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A regularly scheduled meeting of the Carson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization was held on Wednesday, July 13, 2005, at the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairperson Richard S. Staub, Vice Chairperson Charles Des Jardins, and Members Shelly Aldean, Larry Hastings, Dennis Taylor, and Michael Zola

STAFF PRESENT: Deputy City Engineer John Flansberg, Deputy District Attorney Michael Suglia, RTC Engineer Harvey Brotzman, and Recording Secretary Katherine McLaughlin (CAMPO 7/13/05 Tape 1-00012)

NOTE: Unless otherwise indicated, each item was introduced by staff's reading/outlining/clarifying the Request for Board Action Report and/or supporting documentation. Staff members making the presentation are listed after the Item's heading. Any other individuals who spoke are listed immediately following the staff listing. 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.

A. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM - Chairperson Staub convened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Roll call was taken. A quorum was present although Member Johnson was absent.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JUNE 8, 2005 (1-0023) - Member Des Jardins corrected the first line on Page 2 to remove "of the" for clarity. Member Des Jardins moved to approve the Minutes as corrected. Member Hastings seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

C. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS (1-0039) - None.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT (1-0040) - None.

E. DISCLOSURES (1-0047) - None.

F. PUBLIC MEETING ITEMS:

F-1. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 2006 TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PROJECTS DOCUMENT FOR THE CARSON AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA (1-0049) - Deputy City Engineer John Flansberg and NDOT Assistant Director of Operations Rick Nelson introduced State staff members and consultants who were present. Mr. Nelson then explained the purpose of the meeting. He felt that the working relationship between the City and State was superb. Benefits of the relationship were noted. The State has the largest construction budget ever. It is more than \$1 billion. The majority of these funds will be used for super projects such as the I-580 extension and the Carson Freeway Phases I and II. He then explained the strategic planning process and its four goals. He had distributed pamphlets to the Board and staff which he briefly described. (Copies are in the file.) A Federal Highway Bill has not yet been approved by Congress. The differences between the House and Senate bills are being negotiated. He announced Federal Highway Administration Director Mary Peters' resignation effective July 31. Reasons for her resignation were

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indicated. The Legislature's approval of the NDOT budget was noted. It had included the funding for the \$1 billion in highway construction projects. He believed that the cooperative working relationships between NDOT and local jurisdictions had helped the "State highways" earn a reputation as the number one rated "smooth" highways in the United States; number two rating in bridge maintenance; and number four in efficiency of spending Federal dollars. He credited the State, local and MPO staffs for these rankings. The main element in the work program for this jurisdiction is the Carson Freeway. Its funding was limned. A brief summary of other projects in the MPO area were noted. He also indicated that if new projects are added to the MPO work program, they should be submitted to NDOT staff for addition to the State work program. Discussion indicated that the breakout of funding for the work program is included in the plan. Historical information is contained in the *Facts and Figures* booklet. Public comments were solicited but none were given.

Member Aldean asked that the record indicate her willingness to approve the transportation system projects due to her faith and trust in NDOT, however, she did not have a copy of it and had not seen it. Member Taylor explained that the document was sent to the Board approximately two meetings ago. The work program was not agenized for that meeting. It quotes the MPO transportation improvement program verbatim as approved by the Board. Member Aldean moved to approve the Nevada Department of Transportation 2006 Transportation System Projects Document for the Carson Area Metropolitan Planning Area. Member Hastings seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

F-2. ACTION TO APPROVE THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL COORDINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, DOUGLAS COUNTY, CARSON AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION, AND THE CITY OF CARSON CITY TO IMPLEMENT NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TRAFFIC SIGNAL COORDINATION PLAN FOR ALL SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS ALONG US 395 FROM KOONTZ LANE IN CARSON CITY TO PLYMOUTH DRIVE IN DOUGLAS COUNTY (1-0250) - Deputy City Engineer John Flansberg - Discussion indicated that the agreement had been discussed previously by staffs. The signals have not been coordinated and currently are operating on their own. The agreement will coordinate and enhance the signal operations. It will optimize the progression to the best extent possible. Chairperson Staub supported coordinating the signals. Member Des Jardins noted that NDOT will pay for the costs to coordinate the signals. Mr. Flansberg indicated that the day-to-day maintenance costs are the City and Douglas County's responsibilities. Staff believed that these costs were negligible. The City and County are currently paying for them. Discussion clarified that CAMPO is the arbitrator if a disagreement occurs. CAMPO will approve any changes that are made after the initial changes are made. The technical committee may review the changes prior to submittal to CAMPO. Member Aldean pointed out the need to change party to parties in Article V Subsection 2 and Paragraphs 13 and 14. Discussion indicated that NDOT will develop the plan and oversee its implementation. After that it is the City and Douglas County's responsibilities to maintain the plan. NDOT will propose changes in the future. The changes will be submitted to the City and Douglas County and then to CAMPO for approval. The hardware will belong to NDOT. NDOT will pay for its installation. The freeway will create a need to change the signals. The coordinated planning will provide flexibility to meet the freeway changes. Clarification indicated that the 15 day timeframes for responses to suggested changes are the same for both Carson City and Douglas County. Public comments were solicited but none were given. Member Aldean moved to approve the Traffic Signal Coordination Agreement between the Nevada Department of Transportation, Douglas County, Carson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization,

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and the City of Carson City to implement Nevada Department of Transportation Traffic Signal Coordination Plan for all signalized intersection along US 395 from Koontz Lane in Carson City to Plymouth Drive in Douglas County subject to some minor clerical changes as noted. Members Hastings and Zola seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

G. INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS - NON-ACTION ITEMS - FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - Deputy City Engineer John Flansberg explained staff's proposal to agenize for the August meeting the DB Eagle Report on the Federal requirements and a proposed 2006 unified work program for review of the planning projects for next year. No formal action was required or taken.

H. ADJOURNMENT (1-0450) - Member Aldean moved to adjourn. Member Zola seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. Chairperson Staub adjourned the meeting at 6 p.m.

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ARE SO APPROVED ON September 14, 2005.

/s/
Richard S. Staub, Chairperson