A regularly scheduled meeting of the Carson City Regional Transportation Commission was held on Wednesday, July 15, 1998, at the Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada, beginning at 6 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairperson Greg Smith and Commissioners Jon Plank and Marie Wolf

STAFF PRESENT: Deputy City Manager Dan St. John, Deputy Public Works Director Tim Homann, RTC Engineer Harvey Brotzman, and Recording Secretary Katherine McLaughlin (R.T.C. 7/15/98 Tape 1-0025.5)

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL - Chairperson Smith convened the meeting at 6 p.m. Roll call was taken. The entire Commission was present constituting a quorum. Chairperson Smith welcomed new Commissioner Plank.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (1-0030.5) - None.

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS (1-0032.5) - Maxine Nietz requested the Commission reconsider action taken at the June meeting on Ormsby Boulevard and cancellation of the July 23 working design meeting and any similar meetings on it until after the issue is reconsidered. Reasons for the request were explained including the feeling that the Commission had promised not to take action on the extension until after the updated Streets and Highways Master Plan had been adopted. She also used the 1958 Master Plan and its priority listing to support her feeling that needs evolve and that the need for the extension may no longer support the cost. Chairperson Smith requested a copy of the 1958 priorities and Master Plan. Mr. Brotzman indicated that the July 23 meeting had already been cancelled.

(1-0091.5) Bonnie Bullis supported Ms. Nietz' request by reading from the April 16, 1997, minutes. She felt the June 17 action violated the public trust on the matter as public dissimulation of the information and a public review had not occurred. It was also an affront to the Technical Advisory Committee as it had not considered its review and recommendation. Its preliminary draft indicates that there are other critical needs in the community which should be addressed before the extension is considered. She urged the Commission to reconsider its action.

(1-0131.5) John Bullis distributed packets of information to the Commission and Recording Secretary and explained his reasons for feeling that the Commission should not act on the extension until the Master Plan is reviewed. Information contained within the Preliminary Master Plan was reviewed to support his contention that the need and funding did not support the extension as a priority. He also requested reconsideration of the June action and that no funding allocations be made until after the Master Plan is finalized and adopted. Chairperson Smith indicated that additional copies of the small colored maps were available for Mr. Bullis or any others who were present.

(1-0234.5) Tom Pardini expressed his support for the request to reconsider the action on Ormsby Boulevard's extension. If the need, as indicated within the Preliminary Master Plan, cannot support the project, it should be abandoned and the property sold so that the funds could be used for other projects.

(1-0262.5) Mary Ann Pierson reiterated the request for reconsideration based on the promise which had been made at the April 1997 meeting. The extension would increase the traffic, pose a hazard to students at Fritsch Elementary School on Mountain Street, and increase the Commission and City's liability if and when an accident occurs. She, too, felt that the Commission had ignored the Preliminary Master Plan and its findings when the action was taken. She felt the act exhibited the Commission's flagrant ignorance of its fiduciary duties and clearly illustrated wasteful spending practices.

(1-0335.5) Laura Work voiced her frustration at the vote which RTC had taken due to the lack of follow through on promises which had been made and requested reconsideration of the June action.

(1-0354.5) Herbert Klemme felt that the traffic volume would not justify the expenditure. It eliminates 3,000 feet of the current roadway which adequately handles the present volume without creating additional hazards to the residents. The extension is not justified by a cost/benefit ratio. He urged the Commission to reconsider its action.

Jim Bawden questioned whether the Commission could take action to reconsider the motion at this hearing. Chairperson Smith indicated that he was accepting public comments on the issue and that no action would be taken. Any Commissioner could agendize the item for reconsideration. Mr. Bawden felt that these issues had been adequately addressed at the June meeting. He then indicated that supporters for the extension would attend the next meeting and vocalize their support for the extension.

(1-0411.5) Ed Schorr supported the request for reconsideration by vocalizing his feeling that it was a matter of public trust and the lack of imput from the advisory committee.

(1-0456.5) Ed Hendricks felt that the proposal was an attempt to reduce a small traffic volume in a specific area, i.e., Ash Canyon, and to preserve a green belt. The project would take funding away from other more necessary projects for a purely selfish reason. Ormsby Boulevard had originally been planned as a bypass/ring road. The Silver Oak project had, however, negated this possibility. Even if the street is extended, traffic cannot get past the Attorney General's office.

Chairperson Smith indicated that any one of the Commissioners could request the item be agendized. The Master Plan may be finalized and considered by the Commission in either August or September. As Graves Lane is demanding a lot of staff's time, he did not feel that the Ormsby Boulevard design would be handled prior to consideration of the Master Plan. Also, public imput would be considered during the Master Plan adoption process. The Commission could in its analysis of the Master Plan add/delete/retain projects on the priority listing, including the Ormsby Boulevard extension.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Pardini and Mr. Brotzman on the State's desire to acquire Ormsby and Winnie due to its storm drain improvements. The Master Plan does not consider street maintenance in its priority listing. Discussion also briefly noted the issues related to bicycle paths versus bicycle lanes versus bicycle routes are contained in the Bicycle Element of the Master Plan. Clarification by Mr. Brotzman indicated that if Ormsby Boulevard is extended, it will be identified as a bicycle route on the Bicycle Master Plan. He felt that there is adequate space available for a bicycle lane.

(1-0551.5) There being no other public comments, Chairperson Smith moved to the following agenda item.

3. DISCUSSION ON ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH AL BERNHARD FOR THE WIDENING OF ROOP STREET (1-0572.5) - Mr. Brotzman and Mr. Homann briefly explained the agreement which would make City infrastructure improvements as part of Mr. Bernhard's project. The Board of Supervisors will consider the agreement in August as well as an agreement for the improvements for the adjacent parcel north of Mr. Bernhard's property. Commissioner Plank requested a copy of the agreement(s). No formal action was required to be taken by RTC.

Chairperson Smith passed the gavel to Chairperson Pro-Tem Wolf and left the meeting at 6:38 a.m. (A quorum was still present.)

4. STATUS REPORT ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (1-0615.5) - Messrs. Brotzman and Homann described the status of various RTC projects listed in the packet and revised the dates accordingly. Discussion included the potential widening of Fifth Street at Edmonds and clarification of the project designated as the "unspecified traffic signal project". Mr. Homann also indicated that the Ormsby Boulevard extension had not been included on the list and would be added.

5. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS (1-0735.5) - Chairperson Pro-Tem Wolf explained her support for the Ormsby Boulevard extension based on her belief that an alternate escape route is necessary for King Canyon and Ash Canyon residents if an emergency occurs.

6. STAFF COMMENTS INCLUDING THE NEXT MEETING DATE (1-0817.5) - The August 19 and September 16 meetings had been scheduled in the Capitol Conference Room. The remaining 1998 meetings and all of the 1999 meetings will be in the Sierra Room beginning at 6 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. Reasons for moving to the Sierra Room were explained. Mr. Homann provided a brief update on the consolidated transit service. There had been a few complaints which were being addressed. A majority of these complaints were created by the new scheduling requirements. There were an average of 200 riders using the service daily. He had not received any complaints about the new drivers who had been trained by Paratransit prior to the consolidation. Commissioner Plank explained his role as the Board of Supervisors liaison to the Senior Citizens Center Board of Directors and his contact with the Center's Executive Director Jamie Lee. Ms. Lee had expressed satisfaction with the new program. He commended Marc Reynolds and his staff on their efforts. Mr. Homann described several problems which Paratransit had initially had with the program. The biggest concern at this time is to watch the revenue flows. Commissioner Plank commended Mr. Homann on his role in consummating the program.

7. ADJOURNMENT (1-0915.5) - There being no other matters for consideration, Commissioner Plank moved to adjourn. Chairperson Pro-Tem Wolf seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Chairperson Pro-Tem Wolf adjourned the meeting at 6:55 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 July 15, 1998, Carson City Regional Transportation Commission meeting

ARE SO APPROVED ON___September_16___, 1998.

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Greg Smith, Chairperson