

CARSON CITY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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A regular meeting of the Carson City Regional Transportation Commission was held on Wednesday, July 20, 1994 in the Northgate Administrative Complex Conference Room #59, 2621 Northgate Lane, Carson City, Nevada, at 8:15 a.m.

PRESENT: Greg Smith, Chairman
Kay Bennett
Marie Wolf

STAFF: Steve Kastens, Parks and Recreation Director
Tim Homann, Acting Public Works Director
Harvey Brotzman, Regional Transportation Engineer
Pat Hughey, Recording Secretary
(RTC 7/20/94 1-000-A)

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.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL - (1-003-A) - Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. Roll call was taken. The entire Commission was present, constituting a quorum.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - (1-005-A) - Member Wolf wished to clarify her comments under 7. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS. Regarding what she would be happy to take pictures of, she was referring to signs such as the one on Carson Street by the City Center Motel directing people to the Post Office, and the one by the Golden Spike pointing to the Historic District, as well as others. Chairman Smith said it was his understanding that NDOT is responsible for those signs. All NDOT sign maintenance originates in Reno. It was thought Redevelopment should be the one to pass word to NDOT regarding these sign changes. Commissioner Wolf did not wish to correct the minutes, but she did want to clarify that point. **Commissioner Bennett then moved to accept the minutes of June 15, 1994. Commissioner Wolf seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.**

2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FUNDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF APPROXIMATELY 1,025 FEET OF MURPHY DRIVE - (1-069-A) Steve Kastens, Tim Homann, Harvey Brotzman - Mr. Brotzman reviewed Mr. Kastens letter of June 27, 1994. The Parks and Recreation Department received an ISTEA grant to build bicycle paths within the abandoned V&T right-of-way. The portion RTC is being requested to help with is on Murphy Drive. RTC's portion would cost approximately \$35,000. Normally, on a joint project such as this, NDOT does the design work and puts the project out to bid. This portion of roadway is on RTC's priority list, though towards the bottom. The joint participation would save RTC approximately \$14,000. Discussion took place as to justifying the expense of paving this little-used road now when there are other unpaved roads in Carson City that serve many more people. Commissioner Wolf felt it would be "penny wise and pound foolish" to move this item up on the priority list. She would like to meet with Mr. Brotzman to become better informed about the priority list. Mr. Kastens then entered the meeting to answer questions about this project. Discussion ensued concerning the different options available including: having the street paved jointly as discussed in Mr. Kastens letter; having Parks and Recreation install the bike path even if RTC chooses not to pave the street portion; leaving the road as it is; paving the street jointly in a few years; or having RTC pave the entire area in a few years and having Parks and Recreation stripe it. The RTC contingency fund is currently at \$75,000. Commissioner Bennett stated she would be in favor of this because she feels the other priorities established by RTC are still being allocated for. She felt the project was something to consider since part of the funding would come from another agency. The money for the project would come from the 95-96 budget, though the commitment would have to be covered at this time from the contingency fund. The amount of traffic this bike path would receive was discussed. Mr. Homann thought RTC would probably have the ability to augment its budget because some projects have come in under what City staff estimated the cost of the projects would be. Mr. Kastens understood that paving Murphy Drive was not a priority of the City. Chairman Smith felt it would be wrong to do just the ten-foot section - either the entire roadway should be paved or nothing should be paved. Discussion then ensued as to whether RTC should be committing monies to projects such as this. **Commissioner Bennett then**

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moved that the Regional Transportation Commission approve the funding for construction of approximately 1,025 feet of Murphy Drive; the fiscal impact is \$35,000 and the funds for the project can be augmented from the contingency account in the RTC budget; this project is in conjunction with the ISTEA project for the Virginia and Truckee bicycle path. The motion died for lack of a second. Mr. Kastens thanked the RTC for its consideration.

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PRIORITIZING CONSTRUCTION OF A PORTION OF BIGELOW DRIVE - (1-496-A) Tim Homann, Eugene Lepire - Mr. Homann gave a verbal report on the issue. The map showing the exact area to be paved was reviewed by everyone. It was noted that Note 3 on the parcel map indicated "Improvement plan for Bigelow to be submitted prior to issuance of building permits for Parcel A, Parcel C and Parcel D." It was staff's opinion that an improvement plan would not have been wanted if it wasn't contemplated the improvements were required. In doing research, it was found that when this parcel map was done in 1980, the parcel map hearing was not taped and there is no record of the specific discussion that took place. The surveyor that did this particular map is the only surveyor of that timeframe who has this particular note on any of his maps. Mr. Homann stated it was clearly a gray area as far as language was concerned. In the last fourteen years since this parcel map was put in place, parcel map developments have and are required to do paving. Chairman Smith noted one of staff's concerns in doing the proposed 50-50 split was that it could set a precedent. Only one other map has been found with this language on it. Mr. Lepire reviewed the research he had done on the matter. He stated he was just trying to get things done and find a happy medium. He had received bids for the job ranging from \$10,000-\$12,000. Commissioner Bennett commented she thought it was good of Mr. Lepire to be willing to meet the City halfway. She did not feel the City would be setting a dangerous precedent in accepting the proposal. The money would come from the contingency fund. Discussion then took place as to how to get the work done most quickly. It was decided Mr. Lepire could get the job done faster and for less if he hired the contractor himself. **Commissioner Bennett moved that the Regional Transportation Commission approve funding for a portion of the construction of approximately 245 feet of Bigelow Drive in an amount not to exceed \$5,500 and subject to Board of Supervisors commitment to the City Engineer's obligation for participation and that would come from the RTC contingency account. Commissioner Wolf seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.** The matter will be heard by the Board of Supervisors on August 4.

4. DISCUSSION OF CONTRACT NO. 9394 - 188, THE COLLEGE PARKWAY/GRAVES LANE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT - (1-098-B) - Mr. Brotzman reported on the progress of the project. No formal action was taken.

5. DISCUSSION OF CONTRACT NO. 9394 - 60, EDMONDS DRIVE RECONSTRUCTION KOONTZ LANE TO FAIRVIEW DRIVE - (1-150-B) - Mr. Brotzman gave a status report on the project. The contractor was several days late in completing the project. It will be up to the Board of Supervisors to decide if they wish to pursue collecting the liquidated damages. The radius at the intersection of Colorado and Edmonds will be widened by the Street Department. Discussion took place as to why it had not been possible to make a wider shoulder for bikes. No formal action was taken.

6. DISCUSSION OF CONTRACT NO. 9394 - 179, DEER RUN ROAD CONSTRUCTION - (1-344-B) - The bid opening took place July 8. There were two bidders. Low bidder was T. E. Bertagnolli. Approximately 2,900 feet of road will be paved. No formal action was taken.

7. TRANSIT ISSUES UPDATE - (1-372-B) - A ballot question has been prepared regarding transit. Commissioner Bennett thanked Mr. Brotzman and Mr. Homann for their work in helping to prepare the ballot question. She feels the ballot question is very well done.

8. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS - (1-392-B) - Commissioner Bennett commented on lack of striping in some areas of the City. City crews are in the midst of striping right now. Yellow striping is done first. Crosswalks and stopbars are done just before school starts. The City has been having a problem getting satisfactory paint that works well in the City's machines and still meets EPA requirements. The pros and cons of using epoxy paint were briefly discussed. Chairman Smith reported he, Mr. Brotzman, Mr. Homann, a representative from the District Attorney's office, and Mr. Berkich had a meeting regarding RTC's legal role. Chairman Smith felt he learned a lot

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of new things, had some old things reinforced, and had some misconceptions cleared up. These issues will be discussed at a joint meeting of RTC and the Board of Supervisors on August 18 at 6:00 p.m. This meeting will replace RTC's normal August meeting. Chairman Smith also sat in on a meeting concerning the proposed bypass and looked at new versions of the plans. He suggested the other Commissioners might want to look at them also. When asked about the status of Roop Street between the cemetery and William and also by Governor's Field, Mr. Homann explained the asphalt used to patch these sections of Roop Street was the incorrect mixture and had became soft when the hot weather arrived. Both areas will be taken care of shortly.

9. STAFF'S COMMENTS (NON-ACTION ITEMS) - (1-118-B) - The City is hoping to have striped bike lanes on College Parkway from Lompa to the college. Signing and pavement markings on the bike lanes will not be done at this point. Discussion took place as to what the City's liability would be with just striping as opposed to having the signs and pavement markings done also.

10. ACTION ON FUTURE MEETING DATE(S) AND TIME(S) - (1-571-B) - The next meeting of the RTC will be August 18, 1994 at 6:00 p.m. This will be a joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors. If some RTC items arise that the Board of Supervisors does not need to be involved in, the RTC meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. instead of 6:00 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business, Commissioner Bennett made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Wolf seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

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ARE SO APPROVED _____ August 18 _____, 1994

/s/ _____
Greg Smith, Chairman