

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
January 4, 2012 Meeting Minutes**

CAC Members Present: Paul Arnold, Ron Aryel, Jenny Brekhus, Scott Carey, Evan Gadda, John Kreiger, Laura Langner, Gwendolyn Lomas, Michael McCaw, Travis Petchell, Jerry Purdy, Bob Schrimpf, Rajan Zed

CAC Members Absent: Terri Compton, Jaime Edrosa, Art Gutmann, Geoff Kettling, Jeff Miller, Naveen Yelamanchili, David Hankinson

RTC Staff: Lee Gibson, Amy Cummings, Michelle Dennis, Patrice Echola, Christina Leach, Chris Louis, Tom Greco, Roger Hanson, Carol Perry, Howard Riedl, Tina Wu

A regular meeting of the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) was held on Wednesday, January 4, 2012, in the RTC Board Room, 2050 Villanova Drive, Reno, Nevada 89502. The meeting was called to order at 5:37 pm by Chair Scott Carey. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the following business was conducted:

Chair Carey announced that a quorum of 11 members must be maintained throughout the meeting; if a quorum is lost due to members leaving before all agenda items have been addressed, the meeting must end. Chair Carey requested that comments be concise and questions directed through the chair in order to keep the meeting moving and concluded as close to 6:30 pm as possible.

Item 1: Approval of Agenda. The agenda was approved as submitted.

Item 2: Public Comment. Roger Vogel told the committee during a recent trip to Salt Lake City he had the opportunity to use their Mass Transit System, see their various amenities and wanted to share what he observed with the committee. The only bus shelters used by their system are in the university area and are owned by the university. He explained the different pass types and the rules for using them which are very different from RTC's. Although the Salt Lake system is much larger than RTC's here in Reno, he believes RTC's transit system is a much better system.

Item 3: Approval of November 2, 2011 Meeting Minutes. The minutes of the November 2, 2011 meeting were approved as written.

Item 4: Discussion and Recommendation on the Creation of a Trans-Sierra Transportation Coalition. Carl Hasty head of Tahoe transportation district gave a presentation on the possibility of creating a coalition to develop better ways to coordinate and collaborate between the three MPOs of Northern Nevada for economic growth. Discussion followed.

On a motion by Ron Aryel and seconded by Rajan Zed, the committee recommends the Regional Transportation Commission Board enact a resolution supporting creation of a Trans-Sierra Transportation Coalition concept as a mechanism to promote better integration, better dialogue, and more unified planning efforts in the region. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 5: Update on the West Plumb Lane Project. Michelle Dennis, RTC Project Manager, updated the committee on the West Plumb Lane Project and the public outreach efforts. Michelle explained Plumb Lane is a RTC regional road construction preservation project because of poor pavement conditions and is not a capacity improvement project. Construction will begin no sooner than 2012 and will likely happen in 2013. RTC is working with partner agencies such as TMWA and the City of Reno to include safety and operational aspects of the road on this project. Discussion followed.

No action was taken.

Item 6: Update on the 4th Street/Prater Way Corridor Study. Christina Leach, RTC Project Manager updated the committee on the 4th Street/Prater Way Corridor Study for multi-modal transportation improvements. The study began in July 2011, and thus far, a walking audit has been conducted and a public open house held to obtain input on what issues and opportunities the public sees regarding the existing conditions within the area. Meetings were also held with a technical advisory committee. In partnership with UNR, a reconnaissance survey of historic buildings on East 4th Street was conducted which will be beneficial moving forward through the NEPA process; the report will be posted on the rtcwashoe.com website. Economic development interviews and tours have been conducted as well as a stakeholder meeting with the business owners of the area.

As a result of the outreach efforts, there is now a draft Existing Conditions Report which will also be posted on rtcwashoe.com. Next steps include going before the RTC Board on January 20 for approval of the draft Existing Conditions which will be followed by alternatives development. There will be a public open house held on February 23 to gather input on the alternative analysis. Discussion followed.

The committee acknowledged receipt of the report.

Item 7: Update on the Mill Street/Terminal Way Corridor Study. Tom Greco, RTC Senior Transportation Planner gave a brief overview on the Mill Street/Terminal Way Corridor Study that was requested by the City of Reno with a focus on visitors traveling from the Reno/Tahoe International Airport to downtown Reno. Discussion followed.

No action was taken.

Item 8: Discussion on Pedestrian/Bicycle Facilities and Safety. Chairman Carey suggested moving this item to the February 1, 2012 meeting agenda to allow adequate time for discussion.

On a motion by Evan Gadda and seconded by Ron Aryel, it is recommended this item be moved to the February 1, 2012 CAC meeting agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 9: Discussion and Recommendation on the Proposed GFI Farebox Upgrade. Tina Wu, RTC Senior Transit Planner gave a brief presentation on the Proposed GFI Farebox Upgrade. Discussion followed.

On a motion by Ron Aryel and seconded by Evan Gadda, it is recommended the RTC Board approve the request to purchase the GFI Farebox Upgrade. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 10: Discussion and Recommendation on the Proposed Purchase and Installation of RTC ACCESS Van ITS Equipment. Tina Wu, RTC Senior Transit Planner gave a brief presentation on the Proposed Purchase and Installation of RTC ACCESS Van ITS Equipment for the 15 new RTC ACCESS paratransit vans approved for purchase by RTC's Board in December. Discussion followed.

On a motion by Bob Schrimpf and seconded by Evan Gwen Lomas, it is recommended the RTC Board approve purchase and installation of the ITS tracking equipment for 15 RTC ACCESS replacement vans. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 11: Update on Funding Level for Bus Stop Improvements. Tina Wu, Senior Transit Planner gave an update on the Funding Level for Bus Stop Improvements. Discussion followed.

No action was taken.

Item 12: 2035 Regional Transportation Plan Update. Amy Cummings, RTC Planning Director gave a brief update on the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan and the public meeting held on December 8 at the Discovery Museum. Amy reported there was a great turnout including several members of the CAC committee and 73 members of the public.

The main focus of the workshop was to gather input on the guiding principles and the goals for the RTP. Information available to the attendees included transit ridership, funding, and RTC projects. The public was encouraged to offer input on over-arching theme topics of the RTP such as safe and healthy communities, sustainability, economic development and diversification, and increased travel choices. A summary of the input is being compiled and will be distributed when completed.

Amy stated the goals first identified by the working groups for the RTP and then presented to the general public at the workshop for their input and top-three ranking included: sustainability and healthy community objectives, integrate land use economic development, manage systems efficiently and effectively (preventative maintenance, traffic signal timing, etc.), integrating all modes of transportation, and focusing on regional connectivity. There will also be additional outreach opportunities in the next couple of months for public participation and the committee will be advised of the dates.

Item 13: Member Items

Ron Aryel and the committee requested the minutes reflect their sorrow and condolences on the recent death of fellow committee member Albert Garcia and recognized his many years of service and valuable contributions to the committee.

At 7:24 pm, the committee quorum was lost and the meeting was adjourned.