



e-News Brief
An update of current RTC issues

RTC e-News Brief for January 22, 2009. This e-newsletter was created to keep you informed about key activities and issues pertaining to your RTC. I encourage you to share this information with your board of directors, citizen advisory groups, colleagues, employees and others who may find this information useful. If you would like additional information about a topic in this update, or another topic of interest, please let me know.

Use this link to access *Archived Editions* of RTC's [e-News Briefs](#). Click this link to view upcoming [RTC Board, Advisory Committee meetings and events](#).

RTC staff is also available to present any RTC transportation related topic(s) to your organization, company employees, or citizen groups. Contact Michael Moreno, RTC Speakers Bureau @ mmoreno@rtcwashoe.com to schedule a presentation.

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RTC Board Update on December 2008 Workshops

On December 19, the RTC Board held three workshops to discuss three agency projects:
a) Development of the Pyramid McCarran Southbound Right Turn Lane project (SBRTL);
b) Alternatives to address Public Transportation budget shortfalls; c) Implementation of RTC-5.

The following information summarizes the RTC board action regarding each item.

- a) **SBRTL:** The RTC Board directed staff to proceed with an interim intersection improvement project at Pyramid Highway and McCarran Boulevard. This project will add a “short” right turn lane southbound on Pyramid Highway to westbound on McCarran Boulevard. Additionally, an amendment to the FY2010 RTC Regional Road Impact Fee

(RRIF) Street and Highway Program of Projects (POP) was proposed to fully fund this project at an estimated cost of \$650,000. The requested increase to the FY2010 RRIF POP is \$150,000. These funds will be shifted from the McCarran Boulevard widening project which is in the study phase at this time. The RTC Board is expected to take action at the January 16 board meeting. To learn more about this project visit rtcwashoe.com and click on HOT TOPICS or contact RTC Project Managers Bill Vann at bvann@rtcwashoe.com or by phone at (775) 335-1877 or Scott Gibson at sgibson@rtcwashoe.com or by phone at (775) 335-1874.

- b) **Public Transportation Program Service Reduction Workshop:** With the defeat of RTC-2 on November 4, 2008, as well as the economic downturn, the RTC Board is facing the difficult challenge of reducing or eliminating as much as 25% from all transit services collectively. The projected shortfall for the Public Transportation program is projected at \$4.7 million in FY2010. A number of preliminary recommendations were discussed which include eliminating the RTC SIERRA SPIRIT; reducing RTC INTERCITY routes; reducing an additional 6.6% of RTC RIDE services; and increasing RTC ACCESS fares. Other recommendations include implementing additional RTC agency-wide cost savings totaling \$2 million, including elimination of employee performance and longevity bonuses, merit pay and other measures which will provide a \$1 million savings toward Public Transportation; transferring \$1 million in Street and Highway sales tax revenues to Public Transportation to reduce the magnitude of service reductions to RTC RIDE and avoid additional service cuts in August 2009. All recommendations combined will offset the projected FY2010 shortfall. Public workshops will be held in early January to receive public input that will be presented to the RTC Board at a public hearing to be held at their January 16 board meeting. Additional information about the route level service reductions is available at rtcwashoe.com.
- c) **Implementation of RTC-5:** On November 4, 2008, Washoe County voters approved ballot advisory question RTC-5 by a margin of 55%. Enabling legislation is needed and must be approved by the Nevada Legislature and signed by the Governor in the upcoming legislative session. RTC staff is working with state lawmakers to create an initial bill draft and secure commitments from the entire Washoe delegation and the leadership of both parties in the state Senate and Assembly as co-sponsors of the bill. The RTC Board authorized undertaking all actions necessary to expedite the enabling and implementing legislation for RTC-5. The board also authorized undertaking all necessary steps to prepare for the issuance of bonds for \$250 million in road work to enable the RTC to provide short term stimulus to our economy and creating 3,000+ well paying construction jobs in Washoe County that will provide infrastructure investment to benefit the entire community for years to come.

Local Governments Approve 5-Year Phase-in of Regional Road Impact Fees (RRIF)

In December 2008, the governments of Reno, Sparks and Washoe County approved the increase to the Regional Road Impact Fee (RRIF) program. The first increase of the 5-year phase-in to the full RRIF will occur on January 19, 2009.

Since 1995, the Regional Road Impact Fee (RRIF) Program has constructed regional improvements in the form of new roads, road widening and intersection improvements totaling \$234 million dollars. RRIF funds are paid by developers to build capacity improvements, such as new roads and ramps, road widening and intersection improvements, and to preserve right-of-way for future capacity improvements. The new RRIF schedule is included in this update.

Directions 2009: RTC Presents The Benefits of RTC-5

RTC Deputy Executive Director Derek Morse will be a featured speaker at the annual Directions 2009 Economic Forum on February 6 presented by EDawn and the Reno Sparks Chamber of Commerce. Derek will address business and community leaders about the efforts RTC is undertaking with the Nevada Legislature to create enabling legislation that will benefit our community to accelerate needed road projects, create local jobs and stimulate our local economy. A significant benefit of RTC-5 addresses more than 50% of the projected Street and Highway shortfall to the year 2040 by recovering an estimated \$2.6 billion in lost purchasing power.

Register to attend the forum at www.Directions2009.com.

“The Road Ahead with RTC” on KOLO-TV

“The Road Ahead with RTC” airs on Tuesdays at 6:20 a.m. during “Daybreak.” This weekly news segment features experts discussing a wide range of transportation issues. Following each broadcast, webcasts of each interview will be available on kolotv.com for at least one month. To view interviews, click on this link: <http://www.kolotv.com/rtc>.

Scheduled interviews:

- January 6: Public Input on Proposed Transit Service Cuts
- January 13: Traffic Signal Synchronization
- January 15: RTC Board Action About Transit Cuts
- January 27 : RTC-5 Progresses to the 2009 Nevada Legislative Session

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REGIONAL ROAD IMPACT FEE SCHEDULE / Phase-In Year 1 (January 2009)

Land Use	Unit	VMT	Cost Per VMT		Cost Per Unit	
			Reno	Outside Reno	Reno	Outside Reno
Residential						
Single-Family Detached	Dwelling	18.86	\$184.83	\$197.72	\$3,485.89	\$3,729.00
Multi-Family	Dwelling	12.95	\$184.83	\$197.72	\$2,393.55	\$2,560.47
Mobile Home	Dwelling	9.45	\$184.83	\$197.72	\$1,746.64	\$1,868.45
Hotel/Motel	Room	15.06	\$184.83	\$197.72	\$2,783.54	\$2,977.66
Office						
General Office Building	1,000 GFA	18.22	\$184.83	\$197.72	\$3,367.60	\$3,602.46
Medical Office	1,000 GFA	54.05	\$184.83	\$197.72	\$9,990.06	\$10,686.77
Commercial/Retail						
Com/Re <50,000 GFA	1,000 GFA	22.36	\$184.83	\$197.72	\$4,132.80	\$4,421.02
Com/Re 50-99K	1,000 GFA	29.89	\$184.83	\$197.72	\$5,524.57	\$5,909.85
Com/Re 100-199K	1,000 GFA	34.33	\$184.83	\$197.72	\$6,345.21	\$6,787.73
Com/Re 200-299K	1,000 GFA	36.37	\$184.83	\$197.72	\$6,722.27	\$7,191.08
Com/Re 300-399K	1,000 GFA	39.57	\$184.83	\$197.72	\$7,313.72	\$7,823.78
Com/Re 400-499K	1,000 GFA	42.94	\$184.83	\$197.72	\$7,936.60	\$8,490.10
Com/Re 500-999K	1,000 GFA	41.69	\$184.83	\$197.72	\$7,705.56	\$8,242.95
Com/Re >1,000,000 GFA	1,000 GFA	41.42	\$184.83	\$197.72	\$7,655.66	\$8,189.56
Drive-In Bank	1,000 GFA	59.03	\$184.83	\$197.72	\$10,910.51	\$11,671.41
Fast Food Restaurant	1,000 GFA	50.26	\$184.83	\$197.72	\$9,289.56	\$9,937.41
Convenience Store	1,000 GFA	85.58	\$184.83	\$197.72	\$15,817.75	\$16,920.88
Casino	1,000 GFA	76.21	\$184.83	\$197.72	\$14,085.89	\$15,068.24
Industrial						
General Light Industrial	1,000 GFA	11.56	\$184.83	\$197.72	\$2,136.63	\$2,285.64
Manufacturing	1,000 GFA	6.30	\$184.83	\$197.72	\$1,164.43	\$1,245.64
Warehouse	1,000 GFA	8.21	\$184.83	\$197.72	\$1,517.45	\$1,623.28
Regional Warehouse	1,000 GFA	3.15	\$184.83	\$197.72	\$582.21	\$622.82
Mini-Warehouse	1,000 GFA	4.40	\$184.83	\$197.72	\$813.25	\$869.97
Institutional						
Elementary School	1,000 GFA	3.60	\$184.83	\$197.72	\$665.39	\$711.79
High School	1,000 GFA	7.90	\$184.83	\$197.72	\$1,460.16	\$1,561.99
College/University	1,000 GFA	17.58	\$184.83	\$197.72	\$3,249.31	\$3,475.92
Day Care Center	1,000 GFA	22.76	\$184.83	\$197.72	\$4,206.73	\$4,500.11
Hospital	1,000 GFA	28.03	\$184.83	\$197.72	\$5,180.78	\$5,542.09
Nursing Home	1,000 GFA	9.13	\$184.83	\$197.72	\$1,687.50	\$1,805.18
Church/Synagogue	1,000 GFA	12.21	\$184.83	\$197.72	\$2,256.77	\$2,414.16
Recreation						
Golf Course	Hole	46.44	\$184.83	\$197.72	\$8,583.51	\$9,182.12
Park	Acre	2.96	\$184.83	\$197.72	\$547.10	\$585.25