



e-News Board Update

RTC Commissioners,

Your May 27, 2011 RTC update includes information on opening of Veterans Parkway improvements, community working group recruitment, senior fair success and an I-80 design-build update. Please call me with any questions you may have.

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VETERANS PARKWAY OPEN



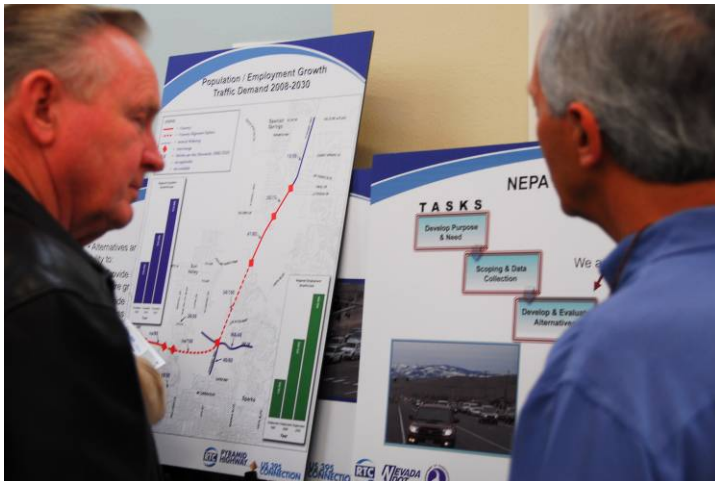
RTC Chairman Ron Smith, who is also a Sparks city councilman, honored local veterans as he presided over the ribbon cutting for the new \$5.5 million Veterans Parkway project. Granite Construction built the job that included the Veteran's Parkway Roundabout, a new connection to the southeast communities and a widened roadway from two to four lanes up to Rio Wrangler Parkway. The project was designed by Kimley Horn.

From left: RTC Chairman Ron Smith; Rod Cooper, Granite Construction; Heath Hildebrandt, Kimley-Horn; Blaine Petersen, RTC project manager; Chief Tony Almaraz, Nevada Highway Patrol; Rick Hays, Nevada Air Guard and Lee Gibson, RTC executive director.



Chairman Smith recognized Trooper Kyle O'Connell, second from right, who expects to deploy to Afghanistan in 2011.

RECRUITMENT CONTINUES FOR COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP MEMBERS



RTC begins its update to the Regional Transportation Plan in fall 2011. The new guide, due in June 2013, will establish the policy framework and priority projects for The Truckee Meadows for 20 years.

RTC is recruiting community members to serve on the Community Working Group that will meet one evening a month beginning in September. The agency is looking for a diverse range of multi-modal transportation interests to serve in the working group which will explore

transportation challenges and potential solutions. Topics to be considered will include land use plans, transportation concepts and alternatives and air quality conformity. Applications are Due June 1. More information is available at 348-0480 or rtcwashoe.com under Hot Topics.

SENIOR FAIR DRAWS CROWD, HIGHLIGHTS AGENCY PARTNERSHIPS



RTC hosted the third annual Senior Adventures Fair May 24 at RTC CENTENNIAL PLAZA. The free event was a collaboration of RTC, the City of Reno, Washoe County and Renown Health. More than 20 agencies offered advice on how to increase senior mobility and independence in the community. Nearly 2.5 million rides are taken by seniors and people with disabilities each year on RTC RIDE.

Visitors were offered tours and shown accessibility features of RTC RIDE buses. Other activities included a wheelchair workshop and raffles.

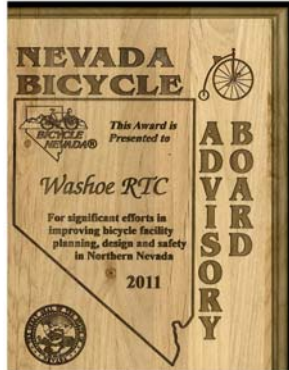


RTC AND NDOT BREAK GROUND ON I-80 IMPROVEMENTS



NDOT's I-80 project to improve the freeway from Robb Drive to Vista Boulevard is underway. Funded in part by RTC, the work is the region's first design-build contract. Granite Construction and Atkins are working together to deliver the project. For more information go to Keeprenosparksmoving.com

NEVADA BICYCLE ADVISORY BOARD AWARD HONORS RTC



RTC has received a 2011 award from the Nevada Bicycle Advisory Board. The Nevada Bicycle Awards Program was developed by the State's Bicycle Advisory Board to recognize the exemplary people, agencies, and organizations that are making a significant difference in programs, safety, infrastructure, planning, or promotion of bicycling in Nevada. The award honored efforts to install complete streets, including bicycle facilities. RTC earned the group's agency award and Chris Louis received the individual award.

4TH STREET CORRIDOR STUDY EXAMINES REGION'S HISTORY

The UNR Department of Geography Land Use Planning Program Spring 2011 Planning Studio recently completed the *Reconnaissance Survey of East Fourth Street/Prater Way: A Historic Preservation Project*. Led by Mella Harmon, adjunct assistant professor, and sponsored in part by RTC, the study examined the historic resources in the 4th Street/Prater Way corridor, documented the importance of this corridor to the region's history, and identified opportunities for historic preservation and redevelopment.