

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, January 6, 2010

Attendees

Kyle West	City of Reno Community Development
Dean Schultz	Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority
Duane Sikorski	Washoe County Air Quality
Steve Bunnell	City of Reno Public Works
Don Morehouse	Washoe County Community Development
Clara Lawson	Washoe County Public Works
Pete Etchart	City of Sparks Public Works

Guests

Rick Squires, Sparks Resident	Mary Squires, Sparks Resident
Gwen Linde, Sparks Resident	Jim Dorsey, Reno Resident
Fred Barrie, Village Green Resident	Marc Reisman, Parsons Brinckerhoff
Karen SooHoo, Property Specialists, Inc	Amy McAbee Cummings, Parsons Brinckerhoff

RTC Staff

Debra Goodwin	Howard Riedl
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The Committee met in the RTC Planning Conference Room, 600 Sutro Street, Reno. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am by Chair Clara Lawson.

ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

ITEM 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no response to the call for public comment.

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE DECEMBER 2, 2009, MEETING

The minutes for the December 2, 2009, meeting were approved as submitted.

ITEM 4. RECOMMENDATION TO THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (RTC) BOARD ON THE SOUTHEAST CONNECTOR PROJECT

Howard Riedl, RTC Engineering, gave a brief overview of the project status. Debra Goodwin, RTC Planning, explained that a presentation on the project had been given at the December meeting and there was a request to place the item on this agenda for action at this meeting. The purpose of the action was to forward a recommendation to the RTC Board at the January 22, 2010 retreat that the project is vital to the region, but not to assign any prioritization level to the project.

Pete Etchart made a motion that the TAC send a recommendation of support for the Southeast Connector project to move forward to the RTC Board at the January 22, 2010 retreat. Kyle West seconded.

Mary Squires asked what the funding source was on the project. Howard Riedl stated that the project is proposed to be funded through the Regional Road Impact Fee Program.

The motion passed on a unanimous vote of the Committee

ITEM 5. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 5 TO THE FY 2009-2013 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RTIP)

Debra Goodwin briefed the committee on the amendment. She explained that the amendment would incorporate the following projects into the RTIP:

- FFY 2011 Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and the New Freedom formula fund projects approved at the December 18, 2009 RTC Board meeting (FTA Sections 5316 and 5317)
- FY 2011 Street and Highway Program of Projects (Fuel Tax and Regional Road Impact Fee) approved at the September 2, 2009 RTC Board meeting
- Transitional pedestrian plans for City of Reno, City of Sparks and Washoe County (Surface Transportation Program—Local funding—\$300,000)

Discussion followed on the transitional pedestrian plans and how those plans will coordinate with the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan prepared by the Engineering Department under the purview of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. It was determined that Chris Louis, RTC Engineering, would be asked to make a presentation at the February TAC meeting to provide more detail on the coordination of all the plans.

Discussion followed on the McCarran/Pyramid intersection project and why it was still in the RTIP with federal funding and RRIF funding. Howard Riedl and Debra Goodwin explained that the issue was one more of timing and how projects are removed from the RTIP, which is a federal mandated document.

Jim Dorsey stated his displeasure at the fact that the RTC Board had voted to install a southbound turn lane at the intersection and then changed that vote to not continue with the project.

Steve Bunnell made a motion to approve Amendment No. 5 to the FY 2009-2013 RTIP. Pete Etchart seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous vote of the committee.

ITEM 6. MEMBER ITEMS

Kyle West indicated that the Virginia Street Coordinating Committee continues to meet every other week to ensure coordination of all the Virginia Street projects.

Duane Sikorski stated that attainment/non-attainment issues might arise with regard to PM_{2.5} and the recent snow storms. Pete Etchart stated that efforts to snowplow will be significantly affected by the reduced budgets with all of the entities.

ITEM 7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE FEBRUARY 3, 2010, TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING

An item on the coordination of the transitional pedestrian plans and the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan will be on the agenda for the January 6, 2010, meeting. Debra Goodwin asked if the committee members wanted a TAC presentation on any of the RTC's project to let her know.

ITEM 8. RTC STAFF ITEMS

No items were presented by staff.

ITEM 9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 am.