

CARSON AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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A regularly scheduled meeting of the Carson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization was held on Wednesday, November 8, 2006, at the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairperson Richard S. Staub, Vice Chairperson Charles Des Jardins, and Members Shelly Aldean, Mitchell Dion, Larry Hastings, and Dennis Taylor

STAFF PRESENT: City Engineer Larry Werner, Transportation Program Manager Patrick Pittenger, Senior Deputy District Attorney Michael Suglia, RTC Engineer Harvey Brotzman, and Recording Secretary Katherine McLaughlin (CAMPO 11/9/06 Recording 5:28:24)

NOTE: Unless otherwise indicated, each item was introduced by staff's reading/outlining/clarifying the Request for Board Action Report and/or supporting documentation. Staff members making the presentation are listed after the Item's heading. Any other individuals who spoke are listed immediately following the staff listing. 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. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM - Chairperson Staub convened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Roll call was taken. The entire Commission was present, constituting a quorum. (Member Zola resigned prior to the October 11, 2006, meeting. See Minutes for that date.)

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - OCTOBER 11, 2006, REGULAR MEETING (5:28:53) - Member Aldean moved to approve the Minutes for the October 11, 2006, Carson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization for that date as presented. Member Des Jardins seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

C. MODIFICATION OF AGENDA (5:29:31) - None

D. STAFF PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS (5:29:39) - None.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT (5:29:45) - None.

F. DISCLOSURES (5:30:25) - Chairperson Staub noted that this is the first public meeting since the General Election. On behalf of the CAMPO Board he congratulated the winners and expressed sympathy for the losers. Also, on behalf of Carson City, he extended congratulations to Supervisors Williamson and Livermore, Judge Robey Willis, and District Attorney-Elect Neil Rombardo. No formal action was taken or required.

G. PUBLIC MEETING ITEMS:

G-1. PRESENTATION REGARDING THE US 50 CORRIDOR STUDY BEING CONDUCTED BY THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NDOT) (5:31:10) - NDOT Project Manager on the U.S. 50 East Corridor Study Sandy Stanio, PBS&J Representative Bryan Gant - Ms.

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Stanio introduced PBS&J Representative Bryan Gant and Bowling and Mamola Representative Randy Bowling. Mr. Gant highlighted the project and report. (A copy is in the file.) His comments stressed the rapid change occurring along the corridor, particularly in the Lyon County area between Dayton and Silver Springs. Both long and short term problems, potential solutions, and methods of addressing those problems were noted. They had worked closely with NDOT and the stakeholder working groups to develop the study. They plan to keep the Counties involved with the process. A brief description of the meetings that had been conducted was provided including the educational process used to bring everyone to a baseline before commencing the study. As a master plan for the entire area has not been developed, four different scenarios were developed for each portion of the study area. They established the ranges needed for future growth. The conservative ranges were used to develop the needs assessments. A list of the stakeholders and participants was verbally given. The major project components were highlighted. Access management challenges were noted. The stakeholders worked to develop classification elements, define the access needs for each class, and create potential methods of addressing those challenges. Field trips were taken to the areas so that feasible methods of addressing these challenges could be developed. Uncontrolled accesses were deemed to be a major concern. A method of removing the local trips from the Highway 50 traffic is needed. This could include either a parallel roadway or a transportation system. Public outreach on the study will be conducted in January and March 2007. Concern has been expressed regarding the amount of time taken to reach this point. Justification for the process and for having community stakeholders actively involved in the process were explained. The major milestones in the 18-month process were noted. He emphasized the intent to complete the study within the 18-month time frame. He then explained the need for alternate routes, specifically, in the Dayton area. This connectivity could remove traffic from the Highway 50 corridor. He indicated an intent to work with the development community on the future growth scenarios including their traffic patterns and impacts of their developments will have on the overall transit system.

Discussion between Ms. Stanio and the Board indicated that they had reviewed the WNDD alternate route study. The review was conducted by the stakeholders as well as the developers. Suggestions for addressing the local traffic pattern included grade separations for the north and south traffic. They will allow local traffic to pass over the Highway. Frontage roads will eliminate the need to use Highway 50 to reach destinations within an area. Discussion noted the abandonment of right-of-way along Carson Street in Carson City. Ms. Stanio indicated that the concept is to have a frontage road along Highway 50 in Carson City and Moundhouse which will eliminate driveway connections to the Highway between Jeannette and Betts. This will create a four-way intersection at 50 and 341. She also disclosed the need to signalize this intersection. The concept also includes having connector roads in Dayton. Discussion indicated that NDOT has been meeting with developers and has suggested that the developers create the frontage roads for their developments. "Traditions" and some developers have included "back roads" for connectivity to other developments. She also announced that Walmart and Lowes are planning to locate somewhere "around Six Mile Canyon" which could vary all of the work done in the study. NDOT has been working closely with Lyon County regarding its master plan. During these meetings it was agreed that the study will be included within its transportation master plan for the U.S. 50 corridor. Both Member Taylor and Ms. Stanio complimented Mr. Gant on the study, its timeliness, and for being within budget. Ms. Stanio will submit a copy of the draft access management plan and the corridor study for comments when it is completed. She also indicated that some of the developers have been/are creating connector arterials at the back of their

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projects. Work with Lyon County must include methods of connecting these arterials. They will allow the residents to reach commercial establishments without using Highway 50. Discussion noted that the use of frontage roads had been eliminated from developments for some time. NDOT's change in philosophy regarding them is now requiring developers to create a method of accessing highways at limited intersections. Methods which may be used to limit the number of accesses to the highways were defined. Justification for limiting the access, the use of protected left turns and right in, right out turning movements were provided. Ms. Stanio also indicated the intent to develop a roundabout at the intersection of Highways 50 and 95A in Silver Springs and a grade separation to allow residents to cross over Highway 50 to reach businesses on the north side. No interchanges are being suggested along the Highway at this time. Some intersection changes and signals are, however, being suggested. Chairperson Staub disclosed his personal trip through Fernley and his experience at its roundabout. He urged the other Board members to tour it. Discussion then indicated that a study of the Carson River flood plain constraints had not been done as part of the corridor study. Ms. Stanio explained the Dayton need for a second bridge across the Carson River. Bridges do not at this time qualify for Federal and State funding. The corridor study will include three potential locations for a bridge—Chavez, Cardelli, and Flowery. Public comments were solicited but none were given. No formal action was required or taken.

G-2. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO INITIATE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE CAMPO TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) (5:57:50) - Transportation Program Manager Patrick Pittenger, Public Works Director Andrew Burnham - Modifications to the TIP were limned. The 30-day comment period will commence on Sunday and end on December 13. Comments will be submitted to the Board at its next meeting. Discussion indicated that the fiscal impact had been adjusted and should be amended in the motion. Additional comments were solicited but none given. Member Aldean moved that the public comment period of not less than 30 days be opened to allow for public review and comment on a proposed amendment to the Carson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Improvement Program as requested by the Nevada Department of Transportation; the proposed amendment would result in the Program indicating the increased total cost of construction of Phase 2A of the Carson City Freeway from \$40 million to \$62 million including a local share of \$750,000 per the proposed interlocal agreement between the Nevada Department of Transportation and Carson City; fiscal impact: following the execution of the aforementioned agreement between Carson City and the Nevada DOT regarding Phase 2A in conjunction with the amendment to the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Program, Carson City will be committed to providing \$750,000 as included in the proposed agreement and TIP amendment. Members Des Jardins and Hastings seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

H. INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (NON-ACTION ITEMS) -FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (6:03:01) - None.

I. ADJOURNMENT – CAMPO (6:03:05) - Member Aldean moved to adjourn. Member Hastings seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. Chairperson Staub adjourned the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

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ARE SO APPROVED ON January 10, 2007.

/s/
Richard S. Staub, Chairperson