



## e-News Board Update

RTC Commissioners,

Your Aug. 19, 2011 RTC update includes RTC and TMRPA talks, Plumb Lane public meeting Aug. 31, Complete Streets grant award, and the Southeast Connector negotiations with the City of Reno. Please call me with any questions you may have.

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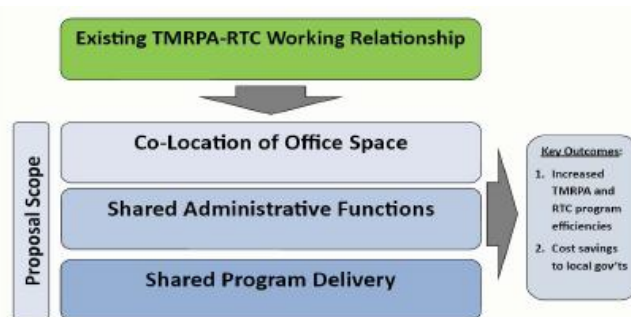
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### RTC AND TMRPA CONSIDER MOVE TOWARD CONSOLIDATION

RTC and the board of the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency are considering a preliminary proposal to consolidate certain functions, structures, and programs of the TMRPA with the RTC. The proposed consolidation considers greater efficiencies and enhanced technical capabilities for RTC and

cost savings for the local governments responsible for funding the program of regional planning. The proposed consolidation does not involve the governing structures of the two entities. It is proposed as a business plan to save funds while still maintaining the integrity of statutory mandates vested with the RTC and the TMRPA individually.



In the process of developing this proposal, I worked closely with the Director of Regional Planning. The proposal anticipates two primary outcomes that can be realized in the short-term: 1) increased program efficiency for both RTC and TMRPA, and 2) cost savings to the local governments. The strategies proposed to achieve these objectives include co-location of office space, sharing of administrative support functions, and shared program delivery.

The two agencies entered into an inter-local agreement in 2011 for the sharing of resources dedicated to the development of a regional population and employment model. Results from the TMRPA model

will feed into the RTC travel demand model and ultimately inform the Regional Transportation Plan update process.

## **PUBLIC MEETING AUG. 31 FOR PLUMB LANE IMPROVEMENTS**

RTC is inviting the public to an informational meeting Wednesday, Aug. 31 regarding Plumb Lane improvements proposed for the section from Ferris Drive to McCarran Boulevard. The meeting is the latest step in public outreach designed to assess the area's interest in making mobility enhancements to the road when it is repaved. The meeting is an open house from 4-7 p.m. at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 1070 W. Plumb Lane. More information is available from Project Manager Michele Dennis at 348-0471.



The RTC is planning a regional road pavement reconstruction on Plumb Lane from Ferris Drive to McCarran Boulevard due to its deteriorating condition, no earlier than 2012. This reconstruction will afford the community an opportunity to explore other potential improvements.

Join us for a community workshop to review the possibilities of potential safety and mobility enhancements on Plumb Lane such as pedestrian walkways, bicycle lanes, drainage facilities, and/or operational improvements. We are seeking your input in advance of a possible project design to include other improvements.

A brief introduction of the Plumb Lane pavement project will be followed by the opportunity to discuss other ideas with RTC staff.

When: **Wednesday, August 31, 2011**

Where: **St. John's Presbyterian Church, Martin Hall  
1070 West Plumb Lane - Reno, NV 89509**

Time: **4 pm to 7 pm**

For more information, please call Michele Dennis, PE, RTC Project Manager at (775) 348-0171.



## RTC RECEIVES FHWA GRANT FOR COMPLETE STREET PROJECT

The RTC was awarded a Transportation, Community, and System Preservation (TCSP) grant from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for a Complete Street project on Sutro Street. Preventative maintenance is currently planned on Sutro Street for 2012 and the TCSP grant will allow RTC to make improvements to sidewalks and bus stops in the corridor as well. This corridor has the second highest transit ridership in the region and links many community resources such as schools, a senior center, and medical facilities. RTC will work closely with the City of Reno, Washoe County School District, the University of Nevada Reno, and others in the local community to implement this project.



## MAKING HEADWAY FOR SOUTHEAST CONNECTOR

RTC submitted a Section 404 Permit to the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers on May 31. Public Comment was open until July 29, 2011. We are now in discussions with the City of Reno over the impacts to Rosewood Lakes Golf Course. A subcommittee of the Reno City Council requested \$9.85 million as a down payment toward the future negotiated compensation for impacts to the golf course. The subcommittee stated that the funds would be used to start design of nine new, relocated holes of golf. The RTC is not purchasing any of the city's land to construct the Southeast Connector, as the City of Reno will own the roadway right-of-way. The RTC is in the process of obtaining an appraisal of the costs associated with relocating a portion of the golf course.

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