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A special meeting of the Carson City Regional Transportation Commission was held with the Carson City Board of Supervisors during the Board's regularly scheduled meeting of Thursday, May 5, 1994, at the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada, beginning at 7 p.m.

RTC MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Greg Smith, Commissioners Kay Bennett and Marie Wolf

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Marv Teixeira, Supervisors Kay Bennett, Greg Smith, Janice Ayres, and Tom Tatro

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager John Berkich, Clerk-Recorder Kiyoshi Nishikawa, Deputy District Attorney Paul Lipparelli, RTC Engineer Harvey Brotzman, and Recording Secretary Katherine McLaughlin
(B.O.S. 5/5/94 Tape 2-1491)

Mayor Teixeira reconvened the Board session at 7:05 p.m. The entire Board was present, including Supervisor Ayres, constituting a quorum. Roll call of the Regional Transportation Commission was taken. The entire Commission was present constituting a quorum.

11. JOINT MEETING WITH THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION - Mr. Brotzman

A. ACTION ON THE "SPECIALIZED TRANSIT SERVICE COORDINATION AND EXPANSION REPORT" - Gordan Shaw of Leigh, Scott, and Cleary reviewed in depth the report and, with the use of an overhead project, the program. (The Clerk did not have a copy of this report.) The Committee used to create the report was defined. The proposal would expand the current services. The program would have the disabled/elderly use discount coupons during hours not normally serviced by the current providers. A fee of \$4 per ride would be established. Service would not be provided to OARC shelter homes. Fraud controls, staffing, potential service providers, reservation requirements, a sample of the coupon, number of passengers allowed per trip or as one fare, potential bid specs/provider requirements, monitoring requirements, fiscal impact and funding sources were discussed by Mr. Shaw, the Board, and Mr. Brotzman. (2-2998) NDOT Representative Jim Mallory outlined NDOT's funding commitment, potential grants which the City could apply for, and their funding potentials. Discussion ensued among the Board, Mr. Shaw, and Mr. Mallory on the need for the transit service to be available to the public for Title 18 funds, the ability to charge the public a different fare, ridership, feasibility of the general public's use of program, demand for expanded services now, identification requirements and transport restrictions. (3-0155) Senior Citizens Center Transportation Subcommittee Chairperson Carl Dahlen outlined a service survey conducted at the Center which indicated it would lose \$20,000 over the next three years, which it could ill afford. Equipment needs and current services were explained. He questioned whether the City could collect a \$2 fee if Title 18 funds are used, the adequacy of the proposed staffing, and reasons for feeling that the number of trips which may be lost if this fee is mandated. Senior Citizens Center Executive Director Pat Blake then discussed the current program with the Board, including the reservation requirements and service needs. Supervisor Ayres explained the RSVP transportation program. Currently RSVP and the Senior Center do not coordinate their programs. Neither uses the City's Vehicle Maintenance program. Supervisor Smith explained his purpose in having Ms. Blake and Mr. Dahlen present and pointed out that the Board could not act on the request for funding as it had not been agendized.

(3-0505) Jodie Parker explained her need for handicapped transportation to the college from southeast Carson as well as during an emergency. She responded to Board questions detailing her current transportation costs and procedures. (3-0601) Alex Lipsong encouraged the Board to establish a regular transportation system. He felt such a program may eventually reduce some of the current traffic volume and could establish a tax base.

Discussion ensued between Supervisor Bennett and Mr. Shaw on the proposed hours of operation, the Title 18 requirements, pros and cons of door-to-door and fixed route systems, and provider maintenance requirements. Chairperson Smith asked Mr. Lipparelli about the RTC motion and whether the Board could act if the Commission

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did not fund the program. Ms. Blake defined her budget information which the Board would consider on May 10th. Supervisor Smith suggested she provide a transportation request with that document. Mr. Dahlen then explained how the supplemental funding request had been used for funding last year. NDOT funding was also explained. Supervisor Tatro explained his feeling that the City needed to commit more funding for the RSVP and Senior Citizen programs and the unrealistic cap the Board had originally placed on the funding. Mr. Brotzman pointed the increased grant funding available to the City once the population figures reach 50,000. Mr. Mallory expanded on these comments. Mr. Shaw reviewed his financial reports.

BREAK: A five minute recess was declared at 8:30 p.m. When the meeting reconvened at 8:35 p.m. the entire Board and Commission were present constituting a quorum of both.

Chairperson Smith then explained his reluctance to consider RTC funding until the Center's financial needs are evaluated and based on the agenda. Commissioner Bennett then moved that the Regional Transportation Commission accept the Specialized Transit Service Coordination and Expansion Report. Commissioner Wolf seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Supervisor Smith then moved that the Board approve the Specialized Transit Service Coordination and Expansion Report. Supervisor Bennett seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Mayor Teixeira noted the funding would be considered at the next meeting.

B. ACTION ON FUNDING AND DIRECTING STAFF TO DRAFT AN AGREEMENT WITH WASHOE COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION ON EXTENDING BUS SERVICE FROM MEADOWOOD MALL TO CARSON CITY (3-1490) - Mr. Brotzman's introduction included the contingency that Washoe County is able to obtain approval of a one-quarter of a cent sales tax referendum from the electorate. Washoe County Transportation Planner David Jickling reviewed the history of the proposal, the need for service between the communities, reasons for supporting the proposed connection, and potential costs and funding. He responded to Board questions concerning the lack of information on the individuals requesting the service, the tax question, its potential passage, estimated ridership, the proposed commuter service, the proposed public subsidy, privatization plans, the destination study on vehicular traffic, the ability to obtain Citifare transfers, subsidy estimates created by fluctuating ridership, need for a one year trial and marketing, the need for paramedical service--which has yet to be determined, concern about the Board's fiduciary responsibility and its decision to transfer Carson City residents to the Reno shopping market. Discussion ensued on the options available to the Board.

(3-2545) Sue Sams explained the transportation problems she encounters in finding work, including her feeling that Reno has the better job potentials, as well as well as getting to work once a job is secured and her friend's inability to shop in either Carson City or Reno.

Commissioner Bennett moved that a motion to approve funding from the Regional Transportation Commission budget for the fiscal year 94/95 in the amount of \$30,000 for the Washoe County Regional Transportation Commission extension of bus service be postponed or continued until such time as we have better information and have better assessed the situation in both Carson City and Washoe County. Commissioner Wolf seconded the motion. Comments were solicited on the motion but none made. Motion carried 3-0.

Mayor Teixeira noted that as the Commission had not funded the proposal, Board action was unnecessary. He also explained his work with Mr. Jickling on the SCTRPA Committee and noted that he would be involved with other issues which the Board will be considering. He thanked Mr. Jickling for his time and efforts. Both Mayor Teixeira and Mr. Jickling felt the link will occur some day. (3-2816) Mr. Brotzman explained the subsidy which would be required to support public transportation to Reno.

C. ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO DRAFT LANGUAGE FOR A BALLOT QUESTION FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION TO RAISE THE MASS TRANSIT AND ROAD TAXES (NRS 377A) BY 1/4 OF ONE PERCENT FOR CARSON CITY TRANSIT AND TRANSPORTATION NEEDS (3-2762) - Chairperson Smith explained the RTC's action on this proposal and it was deemed unnecessary for Board action

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at this time.

Commissioner Wolf then moved to adjourn the Regional Transportation Commission. Commissioner Bennett seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairperson Smith adjourned the Regional Transportation Commission meeting at 9:10 p.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. (See Board of Supervisors Minutes of this date for discussion/action on the other Agenda items.)

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ARE SO APPROVED ON _____, 1994.

Greg Smith, Chairperson