

# CARSON CITY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

## Minutes of the July 29, 1996 Special Meeting

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A special meeting of the Carson City Regional Transportation Commission was held on Monday, July 29, 1996 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, NV at 6:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Greg Smith  
Kay Bennett  
Marie Wolf

**STAFF:** Jay Aldean, Public Works Director  
Tim Homann, Deputy Public Works Director  
Harvey Brotzman, Engineer - RTC  
Juan Guzman, Senior Planner  
Katherine McLaughlin, Recording Secretary  
(RTC 7/29/96 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 6:35 p.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

### AGENDA ITEMS

**1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CONSTRUCTION OF ORMSBY BOULEVARD** - (1-0005.5) Chairperson Smith noted that a couple of years ago the Commission had approved the extension and that the Board of Supervisors had concurred with that approval. He added that at several previous meetings people had questions relating to the project. He added that the reason for this meeting was to possibly reconsider the extension based on new information.

(1-0017.5) Mr. Brotzman provided background information on how the City had acquired the boulevard and what has been done since that time. He also pointed out on the maps what has been developed and what has been approved for development. He explained how staff had concluded the cut-through traffic would not unfavorably impact the residents in the Carriage Square area. Chairperson Smith then asked for a show of hands of those for and those against the project.

At this point Chairperson Smith declared a recess at 6:45 p.m. and invited the public to come forward and study the maps. When he reconvened the meeting at 6:55 a quorum was present as previously noted.

(1-0171.5) Mike Mitchell, Director of Operations for the School District, commented on the King Street traffic going by the middle school and Bordewich. He liked the idea of the extension because ultimately the District will be able to transport more students back and forth. (1-0231.5) Laura Work detailed her concerns with safety. (1-0271.5) State Senator Ernie Adler asked when this had originally been approved. Chairperson Smith said this has been on the priority list for a number of years and said this is the first time the funding has been available to do the project. Senator Adler also expressed his concerns with safety. (1-0315.5) Debra Uhart said she wanted to go on record as saying she had a concern with the traffic that the "teeing" on to Chapparel would cause. (1-0375.5) Jerry Walsh of Odesa Engineering said he had studied the plans and provided two options which he explained. (1-0487.5) Dr. James Breeden felt that the project would block him in a way that would make him take additional time to get to the hospital when time is of the essence. (1-0529.5) Jack Quirk felt the extension would create a speedway. (1-0557.5) Mary Ann Pierson expressed her concern with the traffic that would be generated through Carriage Square. (1-0583.5) Woody Allen said he lives in a cul de sac and expressed a concern with safety and said there is almost a blind corner leaving the cul de sac to get on to Chapparel and that additional traffic would add to the problem. (1-0597.5) Maxine Nietz said she lives on West Long and had a concern that traffic might be off loaded on to West Long. (1-0610.5) Jim Menoth expressed a desire that east-west circulation be improved. (1-0661.5) Tom Pardini said he would also like to see east-west traffic be improved. He felt the extension is a good

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idea provided safety measures are put in. (1-0683.5) Bonnie Bullis did not feel the extension provides effective criteria for moving large numbers of automobiles around the City. She also expressed a concern about the speed. (1-0807.5) Brian Smith said he was sympathetic with the concerns expressed about speed, safety, and the schools. (1-0875.5) George Chapman felt there had been some bad planning. He felt that no matter what is done with North Ormsby the traffic would be moved into residential areas. He also agreed with the concerns expressed on speeding. (1-1067.5) John Bullis asked if the City did not already own the land would they purchase it. He felt the answer would be no because purchasing other areas would better solve the problems being expressed. (1-1125.5) Alyce McCracken said the undulations helped the speeding problem in her neighborhood. She felt with the growth of the City everyone should have to equally share the traffic problem. She read a statement of support for the project from Arthur and Alison Palmer into the record. (1-1197.5) Hank Thomas said he lives on Ash Canyon Road and felt what is there at the present time is not adequate. He agreed with several remedial ideas that had been suggested earlier in the meeting. (1-1257.5) Senior Planner Juan Guzman of Community Development said their belief is that extending Ormsby is imperative and explained how it would facilitate general movement of the population, not just north and south but east and west. (1-1375.5) Mr. Homann then explained for the public that staff puts together a priority list for the Commission's consideration. He added this is done based on what a facility will carry, its safety characteristics, and the cost. He also explained that in purchasing other right-of-ways the cost/benefit ratio makes them too low of a priority. He added that because the City already owns the right of way in this case the cost does not go against the project and the dollars spent make it a very high priority for the amount of good it does. Herbert Clemons asked if the results of a traffic study on the extension were available. Mr. Brotzman said they had studied several streets in the Ormsby area and pointed these out on the maps. (1-1459.5) Mr. Clemons then stated he did not feel the extension is justified and explained. (1-1553.5) John Erb of NDOT explained that they would maintain the loop section of the extension and the City would maintain their part. At this point Mr. Homann explained how this process works.

Chairperson Smith declared a recess at 8:20 p.m. When he reconvened the meeting at 8:35 p.m. a quorum was present as previously noted.

(1-1665.5) Robert Foley expressed his concern about the speed on Washington Street and felt that the amount of traffic on it would be tripled if the extension is done. (1-1691.5) Jean Kellogg provided details on what she felt is a lack of planning and explained what she felt a solution could be. Mr. Aldean commented on the projects they have been working on and said the information and public education process could have been better as to the number of projects and where they were distributed. (1-1915.5) Larry McCracken felt that the lots already approved will double and triple the traffic. (1-2125.5) Gary Kellogg asked if the City could sell the property where the extension would be located. Mr. Aldean did not think so and said it would be held as a corridor because it is part of the Master Plan. (1-2151.5) Ed Shore said he was opposed to the extension and expressed his concern with the proposed speeds. (1-2225.5) Elizabeth Tates felt that the bicycle path and the sidewalk path do not seem to be connecting and are a safety problem for children getting to and from the middle school and Bordewich. At this point Chairperson Smith read a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Rudi Losche into the record. In it they opposed the project and provided details. He also read a memo from Laura Work into the record opposing the project. Mr. Homann then read a letter from Steven and Susan Kastens into the record in which they supported the project. Midge Brady asked that the quality of life in the area affected by the extension be considered. (1-2529.5) Michael Griffin felt that the closed loop streets have caused traffic to load on a few streets. He said he was not sure the extension is the solution but felt there has to be something to allow people to come from Kings Canyon to get to the center of the City without going around. (1-2571.5) Carmen Joost, a principal in a cattle company, said part of their land had been acquired in order to make the proposed road. She asked that her concern on keeping their land for the cattle be noted in the record. (1-2641.5) Eugene Quarterson said he opposed the extension because it would complicate existing problems in his neighborhood including speeding, noise, and erosion problems. (1-2725.5) Commissioner Wolf expressed her belief that the extension should be put through on the basis that there could be a catastrophe waiting to happen. She mentioned the building going on in Kings Canyon, Ash Canyon, and Longview. She cited examples of the problems the residents of those areas would encounter trying to leave their homes in the event of a natural disaster. She noted that the extension would not lessen traffic but perhaps it could be moved along in a better way. (1-2815.5) Commissioner Bennett mentioned the concerns expressed at this meeting and said it was her belief that the big picture should be considered. She added it would not necessarily exclude the extension but it would put the extension into a concept of a larger framework. She said at the next

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Commission meeting she was going to propose the formation of a task force that would look at the traffic calming issues, the bike lane/pedestrian plan, standards for design, and good road design. She said this would be a good opportunity for citizens from various locations in the City to participate in giving input into the update of the Master Plan. Chairperson Smith expressed his support of the project but in deference to the public and the work they have done he wanted to make sure it makes sense for the next eight to ten years because he did not want to hear "I told you so." He added if it doesn't get done as some of the public think it should, then a new solution could be sought that would provide a better benefit. Commissioner Bennett then moved that the Regional Transportation Commission postpone action on the construction of Ormsby Boulevard until the new recommendations for adoption of the new streets and highway program are presented to the Regional Transportation Commission and that they have developed the kinds of recommendations for design and traffic calming and all of the other related matters. Chairperson Smith seconded the motion. At this point he encouraged the public to participate by asking questions and requesting information on the project. He then asked for a roll call vote. The result was: Wolf - naye; Bennett - aye; Smith - aye; Motion carried 2-1.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT** - None.

**3. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS** - None.

**4. STAFF COMMENTS** - None.

**5. ACTION ON FUTURE MEETING DATE(S) AND TIME** - The next meeting is scheduled for August 21 at 8:30 a.m.

**6. ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business Chairperson Smith entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bennett moved to adjourn. Commissioner Wolf seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairperson Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

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ARE SO APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ 12/18 \_\_\_\_\_, 1996

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Greg Smith, Chairperson