

# CARSON CITY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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A regularly scheduled meeting of the Carson City Regional Transportation Commission was held on Wednesday, February 19, 1997, at the Community Center Bonanza Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada, beginning at 3 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Tom Tatro and Marie Wolf

**STAFF PRESENT:** Public Works Director Jay Aldean, RTC Engineer Harvey Brotzman, Traffic Signal Technician Chris Johnson, and Recording Secretary Katherine McLaughlin (R.T.C.  
2/19/97 Tape 1-0001)

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** - Acting Chairperson Tom Tatro convened the meeting at 3:15 p.m. Roll call was taken. A quorum was present although Chairperson Smith was absent.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Special December 3, 1996, Meeting and Regular January 15, 1997, Meeting** - Mr. Brotzman explained the special December 3 neighborhood meeting. It had been agendized so that a quorum could attend. A quorum of the Commission had not been present. Commissioner Wolf moved to approve the Minutes. Acting Chairperson Tatro seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS (1-0080)** - None.

**3. STATUS REPORT ON TRANSIT SERVICES (1-0082)** - Carson City Community Transportation Representative Tim Bailey reviewed his monthly report. Discussion noted the supplemental funding previously granted and the possibility that additional funding may be required before the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Bailey recommended waiting another 30 days before requesting additional funding. Mr. Aldean supported his recommendation due to the decrease in ridership during December which was caused by the storm. Staff will continue to monitor it and submit a request if necessary. The report had also been provided to the Board of Supervisors. No formal action was required or taken.

**4. DISCUSSION ON TRAFFIC SIGNAL OPERATIONS (1-0205)** - Mr. Aldean introduced Mr. Johnson and explained his experience with traffic signals. Discussion with Mr. Johnson explained the problems inherent to synchronizing the signals, the impact pedestrians and left-turning movements have on this synchronization, the mandatory time allocated for pedestrian crossing, (1-0905) defined the terms coordinated crossing and "free" crossings, Highway 50's synchronization, Roop and Fifth Street's synchronization, the 80 and 120 second turnover, the Friday traffic volume, and the late night synchronization. Discussion agreed that Winnie Lane is difficult for the pedestrians TO CROSS. Maximum crossing time is provided only if the pedestrian button is tripped. A majority of the Carson Street crossings now have these switches. Mr. Johnson indicated all of the crossings in Carson City now have these switches although not all of the crossings have the pedestrian "Walk, Don't Walk" lights. Mr. Aldean agreed to analyze the Winnie intersection. Efficient use of the lights dedicates crossing during the yellow caution light. If the pedestrian makes it to the middle of the last traffic lane in the time allotted, the federal requirement is fulfilled. Acting Chairperson Tatro questioned the timing at Lompa Lane and Highway 50. He suggested that the east bound left turn traffic be allowed to proceed when traffic is not coming west bound. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Aldean explained the safety concerns involved with this procedure and agreed to analyze that intersection. (1-1275) Mr. Johnson agreed to contact Gazette Journal Correspondent Patti Steele and requested a copy of the tape from today's meeting. No formal action was taken.

**5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE 1997-98 PRIORITY LIST AND 6. STATUS OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (1-1284)** - Discussion between the Commission and staff reviewed staff's recommendations and the status of the construction projects. The Commission's direction on the new format was requested. The discussion included the delay in Roop Street improvements between Evelyn and Little Lane, the need for RTC to obtain outside legal council for the Goni and Sonoma projects, the status of the Meadowood Apartments, (1-1755) the Graves Lane extension drainage improvements and the need to seek legal remedy on a portion at Highway 50, the need for a noise policy, the impact College Parkway's noise abatement decision would have on this policy and the request from the residents along the north side of College Parkway, the College

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Parkway noise study, (1-2065) the Ormsby Boulevard extension and the commitments which had been made to the residents, the need to extend Long Street, the policy to have developers extend streets like Long, negotiations for additional property along College Parkway for the sound wall, Highway 50 traffic signal intertie, justification for a signal at Fifth and Edmonds, Graves and Hot Springs signalization, the new traffic counters, traffic signal costs, the problems encountered with Mr. Snopko and need to extend Sonoma, the traffic problems on Roop Street between William and Beverly and its funding. (1-1603) Mr. Aldean agreed to contact the Meadowood Apartments developer and determine the status of his subdivision. He also agreed to asked the Utility Department to make the infrastructure improvements through a reimbursement development agreement with the property owner. A status report on this will be provided at the next meeting. Mr. Brotzman agreed to attempt to complete his portion of the contract for outside legal council within the coming week. (1-1965) Mr. Aldean agreed to write a memo to Community Development Director Sullivan to determine the status of his noise abatement program/policy. (1-2018) The Graves Lane property was added to the list of projects for the outside legal consultant. Mr. Aldean agreed to follow through on the scope of work for this contract. (1-2205) Mr. Aldean agreed to provide Acting Chairperson Tatro copies of the Minutes and staff reports related to Ormsby Boulevard. (1-3139) Mr. Aldean agreed to put out an RFP on Roop Street between William and Beverly. Mr. Aldean explained the need for additional funding for the drainage study. When a final figure is available, the request will be made to NDOT. Reasons for including the City's study with the Bypass study were noted. The City's contract would be with NDOT and not the consultant.

(1-3272) Mr. Aldean then described the Brunswick Canyon bridge and its failure during the flood. FEMA may give the City \$1600 to repair one of the abutments. NDOT has submitted a report indicating the center support is not stable and should be shored. He will provide a report and request funding for an alternate design. Right-of-way and access concerns were noted which may be impacted by the future V&T railroad design. He suggested constructing a "limited life bridge" and other alternatives such as a one-way bridge instead of the normal 30-50 year life facility.

(2-0065) Mr. Brotzman explained that the projects proposed for 97-98 funding had been discussed previously or were ones which staff had discovered a need to do. They had not been ranked. Staff was directed to provide this ranking. Discussion indicated the need to extend Ormsby Boulevard. The items which staff had designated for funding were briefly discussed. Reasons a signal is to be installed at Edmonds and Pheasant were explained. Signals are normally installed when warrants are reached, however, there are several examples in the City which did not meet these warrants. Justification for "back lighting" street signage at the main intersections was provided. The right-of-way acquisition funding is used to supplement projects. The Highway 395 and Clearview intersection improvements were described. Next year's funding may be in the \$1.4 million range. Debt service uses \$250,000 of this amount. The balance is available for other projects. Discussion ensued on whether to have a special meeting to set the budget. No formal action was taken.

**7. COMMISSION'S COMMENTS (2-0514) - None.**

**8. STAFF'S COMMENTS (2-0515) - None.**

**9. ACTION ON FUTURE MEETING DATE AND TIME (1-0465) -** Discussion indicated the meeting should be scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on March 19 in Room 59.

**10. ADJOURNMENT (2-0518) -** Commissioner Wolf moved to adjourn. Acting Chairperson Tatro seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Acting Chairperson Tatro adjourned the meeting at 5 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.

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ARE SO APPROVED ON March 19,  
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Greg Smith, Chairperson