

# CARSON CITY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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A regularly scheduled meeting of the Carson City Regional Transportation Commission was held on Wednesday, November 8, 2000, at the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 241 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Jon Plank, Vice Chairperson Steve Reynolds, and Commissioners Kay Bennett and Bob Kennedy

**STAFF PRESENT:** Development Services Director Andrew Burnham, Street Operations Manager John Flansberg, RTC Engineer Harvey Brotzman, and Recording Secretary Katherine McLaughlin (RTC 11/8/00 Tape 1-0001)

**A. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM** - Roll call was taken. A quorum of the Commission was present although Commissioner Teixeira was absent.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (1-0010)** - Discussion noted the revised copy of Minutes which had been sent to the Commissioners. Commissioner Kennedy moved to approve the revised copy of the October 11, 2000, Regional Transportation Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Commissioner Bennett indicated she would abstain as she had been absent during the meeting. The motion was voted and carried 3-0-1-1 with Commissioner Teixeira absent and Commissioner Bennett abstaining.

**C. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS (1-0027)** - None.

**D. PUBLIC COMMENTS (1-0030)** - Mr. Flansberg indicated that Chairperson Plank had given him a copy of the NDOT projects. Mr. Flansberg informed the Commission that he had submitted a letter to the NDOT Project Coordinator for a Highway 50 East project seeking the asphalt grindings for Mexican Dam Road and the rifle range road. No formal action was required or taken.

**E. DISCLOSURES (1-0052)** - None.

## **F. PUBLIC MEETING ITEMS:**

**F-1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ACCEPTANCE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT OF THE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN FOR CARSON CITY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND FUTURE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (1-0056)** - Mr. Brotzman indicated both the Commission and Board of Supervisors would be asked to approve the plan. There is a 45 day public comment period on it. Additional FHWA required policies will be considered in the future. Staff is working on the agreements with adjacent MPOs. Once the City becomes an MPO, federal funding for transit is available. RTC meetings fulfill the requirement for MPO meetings. RTC will still determine the projects but must comply with the 45 day public noticing requirements. The Board of Supervisors had appointed the RTC to be the MPO and the Board will approve/ratify RTC policies until the MPO is officially established. The purpose of the plan was noted. Commissioner Bennett moved that the Commission accept the public involvement plan as presented for public comments. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**F-2. DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION ON STATUS REPORTS ON VARIOUS PROJECTS (1-0178)** - Staff discussed with the Commission the MPO status. Discussion noted a concern expressed by the Public Transit Advisory Committee (PTAC) concerning its future and questioned its role in the MPO. Comments indicated a need to have a citizens advisory committee. Commissioner Bennett strongly recommended that a member of PTAC serve on the MPO. Mr. Flansberg offered to develop an organizational chart of RTC as an MPO including its committees for discussion at the next meeting. Direction could be provided at that time. Comments also noted the hard work and benefits derived from PTAC. Mr. Burnham informed the Commission that the Airport Authority does not have to work through the MPO. The City's Transportation Plan must reference the Airport's Master Plan. Discussion ensued on the status of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Elements of the Master Plan including its public hearings; the College Parkway sound wall including Mr. Flansberg's request that contractors

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not use College Parkway late at night for hauling; the Northridge and Roop intersection; the Graves Lane landscaping; the Curry Street widening including concerns regarding the Forest Service property, the analysis of a third lane on Carson Street, an option which would remove a portion of "C" hill to allow for widening Curry Street, and the validity of the Curry Street study without its extension to Stewart; the traffic signal at Little Street and Roop; the pedestrian, bicycle and beautification enhancements for South Carson Street; and the North Carson Street median beautification project. Commission comments complimented Commissioner Bennett on her median beautification efforts. (Commissioner Bennett left the meeting at 6:08 p.m. A quorum was still present.) Mr. Flansberg disclosed a contact from a developer analyzing a Sonoma and South Carson site. Interest in the parcel is evident and development may occur soon. Such interest justifies the need to develop a plan for Curry Street between 10th Street and Koontz. Comments also noted the improvements which are occurring at the former Silver City mall site. No formal action was required or taken.

## **G. INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (NON-ACTION ITEMS)**

**(1-0682)** - Mr. Brotzman explained the status of the signal at Clear Creek and South Carson Streets and noted the opening ceremony for Costco. (1-0730) Comments explained the reasons the meeting had not been held in the Sierra Room.

**G-1. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (1-0725)** - The next meeting is scheduled for December 12 at the Sierra Room. (1-0745) The analysis of the six lane Carson Street project on Curry Street should be ready for discussion at the next meeting. Priorities will be considered at the January meeting. Approval of the listing will be considered at the February meeting. The special joint meeting regarding the bicycle plan will also be held in January.

**H. ADJOURNMENT (1-0756)** - Commissioner Reynolds moved to adjourn. Commissioner Kennedy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairperson Plank adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

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ARE SO APPROVED ON December 13, 2000.

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Jon Plank, Chairperson