

CARSON CITY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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A regular meeting of the Carson City Regional Transportation Commission was held on Wednesday, July 21, 1993 at the Administrative Complex Conference Room #59, 2621 Northgate Lane, Carson City, NV at 8:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Vice Chairperson Kay Bennett
Nanell Mawbey

STAFF: Paul Lipparelli, Deputy District Attorney
Harvey Brotzman, Senior Engineer
Tim Homann, City Engineer
Fran Smith, Recording Secretary
(RTC 1-000-A)

A. CALL TO ORDER - Vice Chairperson Bennett called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present although Chairman Smith was absent.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Vice Chairperson Bennett deferred approval of the June 16, 1993 meeting Minutes until the next regular meeting as Chairman Smith was not present and Member Mawbey had not been at that meeting.

4. CITIZENS' COMMENTS - Bob Bondiott stated that he lives on a dirt road near Curry Street and that he had a concern with the increase in traffic. He said the dust and speeding is getting worse and that there had been three accidents in the area during the past week. He also felt that some of the uncontrolled intersections added to the problem. He said he had contacted Public Works about the problem and they had come out and watered but it had not lasted very long. Mr. Brotzman advised that the section of that road is on the schedule to be paved. He advised that he would research this and get back with Mr. Bondiott. Mr. Bondiott again mentioned the dust and the problems it causes, both to his well being and that it permeates his home and auto. Vice Chairperson Bennett commented that the Commission could not take any action at this time as it was not agendaized for this meeting. She felt that Mr. Bondiott's comments should be noted by Mr. Homann and Mr. Brotzman and suggested agendaizing it for the next meeting. Mr. Homann commented that there are plans for the property to the east of Mr. Bondiott's property and should they materialize then there was a good chance that the developer would pave streets in the area. Mr. Homann also said that accidents at uncontrolled intersections as well as level of traffic are determining factors as to whether a signal/stop sign is warranted. Vice Chairperson Bennett then asked staff to look into this and make a report at the next meeting.

2. DISCUSSION ON STATUS OF MEETING WITH SILVER OAK LAND AND OTHERS RELATIVE TO THE EXTENSION OF GRAVES LANE - (1-084-A) Steve Hartman, one of the Silver Oak principals, advised that their submittal to Community Development had been made on July 20. Mr. Hartman had a map of the project and commented that their traffic study had prompted their request for a Master Plan amendment to change the alignment of Graves Lane. He also advised that they are attempting to accelerate the development of a signal design by coordinating their efforts with those of K-Mart. He talked about the water and electrical installations as well as that of effluent and expressed the hope that they could all be accomplished at the same time as signalization so this would only have to be done once. Discussion ensued on the size and location of each housing group, streets, medians, and the bike path. Vice Chairperson Bennett inquired if there is some kind of infrastructure problem. Mr. Hartman replied that there really isn't and that there is an existing sewer line which is currently being studied for its capacity. Vice Chairperson Bennett also asked if the egress at Winnie Lane will be a problem. Mr. Hartman expressed his belief that it will actually reduce the vehicle trips on Winnie Lane and explained the routings. By way of summary Mr. Homann commented that Silver Oak and K-Mart will be doing the signal design because NDOT's schedule would have put it out to bid next February and that this delay was not acceptable. Mr. Homann added that concurrently Mr. Brotzman will be putting together the design for the first

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800 or 900 feet of Graves Lane as well as the widening of the east lane. He added that a contract will be put out when these are all put together. He felt that all these segments should be completed by early summer 1994. Commissioner Bennett then suggested that Silver Oak provide the Commission with a timetable of their activities. Mr. Hartman agreed to do this and also said they would be providing updates as the project develops.

3. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON REQUEST FOR GUARD RAIL INSTALLATION ON SOUTH CURRY STREET - (1-350-A) Mr. Brotzman commented that this really should be considered a safety problem and that guard rails are not necessary for safety. Mr. Homann advised that since the last meeting Public Works had gone out and put up advance curve signs with advisory speed placards on them, laid a white fog stripe on the eastern edge of the roadway, installed advance curve chevron signs from the southbound direction, and had put up a series of white delineator poles with reflective materials. He said that under certain circumstances they would not stop a vehicle from going over the edge but are safety enhancements and serve to point out hazardous situations. He said they had encountered problems in attempting to put in guard rails, i.e., the topography and the fiber optic cable that is there. He added that they will continue to monitor the situation and if the Commission wants to proceed they will need to pass a motion making a recommendation to this effect for consideration by the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Homann then commented that they had done a traffic count on Curry Street and that they were about 3,000 vehicles per day in each direction but felt that this number would decrease after completion of the construction that is currently taking place. He advised that they will be doing another study after completion of the construction and estimated it will be approximately 2,000 per day. Commissioner Bennett reported that she had sent a letter to her neighbors inviting them to this meeting to discuss the safety problem and read the letter into the record. She commented that she had received comments from the homeowners association expressing their approval for what has been done to enhance the safety on Curry Street. She also asked if the guard rail could be painted, perhaps using people in the Alternative Sentencing program. Mr. Brotzman then suggested the installation of additional guard rails be put on hold until after the traffic study has been completed. Mr. Homann commented that there are other places in the City that need safety enhancements and that he would like to put in for funds in the next budget to take care of these safety improvements. Commissioner Bennett's biggest concern was to try to stay ahead of these situations in an effort to avoid more serious problems. Commissioner Mawbey moved to defer this request for a guard rail installation on South Curry Street until such time as the traffic study has been completed and look at this again at the October meeting. Vice Chairperson Bennett seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0-0-1.

4. CITIZENS' COMMENTS - (1-533-A) Gordon Shaw, traffic engineer consulting for Silver Oak, said he had done a preliminary traffic study in which K-Mart was also involved and reviewed Silver Oak's plan for Graves Lane and for the development in general, the traffic the proposed casino would generate, and that which is associated with WNCC. Vice Chairperson Bennett felt that more discussion on traffic should be agendized for a future meeting. Mr. Homann commented that the Master Plan currently shows the Graves Lane extension going directly across the Silver Oak property to Coombs Canyon and the southerly extension of Ormsby Boulevard in general alignment and that Silver Oak is proposing to change that. He said this requires an acknowledgement that the streets and highway Master Plan designations, as presently shown, will be changed. He added that this would be included in the traffic study as well as the special use permit and tentative map processes. Mr. Lipparelli advised that part of the Silver Oak application is asking that the Master Plan be changed for zoning, street alignment, and all the other things that are required to make the project work. It was then agreed to have a discussion on the Streets and Highways Master Plan agendized for a future meeting.

5. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS - Commissioner Mawbey thanked the citizens present for attending the meeting.

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6. STAFF'S COMMENTS - Mr. Brotzman reported that Fairview would be re-striped in the next few days because NDOT is completing a dual left hand turn lane on South Carson at Fairview.

Mr. Brotzman also said that, as a result of the consultant's amended report on Edmonds Drive, Public Works is trying to get the pavement replacement started.

Mr. Homann advised that the schedule on the East Graves Lane work will be going out for bid later this month.

Sandra Danforth commented on a turn lane problem at Roop and Winnie Lane and felt that something such as arrows should be installed. Mr. Homann commented that Public Works is aware of this and that it is a striping problem. He added that a supply of paint was anticipated within the week and that this would be taken care of. Ruth Blake commented that she had had the same problem as Mrs. Danforth.

7. ACTION ON FUTURE MEETING DATE(S) AND TIME(S) - It was agreed the next meeting will be August 18 at 8:00 a.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business Vice Chairperson Bennett entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Mawbey moved to adjourn. Vice Chairperson Bennett seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0-0-1. Vice Chairperson Bennett adjourned the meeting at 9:00 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.

The Minutes of the July 21, 1993 meeting of the Carson City Regional Transportation Commission

ARE SO APPROVED _____ 9/15/93 _____, 1993

/s/ _____
Chairperson