



REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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AGENDA ITEM 7.1

TO: Regional Transportation Commission

FROM: Amy Cummings
Director of Planning

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Lee G. Gibson, AICP
Executive Director

SUBJECT: 2035 Regional Transportation Plan Status Report

RECOMMENDATION

Acknowledge receipt of 2035 Regional Transportation Plan status report.

SUMMARY

Development of the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is underway and the Agency and Community Working Groups continue to hold monthly meetings. On January 12 the Working Groups discussed the pavement preservation program and a long range vision for the Complete Streets program. On February 9 the Working Groups discussed the long range vision for the role of transit in the community and identified transit service alternatives.

RTC hosted a Freight and Logistics Round Table discussion on February 3. Industry leaders in economic development and freight and goods movement, as well as staff from the local jurisdictions and the Nevada Department of Transportation, participated in identifying transportation needs related to freight and economic development. This group will have a follow-up meeting in the summer of 2012. Additional round table discussion will be held in February and March to address transportation issues for youth, seniors, and the Americans with Disabilities Act, and safety.

The RTP Alternatives Development Workshop will be held on April 26, 2012, to gather ideas and suggestions from the community. The workshop will be held from 4-7 p.m. at the Sparks Heritage Museum at 814 Victorian Avenue.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for this item is included in the approved FY 2012 budget and there is no additional cost in connection with this agenda item.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS BY BOARD

December 16, 2011	Received status update about the 2035 RTP
October 13, 2011	During a joint meeting of the RTC and Regional Planning Governing Board - Received a report about the RTP process and travel demand model development
July 22, 2011	Approved membership for the RTP Community Working Group
April 15, 2011	Approved the approach for soliciting and appointing members to the RTP Community Working Group
Feb. 18, 2011	RTP Update <i>Community and Agency Participation Plan</i> presented for review and comment

ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND

The RTC initiated development of the 2035 RTP in September 2011. The RTP establishes regional transportation goals, priorities, and projects for the next 20 years. The RTC is using a collaborative, community-based approach in the plan development process. The Agency Working Group and Community Working Group began meeting in September and have identified the draft guiding principles for the RTP:

The RTP will be founded on a diverse community-based planning process and will promote efficiency and effectiveness in program delivery. The purpose of the plan is to support the vision that this area is the best place to live, work, recreate, visit, and invest. This will be accomplished through the following guiding principles:

- *Economic development & diversification*
- *Safe & healthy communities*
- *Sustainability*
- *Increased travel choices*

The Agency Working Group and Community Working Group also identified draft goals for the RTP, which were supported by members of the public at the December 8 Community Planning Workshop:

- Incorporate sustainable practices & healthy community objectives
- Integrate land use & economic development
- Improve safety
- Manage existing systems efficiently & effectively
- Integrate all types of transportation
- Focus on regional connectivity

- Invest strategically
- Improve freight & goods movement
- Follow a community-based planning process
- Promote equity & environmental justice

A community planning workshop was held on December 8 to gather public input about the guiding principles and goals for the RTP. The meeting was held at the Nevada Discovery Museum from 4-7 p.m. Participants provided input about other transportation issues and concerns that they would like considered in the RTP.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE(S) RECOMMENDATION

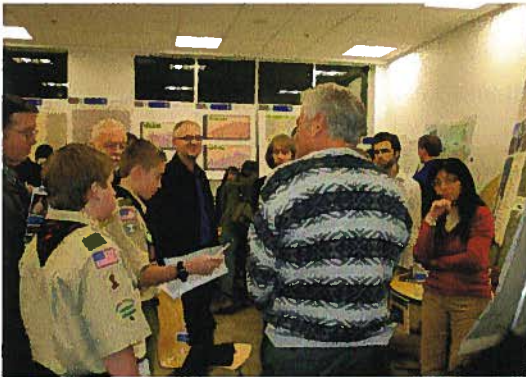
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) –Received status update on the 2035 RTP

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) – Received status update on the 2035 RTP

COMMUNITY PLANNING WORKSHOP RESULTS

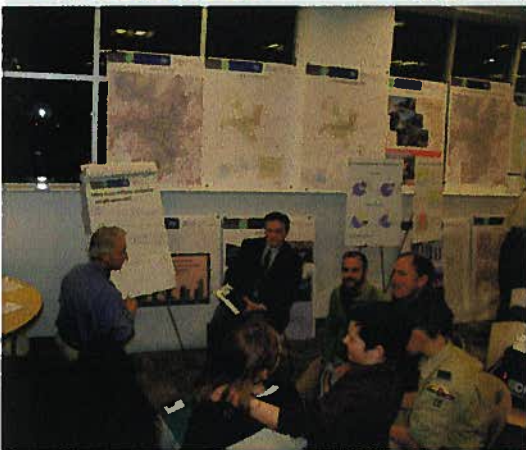
**RTC thanks all participants in the Community Planning Workshop!
It was held December 8, 2011 at the Nevada Discovery Museum from 4-7 p.m.**

73 community participants



The 2035 Regional Transportation Plan is:

- 20-year long range plan
- Updated every 4 years
- Identifies needs & solutions for all types of transportation
- Based on community input



2035 RTP Guiding Principles

The RTP will be founded on a diverse community-based planning process and will promote efficiency and effectiveness in program delivery. The purpose of the plan is to support the vision that the Reno, Sparks, and Washoe County area is the best place to live, work, recreate, visit, and invest. This will be accomplished through the following guiding principles:

- Safe & healthy communities
- Economic development & diversification
- Sustainability
- Increased travel choices



Input on Top RTP Goal Priorities:

- Incorporate sustainable practices & healthy community objectives
- Integrate land use & economic development
- Improve safety
- Manage existing systems efficiently & effectively
- Integrate all types of transportation
- Focus on regional connectivity
- Invest strategically
- Improve freight & goods movement
- Follow a community-based planning process
- Added goal: Promote equity & environmental justice

What We Heard

Safe & Healthy Communities

A safe and healthy community includes safe multi-modal access for all users, a transportation system that does not pollute the air or water, and a system that supports healthy activities. Ways to enhance and improve safety for all modes of travel for residents and visitors alike include the following:

- ADA compliance for all sidewalks
- Improve lighting for a more safe environment to walk and bike
- Improve crosswalks and intersections for safer crossing for all ages
- Additional on street and off street bike lanes, routes and trails
- Additional public transit routes which stop at parks, gyms and other recreational locations
- Lower speeds on roads with high bike use, walkers and runners
- Apply the “4 E” approach to improve the safety of our transportation system:
Education, Enforcement, Engineering and Emergency Response plus planning and data

Sustainability

Sustainable transportation programs will generate crucial long-term economic, social, and environmental benefits. The following are areas to focus on:

- Rely on renewable resources for lower costs and energy security
- Reduce vehicle emissions to promote health and improve environmental quality
- Provide for smooth traffic flow and effective routes
- Use sustainable construction materials
- Use green technology to promote economic development
- Provide and encourage different transportation mode choices with a focus on convenience and time effectiveness

Economic Development & Diversification

Transportation can promote economic development to add social benefits and create jobs. Key opportunities include:

- Lower transportation costs & improve economic competitiveness
- Better connect communities and economic centers
- Provide efficient access
- Attract companies and residents with a good quality of life
- Provide multimodal transportation centers for freight
- Support access to local businesses in transit oriented development districts
- Align transportation with university and industry needs
- Integrate green technology & innovations
- Strengthen links between Tahoe and the Truckee Meadows

Increased Travel Choices

The Increased Travel Choices group provided direction about ways to make alternate modes of travel more appealing to residents and visitors.

- Provide transit with regional connectivity to Carson City, Lake Tahoe and Fernley
- Encourage density and land use that supports walking, bicycling and transit
- Make transit more convenient and serve areas such as Spanish Springs, Cold Springs and Western Reno
- Provide bike racks, connected sidewalks, car sharing, and park and ride facilities
- Gain community support for multimodal transportation and realize it is a community investment
- Make walking, bicycling and transit a benefit over driving an automobile
- Promote sustainability, including alternative fuels and green technology
- Improve efficiency through smart technology for freight and traffic movement, such as; Intelligent transportation systems

For More Information visit

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Coming Soon: Alternatives Development Workshop in Spring 2012
Plan Recommendations Workshop in Summer 2012