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A regular meeting of the Carson City Regional Transportation Commission was held on Thursday, July 20, 1995 in the Public Works Conference Room, 2621 Northgate Lane, Carson City, NV at 9:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Vice Chairperson Kay Bennett
Marie Wolf

STAFF: Tim Homann, Deputy Public Works Director
Harvey Brotzman, Senior Engineer- RTC
Fran Smith, Recording Secretary
(RTC 7/20/95 1-000-A)

NOTE - Unless otherwise indicated each item was introduced by Vice Chairperson Bennett. 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 - Vice Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present although Chairman Smith was absent.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Commissioner Wolf asked that the spelling of her name be corrected in the Minutes of the June 30, 1995 meeting. Vice Chairperson Bennett directed that this item be tabled until the next meeting as she had not been at the June 21 or June 30 meetings.

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS - None.

3. NON-ACTION ITEM - STATUS REPORT ON CARSON CITY COMMUNITY TRANSIT - (1-047-A) Mr. Homann provided a sheet of figures summarizing ridership since March 1, 1995. He said the Board of Supervisors had approved the agreement with NDOT for the grant for the next fiscal year and for the budget process approved the City's matching funds. This puts a full program in place through June 1996.

(1-060-A) Vice Chairperson Bennett reported she had been asked to look into the effectiveness of the program. This related to what Cliff Watkin is doing in terms of assertively helping people through the process of getting the Senior Center and cab company on line. She emphasized the enormous unmet need for the service in the community. She stated she had studied information on upcoming growth management and had found no mention by the Regional Transportation Commission of the public transit system. She commented on all the new building in the City and said she has unsuccessfully tried to bring the associated transit needs to this Commission. She felt if Paratransit isn't doing its job for the City, they should be replaced by someone who will.

(1-087-A) Mr. Brotzman explained that the Senior Citizens Center has been reluctant to participate and, further, they do not have adequate insurance. He said the Center had been given a presentation on the program and, after looking into this further, discovered they did not have enough insurance. This problem has to be overcome. Vice Chairperson Bennett said the reason for hiring a consultant is to get past obstacles. Mr. Brotzman commented that no one has yet been turned down for a ride.

(1-120-A) Mr. Homann agreed with Mr. Brotzman's statement about turndown. He said the providers have to be told they need to be more aggressive with their promotion. He noted there have been many obstacles in trying to get the cab company on line, and that the PSC has been a nightmare and that Mr. Brotzman has been working diligently trying to get the system on line. He also echoed Mr. Brotzman's comment about the Senior Center being reluctant because of their insurance situation. Vice Chairperson Bennett felt if the City can meet the Center half way in terms of their insurance, then that is what should be done. Mr. Brotzman said when the providers came on board they had talked to RSVP, OARC, F.I.S.H. and the Center. The only two who had voted to go into the program were OARC and F.I.S.H. He added that the Center had never expressed an interest until recently. He reiterated their problem with getting the \$1,000,000 insurance the City requires. He reported that the Center is provided vehicles by NDOT who, in turn, get funding from the Division of Aging for transporting seniors to the Center for nutrition. He said if Paratransit takes over they would do the dispatching, and would get the vehicles

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from the Center (NDOT has title to these.) They would also have access to Division of Aging money to provide rides for those people. He said there had been a meeting between NDOT and Paratransit and it will probably take two to three months before the project can be put together.

(1-150-A) Regarding the cabs, Mr Brotzman said until the past twenty days legislation did not allow the City to contract with cab companies to provide rides at reduced rates. He and the RTC from Washoe County had gone before the Legislature to discuss the issue. The legislation passed and became effective July 3. He had a discussion with John Rotherman who reported back to Roy Street, owner of the cab company. There is another meeting with regard to having Mr. Rotherman appear before this Commission. Part of the problem is that the amount subsidized by City would not cover the total length of some of the rides. Vice Chairperson Bennett said they had averaged it out and that is why RTC needs to reduce the scope of services within a certain area. Mr. Brotzman said discussions on this are ongoing and Mr. Rotherman was to have been here on July 14 but had cancelled. He emphasized that the issues are being pursued but part of the problem is statutes. Vice Chairperson Bennett appreciated the work that is being done but said she is not being kept abreast of what is going on. She added she does not know what all the problems are and cannot solve them until she knows about them. She stated she has the resources and the authority to try to get the people together and work out some of the issues. She elaborated by saying she needs input from everyone so that she can give the City Manager and the PSC some direction. She felt that someone from the PSC needs to be at a meeting to decide how to get the project off center. She asked that a workshop on the whole issue be scheduled where all the principals would attend. She said she has never seen Mr. Watkin at a Commission meeting and wanted to know he has accountability to the Commission. She felt if he has a problem then the Commission would help him get through it. She asked that the workshop be scheduled for sometime in August or September and wanted all the users and providers to attend. She reiterated her unhappiness that the consultant had not been at a meeting and Mr. Homann said he would issue an invitation. No formal action was taken.

4. NON-ACTION ITEM: STATUS REPORT ON ONGOING PROJECTS INCLUDING ARROWHEAD DRIVE, AIRPORT ROAD, ROOP STREET, GRAVES LANE, FAIRVIEW/SALIMAN, FIFTH/SALIMAN, ORMSBY BOULEVARD, COLLEGE PARKWAY, AND U. S. 50 - (1-235-A)

Arrowhead Drive - Mr. Homann reported that the area from Goni Road almost to Convair (1,620 feet) has been completed. Vice Chairperson Bennett asked if it is built to accommodate heavy vehicles. Mr. Brotzman explained that it had been constructed for a twenty year life. He also reported that the job had been scheduled for thirty days but the contractor had completed the work a week sooner. **Airport Road** - Mr. Homann said all the underground work has been completed - the water main and the tie in work. The contractor is now in the process of now doing rough grading and base material on most of the project. They are also building a retaining wall on one corner of the project as it ties in to Desatoya. Mr. Brotzman noted the project was originally scheduled to be completed no later than August 1 but the contractor has been slow. Mr. Brotzman said there was a change order to relocate a vault and put in two pieces of conduit. The total cost of the materials was approximately \$185.00 but the contractor had given the City a proposal of \$4,800 to do the work. Mr. Brotzman had written the contractor for a breakdown of the figure. He stated the proposal should have been in the range of \$600 or \$700 but the contractor had come back with a figure of \$1,700. He felt this was still high. Discussion ensued on how much material and labor should be needed in a project of this type. Commissioner Wolf asked how this contractor had gotten the job. Mr. Homann explained the City has quite a list of contractors they notify when a project is available for bidding but not all submit bids. He cited an example of a possible new asphalt plant in the community and said this would add competition and force the others to operate in a more businesslike fashion.

Roop Street - Mr. Homann said design wise the project is almost ready but the big issue is having to coordinate with the subdivision developer on the east side of Roop. This has to do with coordination involved with getting the water main extended before it goes out to bid and construction starts. Mr. Brotzman said delay is because of the timing of State Public Works in putting the water line out to bid. He felt if the State would enter into an agreement with the City to do both lines, the project could possibly be completed this year but, as it stands now, it might not get done until next year because it would be too late for a paving project. Mr. Homann said the developer will get his water main extended and move ahead with his project even if the street widening doesn't get done until next spring. Mr. Brotzman described the route of the developer's water line and it would tie in at Oregon Street and go on to Roop.

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Graves Lane - Mr. Brotzman reported that the City is in the process of acquiring four parcels of land, they have to back and complete more of the hydrology study to satisfy NDOT where it ties into U. S. 50, and it is still hoped the design will be complete. Vice Chairperson Bennett asked about the hydrology at U. S. 50. Mr. Brotzman explained there had been flooding at Lompa and pointed out the area on the map. He also point out where they have to send water to make sure the Lompa situation is not repeated. He also said design for the project is moving ahead but there is a need to acquire a parcel of land at the intersection of Airport Road and where Graves takes off and some realignment of access to parcels there. This is because Graves is restricted access. However, Mr. Homann said they are still on schedule and provided details on what still has to be done. He felt that it will go out to bid next winter with construction starting next summer.

Fairview/Saliman - Mr. Brotzman said the bids will be opened the week of July 24 and will go before the Board of Supervisors on August 17. He said it could come before this Commission for informational purposes at their August 16 meeting. Vice Chairperson Bennett asked if this can be completed this year. Mr. Brotzman explained that the poles for this signal are custom made and provided details on the ordering process and the length of time it takes to manufacture them. Also included in the discussion was an explanation of how the signal system works from a technical standpoint.

Fifth/Saliman - Mr. Homann said this is included in the same contract as the Fairview/Saliman project.

Ormsby Boulevard - Mr. Homann reported the new traffic counters were received and Mr. Brotzman has been out during the past two to three weeks doing traffic counts on all of the streets around the area. He added he is setting up a meeting with NDOT to discuss what impacts the opening of Ormsby will have on Washington and King Streets. He will be doing a background white paper report on activity in the area - how staff feels and recommends the road is needed because of development activity. He commented that they need to take the time to do all of these things because ultimately this is going to be a full public hearing with a lot of voices on both sides. He emphasized the importance of staff having all the data together in order to make a recommendation.

(1-593A) Commissioner Wolf said she did not see where Ormsby from Ash Canyon Road to Winnie Lane would carry much more traffic than Ash Canyon and Winnie carry now. Mr. Brotzman commented on the route he believes the residents in the area use to get around and the new route he anticipated they will use once the Ormsby project is completed. Commissioner Wolf did not necessarily agree with this. Mr. Homann said the traffic counts on Ormsby will enable staff to provide a projection on how they feel traffic will go. Discussion ensued pro and con on the current and anticipated traffic patterns. Commissioner Wolf also made some suggestions as to where she felt the counters would be most effective and where she felt stop signs, yield signs, etc. should be put in. Vice Chairperson Bennett also provided input on how she perceives the traffic pattern in certain areas would evolve. Mr. Homann commented that striping right and left hand turn lanes on certain streets might alleviate some of the problems. Mr. Homann said some of the information staff wants to provide in a comprehensive report to both RTC and the Board of Supervisors will be in the form of public hearings and will be staff recommendations. He added that those in opposition to have the project go through will have the right to refute or bring their in their own experts to state their case. Mr. Homann concluded his remarks by stating this is not a project that will be done this year. Staff will take their time and get all the facts together so they will have the best information available and will be presenting it to RTC and the Board somewhere in the August-September timeframe. Vice Chairperson Bennett said she would like staff to make a determination on a traffic count when the college resumes. Mr. Homann agreed that is something staff needs to look at. She felt that a count in the September-October timeframe would add a lot of weight to the justification.

College Parkway - Mr. Homann said this is the sound study evaluation and assessment project and that Mr. Brotzman is in the process of entering into a contract with the sound barrier consultant. Mr. Brotzman said the consultant would be here the week of July 24 to complete the study. He added that staff has written letters to the property owners who had submitted a petition requesting permission to enter the property to place scientific gathering data. It was his feeling that the consultant's report should be available no later than September.

U.S. 50 - Mr. Homann said this is a State overlay project and work is scheduled to start July 24. He said this will be from Carson Street to Roop. He said first thing to happen will be removal of the sidewalks at all of the corners of each intersection and that installation of handicap access will be included. The overlay of this section will come next. The eastern portion of the project will follow after that. He commented on the traffic problem during the

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project but said much of the work will be done at night. Vice Chairperson Bennett felt that the traffic problem during this project will emphasize the need for a bypass. She also complimented staff on the work that has been done to improve the south end of the City and that the north is starting to look better. Mr. Homann said one of the things they are consistent with is that in all development that goes on along Highway 395 and Highway 50 they are requiring curb, gutter, and sidewalks. He added that the Albertsons store being built on Highway 50 will also be required to have curb, gutter, and sidewalks. He commented that the parking lots with landscaping, although perhaps are not right on the highway, add to the appearance and cited the K-Mart location as an example. He said this is also starting to happen on Highway 50. Vice Chairperson Bennett expressed her appreciation for the update on this subject.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS - Commissioner Wolf commented on the unsightly water basin at K-Mart and asked that staff speak to them about this. Mr. Homann said it is his understanding that K-Mart plans to do more work in the area as the center develops out. She reiterated her desire that something be done in the meantime.

Commissioner Wolf expressed her feeling that the traffic problems will never really be solved. She felt probably the best thing to help the problem on Carson Street is to keep the signals in sync and cited increased traffic coming in from both Douglas and Lyon Counties. She also suggested that the newspaper do an editorial informing the public about traffic congestion in the City neighboring counties.

6. STAFF COMMENTS - None.

7. ACTION ON FUTURE MEETING DATE(S) AND TIME(S) - **The next meeting was scheduled for August 16 and 8:30 a.m. in the Administrative Complex Conference Room.**

8. ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business Vice Chairperson Bennett entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Wolf moved to adjourn. Vice Chairperson Bennett seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. Vice Chairperson Bennett adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

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Chairperson