

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, November 2, 2011**

**Attendees**

Kyle West	City of Reno Community Development
Daniel Inouye	Washoe County Health District - Air Quality Management Division
Sienna Reid	Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency
Jim Herman	City of Sparks Public Works
Tim Thompson	City of Sparks Community Development
Steve Bunnell	City of Reno Public Works
Clara Lawson	Washoe County Public Works
Heather Manzo	Nevada Department of Transportation

**RTC Staff**

Amy Cummings	Howard Riedl
Debra Goodwin	Roger Hanson
Scott Gibson	Patrice Echola

**Guests**

Jason VanHavel, NDOT	Tim Mueller, NDOT
Yann Ling-Barnes, WCHD-AQMD	

The Committee met in the RTC Planning Conference Room, 600 Sutro Street, Reno. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Chair Kyle West.

**ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as submitted.

**ITEM 2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no response to the call for public comment.

**ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 7, 2011, MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes for the September 7, 2011, meeting were approved as corrected.

**ITEM 4. PRESENTATION ON THE NDOT TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM**

Tim Mueller, Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), gave a presentation on the NDOT's Transportation Enhancement Program. He discussed the NDOT's website page on the Enhancement Program – the link is given below.

[http://www.nevadadot.com/About\\_NDOT/NDOT\\_Divisions/Planning/Enhancement\\_Program.aspx](http://www.nevadadot.com/About_NDOT/NDOT_Divisions/Planning/Enhancement_Program.aspx)

He briefed the TAC on the upcoming project submittal schedule with a pre-application period from December 1, 2011 to January 13, 2012. If the pre-application is accepted, the full application period is February 15, 2012 to April 13, 2012. Final awards will be made on/or before July 16, 2012. Tim Mueller indicated that pre-applications would come direct to NDOT with the prioritization process still being performed by the RTC. Estimated funding is \$3 million for the first six months.

**ITEM 5. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION ON THE SHORT RANGE TRANSIT PROGRAM (SRTP)**

Roger Hanson, RTC Senior Transit Planner, briefed the TAC on the Short Range Transit Program (SRTP). A copy of the power point is on file in the RTC Planning Department.

Daniel Inouye asked if a transit connection to the Lake Tahoe area was considered. Roger Hanson indicated that the only existing connection was through Carson City with the BluGo system, and that a future direct connection between RTC RIDE and the Lake Tahoe area was not included in the five year plan. With the tight economic climate, he explained that the cost of any new service would be at the expense of existing service.

Daniel Inouye asked about the 80/20 split on productivity and coverage and that if surveys are showing that productivity is doing well would it be appropriate to focus on expanded coverage. Roger Hanson stated that when economic times are as tight as they are, to focus on coverage rather than on the productive routes actually impacts the service negatively in the long run.

Daniel Inouye asked about how park and ride sites are considered in the SRTP. Roger Hanson stated that park and ride usage was a longer term solution that the agency is looking at for peak hour commute trips coming from areas further out such as Herlong, California and would be addressed in the long range transportation plan (RTP) rather than the five year SRTP.

Steve Bunnell made a motion to recommend adoption of the Short Range Transit Plan. Tim Thompson seconded. Daniel Inouye indicated that he still uncomfortable with the SRTP, needed more information, and would get with RTC staff at a later date. Discussion followed and it was decided that if any member had further comments, they should provide them to RTC by November 11, 2011. The motion passed with Daniel Inouye abstaining.

**ITEM 6. UPDATE ON THE PYRAMID WAY/MCCARRAN BOULEVARD INTERSECTION PROJECT**

Scott Gibson, RTC Project Manager, briefed the committee on the Pyramid Way/McCarran Boulevard intersection project. A copy of the power point is on file in the RTC Planning Department. Discussion followed.

**ITEM 7. DISCUSSION ON POSSIBLE 2012 ROAD CONVERSIONS**

Howard Riedl, RTC Senior Engineer, briefed the committee that with roadway conversion projects there is a need to have a more substantial public outreach process than is typical, in particular when conversions are proposed during slurry seals. He stated that with the RTC's complete street policy each maintenance/rehabilitation/reconstruct project has potential to become a roadway conversion.

Steve Bunnell stated that he hoped for a thorough public outreach process especially with the removal of on-street parking and clearance through the City Council level. He also indicated that the issue should also go through the Traffic Operations Maintenance Subcommittee (TOMS). Discussion followed.

**ITEM 8. PROJECT UPDATES**

Debra Goodwin stated that the Oddie Boulevard/Wells Avenue Corridor Study kick off meeting would be held on November 2, 2011 at 1 pm at Sparks City Hall.

Howard Riedl stated that there was one remaining pavement preservation project on Peckham to be done before winter and that all the 2011 projects will have been completed. He stated that the Meadwood Interchange project would continue through the winter as well as the RAPID stations on S Virginia and that demolition and utility relocation work would begin on the Moana Lane widening project shortly.

Amy Cummings stated that the RTP meetings, the Agency Working Group and the Community Working Group, would be held on November 10, 2011. She also pointed out that the first community planning workshop would be held on December 8, 2011 at the Discovery Museum from 4 to 7 pm.

**ITEM 10. MEMBER ITEMS**

Dan introduced Yann Ling-Barnes, Environmental Engineer, Washoe County Health District – Air Quality Management Division.

**ITEM 11. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE TAC MEETINGS**

There were no items for future TAC meetings.

**ITEM 12. RTC STAFF ITEMS**

There were no RTC staff items.

**ITEM 13. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no response to the call for public comment.

**ITEM 14. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.