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A special meeting of the Carson City Regional Transportation Commission was held on Wednesday, March 1, 1995, at the Northgate Administrative Complex, 2621 Northgate Lane, Suite 59, Carson City, Nevada, beginning at 8:15 a.m.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Finance Director Mary Walker, RTC Engineer Harvey Brotzman, and Recording Secretary Katherine McLaughlin (RTC 3/1/95 Tape 1-0053.5)

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** - Chairperson Smith called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m. Roll call was taken. The entire Commission was present constituting a quorum.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (1-0058)** - Chairperson Smith commended staff on the Minutes. Commissioner Bennett moved that the Minutes of the February 8, 1995, RTC meeting be approved. Commissioner Wolf seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**2. CITIZEN COMMENTS (1-0075)** - Brush Ranch Estates Architectural Committee Chairperson Bonnie Bullis read her statement of opposition to the proposed Ormsby Boulevard extension into the record. A copy was given to the Clerk. She acknowledged that a majority of the individuals represented by the Committee had been aware of the proposal to extend Ormsby Boulevard, however, they felt that it would be done only when and if traffic warranted it. She felt that the funding provided for the extension would not address landscaping, speed deterrents, or mitigation measures necessary for the southern arterial streets at the terminus of Ormsby Boulevard. Also, the installation and completion of College Parkway would eliminate some, if not a majority, of the need for the extension and make it no longer economically feasible to construct. The extension would also destroy the aesthetics and peace and quiet currently enjoyed by the neighborhood. She urged the Commission to reagenda the proposal with an intent to pass a motion recommending the Board of Supervisors defer the projection until her concerns can be addressed. Chairperson Smith agreed to agenda the extension and address each of her concerns. He thanked her for her comments.

(1-0191) Tom Quigley expressed his desire to have another section of Deer Run Road paving included in the Commission's projects for the coming year. Comments noted that the Commission's priority for the projects is agendaed for this meeting and he held his comments until that time.

(1-0203) John Bullis urged the Commission to postpone extension of Ormsby Boulevard until after the master plan is updated as traffic patterns may have changed and that its usage may no longer warrant the extension. He urged the Commission to fund additional work on Winnie Lane to Carson Street and gave reasons for his recommendation. He urged the Commission to create a program which would utilize the funding provided by developers or from the sale of surplus dedicated rights-of-ways to upgrade streets in areas where needed. He also urged the Commission to wait until the impact of College Parkway will have on the traffic patterns before widening Ormsby Boulevard. He felt it would alleviate some of the traffic on Winnie Lane. Also, by waiting it may not be necessary to mitigate the impact on streets at the terminus of the extension. He encouraged the Commission to continue holding workshops, however, felt that many of the people on the collector streets were not notified of the impact the extension would have on their quality of life. He also expressed his concern about the lack of "good street maps" at the workshops and urged the Commission to direct staff to correct this deficiency. Although College Parkway was not on a map, it could be "pencilled" in. Also, the workshops should be held in a larger room. He commended staff on its courtesy and patience and commended Commissioner Wolf on her attendance and ability to remain quiet. Chairperson Smith thanked him for his comments and attendance. He then suggested agendaing the workshops as Commission workshops to allow the Commission to discuss the projects with the public. Reasons only one Commissioner could attend the workshop were noted.

**3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ESTABLISHING THE PROJECT PRIORITY LIST FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995/96 (1-0310)** - RTC Engineer Harvey Brotzman distributed to the Commission and

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Clerk copies of the 94/95 budget and the 95/96 proposed budget. Funding provided by the bond was listed as part of the information packet in addition to the status of future projects. The status of these projects was then discussed in depth among the Commission, Mr. Brotzman, and City Engineer Tim Homann and the report corrected as needed. Chairperson Smith clarified the proposed extension of Goni between Hot Springs and Arrowhead. Discussion included the impact this would have on Bill Reeves' property at the corner of the current Goni Road and Hot Springs. Mr. Brotzman explained for the Commission and Mr. Quigley a proposal to use the "grindings" from the State resurfacing project on Highway 50 East to pave Deer Run Road. The cost for this project is estimated to be \$75,000. This type of project had been used in Washoe County and provides a suitable surface for a road with traffic volumes similar to Deer Run Road. A potential interlocal agreement with NDOT was outlined. Mr. Brotzman encouraged Mr. Quigley and the Commission to look at the Washoe County surface. Discussion also noted the NDOT/City signalization projects proposed for Highway 50. Procedures used to pave with the grindings were explained. Mr. Quigley encouraged the Commission to include the side streets off Deer Run Road in the project if funding and grindings are adequate to do so. Mr. Brotzman agreed to draft the options and estimated costs for such a project. Commissioner Bennett questioned the life of such a road and requested a report from NDOT on the maintenance. Chairperson Smith encouraged Mr. Brotzman to dedicate whatever time is necessary to evaluate this project in view of the deadlines necessary to tie the project to NDOT's construction schedule. Mr. Homann also explained a proposed subdivision project under design for a section of Deer Run Road and his intent to require the developer to pave Deer Run Road due to the increased traffic volume the subdivision would create. This proposal could be used as a "fall back" plan if the grinding program is determined to be infeasible.

Mr. Quigley also suggested someone look at the Virginia City directional sign on College Parkway which directs traffic onto Hot Springs and to a deadend. The only escape route is Goni which does not go to Virginia City. Mr. Homann indicated he would look into the matter.

Discussion returned to the budget and intersection signalization projects. Projects within the bond were considered funded and will be constructed as soon as possible. Finance Director Mary Walker indicated she would analyze the projects proposed in the bond and recommended amending it if the funding proposed for signals is transferred to Deer Run Road. Mr. Homann also noted that there are other funds which could be used for Deer Run Road. Discussion noted the problem of getting more than one bidder on signal projects. Commissioner Bennett questioned the reasons all of the signal design work must be done in house rather than contracted. Her question was discussed in conjunction with the bidding process, NDOT's signal design process for Highway 50, and the construction timetable. Chairperson Smith suggested staff draft a spread sheet delineating the status of these projects and estimated time of completion. Mr. Brotzman then displayed a map with red spots indicating areas where warrants had been established and designs are being drawn for signals and blue spots indicating areas where signs may be needed. He agreed to do the spread sheet.

Discussion returned to the budget and intersection signalization projects. Concern was expressed that the City needed to spend the bond monies quickly rather than have the funds setting in a bank. Mr. Brotzman stressed that the bond projects were included in the 96-97 budget with asterisks to indicate the funding source. Comments stressed that the budget was the most aggressive ever drafted. (1-1071) Public Works Director Jay Aldean explained the drainage study needs and reasons RTC is helping to fund a portion of it. NDOT's drainage study for the By-Pass was also noted.

Discussion returned to the signals, the status of several and their funding, and the other street projects. Discussion corrected the total funding for 95-96 and explained reasons RTC funds could not be allocated for transit. Commissioner Bennett indicated there is a legislative bill proposing to allow this use. Discussion also noted the traffic problems encountered at Winnie and Roop, the possibility of having the Northridge developer participate in correcting this intersection, and the accidents encountered at this intersection. Commissioner Bennett encouraged Mr. Homann to install some type of illumination at this intersection. Chairperson Smith suggested reflectors as a minimum. NDOT's proposed second northbound right turn lane on Carson Street from Washington to William was noted. This will be constructed if additional right-of-way is not required. The need to widen Roop at William and its cost were explored. Some work has been done on a project to widen Roop between William and Beverly. Commissioner Bennett suggested the proposed truck route from Fairview to Graves be removed from the list as the ByPass seems more realistic. Time is not being spent on this project and to remove it may lose it. Mr. Brotzman

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then explained the projects funded outside of the bond--Deer Run Road - \$140,000; the drainage study with NDOT - \$10,000; and funding for the two signals originally proposed in the 94/95 budget which was changed to address Roop Street from Fairview to Little Lane. Discussion ensued on the gas tax funding available after the debt service costs are removed. Chairperson Smith then explained his support for adding some of the streets off Deer Run Road to the proposal to utilize the Highway 50 "grindings". Mr. Brotzman suggested a second meeting on this topic once an estimate is established. Chairperson Smith's comments supported his suggestion. (1-1535) Discussion ensued on a project which would connect Curry Street to Stewart Street through the Forest Service area south of the Shell Service Station on South Carson Street and the traffic problems encountered at that point on Curry Street. Discussion included various methods of correcting these problems. Commissioner Bennett encouraged the Commission to fund a study of these problems and potential solutions. Mr. Brotzman explained the work which had begun in this endeavor.

Mr. Lipparelli stressed that the Commission establish a clear record of the items it was funding in the 95-96 budget. Clarification indicated the projects and their estimated budgets would be prioritized today. This tentative listing will be rediscussed by the Commission at its next meeting. Expenditures of RTC monies will be approved at that meeting. Projects which were being transferred from last year's budget to the next budget would not require action beyond continued support as a priority.

Chairperson Smith suggested the Stewart Street extension to Curry Street not be included in the priorities until a complete analysis of the road has been made. Discussion ensued on the amount of funding available for new priorities and the amount of funding remaining from 93-94 and 94-95 projects. Discussion ensued on the sidewalk projects.

Ms. Walker detailed her Downtown Beautification Project on Carson Street between Fifth Street and Washington Street including the funding request of \$500,000 for sidewalk and pedestrian crossing improvements and landscape changes. Her comments stressed the safety needs of the area. Commissioner Wolf also expressed her desire to have bicycle safety courses offered by the Sheriff's Office. State funding, ISTE A grant, and RTC's involvement were outlined. Redevelopment incentives are no longer available for this work. Ms. Walker's comments briefly described the changes which had been created by Redevelopment and its priorities for future improvements. Commissioner Bennett voiced her opposition to the request based on her beautification project for Carson Street between Colorado and Koontz. She also felt that the City needed the ByPass before construction should begin on the downtown core. Night construction of these improvements would add additional expenses to the project which she did not feel reflected good fiscal management. Without the ByPass, the City would experience additional negativity created by the increased gridlock experienced by both the locals and tourists. Ms. Walker felt that Graves Lane extension would be completed when the project is undertaken and could help address some of the traffic problems construction would create. The project would be handled by NDOT and funding had included the estimate for night construction. If the ByPass is constructed before the beautification project, tourists will completely ignore the downtown area. If the project is completed first, it would attract tourists. Completion of the ByPass first would negatively impact all of the Redevelopment efforts accomplished to date. She could not do the project without RTC's support. Ms. Walker also noted that the original proposal to narrow the lanes had been eliminated. Chairperson Smith expressed his willingness to budget the funding, however, was not willing to expend any of the funds until the complete financial package and project are developed. Ms. Walker agreed that the project was a preliminary plan. The funding package should be completed in approximately six month. Commissioner Bennett then noted the competition between her Highway 395 Beautification Project and Ms. Walker's for ISTE A funds. Both projects are related to pedestrian safety, parking, and beautification issues. She was willing to support Ms. Walker's project predicated upon funding for her project. Clarification indicated the funding requested for Ms. Walker's project was for \$500,000 for the colored paving delineating the intersection crossing areas. Chairperson Smith then passed the gavel to Vice Chairperson Bennett. Mr. Brotzman noted that the projects should include Deer Run Road and that he would bring the final list back for the Commission's approval. Chairperson Smith then moved that the Carson City Regional Transportation Commission include in its 95-96 proposed budget an amount equal to \$250,000 for the Carson pedestrian improvement as included and presented by the Redevelopment Director, money not to be used for the project unless it can be shown that there is sufficient funding from the other areas which include, but are not limited to, ISTE A funding, State funding, and Redevelopment funding, that all monies be acquired to do the project in the whole. Commissioner Wolf seconded the motion. Mr. Brotzman explained that there is only \$700,000 available for other projects. Action has allocated

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\$65,000 for the drainage study; \$100,000 for Deer Run Road; and established the need to fund the Goni Road realignment which is estimated at \$430,000. The \$250,000 for the Downtown Beautification Project brings the total to \$845,000 Mr. Brotzman suggested the funding for signals be dropped by \$140,000. Chairperson Smith requested the record reflect that he was not comfortable at this point committing funds to the project. He felt the project has merit and was willing to set the funds aside to allow the project to proceed. He was a long way from saying yes on it. Budgeting and committing funds are different even though he understood the collation. The motion to include the \$250,000 for the Downtown Beautification Project in the 95-96 proposed budget but withhold expenditure of those funds until the entire financial packet is developed was voted by roll call with the following result: Smith - Yes; Wolf - Yes; and Vice Chairperson Bennett - No. Motion carried 2-1. Vice Chairperson Bennett explained her no vote as being based upon her feeling that the Commission had not really evaluated the impact of setting aside \$250,000 will have on the other priorities. She could not justify \$250,000 for Downtown pedestrian safety when she has other problems such as at Roop and 50, on which she elaborated. (Commissioner Smith left the meeting at 10:40 a.m. A quorum was still present.) Vice Chairperson Bennett briefly noted her ISTEA application for funding to make improvements to Carson Street between Colorado and Koontz.

Commissioner Wolf moved that we approve the priorities as set forth here in concept. Vice Chairperson Bennett seconded the motion. Mr. Brotzman indicated this was \$65,000 for the drainage study with NDOT; a cost not to exceed \$100,000 for Deer Run Road paving with recycled asphalt; the \$250,000 budgeted in the previous motion for the Downtown Redevelopment Project; \$430,000 for the Goni Road realignment. Clarification indicated these funds would be taken from the \$700,000 funding source. Staff would also analyze the other priorities and determine how to meet this commitment. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairperson Bennett directed staff to analyze Curry Street, to develop a flow chart to define the status of the priorities, and to prepare a status report and options on the Highway 50 and Roop Street intersection. Commissioner Wolf also requested a report on the signal timing specifically at William and Carson Streets as well as at Winnie and Carson Streets. Reasons for this request were explained. Discussion ensued on the Winnie and Carson signal and reasons for the very short time period allocated to left turns from Winnie. It was felt that College Parkway would change traffic patterns and may address this situation. Mr. Homann noted the workload experienced by the RTC staff including the consultant who had evaluated some of the signal timing issues. Commissioner Wolf also expressed her personal experience with Chaparral which indicates the residential opposition to the Ormsby extension was a delusion as it is not a good connector street.

**4. STATUS REPORT ON CARSON CITY COMMUNITY TRANSIT (1-2885)** - Mr. Brotzman explained the insurance concerns experienced by two of the four providers. Vice Chairperson Bennett asked Mr. Brotzman to provide each of the Commission members with a copy of the passes, letterhead, etc. He felt that the program should commence later this month. Vice Chairperson Bennett requested the item be agendized for the next meeting.

**5. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS (NON-ACTION ITEMS) (1-2939) (1-2975)** - Vice Chairperson Bennett questioned how the Commission could act on a project when it is not on the RTC plan. Mr. Brotzman indicated this was the purpose of the point system and that the project had not been evaluated under it. Mr. Homann indicated that if the project is not funded, options would have to be considered at that time. Vice Chairperson Bennett expressed her feeling that it is a good idea but questioned its timing.

**7. ACTION ON FUTURE MEETING DATE(S) AND TIME(S) (1-2941)** - The next workshop has been scheduled for March 15 at 8:15 a.m. in this room. Mr. Brotzman reminded the Commissioners about the workshop scheduled for this evening at 6 p.m. in the Sierra Room.

**6. STAFF COMMENTS (NON-ACTION ITEMS) (1-2953)** - None.

**8. ADJOURNMENT (1-3002)** - Commissioner Wolf moved to adjourn. Vice Chairperson Bennett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Vice Chairperson Bennett adjourned the meeting at 11 a.m.

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ARE SO APPROVED ON April 20, 1995.

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Greg Smith, Chairperson