

CARSON CITY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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A regularly scheduled meeting of the Carson City Regional Transportation Commission was held on Wednesday, May 15, 1996, at the Northgate Administrative Complex Conference Room, 2621 Northgate Lane, Suite 59, Carson City, Nevada, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Chairperson Greg Smith and Commissioners Kay Bennett and Marie Wolf

STAFF PRESENT: RTC Engineer Harvey Brotzman and Recording Secretary Katherine McLaughlin (R.T.C. 5/15/96 Tape 1-0001.5)

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL - Chairperson Smith convened the meeting at 8:30 a.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present although Commissioner Bennett had not yet arrived.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 17, 1996 (1-0005.5) - Commissioner Wolf moved to approve the Minutes as presented. Chairperson Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

2. STATUS OF TRANSIT SERVICES (1-0018.5) - Mr. Brotzman explained Cliff Watkins' absence and reviewed Mr. Watkins' one page report on the ridership, status of the PSC issues and the business plan. Discussion indicated the contract with Paratransit is annual and renewable. Clarification indicated the contract would automatically be renewed based on NDOT grants. Chairperson Smith expressed his concerns with their service level based on comments he had heard from other individuals about the possible duplication of services. He requested Mr. Brotzman relay these concerns to Paratransit and indicated that the contract may not be automatically renewed without a sales pitch. Mr. Brotzman expressed his feeling that Paratransit does provide services which others may not be aware of, such as the computer program. The PSC issue is unique to Nevada. This issue had delayed the City program. He also explained Paratransit's studies and employment in other areas. Commissioner Wolf explained her personal knowledge of the Ely program and expressed the feeling that it was not supported by all of the providers. She urged the Chairperson to check into the matter. (Supervisor Bennett arrived during her comments. A quorum was present as previously indicated.) Commissioner Wolf expressed her feeling that the service was not necessary. Commissioner Bennett also echoed these comments. Chairperson Smith then expressed his dismay at Mr. Watkins' absence. Mr. Brotzman reiterated his explanation of his absence. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard were asked if they wished to make a comment at this time, however, both declined. No action was required or taken on this Item.

3. DISCUSSION ON THE ACQUISITION OF KATHLEEN (THOMPSON) ARVEY PROPERTY (1-0162.5) - Mr. Brotzman explained the location and area needed for the extension of Graves Lane. She will be allowed to continue using the garage until construction begins. Mr. Brotzman also indicated there are several larger parcels still in negotiations. Mrs. Arvey had accepted the City's appraisal. Discussion indicated the acquisition will be reconsidered by the Board of Supervisors because additional property was required which had not been included in the original agreement. Donna Kuester voiced her support for the extension as it would provide a "ring road". Commissioner Bennett expressed a concern about a potential conflict between pilots on Runway 2-7 and vehicular traffic, specifically from their headlights along the parallel stretch of the Graves Lane extension. Mr. Brotzman and Public Works Director Jay Aldean agreed to contact FAA/other airport managers/engineers about this concern and/or include design mitigation in the plan. This may require retaining a consultant which would be considered by the Commission at a future meeting. Commissioner Wolf suggested the Airport Authority discuss this issue. Commissioner Bennett moved that the Regional Transportation Commission proceed with the acquisition of the Kathleen Thompson Arvey property as presented by staff. Commissioner Wolf seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

5. STATUS OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (1-0328.5) - Mr. Brotzman reviewed his status report. Discussion among Messrs. Brotzman, Aldean, and Sullivan and the Commission explained the lawsuit over the property adjacent to the Meadowwood Apartment Complex, the T-Ball fencing needs at Governor's Field along Roop Street and potential liability concerns, (1-0428.5) the need for traffic control at this intersection, reasons a signal had not been installed at Goni and Hot Springs Road, the proposed signal for Goni and College Parkway, the status of the Ormsby Boulevard extension, and, with John Bullis' participation, the traffic counts on Ormsby

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and Winnie as well as Winnie and Victoria, the possible use of roundabouts to slow/calm traffic on Ormsby Boulevard, the need to educate the public on the use of roundabouts, (1-0812.5) the need for sound barriers to be included in the Ormsby Boulevard extension, the need for a traffic signal at Winnie and Ormsby when the extension is constructed, and the Ormsby Boulevard undulations and their effectiveness. (1-0403.5) Community Development Director Walter Sullivan suggested an eight to nine foot chainlink fence be installed along Roop Street. (1-0488.5) Mr. Bullis did not feel that the current traffic patterns were reflected in the traffic counts. Chairperson Smith directed Mr. Brotzman to provide Mr. Bullis with a copy of the Winnie and Victoria report. Mr. Brotzman indicated a special public meeting on Ormsby Boulevard will be scheduled in June. Chairperson Smith directed staff to provide Mr. Bullis with a copy of the packet for the public hearing on Ormsby Boulevard prior to the meeting. Mr. Bullis also requested a copy of the street standards. Mr. Aldean indicated this is a policy. Mr. Brotzman indicated the Streets and Highway Master Plan element includes these standards. (1-0731.5) Mr. Aldean indicated staff would draft a standard for the roundabouts. Commissioner Bennett requested staff contact other areas about the roundabouts, how they work, and their effectiveness. Comments indicated NDOT has videos available on roundabouts. Mr. Bullis requested a copy of the NDOT analysis of the Ormsby Boulevard extension's impact on King Street. Mr. Bullis felt that the School District should also have a copy of this report. Chairperson Smith explained his knowledge of King Street and his desire to restrict the discussion at the special meeting to the Ormsby extension and pertinent issues. Emotional issues will not be considered. He agreed that the School District should be consulted due to the two schools which will be impacted. Mr. Aldean agreed to provide Mr. Mitchell with a copy. No formal action was required or taken.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS (1-0903.5) - Mr. Bullis explained a Chamber of Commerce meeting of manufacturers and their traffic concerns in the industrial park. He felt that one of the proposed signals would mitigate one of their problems. Discussion noted their efforts to address this problem at Goni and College Parkway. Commissioner Wolf explained her friend's request for four-way stop signs at Tenth and Curry Streets. Commissioner Bennett expanded on the traffic problems. Mr. Aldean indicated staff would evaluate and may recommend some changes, i.e., to stripe and prohibit parking which will provide a left turn lane on Tenth Street, to help mitigate the problem.

7. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS (1-0995.5) - None.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON "ESTABLISHING A MISSION STATEMENT FOR THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION" (1-0997.5) - Discussion noted the two statements and their differences. Commissioner Bennett moved that the Regional Transportation Commission adopt the following mission statement: Carson City Transportation Commission provides leadership, vision and policy development utilizing an open public forum to prioritize projects, expend funds and achieve a superior transportation network in order to effectively facilitate the movement of people and commerce throughout the community. Commissioner Wolf seconded the motion. Following a request for a correction to the motion, Commissioner Bennett amended her motion to indicate "Carson City Regional Transportation Commission provides...". Commissioner Wolf continued her second. Motion carried 3-0.

8. STAFF COMMENTS (NON-ACTION ITEMS) (1-1085.5) - None.

9. ACTION ON FUTURE MEETING DATE AND TIME - The next meeting is scheduled for June 19 at 8:30 a.m.

There being no other matters for consideration, Commissioner Wolf moved to adjourn. Commissioner Bennett seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairperson Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.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 May 15, 1996, Carson City Regional Transportation Commission meeting

ARE SO APPROVED ON _____,

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Greg Smith, Chairperson