

CARSON CITY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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A regular meeting of the Carson City Regional Transportation Commission was held on Wednesday, July 16, 1997 in the Administrative Complex Conference Room #59, 2621 Northgate Lane, Carson City, NV at 3:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairperson Greg Smith
Marie Wolf

STAFF: Dorothy Timian-Palmer, Utilities Director
Tim Homann, Deputy Public Works Director
Harvey Brotzman, Engineer - RTC
Fran Smith, Recording Secretary
(RTC 7/16/97 1-0000.5)

NOTE - Unless otherwise indicated each item was introduced by Chairperson Smith. Individuals speaking are identified following the heading of each item. 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. CALL TO ORDER - Chairperson Smith called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present although Commissioner Tatro was absent. He previously advised he would not be available for the meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Commissioner Wolf moved to approve the Minutes of the April 16, 1997 and May 21, 1997 meetings. Chairperson Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS - None.

3. DISCUSSION WITH SOUTHWEST GAS ON PAVEMENT PAVING PROCEDURE - (1-0023.5)
Eric Debonis and Cloyce Hummel, Southwest Gas - Craig Platt, Arizona Pipeline - Mr. Brotzman stated that Mr. Debonis and Mr. Hummel previously met with Ms. Timian-Palmer and Street Superintendent John Flansberg on the procedure. Chairperson Smith said as Chairperson of this Commission and member of the Board of Supervisors he had been getting many complaints about the quality of the work Arizona Pipeline has been doing. Mr. Debonis said the feedback he had received on the permanent patches was that the City was happy with the product. He also noted this project was a replacement project and perhaps the procedure could be reviewed later. Ms. Timian-Palmer said the temporary patches were the problem. Mr. Debonis said Southwest Gas had done a study on what it would take to serve the natural gas needs of the City. He noted the result was that economically it would be better for Southwest Gas to systematically replace the older plastic lines with newer lines that are stronger and that the work being done is the first phase of that project.

(1-0137.5) Commissioner Wolf expressed her extreme displeasure with what the work is doing to aesthetics and explained there were lots of cones situated around the community last winter. She also cited an example of metal plates at 10th and Curry which she felt could be a hazard to vehicles. She added she had also received calls from the public complaining about having their streets being dug up several times. She felt that there should be pride in the work that is being done. Mr. Platt detailed their efforts in trying to properly do the work. Mr. Debonis then talked about the replacement procedures and also their work with underground lines. The length of time it takes to do this work was also mentioned. Commissioner Wolf reiterated her concern about the cones and felt that the people whose neighborhoods are affected should be told ahead of time that the work was scheduled. Mr. Debonis talked about the meeting with Mr. Flansberg and said they had shown him their plans for where they would be working. Chairperson Smith suggested that Southwest Gas contact the newspaper with details of what they are doing and Mr. Debonis said they had already done that. Mr. Platt commented that the cones are there for a purpose and do not stay any longer than necessary. Commissioner Wolf then asked about work at 5th and Curry. Mr. Platt explained it was the whole section of the new main and said it should be complete in three to five weeks. Chairperson Smith suggested, because of the mood of the public, they try to be as careful and as courteous as they can. No formal action was taken.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SELECTING THE SOUNDWALL TYPE FROM U.S.

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50 TO NYE LANE - (1-0507.5) Mr. Brotzman said this had been discussed at the previous meeting and that Ron Ruffo who had talked about the styrofoam block based wall had not contacted staff. He then talked about the choice of wall type identified in the SEA report discussed at the previous meeting. Commissioner Wolf then moved that the Commission go along with staff's recommendation, that being a cantilevered wall with an accent strip as shown in Figure 5, Page 8, of the SEA report prepared for the Carson City Regional Transportation Commission in September of 1996. Chairperson Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

5. DISCUSSION ON THE INTERSECTION OF TENTH AND CURRY STREETS - (1-0544.5) Laura Adler - Chairperson Smith complimented staff on the information they had generated and the manner in which it was presented in the staff report. Mr. Brotzman said their findings had shown the volume of traffic indicates a need for a four-way stop. However, he added there are physical limitations which have been identified and referred to the drawings shown in the study. He provided details on the items that should be moved and recommended that an additional red zone be striped on the northwest corner of Tenth Street along with additional red striping limiting parking on the southeast quadrant of Curry. Mr. Brotzman also stated staff had contacted Carson Station management to inform them that the plan was going to be presented at this meeting. Mr. Homann commented that whenever a warrant study is done it has a technical finding that says some kind of an approach needs to be taken. He added that before a four-way stop is installed other improvements need to be made to see what kind of impact it would have. Mr. Homann said sometimes adding signage alerting motorists that the cross traffic does not stop helps. He added that before going to a four-way stop it was staff's recommendation that the sight distance be increased and some striping put in. Ms. Adler said she uses the street every day and that people do not fully stop. She noted that visibility is a problem and that the short block from Carson Street to Curry also causes a problem during commute hour. She also suggested putting the stop signs closer to the street and putting in speed bumps. She added that most of the cars she saw not stopping were not from out of state. At this point Mr. Homann said staff would continue to look at this and bring an update to the Commission. No formal action was taken.

6. STATUS OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS - (1-0804.5) Mr. Brotzman referred to the project listing in the packet and said the Goni Road project was on hold until the Weikel right of entry issue is resolved. He said once that is taken care of the project is ready to commence. Mr. Brotzman then noted that they had a pre-construction conference and walked the area with the contractor on the work to install two traffic signals, College/Goni and College/Roop location, scheduled to start July 21. He also said the signal/roundabout for Fifth and Edmonds is on hold because they are still waiting to hear from NDOT on additional funding. He then referred to the flashing stop sign at Clearview and Edmonds and said they are waiting for proposals to come back from the contractor. He also said Ralph Hogoboom, Engineering Manager of Lumos and Associates who was present, was looking for information on the RFP for transportation and said it went on the street July 14. He added they hoped to have them reviewed and a recommendation made by August 25 so that the Board of Supervisors could act on it at their September 4 meeting. No formal action was taken.

7. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS - (1-0920.5) Commissioner Wolf asked about a date for completion of the Transportation Master Plan. Mr. Homann said it would take six to nine months for the first draft.

8. STAFF COMMENTS - (1-0991.5) Mr. Homann provided details on the monthly ridership on the transportation system. He also talked about the Board authorizing \$50,000 for next years budget and that the entire program is in the neighborhood of \$122,000 for next year. He added that this includes continuing the program as it exists, continuing picking up local rehab rides for OARC, and extending service to the State of Nevada Welfare Department clients starting October 1.

9. ACTION ON FUTURE MEETING DATE - The next meeting is scheduled for August 30 starting at 3:30 p.m. The location is probably the meeting room in the City Hall.

10. ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business Chairperson Smith entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Wolf moved to adjourn. Chairperson Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. Chairperson Smith adjourned the meeting at 4:41 p.m.

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Greg Smith, Chairperson