

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

Attendees

Kyle West	City of Reno Community Development
Daniel Inouye	Washoe County Health District - Air Quality Management Division
Sienna Reid	Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency
Jon Ericson	City of Sparks Public Works
Jason Van Havel	Nevada Department of Transportation
Anita Lyday	Nevada Department of Transportation
Steve Bunnell	City of Reno Public Works
Clara Lawson	Washoe County Public Works
Lissa Butterfield	Reno Tahoe Airport Authority
Tim Thompson	City of Sparks Community Development

RTC Staff

Amy Cummings	Roger Hanson
Debra Goodwin	Tina Wu

Guests

Craig Petersen, Washoe County Health District-Air Quality Management Division
Kathleen Taylor, ATKINS
Matt Franz, Granite Construction
Jeff Lerud, Nevada Department of Transportation

The Committee met in the RTC Planning Conference Room, 600 Sutro Street, Reno. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Chair Kyle West.

ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved with Item 8 Update on the RTC Bus Replacement Plan being moved to a future agenda.

ITEM 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no response to the call for public comment.

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 4, 2012, MEETING MINUTES

The minutes for the January 4, 2012, meeting were approved as presented.

**ITEM 4. PRESENTATION ON THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
CONNECTING NEVADA PLAN**

Jason VanHavel, Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), briefed the committee on the NDOT *Connecting Nevada Plan*. A copy of the power point is on file in the RTC Planning Department. He stated that this is a long range visioning process and discussed the stakeholder outreach that has been held. A common thread throughout the state was to provide connection between the south and north either through rail or a freeway and focusing on multi-modal methods of connectivity such as rail was preferred.

Steve Bunnell asked if the NDOT plan would be incorporated into the RTP. Jason VanHavel responded that this study was not a traditional corridor study; it develops a process for long range planning process for NDOT. He said this will not replace the RTC's planning, but would help tie all areas of the state together. Steve Bunnell suggested that a goal be placed into each document acknowledging the other.

Kyle West asked how the I-80 Interstate Corridor Study would be tied into this study. Jason VanHavel explained that the I-80 study covered the freeway from California to Wyoming and would contain specific improvements for that roadway only.

Jon Ericson asked how future revenues were being addressed in particular VMT. Jason VanHavel stated that the stakeholders were in favor of that, but realized that it will take time to convince the general public. He asked if there were any partnerships with energy providers. Jason VanHavel stated that there have been limited discussions with NV Energy with regard to specific projects.

ITEM 5. UPDATE ON THE I-80 DESIGN BUILD PROJECT

Jeff Lerud, NDOT, and Matt Franz, Granite Construction, briefed the committee on the I-80 design build project currently underway. A copy of the power point is on file in the RTC Planning Department.

Dan Inouye asked if there would be other ramps metered. Jeff Lerud stated that Keystone Avenue was being considered and that would join with the Center Street and Wells Avenue metering.

**ITEM 6. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION ON THE PROPOSED RIDE SERVICE
CHANGE CONCEPTS**

Roger Hanson, RTC Senior Transit Planner, briefed the TAC on the proposed RIDE service change concepts. A copy of the power point is on file in the RTC Planning Department. Discussion followed.

**ITEM 7. UPDATE ON THE JOB ACCESS/REVERSE COMMUTE (JARC) AND NEW
FREEDOM PROJECTS**

Tina Wu, RTC Senior Transit Planner, briefed the committee on the annual process for applying JARC and New Freedom funding; applications will be available February 20, 2012, due on March 5, 2012 and awards made at the April meeting. Discussion followed.

ITEM 8. UPDATE ON THE RTC BUS REPLACEMENT PLAN

This item was continued to a future meeting.

ITEM 9. 2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

Amy Cummings, RTC Director of Planning, informed the committee that the process was moving forward. She stated a roundtable discussion on freight and logistics would be held on February 4, 2012 and invited the TAC to attend. Roundtable discussions on various subjects would be held in February and March including senior and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) issues, youth transportation issues and transportation safety. The Agency Working Group (AWG) and the Community Working Group (CWG) would be meeting on February 9, 2012, with the discussion focused on transit. An alternatives development workshop will be held in April with a location to be determined.

ITEM 10. PROJECT UPDATES

There were no project updates.

ITEM 11. MEMBER ITEMS

Dan Inouye introduced Craig Petersen, Senior Air Quality Specialist, Washoe County Health District—Air Quality Management Division.

Jason VanHavel stated that the next round of TIGER grants has been announced.

Kyle West stated that he would be the Safety Manager for the City of Reno and no longer in the Community Development Department and that Bill Gall would be taking his place. He stated that he has enjoyed working with the TAC.

ITEM 12. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE TAC MEETINGS

The RTC Bus Replacement Plan will be placed on a future agenda. There was a request to have an update on the RTC model conversion at a future meeting.

ITEM 13. RTC STAFF ITEMS

Amy Cummings stated that the RTC Planning Department has moved to 1105 Terminal Way, Suite 211, Reno. At this time meetings of the TAC will continue to be held at the Sutro facility until the conference room at Terminal Way is available.

ITEM 14. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no response to the call for public comment.

ITEM 15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.