

CARSON CITY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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A regularly scheduled meeting of the Carson City Regional Transportation Commission was held on Thursday, April 20, 1995, at the Northgate Administrative Office Conference Room, 2621 Northgate Lane, Suite 59, Carson City, Nevada, beginning at 9 a.m.

PRESENT: Chairperson Greg Smith and Vice Chairperson Kay Bennett

STAFF PRESENT: City Engineer Tim Homann, Street Superintendent Bill Barker, RTC Engineer Harvey Brotzman, and Recording Secretary Katherine McLaughlin (R.T.C. 4/20/95 Tape 1-0001.5)

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** - Chairperson Smith called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. Roll call was taken. A quorum was present although Commissioner Wolf was absent.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Regular Session of 3/15/95, and Special Morning and Evening Sessions on 3/1/95 (1-0007.5)** - Commissioner Bennett moved to approve the Minutes for the two Special March 1, 1995, sessions and the regular March 15, 1995, session. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

**2. CITIZEN COMMENTS (1-0018.5)** - Herbert Klemme presented and explained a small traffic study on Ormsby Boulevard to the Commission and Clerk. He urged the Commission to include this data in its study on the need to extend Ormsby Boulevard. Bonnie Bullis further explained the survey and outlined the reasons for feeling that the extension was not warranted at this time. Both felt that the college traffic was not using Ormsby Boulevard to go south. Ms. Bullis stressed that even the peak traffic volume, which occurs at 5:15 p.m., does not appear to use the Ormsby Boulevard to go west. She also presented additional charts to support their position to the Commission and Clerk. She felt it was unfair to use the traffic complaints from Mountain and Division to support the Ormsby Boulevard extension due to the Hospital and doctors offices found in that area. Purportedly, this traffic is not reaching Ormsby and Winnie. Commission comments commended them on their efforts and acknowledged the need to analyze the impact College Parkway would have on the traffic volumes including Silver Oak Subdivision's impact. Chairperson Smith also thanked them for their survey. The information would be analyzed when the final decision is made. (1-0249.5) John Bullis questioned the northwest quadrant under study by the City Traffic Division. Mr. Bullis stressed the need for traffic counts and urged the City to have lane patterns counted rather than the entire street over a long period of time. Mr. Homann explained the counting procedure. Mr. Bullis urged staff to use the streets master plan element to establish the priority for Ormsby Boulevard and questioned the wisdom of using the 1970 element for establishing this list of priorities. Mr. Homann indicated that the list was not out of date in that current statistics have reenforced those needs more emphatically. He also noted the current Harootunian zoning would have less impact than the zoning map would indicate. Mr. Bullis then explained his feeling that many of the impacted residents had not been noticed about the proposed extension, including the Pardinis and the School Board. He urged the Commission to reconsider its priority. Chairperson Smith supported additional meetings and waiting to see what impact College Parkway would have on the traffic volume. Commissioner Bennett requested it be agendized for action at the next meeting.

**3. ACTION ON A REQUEST FOR NOISE CONTROL BARRIERS ALONG COLLEGE PARKWAY (1-0320.5)** - Mr. Homann introduced the request. Chairperson Smith expressed his support for a masonry wall rather than the current wooden wall. Louise Roberts and Mary Weldon further elaborated on the need for a solid block wall. They submitted a petition supporting their request to the Clerk. **Commissioner Bennett moved to direct staff to proceed with further fact finding, including a sound study, and definite cost estimates as deemed necessary and bring the item back for further discussion and consideration. Chairperson Smith seconded the motion.** Discussion ensued on the amount of time required and level of study needed to complete the analysis. Concern was expressed that if a full-blown study is not undertaken, a precedence could be established which would require less than desired/complete analysis of such needs. Mr. Brotzman detailed the criteria used in a study. Mr. Homann felt that a cost estimate and sound level criterion for future studies could be developed by staff. Commissioner Bennett urged staff to weigh all concerns carefully as she did not wish to have to reconsider the barrier at a future date. **The motion to direct staff to proceed with fact finding including a study and a cost estimate was voted and carried 2-0.** Mr. Homann felt that staff could have the request ready for the next

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meeting. Chairperson Smith directed him to contact Ms. Roberts and Ms. Weldon when the item is ready for Commission consideration.

**4. ACTION TO ESTABLISH THE EXPANSION OF THE SCOPE OF WORK ON AIRPORT ROAD EXTENSION FROM DESATOYA DRIVE TO BUTTI WAY AS A PRIORITY FOR FUNDING (1-0497.5)**

- Mr. Homann explained the concept, problems which had been encountered, the need to widen the roadway and increase the funding. Comments included the savings incurred as a result of Albertson's participation, justification for the extension, traffic problems in the subdivision, proposed upgrades to the signal at Highway 50 and Airport, the status of the right-of-way negotiations, and the location of the proposed Bypass. Truck traffic, other than for local deliveries, through the area should be minimal. Mr. Barker noted that Airport Road south of Highway 50 was signed prohibiting through truck traffic. Commissioner Bennett moved that the Regional Transportation Commission authorize the expansion of the scope of work on the Airport Road extension from Desatoya Drive to Butti Way as a priority for funding, fiscal impact is \$50,000 and the funding source is the RTC Road Construction. Chairperson Smith seconded the motion. Motion was voted and carried 2-0.

**5. NON-ACTION ITEM: REVIEW OF RTC FY 95-96 PROPOSED BUDGET (1-0640.5)** - Mr. Homann briefly reviewed the proposed budget items which had been modified since the last review including reasons for the modifications. Discussion indicated the gas fuel facility retrofit costs could utilize gas tax monies. Commissioner Bennett expressed her concerns about the plan to relocate the RTC functions to the Corporate Yard and the use of gas funds for that purpose. Mr. Homann emphasized that this expenditure would only occur if the Board of Supervisors approve the program during the budget process. Mr. Bullis requested copies of the Minutes and reports. Chairperson Smith gave him a copy of the budget. No action was taken or required.

**6. NON-ACTION ITEM: STATUS REPORT ON CARSON CITY COMMUNITY TRANSIT (1-0822.5)** - Discussion noted the system is in operation, however, problems have been encountered in getting the taxicab service into the service due to PSC and NRS restrictions. Mr. Brotzman felt that it may take 90 days to resolve this issue. Commissioner Bennett requested an opportunity to discuss the Statutes with Mr. Brotzman after the meeting as she felt that the transit question on the last ballot had addressed the fixed route restriction issue. No action was required or taken on this issue.

**8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS (1-0888.5) (1-1052.5)** - Commissioner Bennett distributed a flyer on a limousine service which is just starting and will provide rides to the airport. She encouraged everyone to distribute these flyers. Commissioner Bennett reiterated her desire to meet with Mr. Brotzman on the transit system. Mr. Brotzman indicated the taxicab statutes are unique due to the tourist industry in Nevada and its related taxes. Chairperson Smith gave Mr. Bullis a copy of the Minutes.

No action was required or taken on this item.

**7. NON-ACTION ITEM: STATUS REPORTS ON ARROWHEAD DRIVE, AIRPORT ROAD, FAIRVIEW/SALIMAN, ROOP STREET, GRAVES LANE, GONI ROAD AND ORMSBY BOULEVARD PROJECTS (1-0903.5)** - Discussion among the Commission and staff explored the status of these projects including the realignment of Goni Road and its reduced impact on the Airport and the notice to residents along Ormsby Boulevard. Mr. Bullis emphasized the residential concerns related to the Ormsby extension as not being critical of staff but rather one questioning the necessity at this time. Chairperson Smith felt that College Parkway should be completed soon and the impact would be easy to determine. Mr. Homann indicated a special evening meeting will be held once this occurs. Commissioner Bennett withdrew her request that the matter be agendized for the next meeting. No action was taken or required.

**10. ACTION ON FUTURE MEETING DATE(S) AND TIMES (1-1082.5)** - The next meeting is scheduled for May 17 at 8:15 a.m. in Room 59. Discussion indicated the time would be changed to 9 a.m. if possible.

**9. STAFF COMMENTS (1-1100)** - None.

**10. ADJOURNMENT (1-1111.5)** - Commissioner Bennett moved to adjourn. Chairperson Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously and Chairperson Smith adjourned the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

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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 April 20, 1995, Carson City Regional Transportation Commission meeting

ARE SO APPROVED ON 5/17, 1995.

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Greg Smith, Chairperson