

CARSON CITY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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A regularly scheduled meeting of the Carson City Regional Transportation Commission was held on Wednesday, July 11, 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 Steve Reynolds, and Commissioners Bob Kennedy and Richard S. Staub

STAFF PRESENT: Street Operations Manager John Flansberg, RTC Engineer Harvey Brotzman, and Recording Secretary Katherine McLaughlin (RTC 7/11/01 Tape 1-0001)

NOTE: Unless otherwise indicated, each item was introduced by staff's reading/outlining/clarifying the Action Request Form, the staff report, 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. A quorum of the Commission was present although Commissioner Staub had not yet arrived--arrived at 5:35 p.m.--and Commissioner Teixeira was absent.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (1-0007) - None.

C. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS (1-0008) - None.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS (1-0015) - None. Chairperson Plank invited the public to set at the tables in order to see the displays for Item F-1.

E. DISCLOSURES (1-0012) - None.

F. PUBLIC MEETING ITEMS

F-1. PRESENTATION BY R. O. ANDERSON ON ROOP STREET WIDENING FEASIBILITY STUDY (1-0035) - Mr. Flansberg's introduction included introducing Mr. Anderson. Commissioner Staub arrived during Mr. Anderson's explanation of his research that determined the City owns the majority of the right-of-way required to widen Roop Street. (A quorum was present.) The areas with less than 66 feet were identified at Lee, Park and Adams Streets. His plans contemplated having two lanes in both directions with bicycle lanes, curbs, gutters, and sidewalks, which require 65 feet for improvements. Additional right-of-way is also needed for turning lanes on the west side of Roop Street at Fifth Street and at the southeast corner of William and Roop. The additional right-of-way requirements between Williams and Corbett as well as between Park and Lee were defined. Photographs illustrating the area were displayed. Mr. Flansberg felt that the study was favorable and that the project is feasible. Discussion indicated that only 17,000 square feet of additional property is required from the State and City Parks Department. Mr. Anderson felt that there would be approximately six inches between the sidewalk and the fence lines if the fences are at the property lines. Two parking lots have been constructed into the City right-of-way. He did not find any building structures which had encroached into the City right-of-way. There is one roof overhang at the northwest corner of John and Roop which will extend over the sidewalk but should not impose a problem for pedestrians. He also pointed out that numerous utilities are located in the right-of-way and may have to be moved. Discussion indicated a similar encroachment problem had been encountered on Graves Lane.

Discussion with David Helgren explained the need to determine the amount of public utility easement existing along the parcels before being able to determine where the utilities will be relocated. If the easements are not adequate, additional property may be required. Discussion with Michael Deloshon explained the proposed sidewalk location. The total width of additional right-of-way required in his area is three feet. The photographs

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were used to illustrate the area which would be required. At the request of Mr. Deloshon, a recess was declared in order to discuss and study the photographs and maps.

BREAK: A recess was declared at 5:50 p.m. A quorum of the Commission was present when Chairperson Plank reconvened the meeting at 6 p.m. although Commissioner Teixeira was absent.

Commissioner Kennedy and Chairperson Plank commended Mr. Anderson on his informational packet and its clarity. Mr. Anderson noted the cooperation he had received from City staff in obtaining the information. Commissioner Reynolds suggested the item be agendized for action at the next meeting. No formal action was required or taken.

F-2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RECONSTRUCTION OF BRUNSWICK

CANYON BRIDGE (1-0318) - Mr. Flansberg indicated that the Federal grant for the bridge requires a 20 percent match by the City. Mr. Brotzman explained the consultant's evaluation of the bridge and optional structures. The need for an additional 7,000 feet of right-of-way on the north side of the river was noted. This is not part of the Federal grant. The economic value of the bridge to road contractors, the transient problems in the vicinity of the bridge, the Railroad Museum's request for the turntable which was used to construct the bridge, liability concerns regarding the method used to close the access to the bridge, and the access route to the other side were discussed. Comments also pointed out the need to resolve the issue regarding the ownership of the bridge. Chairperson Plank suggested that discussion with the contractors occur to determine the feasibility of their assisting the City in meeting the match requirement. Commissioner Staub questioned the public value of the funding requirement based on the need for additional improvements elsewhere in the community. He was willing to support the use of private funding for the bridge but could not support the use of RTC funds as a priority. Chairperson Plank indicated that this is the reason he had suggested discussions with the contractors. Mr. Flansberg agreed to explore this suggestion and reiterated his reasons for bringing it to the Commission. Discussion also noted that the right-of-way is part of the old V&T Railroad right-of-way.

Keith Work explained the use of railroad turntables as metal spans in the bridge and urged the Commission to salvage them for the State Railroad Museum's use if at all possible. Discussion with Mr. Work explained the reasons heavy trucks are prohibited from using Deer Run Road and could not access the sand pit from it.

Mr. Helgren felt that the funds would assist only a few individuals and that there are other more pressing needs in the community which should receive higher priority and funding. Individuals needing access to the south side of the River have adequate access by using Sedge Road or the dirt access south of Deer Run Bridge. He suggested that an historical marker be placed at the bridge site and that it be left alone.

Chairperson Plank felt that a pledge had been made to the Railroad Museum to give it the turntable. He doubted that it could be used for a reconstruction project. Additional comment were solicited but none given. No formal action was taken.

F-3. PRESENTATION OF STATUS REPORTS (1-0622) - Mr. Flansberg reviewed the staff reports

on: Roop Street - Cost estimates are being developed. Curry Street widening - Once the design of the Curry Street-Stewart connection is completed, negotiations with the Forest Service can occur. Wildland fires may delay the negotiations. Grindings are to be placed between Clearview and Koontz the latter part of July or first part of August. Completion should occur within two weeks after receipt of the grindings. Commissioner Staub encouraged staff to complete the grinding project as quickly as possible due to the amount of use now occurring on Curry. Transportation Master Plan update - The high traffic volume on Carson Street and the impact of growth in the surrounding Counties were discussed. The update will include this trend. No formal was required or taken.

G. INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS - FUTURE AGENDA

ITEMS (1-0728) - Mr. Flansberg included a letter from Fran McClain concerning extending Hillview in the packet. Her request will be agendized for the next meeting. Commissioner Reynolds requested the Roop Street

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widening project be agendized for the next meeting. Justification for the widening was provided. A decision concerning the need to continue the bike lane north of William should be made and could be a option to the right-of-way needs and cost concerns. A cost estimate could be provided in six weeks and will be used to establish the priorities in February. Chairperson Plank requested the report on the Hillview/Saliman extension including costs and ramifications. Commissioner Kennedy explained his involvement with the School District on a pedestrian/bicycle trail from Edmonds/New Empire area to the Eagle Valley Middle School. A signal has been proposed for the trail at Edmonds and Butti which may need to be discussed by RTC. Mr. Flansberg indicated that a similar signal is being considered for the Library at Washington and Roop. The signal can be used in the Roop Street widening if desired. Commissioner Kennedy supported consideration of the signal at other locations as cost is "not that high" and the benefits may justify the expenditure. Chairperson Plank indicated that an NDOT demo project had installed a similar device at the Reno airport. Commissioner Staub requested a status report on the Fifth and Edmonds roundabout landscaping be added to the agenda. The delay with the landscape project was limned. Discussion ensued concerning the need for a stop sign at Moses and Curry. The traffic count did not justify installation of the stop sign. Mr. Flansberg announced the realignment of Robinson and Carson Street which provides a larger turning radius for the PRIDE buses. No formal action was required or taken.

H. ADJOURNMENT (1-0879) - Commissioner Staub moved to adjourn. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Chairperson Plank adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

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ARE SO APPROVED ON August 8,
2001.

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Jon Plank, Chairperson