

CARSON CITY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Minutes of the August 16, 1995, Meeting
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A regular session of the Carson City Regional Transportation Commission was held on Wednesday, August 16, 1995, at the Carson City Administrative Complex Conference Room, 2621 Northgate Lane, Suite 59, Carson City, Nevada, beginning at 9 a.m.

PRESENT: Chairperson Greg Smith and Commissioner Kay Bennett

STAFF PRESENT: RTC Engineer Harvey Brotzman, Senior Engineer John Givlin, and Recording Secretary Katherine McLaughlin
(R.T.C. 8/16/95 Tape 1-0001.5)

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL - Chairperson Smith convened the session at 9:06 a.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present although Commissioner Wolf was absent

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JUNE 21, JUNE 30, AND JULY 20, 1995 - Commissioner Bennett moved to approve the Minutes as presented. Chairperson Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS (1-0012.5) - None.

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FUNDING THE FAIRVIEW DRIVE/SALIMAN ROAD AND FIFTH STREET/SALIMAN ROAD TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONTRACT (1-0014.5) - Mr. Brotzman explained the original estimates, original funding, the bids, the need for an additional \$50,000 in funding, potential funding source, and reasons for the additional work. Chairperson Smith also pointed out that the storm drain improvements and curb and gutter installations had increased the cost. Mr. Brotzman detailed these improvements and agreed that they had increased the cost. Discussion also noted that the City will need to acquire additional right-of-way from Sam Lompa and the Storall property owner. Clarification indicated that the traffic signal budget would not pay for this acquisition. Some of the construction on the signals may occur in 45 days with the remainder in October or November. Supervisor Bennett moved that the Regional Transportation Commission approve additional funding for the Fairview Drive-Saliman Road and Fifth Street-Saliman Road traffic signal contract and increase the contract to a not to exceed amount of \$313,425. Chairperson Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. Mr. Brotzman noted that there may be an increase in accidents at these intersections until the drivers become re-educated.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO INCLUDE SONOMA STREET BETWEEN SOUTH CARSON STREET AND CURRY STREET AS A PRIORITY RTC PROJECT (1-0115.5) - Mr. Givlin outlined the development plans proposed on the west side of Carson Street including a realignment of Sonoma to Curry and the need for intersection improvements. The property owners' responsibility for the street improvements and RTC involvement were noted. A blueprint of the development plans for the former Southwest Gas site was explained including a potential need for a lot line adjustment. Chairperson Smith expressed his concern about constructing a street with RTC funds in order to "foster" development. Normal policy mandates developers construct roads for this purpose. He also questioned the need to make the road a priority for RTC funding. Mr. Givlin felt there is a circulation need for extending the road at this time even if the development plans do not materialize. Commissioner Bennett supported his comments concerning the need for another access to Curry Street. Discussion explored the process used to construct Rhodes Street as an example of a road extension without development. Mr. Givlin indicated Curry Street is becoming a collector and access/egress is important to it. Benefits created when Sonoma Street was extended west from Silver Sage were noted. Chairperson Smith felt that a signal is needed at Sonoma and Carson Street for access to southbound traffic from Sonoma. Development procedures are restricted at this time as the City does not have a right-of-way, therefore, a cooperative agreement may be necessary which would compensate the property owners for the right-of-way. The signal could be included in the negotiations for Mr. Snopko's development. The 26 foot roadway was estimated to cost approximately \$120,000. The need for the signal without development was questioned. Commissioner Bennett felt that the access to Carson/395 from Curry was not warranted at this time and that Curry should retain its collector status. Mr. Brotzman indicated that in order to prioritize this project, a traffic count would have to be conducted and that it would have to compete with other new projects. Discussion indicated John Anderson had volunteered to do the

survey and determine the feasibility. Clarification indicated staff was requesting \$8,000 for this study. Commissioner Bennett moved that the Regional Transportation Commission approve adding Sonoma Street between Carson and Curry as a priority to the RTC projects and recommend using RTC funds for assessment, feasibility and construction purposes per an approved Development Agreement, fiscal impact is \$8,000 from the Professional Services Line Item. She then qualified her motion as being a willingness to commit the \$8,000 and let it go through the process including consideration, however, did not wish to have it approved for construction at this point. There had been several valid issues raised which should be analyzed. Chairperson Smith seconded the motion. The motion was voted and carried 2-0. Discussion indicated this would allow the project to be analyzed and establish a need and priority. Chairperson Smith illustrated the reasons for needing to be able to justify the expenditure if another priority is realigned by this project. Mr. Givlin indicated the hope that the funding for the signal may be used as "leverage" in getting the project constructed. Chairperson Smith also pointed out the opportunity created by the negotiations to support the project.

5. NON-ACTION ITEM: STATUS REPORT ON CARSON CITY COMMUNITY TRANSIT (1-0421.5) -

Project Manager for Paratransit Service and Carson City Community Transit Coordinator Cliff Watkins distributed an update to the Commission and staff. He explained the growth in clients and rides, the service providers, and the possibility of taking over the Senior Citizen's program. Discussion explained the status of negotiations with the cab company and related legal problems, the advantages of the program, and a grocery store's sponsorship program. This program may be expanded in the future to other stores and casinos. Commissioner Bennett commended Mr. Watkins on his efforts and requested notification at any time if a problem arose.

6. NON-ACTION ITEM: STATUS REPORTS ON VARIOUS PROJECTS INCLUDING ARROWHEAD DRIVE, AIRPORT ROAD, ORMSBY BOULEVARD, COLLEGE PARKWAY SOUNDWALL AND EDMONDS/PHEASANT STUDY (1-0544.5) -

Discussion between the Commission and staff explored the status of these projects including Granite's performance on Arrowhead, the City's control over its projects which reduces the potential for similar problems to occur on City projects, and the need to address the pedestrian crossing problem at Edmonds and Pheasant.

7. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS (1-0709.5) - Commissioner Bennett expressed a desire to copy the transit report to the Board of Supervisors.

8. STAFF COMMENTS - None.

9. ACTION ON FUTURE MEETING DATE(S) AND TIME(S) (1-0711.5) - The next meeting is scheduled for September 19, Tuesday, at 9 a.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT - Commissioner Bennett moved to adjourn. Chairperson Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously and Chairperson Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:52 a.m.

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.

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ARE SO APPROVED ON _____, 1995.

Greg Smith, Chairperson