

CARSON CITY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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A regularly scheduled meeting of the Carson City Regional Transportation Commission was held on Wednesday, June 19, 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 Commissioner Kay Bennett

STAFF PRESENT: Public Works Director Jay Aldean, RTC Engineer Harvey Brotzman, and Recording Secretary Katherine McLaughlin
(R.T.C. 6/19/96 Tape 1-0000-.5)

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL - Chairperson Smith convened the meeting at 8:35 a.m. Roll call was taken. A quorum was present although Commissioner Wolf was absent.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 15, 1996 (1-006.5) - Commissioner Bennett moved to approve the Minutes. Chairperson Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

2. STATUS REPORT ON TRANSIT SERVICES (1-0008.5) - Paratransit Representative Steve Hutchins reviewed the ridership and his report. He indicated that the fixed route plan has been dropped and efforts are now being spent on coordinating the current services with Paratransit providing the leadership. He admitted that his agency had not demonstrated its leadership ability in the past. He suggested that his agency operate a coordinated dispatch system with OARC and the Senior Center providing the vehicles and drivers. His technology could be used to match the Title 18 grants. This could eventually lead to a totally coordinated transportation system. OARC has expressed a desire to eliminate its dispatch program. This program should eliminate a lot of the duplication in services. Mr. Aldean explained the reasons for the origin destination study. Discussion indicated that Paratransit is under an annual contract which runs from July 1st to June 30. The Board of Supervisors will consider renewal on July 3. The funding for his services and ridership grants was explained. Mr. Hutchins explained his firm's expertise in coordinated transportation systems which provides the economy of scale necessary for the community and eliminates duplication of efforts. The origin study supports the need for coordination in services. He also felt that it provide better tracking of trips outside Carson City than the agencies currently have. Comments supported the statement that Paratransit's services had lacked the necessary leadership and questioned its credibility. Clarification indicated Cliff Watkins is no longer associated with the firm. Mr. Hutchins then introduced Tim Bailey who may be retained for that position. His knowledge of the area and experience were briefly outlined. Mr. Hutchins also outlined the services his agency could provide and reiterated the comments concerning the lack of leadership experienced during the past year. Mr. Bailey further elaborated on his experience and expressed his interest in working in Carson City and with Paratransit. Chairperson Smith urged Mr. Hutchins to provide the Board with a detailed action plan for next year and in the future. He felt that there is some skepticism in the community which questioned whether the services provided could be justified against the cost. Mr. Aldean indicated that there had been a meeting with Sandy McGrew from NDOT and that several problem areas had been resolved. Mr. Hutchins noted that it is common to encounter politics in undertaking a coordinated transit system. He also explained the status of the PSC issues. He felt that the taxicab providers could begin providing the service if a letter modifying the rates is issued to PSC. Chairperson Smith urged him to push for this before the July 3rd meeting. He invited Ms. McGrew to attend the Board meeting also. This would display a cooperative attitude. Commissioner Bennett echoed his comments particularly relating to having the cab service. Mr. Hutchins expressed a desire to attend the monthly Commission meetings. Commissioner Bennett expressed a desire to attend the next technical advisory committee meeting. Mr. Hutchins indicated it would be on July 8/9 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Senior Center. Chairperson Smith indicated that no action could be taken as it had been agendaized as a status report. He expressed the hope that Mr. Bailey would be able to secure the job and welcomed him to Carson City.

Mr. Brotzman explained his involvement with the "Lake Lapper" transit service. This service began on Saturday under several grant programs and the Tahoe counties/community support. The service was discussed. Commissioner Bennett expressed the hope that the City's transit service could be extended to Tahoe and tie into the "Lapper". Mr. Hutchins then explained several transit studies which will soon be performed in Douglas County for a service from Douglas to Reno. NDOT is funding the study. His firm's role in this program was

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outlined. No formal action was required or taken on this item.

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SNYDER AVENUE EXTENSION

IMPROVEMENTS (1.0556.5) - Discussion ensued on the various improvement options to the 1.05 miles of Snyder including the need for a right-of-way, staff's discussion with NDOT and BLM on the improvements, Lyon County's surfacing program and similar "experimental" programs. Snyder is not a public access easement. It is considered a prescriptive right road. The \$12,000 estimate for grading the road included a culvert. Chairperson Smith noted that the street had always been dirt and that the residents were only asking that it be safe, passable, and accessible. Andrea Lefwich stressed the need for grading and maintenance including culverts. Deputy Public Works Director Homann stressed his desire to have a road with less maintenance, however, the funding is not available. He was willing to check into the other alternatives. It may be possible to use some additional chips from the State Highway projects. Chairperson Smith requested staff agendize the item for Board of Supervisors discussion/action concerning its willingness to accept dedication. Commissioner Bennett moved that the Regional Transportation Commission recommend that the Board of Supervisors consider including Snyder Avenue dirt road extension in the Street and Highway future priority list as a dedicated road for Carson City. Discussion ensued on whether to add 1.5 miles to the motion. Commissioner Bennett felt that this could be added as part of the recommendation to the Board if necessary. Chairperson Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Mr. Homann felt that this item would be on the July 18 Board agenda and that he would add additional ideas and costs. He will also meet with BLM concerning its participation. Commissioner Bennett encouraged Mr. Aldean to contact Lyon County on its program. Mr. Aldean agreed. Chairperson Smith indicated this item would be considered in the evening on July 18.

He also noted the workload which had been given to staff as a caution that it may not be improved as quickly as the residents would like.

4. STATUS OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (1-0877.5) - Mr. Brotzman reviewed his status report. Discussion indicated that drainage pipes would be installed at Graves Lane and Highway 50 East. Mr. Homann elaborated on the drainage pipes and the telephone fiber optic relocation problem encountered on the south side of Highway 50. Discussion noted that the southwest corner of Graves and Highway 50 East had been cleared; the cost to perform the sound wall study; the July 17th meeting on the Ormsby Boulevard extension; and John Bullis: P. D. Kaiser's letter on extending Ormsby Boulevard; roundabouts and their purpose; and the proposal to locate a high school at the College and its impact on Ormsby Boulevard. (1-1060.5) Mr. Bullis urged staff to consider speed bumps instead of undulations to control speed. Discussion ensued on the pros and cons of speed bumps and roundabouts. Mr. Aldean agreed to give Mr. Bullis a copy of the report on roundabouts. Mr. Bullis questioned the wisdom of having the July 17th meeting if adequate information is not available on the cost of the speed bumps versus roundabouts, etc. Chairperson Smith indicated that if the street is extended it would have landscaping, be as unobtrusive as possible to the adjacent residents, designed to mitigate as much as possible the traffic speed issues, etc. Criticism he had heard concerning the amount of mitigation provided were noted as well as his desire to not have a speedway. Mr. Bullis suggested that the extension be postponed and the funding used for other areas, particularly for the Bypass. He continued to stress his feeling that the amount of traffic which would utilize the extension did not justify its construction. (1-1248.5) Mr. Brotzman continued his status report. Mr. Homann indicated that when the signal is installed on Edmonds in the vicinity of Pheasant that the school zone would be removed. The equipment would be utilized for other school crossings. There have been complaints on the smaller school crossing equipment at Stanton and Edmonds due to sight problems. It may be removed when the signal is installed. He felt that a crossing guard should operate the signals before and after school. Discussions will be held with the PTA group. No action was taken or required.

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS (1-1286.5) - Commissioner Bennett requested extending Curry Street from Moses to Clearview be agendized for discussion and possible action. She then requested the formation of a traffic advisory committee also be agendized for discussion and possible action. The purpose of this committee was briefly noted. Supervisor Bennett then left the meeting--9:55 a.m. At this point a quorum was no longer present. Chairperson Smith continued with the balance of the agenda. He volunteered to meet with the PTA on the Edmonds changes.

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7. STAFF'S COMMENTS - NON-ACTION ITEMS - Mr. Homann invited the public to his new office.

8. ACTION ON FUTURE MEETING DATE(S) AND TIME(S) - July 17 in the Sierra Room at 6:30 p.m. There may be a morning meeting in addition to this session.

The meeting was terminated at 10 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.

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ARE SO APPROVED ON _____,
1996.

Greg Smith, Chairperson