

CARSON CITY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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A regular meeting of the Carson City Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) was scheduled to begin following adjournment of the Carson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) meeting on Wednesday, February 10, 2021, in the Community Center Robert “Bob” Crowell Boardroom, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Lori Bagwell
Vice Chair Lisa Schuette
Commissioner Chas Macquarie (via WebEx)
Commissioner Greg Stedfield
Commissioner John Terry (via WebEx)

STAFF: Darren Schulz, Public Works Director (via WebEx)
Lucia Maloney, Transportation Manager
Todd Reese, Deputy District Attorney
Dirk Goering, Senior Transportation Planner
Chris Martinovich, Transportation/Traffic Engineer
Kelly Norman, Transportation Planner/Analyst (via WebEx)
Alex Cruz, Transit Coordinator
Tamar Warren, Senior Public Meetings Clerk

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

(5:26:28) – Chairperson Bagwell called the meeting to order at 5:26 p.m. Roll was called, and a quorum was present.

2. AGENDA MANAGEMENT NOTICE

(5:27:01) – Ms. Maloney indicated that there were no modifications to the agenda.

3. DISCLOSURES

(5:27:06) – Chairperson Bagwell entertained disclosures; however, none were forthcoming.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

(5:27:15) – Chairperson Bagwell entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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5-A FOR POSSIBLE ACTION – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 13, 2021 DRAFT MINUTES.

(5:27:22) – Chairperson Bagwell introduced the item and entertained comments and/or corrections.

(5:27:33) – Commissioner Stedfield moved to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2021 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Schuette and carried 5-0-0.

6. PUBLIC MEETING ITEMS

6-A FOR DISCUSSION ONLY - DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION OF A STATUS UPDATE ON THE KINGS CANYON ROAD AND TRAILHEAD PROJECT.

(5:28:12) – Chairperson Bagwell introduced the item. Mr. Martinovich gave background and reviewed the Staff Report with supporting exhibits, incorporated into the record. He also updated the Commission on the status of the project, referenced the public comments which were received during the 70 percent review and incorporated into the plan, reviewed the next steps, and responded to clarifying questions. Chairperson Bagwell was informed that the increase in design, the incorporation of the public comments, and the additional excavation costs had contributed to the cost increases. Mr. Martinovich explained to Commissioner Terry that Central Federal Lands would administer the construction via two full-time staff members. He, along with Chairperson Bagwell, thanked the property owners for their cooperation. This item was not agendaized for action.

6-B FOR DISCUSSION ONLY - DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION REGARDING PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS FOR THE COLORADO STREET CORRIDOR PROJECT, BETWEEN S. CARSON STREET AND SALIMAN ROAD AND THE DESIGN OF FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CORRIDOR.

(5:41:35) – Chairperson Bagwell introduced the item. Mr. Goering gave background and presented the Staff Report which is incorporated into the record. He also highlighted the results of the second public outreach efforts, incorporated into the record, which were conducted by Staff, and responded to clarifying questions. Vice Chair Schuette thanked Staff for reaching out and providing the public the opportunity to be heard. Commissioner Stedfield did not believe that a center median was “practical;” however, he acknowledged the issue of speeding and was in favor of the reduced lane widths. Commissioner Macquarie recommended painting the bulb outs for further safety. Commissioner Terry noted that he had been successful with the bulb outs for pedestrian protection. Chairperson Bagwell indicated the calls she received were mostly regarding speed and truck traffic on Colorado Street and believed the lane width reduction or bulb outs may help mitigate the speed issue. Vice Chair Schuette suggested bringing the two discussed options to the residents for comments. Ms. Maloney thanked the residents for their participation and recommended a public hearing at the next design phase. This item was not agendaized for action.

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6-C FOR POSSIBLE ACTION – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECOMMEND A MORATORIUM ON BICYCLE AND SCOOTER SHARE PROGRAMS IN CARSON CITY TO THE CARSON CITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

(5:58:00) – Chairperson Bagwell introduced the item. Ms. Maloney gave background and reviewed the Staff Report with supporting documentation, all of which are incorporated into the record. She also summarized the discussion and the proposed recommendation of the Carson City 2020 E-Bicycle/E-Scooter Working Group. The group had concluded that no new regulations (especially regarding speed limits) was needed as that might be unenforceable. Instead, the group had recommended encouraging safe use through an educational campaign. Ms. Maloney also noted that the recommendations had been presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Open Space Advisory Committee joint meeting on December 1, 2020 where e-scooter and e-bicycle sharing sustainability benefits had been discussed, in addition to safety, abandonment, infrastructure concerns, and parking availability in areas such as downtown.

(6:01:39) – Ms. Maloney also provided highlights from the 2019 Nevada Legislature which allowed local authorities to adopt an ordinance to protect the safety and health of the public. She recommended an ordinance prohibiting e-bicycle/e-scooter share programs for the time being to be presented to the Board of Supervisors for enactment until successful implementation in other parts of Nevada. Ms. Maloney also responded to clarifying questions. Commissioner Stedfield provided anecdotal data from his observations of how the vehicles were discarded after use in the South Lake Tahoe area. Commissioner Macquarie wished to add the following to the recommended motion for a moratorium: *until an ordinance is adopted with the framework for permitting such a program*. Commissioner Terry was also in favor of the motion because he believed the program was not appropriate for Carson City. Commissioner Schuette was in agreement with the moratorium for safety reasons. Chairperson Bagwell noted that Commissioner Macquarie's addition to the proposed motion would mean directing Staff to work on an ordinance. Instead, she was open to hear a vendor-initiated program. Commissioner Macquarie proposed a motion.

(6:10:00) – Commissioner Macquarie moved to recommend a moratorium on e-bicycle and e-scooter share programs until an ordinance is adopted by the Carson City Board of Supervisors with a framework for permitting such a program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stedfield. Chairperson Bagwell entertained discussion.

(6:10:48) – Commissioner Stedfield noted that the City of Reno had a bikeshare program which had since been cancelled. Chairperson Bagwell clarified that the Commission was not directing Staff to work on an ordinance. Ms. Maloney noted that Staff would continue to monitor other programs. Chairperson Bagwell called for the vote. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

6-D FOR POSSIBLE ACTION – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO REAPPOINT THE TRANSPORTATION MANAGER AS THE ALTERNATE TO LORI BAGWELL, RTC CHAIRPERSON, TO THE TAHOE TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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(6:12:52) – Chairperson Bagwell introduced the item. Ms. Maloney presented the Staff Report which is incorporated into the record. Chairperson Bagwell entertained questions and when none were forthcoming, a motion.

(6:14:52) – Commissioner Stedfield moved to reappoint Transportation Manager Lucia Maloney as the alternate to Chairperson Lori Bagwell to the Tahoe Transportation District Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Schuette and carried 5-0-0.

6-E FOR DISCUSSION ONLY – DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION REGARDING THE JUMP AROUND CARSON (JAC) FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2020 MONITORING REPORT AND LONG-RANGE FISCAL OUTLOOK.

(6:15:29) – Chairperson Bagwell introduced the item. Ms. Maloney provided background and Mr. Cruz presented an overview of the FY 2020 Monitoring Report, incorporated into the record along with the Staff Report. Additionally, Ms. Maloney provided information on long-range projections on the Transit Fund budget and funding sources such as the General Fund and grants. She also responded to clarifying questions by the commissioners. This item was not agendized for action.

7. INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS - NON-ACTION ITEMS:

7-A TRANSPORTATION MANAGER’S REPORT

(6:38:10) – Ms. Maloney reported that due to the past month’s weather issues, the Street Operations Report would be presented in March. She also announced that the Community Development Block Grant applications for Colorado Street and Desatoya Drive will be submitted ahead of the deadline. Ms. Maloney announced a pavement survey to be funded under the Carson Area Metropolitan Organization’s Unified Work Program and offered to present details in upcoming meetings.

8. BOARD COMMENTS: FOR INFORMATION ONLY – STATUS REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE RTC BOARD.

(6:39:09) – Chairperson Bagwell entertained comments from the commissioners; however, none were forthcoming.

9. THE NEXT MEETING IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED – 4:30 P.M., WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021, AT THE ROBERT “BOB” CROWELL BOARD ROOM (PREVIOUSLY CALLED THE SIERRA ROOM) - COMMUNITY CENTER, 851 EAST WILLIAM STREET, IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE MEETING OF THE CARSON AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION.

(6:39:20) – Chairperson Bagwell read the agenda item into the record.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

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(6:39:33) – Chairperson Bagwell entertained final public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

11. ADJOURNMENT: FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

(6:39:48) – Chairperson Bagwell adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

The Minutes of the February 10, 2021 Carson City Regional Transportation Commission meeting are so approved this 10th day of March 2021.