

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 2, 2011

Attendees

Tim Thompson	City of Sparks Community Development
Dean Schultz	Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority
Sienna Reid	Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency
Anita Lyday	Nevada Department of Transportation
Steve Bunnell	City of Reno Public Works
Pete Etchart	City of Sparks Public Works
Clara Lawson	Washoe County Public Works
Kyle West	City of Reno Community Development

RTC Staff

Amy Cummings	Debra Goodwin
Tom Greco	Scott Gibson
Doug Maloy	Kristin Barnes
Lea Rogers	

Guests

Bryan Gant, Jacobs Engineering
Scott Phillips, University of Nevada Reno

The Committee met in the RTC Planning Conference Room, 600 Sutro Street, Reno. The meeting was called to order at 9:03 am by Chair Pete Etchart.

ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved with Item 8 to be considered following approval of the minutes.

ITEM 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no response to the call for public comment.

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 2, 2011, MEETING MINUTES

The minutes for the February 2, 2011, meeting were approved as submitted.

ITEM 8. DISCUSSION ON THE PUBLIC AND AGENCY PLAN FOR THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) UPDATE WITH REGARD TO THE AGENCY WORKING GROUP (AWG)

Amy Cummings, Director of Planning, briefed the committee on the item indicating that the TAC had deferred action at the February meeting on the agency working group regarding its makeup and meeting times.

Discussion followed and it was a consensus that until each agency's budget cycle had been completed, naming of a representative to the RTP AWG and meeting times for the group should be deferred.

ITEM 4. UPDATE ON THE PYRAMID/MCCARRAN INTERSECTION PROJECT

Scott Gibson, Project Manager, gave an update on the Pyramid/McCarran Intersection project (a copy of the power point presented is on file in the Planning Department). Discussion followed.

ITEM 5. UPDATE ON THE PYRAMID FREEWAY US 395 CONNECTOR PROJECT

Doug Maloy, Project Manager, gave an update on the Pyramid Freeway US 395 Connector project (a copy of the power point presented is on file in the Planning Department). Discussion followed.

ITEM 6. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION ON THE FFY 2012 COORDINATED HUMAN SERVICES PUBLIC TRANSIT JOB ACCESS REVERSE COMMUTE (JARC) PROJECTS AND PLAN UPDATE

Lea Rogers, Paratransit Administrator, briefed the TAC on the two additional applications received under the RFP issued in December 2010—the Ridge House for a fourth van (\$63,000) and the RTC for continued operations of RTC INTERCITY (\$179,000). She explained that the project selection committee recommended award of the remaining JARC funds to the RTC INTERCITY service. Discussion followed.

Clara Lawson made a motion to recommend approval of award of the remaining JARC funds to the RTC INTERCITY service. Steve Bunnell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 7. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION ON THE SCOPE OF WORK FOR THE RTC RIDE FLEET CONDITION AUDIT

Lea Rogers, Paratransit Administrator, briefed the TAC on the scope of work for the RTC RIDE fleet condition audit. Discussion followed.

Kyle West made a motion to recommend approval of the scope of work as presented. Dean Schultz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 9. MEMBER ITEMS

Tim Thompson suggested that with the projected reductions in the transit service, it would be advisable to begin discussions regarding the Regional Plan's requirement for transit oriented development.

Dean Schultz expressed concern for the effect of potential service cuts to the Reno-Tahoe Airport and would like to look at methods to enhance the ridership to the airport an/or provide some type of continuing service.

Steve Bunnell asked for an update to the City of Sparks street light reduction demonstration project. Pete Etchart stated that the project would be complete on March 7th.

There was some public response to the project both negative and positive. He stated that the major issue now is the ownership of the street lights.

ITEM 10. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE APRIL 6, 2011, TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING

Items for the April 6, 2011 meeting include the discussion on transit oriented development standards, status of the potential transit service reductions, transit operator status and the FY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Amy Cummings asked that the members contact the Planning Department with any potential corridor studies to be included in the 2012 UPWP.

ITEM 11. RTC STAFF ITEMS

Debra Goodwin stated that there would be free service on both RTC RIDE and RTC SIERRA SPIRIT on St. Patrick's Day, March 17 after 6 pm. She also pointed out that RTC SIERRA SPIRIT service will be extended until midnight.

ITEM 12. ADJOURNMENT

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