

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 3, 2016

Attendees

Daniel Inouye	Washoe County Health District-Air Quality Management Division
Jon Ericson	City of Sparks Public Works
Coy Peacock	Nevada Department of Transportation
Bill Gall	City of Reno Community Development
Clara Lawson	Washoe County Community Development
Sienna Reid	Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency
Lissa Butterfield	Reno Tahoe Airport Authority
Steve Bunnell	City of Reno

RTC Staff

Amy Cummings	Debra Goodwin
Howard Riedl	Xuan Wang
Carol Perry	Julie Masterpool
Michael Dulude	Joe Harrington

The Committee met in the First Floor Conference Room, 1105 Terminal Way, Reno, Nevada. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Clara Lawson.

ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

ITEM 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no response to the call for public comment.

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 2, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the December 2, 2015 meeting were approved as presented.

ITEM 4. PRESENTATION ON THE COMPLETE STREETS MASTER PLAN

Amy Cummings, RTC Director of Planning, provided a presentation on the draft recommendations identifying future complete street corridor needs. The recommendations include a combination of potential lane reductions as well as corridor enhancements that maintain or expand the number of general purpose travel lanes. The reduction of general purpose travel lanes is being considered in corridors with 18,000 or fewer cars per day. The committee was reminded of the two workshops to be held on February 17th (Dilworth Middle School) and February 23rd (Discovery Museum) from 5 pm to 7 pm. A copy of the power point is on file in the Planning Department. Discussion followed on the map showing recommended complete streets.

Jon Ericson stated concern that Greg Street was being shown as a potential lane reduction candidate. He indicated that with the heavy industrial uses and the potential impacts of the SouthEast Connector, leaving the roadway as a complete street without any lane reduction would not be acceptable.

Jon Ericson made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the report with the condition that Greg Street be re-designated as a Complete Street without potential lane reductions. Steve Bunnell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 5. PRESENTATION ON THE NORTH VALLEYS REGION MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Xuan Wang, RTC Planner, provided presentation the draft short-term alternatives that include improvements on multimodal safety and traffic operations at identified locations in the North Valleys region. The committee was reminded of the workshop to be held on February 4th at O'Brien Middle School from 5 pm to 7 pm. A copy of the power point and the maps identifying the alternatives are on file in the Planning Department.

Steve Bunnell made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the report. Daniel Inouye seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 6. PRESENTATION ON THE FY 2015 TRIP REDUCTION PROGRAM REPORT

Carol Perry, RTC Trip Reduction Specialist, provided a presentation on the RTC's trip reduction program, RTC SMART TRIPS, for the federal fiscal year 2015 (October 2014 through September 2015). Discussion followed. A copy of the power point is on file in the Planning Department.

ITEM 7. PROJECT UPDATES

Howard Riedl stated that contracts have been signed for the North Virginia Street/N. McCarran intersection and the Pyramid/McCarran intersection projects.

Michael Dulude stated that the first round of public outreach on the Short Range Transit Plan had been held and preliminary recommendations should be developed by April.

ITEM 8. MEMBER ITEMS

Clara Lawson stated that the County was looking into having the RTC take over the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) project the County had planned on Lemmon Road. She explained that the City of Reno would be annexing the surrounding property and did not have the staff to take on the project. She asked that if anyone had any questions or concerns that they contact Debra Goodwin, RTC Planning Administrator.

Coy Peacock briefed the committee on potential issues with TAP funding and stated that he would send out an update shortly. He stated that the RFP's for the NDOT Long Range Plan were going out. He also discussed how the Long Range Element would be incorporated into the e-STIP program.

Dan Inouye stated that the EPA published a final rule that redesignated the Truckee Meadows Hydrographic Area to "attainment" for the 24-hour PM₁₀ National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) effective January 7, 2016.

He also briefed the TAC that in January 2016, the Health District submitted a request to EPA to participate in their Ozone Advance program. Ozone Advance is a collaborative effort between

EPA and the Health District to stay in attainment of ozone NAAQS. Although preliminary ozone monitoring data will not meet the 2015 8-hour ozone NAAQS of 70 ppb, EPA will not make initial designations until October 2017. The Health District will be seeking voluntary commitments from the District Board of Health, Cities of Reno and Sparks, Washoe County, and other boards and commissions. Commitments will concentrate on reducing vehicle trips and vehicle miles traveled. Mobile sources are the largest category of ozone precursor emissions. Near-term initiatives include Employee Trip Reduction, clean fleets, and idle reduction programs. Long-term initiatives include code and policy changes to shape the built environment by encouraging active transportation, complete streets, Safe Routes to Schools/Parks, and energy efficiency. The most important takeaway of not meeting the ozone NAAQS is that the air we breathe is not healthy. Continuing to not meet the NAAQS could lead to losing federal highway funds.

Sienna Reid stated that she would be leaving the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency on February 12th and will be going to the City of Reno Community Development Department as a Senior Planner.

ITEM 9. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE TAC MEETINGS

There were no items for future TAC meetings.

ITEM 10. RTC STAFF ITEMS

Joe Harrington, RTC Public Information Officer, stated that a community open house for the SouthEast Connector would be held on February 11th from 11 am to 7 pm at the Best Western Airport Plaza Hotel for the public to meet the project team and learn more about the project.

Joe also briefed the TAC on the contest being held to help name the new transit line that will be opening in early 2018 on 4th Street/Prater Way.

ITEM 11. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no response to the call for public comment.

ITEM 12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.