

CARSON CITY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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A regularly scheduled meeting of the Carson City Regional Transportation Commission was held on Wednesday, March 14, 2001, at the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Chairperson Jon Plank, Vice Chairperson Steven Reynolds,  
and Commissioners Bob Kennedy, Richard S. Staub, and  
Marv Teixeira

STAFF PRESENT: Development Services Director Andrew Burnham, Street

Operations Manager John Flansberg, RTC Engineer Harvey  
Brotzman, and Recording Secretary Katherine McLaughlin  
(R.T.C. 3/14/01 Tape 1-0001)

NOTE: Unless otherwise indicated, each item was introduced by staff's reading/outlining/clarifying the Board Action Request and/or supporting documentation. 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.

**A. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM** - Chairperson Plank convened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Roll call was taken. The entire Commission was present constituting a quorum.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - 2/14/01 (1-0008)** - Commissioner Teixeira moved to approve. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**C. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS (1-0012)** - None.

**D. PUBLIC COMMENTS (1-0013)** - None.

**E. DISCLOSURES (1-0020)** - None.

**F. PUBLIC MEETING ITEMS**

**F-1. DISCUSSION OF METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION DRAFT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (1-0024)** - Mr. Flansberg explained the reasons for bringing the matter to the Commission and requested direction regarding the terms of the agreement. NDOT had presented the draft to staff who is still in the process of investigating several of the clauses. Action will be requested at next month's meeting. The agreement is different from Washoe and Clark Counties agreements as theirs were developed several years ago. Changes in funding sources were noted to illustrate the differences. More detail is included in the proposed agreement than previous agreements have had. Chairperson Plank suggested that comments be submitted to staff. Concerns expressed by the District Attorney's office were noted as part of the outstanding issues staff is investigating. These issues relate to whether the agreement includes the City's work program and NDOT's or just Carson City's work program and where the freeway fits in the process. Discussion also indicated that the transportation master plan must be fiscally constrained. Mr. Flansberg also noted that the agreement does not include air quality requirements. He agreed to obtain a clarification on the meaning of Section 9 under the heading of "Department Obligations" regarding the lapsing of funds at the end of each program year. Mr. Burnham felt that the budgeting would be done on a year-to-year basis without any guaranteed funding for the following year. Concern was expressed that this would create a "half done project" with no funding for completion. Clarification indicated that, although the agreement does not include air quality requirements, the EPA will continue to monitor the City's air quality. The attainment requirements mandated in Washoe and Clark Counties will not be enforced in Carson City. If the area becomes a "non-attainment" site, these requirements could be imposed. The City had received a notice from the State that it would provide \$74,000 in funds for implementation of the MPO. These funds could be used for staffing, consultants, planning, or updating the Transportation Master Plan. These funds will not be allocated until after the MPO status is obtained. Discussion

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suggested that Paragraph 8 under "Mutually Agreed" be reviewed by the District Attorney's office due to concerns that the City could be held hostage by the State's withholding payments until substantial changes ordered by the Department are provided. No formal action was required or taken.

**F-2. DISCUSSION OF DRAFT MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING WITH NEIGHBORING METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS (1-0223)** - The purpose of these agreements was limned. The memos of understanding will be presented for action at the next meeting. No formal action was taken or required.

**F-3. DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION OF STATUS REPORTS ON VARIOUS PROJECTS (1-0245)** - Discussion noted the status of the following projects: Northgate sound wall, the bids for it, complimented staff on their efforts, and explained who the contractor is; Curry Street widening including a letter from the Shade Tree Council regarding the trees at the Forest Service site; the Roop and Northridge intersection; Graves Lane excess property and its landscaping; Sonoma Street extension and signal; the need for the Curry Street improvements; Transportation Master Plan update; MPO; Roop and Little Lane traffic signal and the potential cost to install a left turn arrow; the landscaping in the North Carson Street medians; Roop Street widening between Fifth Street and Winnie; and staff's work on extending Curry Street between Clearview and Koontz.

Staff was directed to take pro-active steps with NDOT to insure that the signal issues at Sonoma and Carson Street are addressed and for NDOT to attend the next RTC meeting to discuss this issue. Commission comments directed staff to analyze the need for a left turn signal for south bound traffic from Little Lane onto Roop. Public comments were solicited but none given. No formal action was required or taken.

**G. INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS - FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (NON-ACTION ITEMS) (1-0702)** - None.

**H. ADJOURNMENT (1-0703)** - Commissioner Teixeira moved to adjourn. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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ARE SO APPROVED ON April 11,  
2001.

/s/

Jon Plank, Chairperson