

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA**

**FRIDAY**

**10:39 A.M.**

**February 3, 2012**

**PRESENT:**

**Ron Smith, Sparks City Councilman, Chair  
Bob Larkin, Washoe County Commissioner, Vice Chair  
Bonnie Weber, Washoe County Commissioner  
Dan Gustin, Reno City Councilman  
Bob Cashell, Reno Mayor**

**Lee G. Gibson, Executive Director  
John Fowler, Legal Counsel  
Susan Martinovich, Director of NDOT**

**NOT PRESENT:**

**David Aiazzi, Reno City Councilman**

This special meeting, held in the Board Room of the Jerry L. Hall Regional Transportation Center, 2050 Villanova Drive, Reno, Nevada, was called to order by Chairman Smith. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our country, the Board conducted the following business:

**RECOGNITION OF APPOINTED/REAPPOINTED RTC COMMISSIONERS**

Chairman Smith welcomed Bonnie Weber, Washoe County Commissioner, who was appointed to the RTC Board of Directors to complete the second year of Commissioner David Humke's two-year term.

Additionally, Bob Larkin, Washoe County Commissioner, was reappointed to the RTC Board of Directors for a two-year term.

***Item 1        APPROVAL OF AGENDA***

On motion of Commissioner Cashell, seconded by Commissioner Gustin, which motion unanimously carried, Chairman Smith ordered that the agenda for this meeting be approved.

***Item 2        DIRECTOR'S REPORT***

Lee Gibson, Executive Director, updated the Board on internal RTC issues as set forth in the staff report for this agenda item.

### ***Items 3.1 thru 3.2 PUBLIC INPUT***

Chairman Smith opened the meeting to public input and called on anyone wishing to speak on topics relevant to the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) that are not included in the current agenda.

Ms. Kathleen Taylor, local resident, provided a brief update on the status of the I-80 Design Build Project.

There being no one else wishing to speak, the Chairman closed public input.

### ***Item 3.2 ADVISORY COMMITTEES SUMMARY REPORT***

On motion of Vice Chair Larkin, seconded by Commissioner Gustin, which motion unanimously carried, Chairman Smith ordered that receipt of the monthly Summary Report for the Technical, Citizens, and Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committees be acknowledged.

### ***Item 4.1 thru 4.13 CONSENT ITEMS***

Vice Chair Larkin requested that consent item 4.13 be pulled for discussion.

Item 4.7 from the January 20, 2012, meeting that was cancelled was not included in this agenda.

- 4.1 **Approve the minutes of the December 16, 2011, meeting (*for possible action*)\***
- 4.2 **Acknowledge receipt of the Monthly Engineering Activity report (*for possible action*)\***
- 4.3 **Acknowledge receipt of the Monthly Operations Activity Report (*for possible action*)\***
- 4.4 **Approve the purchase and installation of Trapeze ITS equipment for fifteen (15) RTC ACCESS replacement vans at an estimated cost of \$173,830 (*for possible action*)\***
- 4.5 **Acknowledge receipt of the Quarterly Planning Report (*for possible action*)\***
- 4.6 **Acknowledge receipt of the Quarterly Transportation Safety Report (*for possible action*)\***
- 4.8 **Approve the Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Parsons Brinckerhoff for preliminary design services for the North McCarran at North Virginia intersection project in an amount not to exceed \$307,897; authorize the RTC Executive Director to execute the agreement (*for possible action*)\***
- 4.9 **Approve the Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Wood Rodgers, Inc. for design and construction management services for the Neil/Gentry/Terminal project in an amount not to exceed \$378,300; authorize the RTC Executive Director to execute the agreement (*for possible action*)\***
- 4.10 **Approve the Federal Advisory Services Contract for a one (1) year term in an amount not to exceed \$54,100 paid in 12 monthly installments of \$4,508.33, plus reimbursement for actual direct expenses up to \$6,000 (*for possible action*)\***
- 4.11 **Approve the Cooperative Agreement with the Nevada Department Of Transportation (NDOT) for the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) funding; authorize the RTC Executive Director to execute the agreement (*for possible action*)\***

- 4.12 Approve a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with HDR Engineering Inc. for design and engineering during construction services for the Greenbrae Drive and Merchant Street pavement preservation project in an amount not to exceed \$386,133; authorize the RTC Executive Director to execute the agreement (for possible action)\***

On motion of Vice Chair Larkin, seconded by Commissioner Cashell, which motion carried unanimously, Chairman Smith ordered that Consent Items 4.1 through 4.6 and 4.8 through 4.12 be approved.

- 4.13 Approve an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement (ICA) between the Nevada Department Of Transportation (NDOT) and the RTC for CMAQ funding for the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) network design project; authorize the RTC Chairman to execute the agreement (for possible action)\***

Vice Chair Larkin asked for clarification on this project. He wanted to ensure that it has no connection to the new Regional Emergency Response Center which is a Nevada Dept. of Transportation (NDOT) project. He also wanted to make sure that any decision being made today would not bind a future RTC Board from actions they may wish to take with regards to that Emergency Response Center.

Both Jeff Hale, Engineering Director, and Jim Poston, RTC Project Manager, addressed the Board and confirmed that this particular project is only meant to install the information network for improvements to the system and for use by the multiple local emergency response agencies as they exist today. He added that it in no way is part of NDOT's new building project but that it could potentially be used by them when their building is completed. If so, the item would be brought to the RTC Board as an entirely separate project should NDOT request it.

Susan Martinovich, NDOT Director, added that her agency is moving forward with the new center and they are seeking their own funding. The RTC is not required to participate.

On motion of Vice Chair Larkin, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion carried unanimously, Chairman Smith ordered that Consent Item 4.13 be approved.

**\* = Agenda Items carried over from the Jan. 20, 2011, meeting which was cancelled due to the Washoe Drive fire.**

- 5.1 Approve or otherwise direct RTC staff regarding the agreement permitting construction of SouthEast Connector on Rosewood Lakes Golf Course (For Possible Action)**

Garth Oksol, RTC Project Manager, approached the Board and explained that the item being brought before the Board pertains to the agreement discussed and approved by the Reno City Council the previous day. He then offered to answer any questions.

E.D. Lee Gibson added that he had just provided the Commissioners with copies of the agreement which reflected the changes adopted by the Council at their meeting.

Chief Legal Counsel John Fowler explained that one change indicates that the City has the right to request the RTC to pay for the cost of putting sand on the replacement holes of the golf course if necessary. Another change preserves the right of RTC to seek a refund for \$7.5 million should Reno denies a permit for, or denies an Interlocal agreement for the SouthEast Connector. If triggered, the City has 90 days to repay the \$7.5 million. However, that right to seek a refund expires in seven (7) years. Therefore, if construction does not begin within that 7 year anniversary of the effective date of the agreement, the RTC loses the right to seek any refund.

Chairman Smith asked how the 404 permit from the Corps of Engineers is coming along.

Mr. Oksol replied that the final round of official submittals was turned in on December 28, 2011, and the permit is anticipated to be approved within 180 days or so.

Commissioner Gustin asked how many people will be put back to work once construction commences.

Chairman Smith said that he had been given a total of 2,000 direct and indirect jobs for the *total* project.

Mr. Hale added that the estimate used is for every \$88,000 spent, one job is attributed.

Chairman Smith asked for confirmed that the time to completion is two years.

Mr. Oksol confirmed that once construction begins, the timeline is two to two and half years.

On motion of Commissioner Gustin, seconded by Vice Chair Larkin, which motion carried unanimously, Chairman Smith ordered that the agreement with the City of Reno permitting construction of SouthEast Connector on Rosewood Lakes Golf Course be approved.

***Item 6.1      LEGAL REPORT***

RTC Chief Legal Counsel John Fowler stated that he had no legal items to address.

***Item 7          PUBLIC INPUT***

Chairman Smith opened the meeting to public input and called on anyone wishing to speak on topics relevant to the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) that are not included in the current agenda.

There being no one wishing to speak, the Chairman closed public input.

**Item 8            MEMBER ITEMS**

Commissioner Weber complimented RTC Staff for putting on a great community forum the previous Wednesday at the Truckee Meadows Community College for the Pyramid/US 395 Connector.

Commissioner Weber also wished to thank NDOT for their presentation on right-of-way acquisition and asked if the RTC staff could have a presentation for the RTC Board and the community which would explain the process and what happens during that process. She believes it would go a long way to help the community understand and asked if it could possibly be videotaped and included on our website.

E.D. Lee Gibson asked the Commissioners if they would prefer to hold the annual Board Budget Workshop on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012, or on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The Commissioners chose the March 16 date.

Commissioner Gustin requested that RTC staff look into the bus stop outside of the WalMart Center in the North Valleys. There is no pull-out lane at this time and it really backs up traffic.

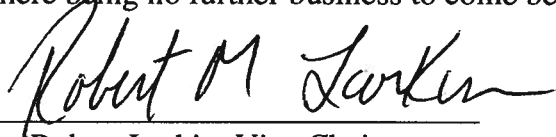
Commissioner Weber agreed and said that she had mentioned the same issue to E.D. Gibson.

E.D. Gibson said this is presently being looked into and something will certainly be done to correct the problem.

**Item 9            ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Chairman Smith, seconded by Vice Chair Larkin, which motion carried unanimously, Chairman Smith ordered that the meeting be adjourned.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.



\_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Robert Larkin, Vice Chair  
Regional Transportation Commission