



## e-News Board Update

RTC Commissioners,

Your May 13, 2011 RTC update includes West Plumb Lane Outreach, Touchin' Trucks, Bike to Work Week, The Senior Adventures Fair and Transportation Day at the Legislature. Please call me with any questions you may have.

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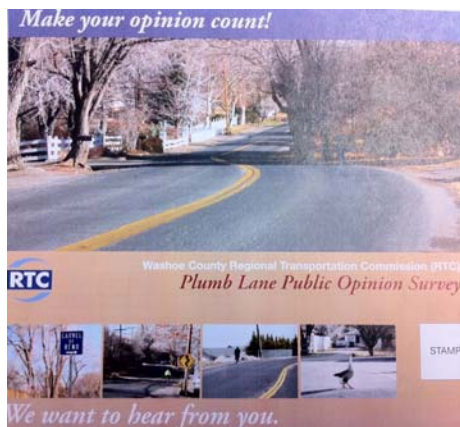
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### West Plumb Lane Project



With pavement reconstruction of the existing roadway on West Plumb Lane from Ferris Lane to South McCarran Boulevard, the RTC will evaluate the stretch for compliance with the City of Reno design standards, especially with regard to improvements for multi-modal use, such as sidewalks and bike lanes. The road has one lane in each direction with an open drainage system. It lacks bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

RTC staff and consultants are now surveying residents and others interested in the project to determine what the community wants to see in the neighborhood project. Public comment is encouraged and will be incorporated into the final product. Surveys will be mailed beginning May 17 to neighboring residents and businesses and will be available online. More information on the survey is available at [rtcwashoe.com/hottopics](http://rtcwashoe.com/hottopics) effective May 17.

Design is programmed at \$566,450.00 (FY12). With paving operations, incidental work will involve adjustment of manhole and valve covers, replacement of curb, gutter, and driveway aprons, as necessary and permanent pavement markings. The schedule for the work is to be determined, no earlier than 2012.

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## TOUCHIN' TRUCKS TAKES THE SHOW ON THE ROAD



RTC's historic Bus 109 paired with a brand new RTC RAPID diesel electric hybrid took center stage at the Touchin' Trucks event at Grand Sierra Resort May 7. RTC and RIDE were pleased to partner with the Washoe County School District for the hands-on day that raised funds to benefit students involved with inclusion programs within the district. The program recognizes students' differences and encourages positive relationships.



The Touchin' Trucks event brought public agencies out in force with all their heavy equipment on display for children from preschool to grade three to check out, board and explore. There was no shortage of curious adults who were also interested in the fair's safety elements and powerful wheels. Thanks to RIDE coach operators who were RTC ambassadors sharing the story of RTC transit's past and future.

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## CYCLISTS, EMPLOYERS CAN WIN PRIZES IN BIKE TO WORK WEEK MAY 14-20

Truckee Meadows Bicycle Alliance's Bike to Work Week is May 14 through May 20. An increased number of bicyclists and novice bicyclists are expected on city streets. Bike to Work Week educates the public about health and safety issues for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. The Truckee Meadows Bicycle Alliance would like to remind both bicyclists and motorist to share the road responsibility – remaining alert and attentive and following all traffic

laws. Bicyclists should also wear helmets. Register for the event at [www.bikenevada.org](http://www.bikenevada.org). Thanks to Carol Perry, RTC trip reduction specialist, for her efforts on this community event.



Last year, 950 people registered for the event. Businesses are encouraged to participate and can win their own prize this year. Incentives being used to promote the event include:

- A prize drawing for a grand prize of \$500 along with ten \$50 prizes.
- Free coffee at participating coffee shops on Bike to Work Day, Friday, May 20.
- Two Confident City Cycling clinics
- Certificates for 10% off commuter accessories (such as helmets, backpacks, tire patch kits, bike racks, etc., but not bicycles) at participating bike shops received by everyone registering for the event.
- Free safety checks at participating bike shops.
- A Commuter Challenge – a friendly competition between employers to see who can get the highest percentage of their employees to ride. In addition to bragging rights, this year there is also prize drawing to receive \$500 in financial support via the RTC SMART TRIPS program to promote bicycle commuting year round.

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### **RTC SENIOR ADVENTURES FAIR MAY 24 9 TO NOON AT RTC CENTENNIAL PLAZA**

RTC's third annual Senior Adventures Transit Fair is from 9 a.m. to Noon Tuesday, May 24 at RTC CENTENNIAL PLAZA. A cooperative effort with Washoe County Senior Services, the fair gives several government agencies, organizations and community businesses an opportunity to come together under one roof at one time for the benefit of local



seniors. The integrated approach has been a big success in previous years. We are happy to bring these people together and to offer valuable information on how safe and easy it is to use transit.

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## **NNTC Transportation Day at Nevada Legislature**

The Northern Nevada Transportation Collaborative hosts a transportation open house at the Nevada Legislature May 18 from 4-7 p.m. NNTC seeks transportation solutions that contribute to Northern Nevada's economic prosperity.

"Transportation Day at the Nevada Legislature" includes displays about current and future RTC projects. Other area transportation and parks agencies will be featured at the event. Legislators and the public can meet agency representatives and discuss transit, street and highway projects, bike lanes, trails and planning studies underway or in development. Participating agencies include Carson Area and Tahoe metropolitan planning agencies, Carson City Parks, Douglas County, Washoe County Parks, Nevada State Parks, Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority and the United States Forest Service.