated that the adjacent residents/property owners had not been contacted. Staff will contact them if the funding is approved. Commissioner Reynolds moved to approve funding for a light located at Sherman Lane and Graves Lane. Commissioner Kennedy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

### **F-2. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON FUNDING STREET LIGHTS AT EDMONDS**

**DRIVE AND FIFTH STREET ROUNDABOUT (1-0172)** - Mr. Flansberg explained the concern with the intersection and the belief that additional lights were needed due to pedestrian safety concerns. Commissioner Aldean explained her original concern and the possible liability the City may have incurred when it placed the one street light at the intersection. Discussion reiterated the need for a standard/policy on when street lights should be installed. Discussion indicated that Edmonds may be widened in the future but is not currently in the five-year plan. The expedited freeway construction period may eliminate the need to widen Edmonds. If the lights are installed today, the widening would destroy the base which costs approximately \$5,000 to \$6,000. The street light that is at the intersection was there when it was a four-way stop. Roundabout lighting is similar to that used for other intersections. Glare should be eliminated. The estimate should cover the cost for two or three lights. A light will not be placed in the middle of the roundabout. Commissioner Kennedy moved to approve funding for street lights at the Edmonds Drive and Fifth Street Roundabout. Commissioner Aldean seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

### **G. INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS AND FUTURE**

**AGENDA ITEMS (NON-ACTION ITEMS) (1-0262)** - Mr. Flansberg indicated that the Street Department had completed widening and paving at Northridge and Roop. It will be striped for a left turn lane. Discussion indicated that the Roop Street design will be discussed at the next meeting.

**H. ADJOURNMENT (1-0275)** - Commissioner Aldean moved to adjourn. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Chairperson Staub adjourned the meeting at 5:51 p.m.

A tape recording of these proceedings is on file in the Clerk-Recorder's office. This tape is available for review and inspection during normal business hours.

The Minutes of the May 14, 2002, Carson City Regional Transportation Commission meeting

ARE SO APPROVED ON June 11, 2003.

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Richard S. Staub, Chairperson