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A regular meeting of the Carson City Regional Transportation Commission was held on Wednesday, May 17, 1995 in the Administrative Complex Conference Room #59, 2621 Northgate Lane, Carson City, NV at 9:00 a.m.

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

**STAFF:** Walter Sullivan, Community Development Director  
Jay Aldean, Public Works Director  
Tim Homann, Deputy Public Works Director  
Harvey Brotzman, RTC Engineer  
Fran Smith, Recording Secretary  
(RTC 5/17/95 1-0000)

**NOTE** - Unless otherwise indicated each item was introduced by Chairman 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** - Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Commissioner Bennett moved to approve the Minutes of the March 28, 1995 and April 20, 1995 meetings. Commissioner Wolf seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**2. CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS** - (1-0045) Joe Trinastic suggested a profit or non-profit City transit corporation could be set up made similar to a V&T railroad. Chairman Smith noted that Commissioner Bennett has worked on this issue. Commissioner Bennett reported that the Board of Supervisors had just allocated \$30,000 for the transit currently in place. This will be the matching for the grant that comes from NDOT. That means the City will again have \$60,000 for the year to continue the system. Mr. Trinastic then provided his comments on what he felt would be good routes.

**4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE PAVING OF SNYDER AVENUE FROM GENTRY LANE SOUTH TO THE CARSON RIVER** - (1-0163) Commissioner Bennett said Gary Helseth had presented a petition signed by many people in the area under discussion. She felt it appropriate there be some discussion to establish some priorities.

(1-0199) Andrea Leftwich provided photographs showing the deteriorated condition of the road after a recent rainstorm. She said this is a common occurrence.

(1-0214) William Desormier pointed out the location and route of the road on the wall map. He noted it is a public road until the USGS station. Ms. Leftwich then commented on the vehicular damage and subsequent cost for repairs it has caused. Neila Elzalaki reported having gotten stuck as well.

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(1-0299) Chairman Smith asked how many people live in that area. It was also his understanding that a great number of people who do not live in the area use the road en route to recreational areas. Mr. Desormier said there are nine homes and a couple of double wide mobiles. Ms. Elzalaki reported that five more are going to be built in the next couple of years.

(1-0320) Jack Foerschler said he and Mr. Desormier had maintained the road for a number of years but now with the increased traffic they cannot keep up with it.

(1-0357) Commissioner Bennett solicited comments from Mr. Homann. He said he had been out to the site and is aware of the conditions. He reported there are some issues needing scrutiny - one being the road is not a public roadway at the present time. They are prescribed rights or public access easements. For the City to take responsibility is one of the hurdles that has to be overcome. Generally speaking the City wants to maintain roadways within rights-of-way that are dedicated to the City. He opined perhaps some of the property belong to BLM and maybe they could give it to the City without a problem.

(1-0375) The second issue is if the majority of the use of the roadway is BLM recreation, does BLM have some obligation to help the situation by providing an upgraded roadway or help the City by doing some maintenance work? From the City's standpoint whenever a roadway is dedicated to the City or offered for dedication one of the criteria is the condition of the road. He added it is not fair to the other taxpayers to take on a maintenance liability when a roadway has not become City property.

(1-0404) Chairman Smith asked if there is anything that would prohibit the City from grading the bad spots that are obvious hazards and then begin to look at some of the issues regarding the BLM coming in on it with the City - whose roadway is it, how can it become dedicated, or if the City even wants it. Mr. Homann said, without setting a precedent, that maintaining dirt and gravel roadways is a high liability. Chairman Smith referred to a similar situation that had taken place on Clear Creek Road. Mr. Homann hesitated to say the City would take this on before they come up with the ultimate solutions. He felt they could go out and clean up some of the worse spots for now. Chairman Smith asked if approval from the Commission or the Board of Supervisors is required with regard to funding this. Mr. Homann did not think so and said they may have to haul in some material but the costs would not be out of line. Public Works Director Jay Aldean said all they would do it try to get it back to the way it was before the rain. Chairman Smith reiterated his position that all he wanted was to bring the road into a safe condition. Mr. Aldean suggested the possibility of developing a special assessment district where the property owners could put in a certain amount to be able to bond for improvements.

(1-0699) Rick Woodson commented that the people in that area pay taxes too and wondered if the City could set aside some funding to mitigate these problems. Chairman Smith felt this might be a good idea because they are Carson City residents too. He again stated that the road has not been accepted by the City but wanted it to be in a safe condition before deciding if it is a roadway the City wants to accept, and do they want to work with BLM, realizing that BLM has some responsibility too, and working with them on an improved roadway so that this does not happen every time it rains. Mr.

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Helseth suggested rather than improving the road, why doesn't the City go out and merely grade it periodically.

(1-0800) Commissioner Bennett agreed that something should be done now to get the road in a safe condition. She said all indications are that the traffic is going to increase, not decrease, in the river area. She felt it is important for the City to start to develop its move toward what has to be done for dedication. She suggested that some of the homeowners in form a committee and start working with Public Works on the problem. Mr. Aldean suggested getting BLM involved as well and stated that before the City would accept the road it would have to be realigned because it is in a flood plain. Jack Foerschler commented that most of the road is on prison land. Commissioner Bennett felt that the people with the strongest vested interest in this should be involved. Mr. Aldean noted those that were present and said he would coordinate setting up a meeting with them and other interested property owners. Chairman Smith felt in the meantime he could get a commitment from the street crew to do the grading. Nicole Woodson asked for an estimate as to when this can be done Mr. Aldean said within two weeks. Commissioner Wolf asked that a report from Mr. Homann on this be agendized for the next meeting. Chairman Smith agreed to this. No formal action was taken.

**3. ACTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A TRAFFIC COUNTING AND ANALYSIS HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE SYSTEM** - (1-1057) Mr. Homann said this has been planned for quite some time. He reported that NDOT does an annual counting on their routes and the numbers are highly useful. He added that the City has never done this for their streets, part of the reason being they did not have the equipment to do so. He described the system and what it can do. Chairman Smith felt this is an important tool for the future and cited the City's expansion. Commissioner Wolf asked if the counters also identify vehicle weights. Mr. Brotzman said no and said it classifies counts. Discussion ensued on various parts of the system and how it works. Commissioner Wolf then moved that the Commission purchase the traffic counting and analysis hardware system; the price will be \$8,617 and will come from the RTC contingency fund. Commissioner Bennett seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**5. NON-ACTION ITEM: STATUS REPORT ON CARSON CITY COMMUNITY TRANSIT** - (1-1340) Mr. Homann reported on the figures for the partial month of April. He had received projections on how the program will build for the rest of the year and these were between twelve and twenty-five percent each month. Mr. Homann also reported that developer Bud Stafford had contributed the \$15,000 the City had saved him by waiving some street requirements. He further commented that there has been a \$30,000 commitment of matching funds for the next \$30,000 NDOT grant so the program should go through a full two years. Commissioner Bennett suggested a letter be sent to Mr. Stafford telling him how the money is being spent. Mr. Homann said he would be happy to draft the letter.

(1-1434) Commissioner Bennett posed a question as to how insurance is handled. An extensive discussion ensued during which Mr. Brotzman provided a report on how this and other communities in Nevada handle this. The number of vehicles involved was discussed as well. Commissioner Bennett then asked that this be continued so that the Commission can stay up on events. Chairman Smith agreed to this.

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**6. NON-ACTION ITEM: STATUS REPORTS ON ONGOING PROJECTS INCLUDING ARROWHEAD DRIVE, AIRPORT ROAD, FAIRVIEW/SALIMAN, FIFTH/SALIMAN, ROOP STREET, GRAVES LANE, GONI ROAD, ORMSBY BOULEVARD, U. S. 50, AND COLLEGE PARKWAY SOUND WALL** - (1-1915) Mr. Homann reported since the last meeting bids have been opened on the Arrowhead Drive project and Granite Construction was the low bidder. The recommendation for the award goes to the Board of Supervisors on May 18. The construction is anticipated to begin June 1 with construction anticipated to take a little under a month.

The Airport Road extension bids were opened May 2. The low bidder was T. E. Bertagnolli and this will go to the Board on May 18. Construction should commence approximately June 1. Another Board item on this is the purchase agreement on the right-of-way needs for the project.

On the Fairview/Saliman and Fifth/Saliman signal projects Public Works is getting ready to go to bid within the next couple of weeks as soon as the writing of the specifications is completed. Mr. Homann anticipated the award of the bids to be the first Board meeting in July. He explained that time elapses on these signal projects because the equipment is basically custom made. The contractor orders this and construction awaits the arrival of this equipment. He anticipated mid July as the onset of construction and the signals should be operational within 3-4 months.

On the Roop Street widening project they have inspected the preliminary design drawings. Some revisions are required and Public Works is waiting for coordination with other projects in the area. He could not provide a specific timetable at this time.

He reported that on the Graves Lane extension project they have had meetings on the traffic design and have arrived at some additional options on tying in Airport Road. They believe they have some solutions that will not be as costly from a right-of-way perspective. He added they have anticipated spending most of the year doing design work and putting it out to bid during the winter for 1996 construction.

They have sent preliminary plans to FAA on the Goni Road extension but have not received a response to date.

The status on the Ormsby Boulevard extension is that Public Works is trying to get information on what the public wants. Part of this is that they have to do traffic counts in that area. He could not provide a specific target date of when he will return with a full report but would like to have it for the July meeting or shortly thereafter. Commissioner Wolf reported on a meeting with the residents in the area and noted it was difficult. She elaborated on how they feel about the traffic on Chapparel. Mr. Homann said he would be putting the citizens' complaints in his report. Commissioner Bennett said all she asks is good solid information from staff in order for her to make an informed decision. Chairman Smith reported the citizenry he has talked to want to know exactly what is going to happen with Community College Parkway. He felt that accurate information will be critical to act before a problem manifests itself. Mr. Sullivan concurred with this position and said he had done research back to the 1960's which confirmed what needs to be done.

On the Highway 50 projects Mr. Homann reported the overlay from Carson Street

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to Lyon County is scheduled to go to bid on May 18. He then reported three interlocal agreements will be entered into with NDOT on the widening of the Roop Street/William intersection, installation of a traffic signal at Deer Run Road, and rotomilling material placement and oil mat seal treatment of Deer Run Road to the end of the pavement from the south. He said they have reviewed the specifications and felt they are in order. He said the design and construction of the Roop Street project will be paid 100 percent by NDOT. However, they had not had time to include that work in their initial contract, but NDOT is reserving the right and opportunity to do this by change order if the paperwork can be taken care of before the project is too far along. He added he had told them if the window of opportunity is missed he was prepared to work with them to look at this as a project in the not too distant future. Mr. Homann then provided details on what will be done on the traffic signal at Deer Run Road and the rotomilling material placement there as well.

Mr. Homann had anticipated he would have figures on the College Parkway sound wall project but did not at this time. He expressed his feeling that an entirely new wall will have to be built and provided reasons. He said he should have more information at the next meeting.

Chairman Smith then commended Public Works for the format they had provided the Commission with on updates of these projects. He felt it aids him in responding to queries from the public because he has an easy reference for information. Commissioner Bennett suggested quarterly or periodic reports from Mr. Homann. He said he is planning to do this, not only on RTC projects, but activities in the Street Department as well.

**7. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS** - Commissioner Bennett expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to identify the problem as expressed earlier by the residents in the Snyder Avenue area.

Commissioner Wolf asked when the meeting will be held with the public on the Ormsby Boulevard questions. Mr. Homann anticipated it will be sometime in July.

**8. STAFF COMMENTS** - Mr. Brotzman reported that signs telling the public how their tax dollars are being used to make improvements are being put up at project sites - Arrowhead and Airport being two.

**9. ACTION ON FUTURE MEETING DATES AND TIMES** - Commissioners agreed to have the next meeting on June 21 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Wolf asked to be excused from that meeting as she will be out of town.

**10. ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business Chairman Smith entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bennett moved to adjourn. Commissioner Wolf seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

The Minutes of the May 17, 1995 meeting of the Carson City Regional Transportation Commission

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 Greg Smith, Chairman