

CARSON CITY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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A regularly scheduled meeting of the Carson City Regional Transportation Commission was held on Wednesday, August 20, 1997, at the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, NV, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairperson Greg Smith and Commissioners Tom Tatro and Marie Wolf

STAFF PRESENT: Utilities/Public Works Director Dorothy Timian-Palmer, Deputy Public Works Director Tim Homann, RTC Engineer Harvey, Brotzman, and Recording Secretary Katherine McLaughlin (R.T.C. 8/20/97 Tape 1-0012.5)

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL - Chairperson Smith convened the session at 3:30 p.m. Roll call was taken. The entire Commission was present constituting a quorum.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June 18 and July 16, 1997 - Commissioner Wolf moved to approve the Minutes. Commissioner Tatro seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS (1-0022.5) - None.

3. STATUS REPORT ON PROJECTS (1-0025.5) - Discussion ensued between staff and the Commission on the traffic problems encountered due to the closure of Goni Road, reasons for the closure, potential alternatives and projected costs. This project will take 60 days to complete. Signs clearly indicating the closure period and the cost were posted prior to the closure. Ms. Timian-Palmer and Mr. Brotzman planned to meet with Canyon Creek Contractor Sam Nevis after the meeting and discuss the alternatives.

Comments indicated that Mr. Nevis had been very cooperative and would work with the City on the alternative. Staff reviewed the status report on the remainder of the projects. Discussion included the process used to install the "rumble strips", the scheduled date for the Clearview overlay, the master plan element RFP, the increase in public contact about the Ormsby Boulevard extension, (1-0250.5) the acquisition problems encountered with the Airport Road/Graves Lane connector road, Commissioner Tatro's suggestion that the Graves Lane project be phased and its construction program, the need to relocate the Edmonds/Pheasant signal control box due to ADA sidewalk requirements, and the need for a stop sign at Meadowood and Koontz Lane. (1-0233.5) Mr. Brotzman felt that a preliminary report should be available from the master plan consultant by the time the budget process is being considered. The final decision could then be made on the Ormsby Boulevard extension. (1-0378.5) Commissioner Tatro indicated that Dwight Millard had expressed a willingness to remove some of the site obscuring items on the fence along Edmonds. Chairperson Smith noted the Empire Elementary School PTA and parents' appreciation of the Edmonds signal and warning lights. (1-0410.5) Chairperson Smith indicated the stop sign for Meadowood and Koontz should be taken straight to the Board of Supervisors if the traffic warrants do not justify installation of the stop sign. The Commission did not have the authority to order its installation. Mr. Brotzman indicated he could perform a cursory review of the traffic count tomorrow and determine whether it would or would not meet traffic warrants. He would contact Commissioner Tatro after that review. No formal action was taken or required.

4. APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ON THE CARSON CITY STORM WATER MASTER PLAN (1-0445.5) - Commissioner Tatro explained his employment at NDOT which he felt would not pose a conflict of interest when considering this item. Mr. Homann described the amendment, its cost, and the City's share of that cost. Commissioner Wolf voiced her concern about the consultant's work as indicated by the report and the use of RTC funds for detention basins. Chairperson Smith also questioned the use of RTC funds for the detention basin infrastructure and the amendment to the contract without Commission/Board consideration prior to having had the work performed. Mr. Homann responded that staff had little control over this project as NDOT contracted with the firm. Carson City's contract is with NDOT although some of the changes had been made at Public Work's request. Chairperson Smith also explained the need to respond when the equipment is on site rather than to delay the project while formal action is requested. Mr. Homann explained how the process would have been handled if there

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had been contingency funding established when originally approved. Contingency funding had not been provided for this project. Discussion indicated the hydrology study had been performed on Galena Creek which is in Washoe County. Reasons for using this site and its validity for Carson City watershedstreams were explained. Discussion noted the weather forecasts indicating the area is under the influence of "El Nino" and the potential for another severe winter or drought. Chairperson Smith pointed out that the project would save the City and NDOT literally millions of dollars due to the reduced need for hydrological work along the freeway. Commissioner Wolf reiterated her concerns about the report. Commissioner Tatro then moved to ratify the Board action taken on the amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with the Nevada Department of Transportation for the Carson City Storm Water Master Plan. Chairperson Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-1 with Commissioner Wolf voting Naye.

5. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS (1-0710.5) - None.

6. STAFF COMMENTS (1-0716.5) - Mr. Homann noted the ParaTransit Report which had been included in the packet. Ridership is up over 1,000 rides in July. The increase was created by the inclusion of the Welfare Program. NDOT has indicated an intent to open the ridership to the general public. This service would be require 24-hour advanced notice, be for portal to portal, and cost \$4 per rider one way. The provider will be responsible for all insurance coverage. The ride costs include allowance for gasoline, operations, vehicle maintenance, etc. Public ridership will put more riders in each vehicle on each trip. This reduces the overall cost of the trip. No formal action was taken or required.

7. ACTION ON FUTURE MEETING DATE AND TIME (1-0758.5) - The next meeting was scheduled for September 17 at 3:30 p.m. No formal action was taken.

8. ADJOURNMENT (1-0765.5) - Commissioner Wolf moved to adjourn. Commissioner Tatro seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously and Chairperson Smith adjourned the meeting at 4:20 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 September 24, 1997.

/s/

Greg Smith, Chairperson