

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA**

FRIDAY

9:04 A.M.

March 18, 2011

PRESENT:

**Ron Smith, Sparks City Councilman, Chair
Bob Larkin, Washoe County Commissioner, Vice Chair
John Breternitz, Washoe County Commissioner
Dan Gustin, Reno City Councilman
David Aiazzi, Reno City Councilman – Arrived at 9:14 a.m.**

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

NOT PRESENT:

David Humke, Washoe County Commissioner

The regular monthly 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:

Item 1(a) RECOGNITION OF DERMODY PROPERTIES FOUNDATION

Chairman Smith presented a certificate and spoke in recognition of Dermody Properties Foundation for their contributions to the CitiCare Foundation to aid in the purchase of rides on RTC ACCESS. Donna Kollman, President of CitiCare Foundation, also spoke words of gratitude and the certificate was accepted by Mandy Bolinder of Dermody Properties Foundation.

Item 1(b) ACCEPTANCE OF REBATE CHECKS FROM NV ENERGY

Mr. John Hargrove of NV Energy addressed the Board and commended the RTC for its participation in cost saving initiatives by adding solar panels to its buildings. By utilizing a renewable energy such as this, the RTC will be saving an average of 1.3 million kilowatt hours per year or the equivalent of full electrical usage in 144 homes. Additionally, emissions of carbon dioxide will be reduced by 974 tons per year.

Mr. Hargrove then presented Chairman Smith and Vice Chair Larkin with two checks totaling \$815,000.

Item 2 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

****Commissioner Aiazzi arrived at 9:14 a.m.****

Chairman Smith stated that Item 8(a) had been pulled from the agenda and Item 7(c) was to follow the consent items. Additionally, Vice Chair Larkin requested that Item 4(o) be pulled out of consent for discussion.

On motion of Commissioner Gustin, seconded by Vice Chair Larkin, which motion unanimously carried, Chairman Smith ordered that the agenda for this meeting be approved as amended.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Lee Gibson, Executive Director, offered to address any questions the Board may have on internal RTC issues as set forth in the staff report for this agenda item.

Item 3(a) 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.

Mr. Ron Aryel, local resident, spoke in favor finding funding to continue the RTC RAPID system once the federal demonstration project funding runs out. Mr. Aryel also complimented RTC staff for their work on making this project a success.

Mr. Nick Promponas, Sr. Vice President of First Transit, said it has been an honor to be the contractor for the RTC for the past 32 years. He also recognized Mike Steele as their on-site manager for the past 22 years. Mr. Promponas added that First Transit is still hopes to have an opportunity to continue their services should negotiations fail with M/V Transportation.

Ms. Wanda Caro, local resident, expressed her concern as to how the upcoming change in RIDE management will affect the riders, especially those with disabilities. She would like to know how the parties involved are going to make it an easy transition.

Mr. Ron Brooks, representing Veolia Transportation, thanked the RTC and staff for a very diligent solicitation process that was well run, on time and fair.

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

Item 3(b) ADVISORY COMMITTEES SUMMARY REPORT

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

Item 4 CONSENT ITEMS

- (a) Approve the minutes of the Feb. 18, 2011 meeting
- (b) Approve the minutes of the Feb. 18, 2011 retreat
- (c) Acknowledge receipt of the Engineering Activity Report for March 2011
- (d) Acknowledge receipt of a report on bicycle and pedestrian lanes for Highland Ranch, Sun Valley Blvd. and Vista Blvd.
- (e) Acknowledge receipt of the Public Transportation and Operations Report for March 2011
- (f) Approve the Scope of Work for a RTC RIDE fleet condition audit; authorize issuance of an Invitation for Bids (IFB); and authorize the Executive Director to execute an agreement with the selected firm
- (g) Authorize the Executive Director to amend the budget from \$154,000 to \$254,000 for the RTC RIDE Maintenance Facility Lift Replacement
- (h) Approve \$179,135 in Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) funding for RTC INTERCITY; and approve the Federal Fiscal Year 2012 Coordinated Human Services Public Transit Plan update
- (i) Approve the deletion/rescindment of RTC Personnel Rules Section (4) 'Certified Lists of Eligible Employees'; Section (5.12 #2) 'Reports of Personnel Actions'; Sections (7.11) (7.22) 'Records and Reports;' and Section (8.2) 'Evaluation of Performance.'
- (j) Approve the deletion/rescindment of RTC Personnel Rules Sections (10.4) through (10.8) 'Layoff' and replaced with the new RTC Management Policy P-51 Layoff and Recall. Additionally, approve modification to RTC Personnel Rules Sections (5.5) 'Transfer: Protests'; (5.6); 'Promotion: Probationary Period' (5.11) 'Voluntary Demotion;,' (14.4) 'Prohibition Against Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation' and (14.6) 'Employee Assistance Program.'
- (k) Approve the 2011-2012 RTC/University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) Wolf Pass Program
- (l) Authorize the Executive Director to bind insurance coverage effective March 27, 2011, for automobile liability, general liability, public officials' errors and omissions (E&O), property, earthquake/flood, crime, fiduciary liability and employment practices liability
- (m) Approve the resolution outlining the index that most closely measures inflation in the costs of street and highway construction is the newly created Producer Price Index for Other Non-Residential Construction
- (n) Acknowledge receipt of the legislative update; direct staff accordingly
- (p) Approve and authorize the RTC Chairman to execute an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement (ICA) with the City of Reno, including any subsequent amendments as may be required, for construction of improvements to be included in various road rehabilitation projects scheduled for 2011 in an estimated amount of \$341,000
- (q) Authorize the Executive Director to enter into negotiations and execute an agreement with Simply Good Take Out for a lease of the 248 square foot kiosk space inside the north building of 4th Street Station

Vice Chair Larkin commented that Item 4(d) includes a proposed bicycle route along Hyland Ranch Road which could be questionable with regard to safety.

Amy Cummings, RTC Planning Director, responded that the Vice Chairman's concerns would be brought before the Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee for discussion and further review of design considerations. The bicycle map will not be finalized for a couple of months.

Commissioner Gustin asked if there is a proposed dollar amount for the replacement of the RIDE Maintenance Facility Lift mentioned in Item 4(g). He added that it's his experience that these types of ground mitigation generally cost a great deal more than anticipated.

Dean Mottram, RTC Engineer, replied that he had been taken in to account additional excavation, clean borrow, and disposal fees. There may also be additional consultant fees required to assist with the NEPA process. Mr. Mottram added that there is a second lift that may need replacing in the next fiscal year.

On motion of Commissioner Aiazzi, seconded by Commissioner Breternitz, which motion carried unanimously, Chairman Smith ordered that Consent Item 4(a) through 4(q), be approved with the exception of 4(o).

- (o) Approve and authorize the RTC Chairman to execute a Local Public Agency agreement (LPA) with the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) for the Pyramid Way and McCarran Blvd. Intersection Improvement Project

E.D. Gibson explained the purpose for the agreement, stating that the previous stewardship agreement has expired so a new agreement is required to aid in the funding for this project and so staff can move forward with the design efforts currently under way. The agreement name has also been changed to a "Local Public Agency" agreement.

Vice Chair Larkin said he had been told that the placement of this item under the Consent agenda was done so in error. That was his only concern and he had no other specific questions. He requested that items pertaining to this or any other of the "Big 6" RTC projects are never included in Consent.

On motion of Vice Chair Larkin, seconded by Commissioner Gustin, which motion carried unanimously, Chairman Smith ordered that Consent Item 4(o) be approved.

Item 7(c) NOTIFICATION OF AWARD TO M/V TRANSPORTATION, INC. – *taken out of order*

David Jickling, RTC Director of Public Transportation and Operations, explained that this item is a recommendation to award notification for the highest ranked proposer for the fixed route contract. This process has been in process for approximately a year and has been a very thorough and challenging process.

Mr. Jickling explained that the three finalist firms were asked to submit their best and final offers and then the evaluation committee completed their evaluations, including the interviews and overall proposals; a finance sub-committee evaluated the cost proposals. A matrix was then developed and M/V Transportation rated the overall highest ranked firm.

Mr. Jickling then asked the Board to authorize the Executive Director to commence with contract negotiations. If negotiations go as planned, a contract should be brought back to the Board on April 15th for approval.

If the RTC is unable to finalize a satisfactory agreement with M/V Transportation in a fair amount of time and at a price that is fair and reasonable to the RTC, the staff recommends that negotiations end with M/V Transportation and begin with the second highest ranked contender. This was clearly defined in the Request For Proposals (RFP).

Chairman Smith clarified that the Board is not approving a contract on this date, only directing staff to proceed with negotiations. Mr. Jickling agreed.

E.D. Gibson thanked all of those who participated in this process.

Commissioner Aiazzi asked what the transition plan is.

Mr. Jickling said that it should be fairly seamless and customers should not notice any changes except possibly a different shirt patch on the drivers.

Commissioner Aiazzi asked if the current drivers will be retained.

Mr. Jickling said that the anticipation is for current employees to be given the highest possible opportunity to be rehired. That is a standard industry practice in a situation such as this. However, it is not a requirement.

Commissioner Breternitz asked if there is any performance criteria required during the transition period.

Mr. Jickling replied that M/V Transportation will officially take control of the operation on July 1, 2011, and First Transit will continue to operate the system until that time. During the interim, while M/V is trying to get everything into place, it could be difficult to say who is responsible for various things.

Chairman Smith commented that these types of companies do this all over the country and are very experienced at it. Mr. Jickling agreed and said that the RTC has also been through this process three times with the ACCESS program.

On motion of Vice Chair Larkin, seconded by Commissioner Breternitz, which motion carried unanimously, Chairman Smith ordered that the staff report be accepted and staff is authorized to engage in a dialogue with M/V Transportation and if those discussions are not successful, to move on to the second highest ranked candidate.

Item 5(a) REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RTIP) AMENDMENT REPORT

Amy Cummings, RTC Planning Director, addressed the Board to provide information on the updates to the RTIP.

The planned amendments are to extend the horizon year to 2015 and incorporate several RTC project updates.

Coordination with NDOT continues as well as presentations to the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

Commissioner Aiazzi asked what the timeline is for the I-80 project.

Susan Martinovich, Director of NDOT, responded that final approval will go to the transportation board on April 4th.

No action was taken on this item.

Item 6(a) GEIGER GRADE REALIGNMENT

Jeff Hale, RTC Engineering Director, addressed the Board and answered questions regarding the recommendation to authorize the Executive Director to execute an amended Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Kimley-Horn and Associates in an amount of \$165,152.00 for engineering services on the Geiger Grade (SR-341) to Old US-395 (SR-430) Realignment Project, as set forth in the briefing materials for this agenda item.

On motion of Commissioner Gustin, seconded by Commissioner Breternitz, which motion carried unanimously, Chairman Smith ordered that the Executive Director is approved to execute an amended Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Kimley-Horn and Associates in an amount of \$165,152.00 for engineering services on the Geiger Grade (SR-341) to Old US-395 (SR-430) Realignment Project.

Item 6(b) MOANA LANE FINAL DESIGN SERVICES

Jeff Hale, RTC Engineering Director, addressed the Board and answered questions regarding the recommendation to approve and authorize the Executive Director to approve an amendment to the existing Professional Services Agreement (PSA) between the RTC and Stantec Consulting in the amount of \$498,705 for final design services on the Moana Lane Project, as set forth in the briefing materials for this agenda item.

Commissioner Aiazzi asked for confirmation that the total budget amount on this project is \$1.2 million dollars and that this amendment brings the contracted work up to that amount. Mr. Hale confirmed.

On motion of Commissioner Aiazzi, seconded by Vice Chair Larkin, which motion carried unanimously, Chairman Smith ordered that the Executive Director is approved to execute the amendment to the existing Professional Services Agreement (PSA) between the RTC and Stantec Consulting in the amount of \$498,705 for final design services on the Moana Lane Project.

Ms. Martinovich commented that NDOT is also proceeding with their Moana interchange improvements which will compliment these corridor improvements.

Item 6(c) PYRAMID HIGHWAY AND US-395 CONNECTION PROJECT REPORT

Doug Maloy, RTC Engineer, addressed the Board to provide a presentation and status report on the Pyramid Highway and US-395 Connection Project, as set forth in the briefing materials for this agenda item.

Included in Mr. Maloy's presentation were three corridor alignments that are currently being considered. These three alignments will be included in the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Commissioner Aiazzi asked if there is anything specific to the alignments which would show one is more expensive than another, such as topography.

Mr. Maloy stated that none of them really stands out at this time, but the costs range from the least expensive being the ridge alignment to the highest expense of the on-alignment. This is due to right-of-way requirements needed to widen the existing Pyramid Highway.

Commissioner Aiazzi asked if all of the alignments would require six lanes and Mr. Maloy confirmed that they do.

Commissioner Aiazzi asked why the RTC would build a six lane highway next to a four lane highway instead of just building a ten lane highway.

Mr. Maloy requested time to research Commissioner Aiazzi's inquiry and get back to him with additional information. Commissioner Aiazzi agreed to this.

Mr. Maloy then reviewed the anticipated timelines: the final EIS in 2013, a Record of Decision from the Federal Highway Administration (FHA) in 2014 and, depending on availability of funding, and final design and right-of-way acquisition some time in 2015 or 2017. Early phases of construction could potentially begin in 2018-2020 timeframe.

Vice Chair Larkin asked about a connector in the north end that is not shown on the map.

Mr. Maloy said that the alignment in question does not serve the purpose and need of the project because it is too far to the north. However, it is still included in the long-range plan.

Mr. Hale added that once it is known which specific alternatives will be carried forward, detailed cost estimates will be brought back to the Board. At this time, the cost estimates are not available.

Mr. Hale added that there is an overall estimate of \$150 million to \$200 million to connect between the Pyramid Highway and US 395.

Mr. Hale then explained the process of submitting the draft and final EIS documents and stated that once the final EIS document is completed, we will know which one is the preferred alignment.

Commissioner Aiazzi asked why an EIS would be submitted for an alignment if it is at a much higher cost than the other alignments. Why not hold that one out.

Mr. Hale replied that it is heavily dependent on the environmental impacts of the alignment. Additionally, it's already been determined that each of the alignments is fairly close in cost with each other.

Ms. Martinovich added that the NEPA process is not about the money. It is required that all potential alignments are looked at and the decisions cannot be made strictly on money. The FHA will not approve the EIS if it is based solely on money.

Commissioner Aiazzi again stated that he does not understand why another six lane highway would be needed when there is already a four lane highway that could be expanded.

Ms. Martinovich replied that it could actually be less expensive to add a new highway to complement the existing highway because the right-of-way acquisitions that may be required for an expansion of the existing highway would potentially drive the cost up.

Mr. Hale stated that no lanes will be built that are not needed.

Chairman Smith complimented the RTC staff for their outreach efforts and the transparency they have provided to the public.

On motion of Commissioner Breternitz, seconded by Vice Chair Larkin, which motion carried unanimously, Chairman Smith ordered that receipt of the status report is acknowledged.

Item 6(d) PSA WITH STANTEC FOR EDC SERVICES ON RAPID STATIONS

Jeff Hale, RTC Engineering Director, addressed the Board and answered questions regarding the recommendation to authorize the Executive Director to approve and execute an amendment to the existing Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Stantec Consulting in the amount of \$490,700.00 for Engineering During Construction (EDC) services of RAPID stations and enhanced stops, as set forth in the briefing materials for this agenda item.

Mr. Hale explained the purpose of the amendment and stated that it also includes funding for the next phase of the project which will begin toward the end of summer. The first phase is out for

bids at this time and an award should be made in April with construction of this phase to be completed in September 2011.

Chairman Smith asked if this amendment amount is to study the project again.

Mr. Hale said that it is for the inspection and testing during the construction of the stations. He added that the bulk of the work is done by sub-consultants.

Commissioner Breternitz asked if the cost of the EDC could vary based on the award of the construction contract.

Mr. Hale replied that it is a possibility. This estimate represents 90 days for construction, so if it is completed early there would be a cost savings. At this time, there is approximately 11% of the engineering costs budgeted for the EDC.

Commissioner Aiazzi asked what the engineering and construction budget estimate is.

Mr. Hale replied that it is estimated at \$2.6 million.

Commissioner Aiazzi asked for confirmation that the entire project budget is \$5.9 million.

Howard Riedl, RTC Engineer, approached the podium and confirmed that amount. Mr. Riedl went on to say that the amount included for approval at this time is for both phases of the station construction.

Commissioner Aiazzi has concerns that so much of the funds for this project are going to one consulting firm.

There was continued discussion on the cost breakdown.

Chairman Smith suggested that only the amount required for the first phase of stations be approved at this time.

Commissioner Aiazzi reviewed the numbers again and ultimately came up with a remaining amount of \$1.9 million to build the Phase II stations. This was agreed upon by Mr. Riedl.

Commissioner Breternitz asked if staff could wait for the bids to come in before approving these EDC funds.

Mr. Riedl replied that staff already knows what the process will be and that is the baseline that the amount is estimated on.

Commissioner Breternitz rephrased his question and asked if it is important for this EDC contract to be approved before the bids are received.

Mr. Riedl said that it is important so that Stantec can prepare for the work and assist the RTC in the bidding process.

Commissioner Breternitz asked why it is important for a contract for Engineering During Construction to be signed at this time when construction has not begun.

Mr. Riedl replied that this contract includes bidding services and that this is a standard process used at the RTC.

Commissioner Breternitz asked why the bidding services were not included in the contract that was already let.

Mr. Hale responded that the bidding services for this project were actually included in the first contract but now that the project has been split into two phases there is a need for additional bidding services.

There was discussion on potentially approving an amount of \$289,300 for EDC on Phase I only.

Commissioner Breternitz stated that the comments he has made as a substitute Commissioner (for David Humke) have been made without having the historical information on this project. With that said, he does not support this request and recommends that the regular members of the Board consider the history of the project prior to making their decision.

Commissioner Aiazzi suggested that Commissioner Breternitz meet with staff to obtain additional information and then advise him after that meeting occurs.

On motion of Commissioner Aiazzi, seconded by Vice Chair Larkin, which motion carried unanimously, Chairman Smith ordered that Item 6(d) be postponed to the next regular meeting of the Board on May 15, 2011.

On discussion, Chairman Smith requested that the option for approving one phase or both phases be included in the April report.

Item 6(e) VISTA SOUND WALLS

Jeff Hale, RTC Engineering Director, addressed the Board and answered questions regarding the recommendation to approve the construction of sound walls along Vista Boulevard consisting of walls 1, 5, 6, 7, and 8, as described in the Vista Boulevard widening Noise Analysis Study.

Mr. Hale explained that wall number 2 is not being built because it was planned for construction on private property and the homeowners association does not want the responsibility of maintaining the wall.

On motion of Commissioner Aiazzi, seconded by Vice Chair Larkin, which motion carried unanimously, Chairman Smith ordered that sound walls 1, 5, 6, 7, and 8 be constructed.

Item 6(f) Q&D CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDER

Jeff Hale, RTC Engineering Director, addressed the Board and answered questions regarding the recommendation to authorize the Executive Director to execute a change order to the construction contract with Q&D Construction in an amount of \$46,607 for NDOT reimbursable work on the Washington St./I-80 Bridge associated with the Reno Consolidated 11-01 Recon./Rehab. Project, Phase I, as set forth in the briefing materials for this agenda item.

Mr. Hale explained that this bridge work was requested by NDOT and the RTC is being completely reimbursed by NDOT for this amended amount. There is an existing agreement with NDOT which allows the reimbursement of this amount.

Commissioner Breternitz asked Ms. Martinovich if this is an acceptable cost for this construction.

Ms. Martinovich said she assumes that her staff negotiated with the RTC and the RTC negotiated with Q&D to confirm the numbers.

On motion of Commissioner Aiazzi, seconded by Commissioner Gustin, which motion carried unanimously, Chairman Smith ordered that the construction contract with Q&D Construction be amended by the amount of \$46,607 for NDOT reimbursable work on the Washington St./I-80 Bridge associated with the Reno Consolidated 11-01 Recon./Rehab. Project, Phase I.

Commissioner Breternitz departed the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

Item 6(g) NDOT HIGHWAY AGREEMENT FOR SE MCCARRAN PROJECT PHASE I

Jeff Hale, RTC Engineering Director, addressed the Board and answered questions regarding the recommendation to authorize the RTC Chairman to execute a Highway Agreement with the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) for Phase I of the Southeast McCarran Blvd. Project – Virginia St. to Longley Lane, as set forth in the briefing materials for this agenda item.

Commissioner Aiazzi asked if McCarran is being widened and Mr. Hale confirmed that a lane is being added to a portion of it.

Chairman Smith asked what the distance is for this project.

Mr. Hale said that the pavement rehabilitation is from S. Virginia Street to Mira Loma and the widening is from Longley Lane to Mira Loma.

On motion of Commissioner Aiazzi, seconded by Vice Chair Larkin, which motion carried unanimously, Chairman Smith ordered that the RTC Chairman be authorized to execute a Highway Agreement with the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) for Phase I of the Southeast McCarran Blvd. Project – Virginia St. to Longley Lane.

Item 6(h) SOUTHEAST CONNECTOR PROJECT

Garth Oksol, RTC Engineer, addressed the Board to provide an update and answer questions regarding the recommendation to acknowledge receipt of the Southeast Connector Project update and grant permission for RTC staff to proceed with acquiring appraisals for the entire project, as set forth in the briefing materials for this agenda item.

Mr. Oksol gave a presentation showing examples of the vegetation and higher stream banks to explain the purpose of stream mitigation for the flood volume.

Vice Chair Larkin commented that Paul Urban of the Flood Project was in the audience and asked him if he had any questions or comments on Mr. Oksol's presentation.

Paul Urban, Project Manager for the Flood Project, said that his understanding is that Mr. Oksol is showing a drastically impaired Steamboat Creek channel which could be improved so that it is reconnected to the flood plane in a similar manner that the Flood Project is planning for the Truckee River with benches along the side. Mr. Urban added that this plan fits the Flood Project's concept for restoring a river or creek.

Vice Chair Larkin asked if this plan is to address only the upper portion of Steamboat Creek while the lower portion is being addressed by the Flood Project.

Mr. Oksol stated that it's his understanding that the lower Steamboat Creek restoration is no longer a part of the locally preferred plan for the Flood Project. There will be no overlap with them on the project except for the Truckee River terracing.

On motion of Commissioner Aiazzi, seconded by Commissioner Gustin, which motion carried unanimously, Chairman Smith ordered that the update be acknowledged and staff is authorized to proceed with the acquisition of appraisals for the entire project.

Item 6(i) FY 2012 REGIONAL ROAD IMPACT FEE PROGRAM OF PROJECTS AMENDMENT 2

Jeff Hale, RTC Engineering Director, addressed the Board and answered questions regarding the recommendation to Approve Amendment No. 2 to the FY 2012 Regional Road Impact Fee Program of Projects (POP), as set forth in the briefing materials for this agenda item.

Mr. Hale stated that the funds being added to the POP are \$2 million for the construction of the Vista sound walls, \$500,000 for property acquisitions on the north side of the Truckee River for the Southeast Connector Project, and \$300,000 for the Moana Lane Widening Project.

On motion of Commissioner Aiazzi, seconded by Commissioner Gustin, which motion carried unanimously, Chairman Smith ordered that Amendment No. 2 to the FY 2012 Regional Road Impact Fee Program of Projects be approved.

Item 7(a) FTA TIGGER II ELECTRIC BUS GRANT

David Jickling, RTC Director of Public Transportation and Operations, addressed the Board and answered questions regarding the recommendation to ratify the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) TIGGER II electric bus project grant application, as set forth in the briefing materials for this agenda item.

Mr. Jickling explained that this grant had already been submitted in order to meet the timeline for submission before Congress might act to rescind unobligated funds. This request is for the Board to ratify that submission.

On motion of Commissioner Aiazzi, seconded by Vice Chair Larkin, which motion carried unanimously, Chairman Smith ordered that the submission of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) TIGGER II electric bus project grant application be ratified.

Item 7(b) H₂FUEL PROJECT

David Jickling, RTC Director of Public Transportation and Operations, addressed the Board and answered questions regarding the recommendation to acknowledge receipt of the report and direct staff to either continue or discontinue working on the H₂Fuel Project, as set forth in the briefing materials for this agenda item.

On motion of Commissioner Aiazzi, seconded by Vice Chair Larkin, which motion carried unanimously, Chairman Smith ordered that the H₂Fuel Project be discontinued.

Item 8(a) RTC Continued Cost Reductions/Cost Containment – *item pulled from agenda*

Item 8(b) LEGAL REPORT

There were no legal items to report.

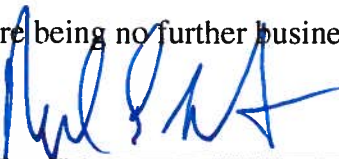
Item 9 MEMBER ITEMS

There were no member items.

Item 10 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Aiazzi, 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 10:52 a.m.



RON SMITH, Chairman
Regional Transportation Commission