



e-News Board Update

RTC Commissioners,

Your June 24, 2011 RTC update includes ADA Transition Planning, good news about the RTC and the South McCarran Blvd. widening and improvements, and South Virginia Street projects which are currently underway. Please call me with any questions you may have.

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INPUT SOUGHT FOR AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT STREET ISSUES



The RTC is preparing a plan that identifies ways to eliminate sidewalk, crosswalk, and intersection barriers for pedestrians, including people in wheelchairs. The plan will help the region decide how it can eliminate these barriers and build an accessible community for everyone. To gain public input, Marchon Miller, RTC Project Manager, held several public meetings in the community. Public comment is welcome and may be sent to RTC consultant Katy Cole at k.cole@fehrandpeers.com or Fehr & Peers, 50 West Liberty Street, Suite 1090, Reno, NV 89501.

The project was featured in: *Improving Mobility*

http://dailysparkstribune.com/view/full_story/14113452/article-Improving-mobility

“SPARKS — The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) is working to remove barriers from sidewalks, crosswalks, and intersections that prevent pedestrians, especially people in wheelchairs, from moving freely about the cities...”

PEOPLE ARE TALKING ABOUT RTC

Among the news stories in the past two weeks, the RTC was featured for the kickoff of \$16 million in improvements to S. McCarran. The news stories equated to a minimum \$10,000 in earned media coverage.



R-T-C ON KTVN (CBS) - RENO, NV
06/20/2011 05:06:24 PM
CHANNEL 2 NEWS 5PM (NEWS, LOCAL)

...RENO... BRACE YOURSELF FOR SOME DELAYS. TODAY THE R-T-C HAS LAUNCHED A PROJECT THERE THAT WILL SPAN THE NEXT 2 YEARS. TAKE A LOOK AT OUR PINPOINT MAP... EVERY DAY FROM 7 A-M TO 7 ...



R-T-C ON KTVN (CBS) - RENO, NV
06/20/2011 05:07:25 PM
CHANNEL 2 NEWS 5PM (NEWS, LOCAL)

...VIRGINIA AND MCCARRAN IS THE FOCUS OF 5 DIFFERENT R-T-C AND N-DOT PROJECTS RIGHT NOW. THIS AREA IS WIDE ENOUGH BUT NEEDS RESURFACING. HOWEVER THE ROADWAY NARROWS BETWEEN LONGLEY ...



R-T-C ON KOLO (ABC) - RENO, NV
06/20/2011 06:36:17 PM
KOLO 8 @ 6:30PM (NEWS, LOCAL)

...MORE ROADWORK TO WATCH OUT FOR. R-T-C IS WIDENING SOUTH MCCARRAN, BETWEEN LONGLEY AND MIRA LOMA. IT'S MOSTLY DAYTIME WORK, AND THERE WILL BE LANE ...



R-T-C ON KTVN (CBS) - RENO, NV
06/20/2011 06:46:42 PM
CHANNEL 2 NEWS 6:30PM (NEWS, LOCAL)

...RENO... BRACE YOURSELF FOR SOME DELAYS. R-T-C HAS LAUNCHED A PROJECT THERE -- THAT WILL SPAN THE NEXT 2 YEARS. TAKE A LOOK AT OUR PINPOINT MAP...



R-T-C ON KOLO (ABC) - RENO, NV
06/20/2011 11:08:32 PM
KOLO 8 @ 11PM (NEWS, LOCAL)

...CONSTRUCTION GOING ON, ON THE ROADS, TOO. R-T-C IS WIDENING SOUTH MCCARRAN, BETWEEN LONGLEY AND MIRA LOMA. IT'S MOSTLY DAYTIME WORK, AND THERE WILL BE LANE ...



R-T-C ON KOLO (ABC) - RENO, NV
06/21/2011 06:05:06 AM
KOLO 8 DAYBREAK 6AM EDITION (NEWS, LOCAL)

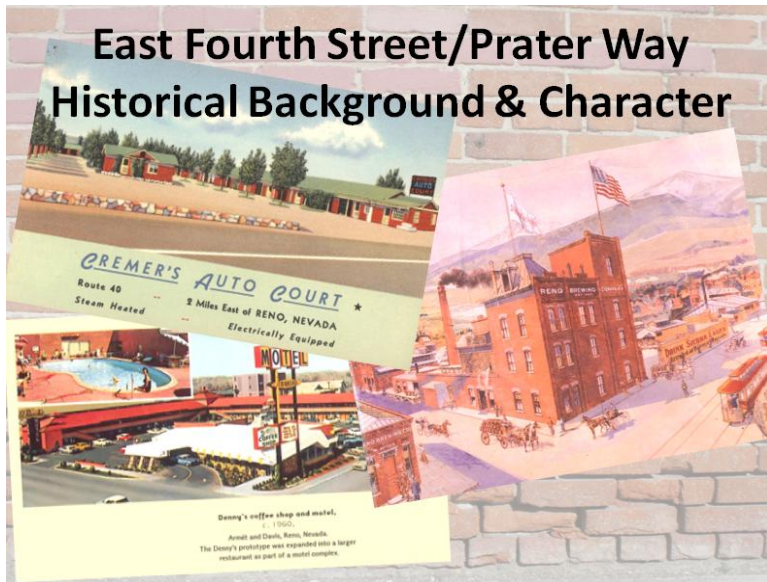
...COMMUTE THROUGH SOUTHEAST RENO. R-T-C IS WIDENING SOUTH MCCARRAN, BETWEEN LONGLEY AND MIRA LOMA. IT'S MOSTLY DAYTIME WORK, AND THERE WILL BE LANE ...



R-T-C ON KOLO (ABC) - RENO, NV
06/21/2011 07:56:48 AM
GOOD MORNING AMERICA (NEWS, NEWSMAGAZINE)

...COMMUTE THROUGH SOUTHEAST RENO. R-T-C IS WIDENING SOUTH MCCARRAN, BETWEEN LONGLEY AND MIRA LOMA. IT'S MOSTLY DAYTIME WORK, AND THERE WILL BE LANE ...

A CLOSER LOOK AT 4TH STREET AND PRATER WAY'S PAST AND FUTURE



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, the study examined the historic resources in the 4th Street/Prater Way corridor, documented the corridor's importance to the region's history, and identified opportunities for historic preservation and redevelopment. The RTC will use the study in making bicycle, pedestrian and roadway improvements to compliment the neighborhood's history and vitality.

SOMETHING LOOKS NEW ON VIRGINIA STREET

The RTC is installing queue jump lanes on Virginia Street to improve traffic flow and to help move RTC RAPID service more efficiently. Queue jump lanes are short transit-only lanes that allow the bus to "jump" ahead of other traffic and thereby move faster. The improvements will help to reduce delays, save time and keep the buses on schedule. The April statistics show more people than ever used RTC RAPID as ridership increased 17 percent over the previous year.



One queue jump lane currently being used is located at the southbound approach on S. Virginia at California Street. Other locations of queue jump lanes on South Virginia expected to go online with the project this summer are:

- Meadowood Mall Circle
- S. McCarran Boulevard near the mall
- California Avenue
- Gentry Lane
- Hubbard Way to Grove Street
- Holcomb Lane
- Vassar Street

RTC COLLABORATING ON SEVERAL PROJECTS HITTING S. MCCARRAN AT VIRGINIA STREET



As the RTC kicks off the \$11.8 million S. McCarran project with Granite Construction on the east side of town, several other projects are also occurring in the area with other jurisdictions. The new Meadowood Way Interchange project continues on US-395, installation of new RTC RAPID transit stops on Virginia Street, pavement rehabilitation, and utility work are all on-going projects. Each of these require extensive coordination with local and state agencies to get the job done. The RTC is working diligently to collaborate and communicate with partners so the work has as minimal an impact as possible.

RTC-5 INVESTMENT UPDATE

The RTC continues to make progress on investing the RTC-5 program into our community. During the months of July and August, the RTC is scheduled to advertise almost \$4.2 million of construction work. This work will include maintenance activities at various intersections, improvements to the Robb/Sharlands intersection, repaving of Grove Street, and installation of the Vista Blvd. sound walls from North Altos to Wingfield Hills beginning in the fall. Almost \$6.0 million in new contracts were awarded in the last month for pavement repair and rehabilitation activities.