

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 7, 2012

Attendees

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

RTC Staff

Amy Cummings	Howard Riedl
Debra Goodwin	Carol Perry
Christina Leach	

Guests

Tracy Larkin-Thomason, 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 Steve Bunnell.

ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved with Item 6. 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 FEBRUARY 1, 2012, MEETING MINUTES

The minutes for the February 1, 2012, meeting were approved as presented.

ITEM 4. DISCUSSION AND INPUT ON THE 4TH STREET/PRATER WAY CORRIDOR STUDY ALTERNATIVES

Christina Leach, RTC Assistant Transit Planner, briefed the committee on the status of the 4th Street/Prater Way Corridor Study as well as an alternative that has been developed for the

portion of the corridor between Sutro Street and Evans Avenue. A copy of the power point is on file in the RTC Planning Department. She pointed out that the RTC is seeking a TIGER IV grant on the portion of the corridor from Lake Street to Pyramid Way.

Steve Bunnell, City of Reno Public Works, stated that support for the alternative may be difficult from the property/business owners if on-street parking is proposed to be removed. Discussion followed.

ITEM 5. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION ON AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE FY 2011-2015 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Debra Goodwin, RTC Senior Planner, briefed the committee stating that the amendment will incorporate the environmental clearance under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) as well as design for improvements in the 4th Street/Prater Way corridor.

Clara Lawson, Washoe County Public Works, made a motion to recommend approval of the amendment as presented. Dan Inouye, Washoe County Health District-Air Quality Management Division, seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 6. UPDATE ON THE RTC BUS REPLACEMENT PLAN

This item was continued to a future meeting.

ITEM 7. UPDATE ON THE RTC TRIP REDUCTION PROGRAM

Carol Perry, RTC Trip Reduction Specialist, briefed the committee on the trip reduction program. A copy of the power point is on file in the RTC Planning Department.

ITEM 8. PRESENTATION ON THE SUTRO COMPLETE STREET PROJECT

Howard Riedl, RTC Senior Engineer, briefed the committee on the Sutro Complete Street Project. He distributed a project summary handout, which is on file in the RTC Planning Department.

ITEM 9. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION ON SOLICITATION FOR PLANNING STUDIES FOR THE FY 2013 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Amy Cummings, RTC Director of Planning, informed the committee that the FY 2013 UPWP was being developed and distributed a draft spreadsheet showing the proposed list of tasks. She stated the three corridor studies (Keystone Avenue, Sun Valley Boulevard and Sparks Boulevard) placed in the UPWP last year with minimal funding have consultant funding added this year and asked if those were still priorities with the local jurisdictions. It was noted that Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) would begin work on Sun Valley Boulevard this summer. It was determined that RTC would contact the local jurisdictions on each corridor study and this item would be brought back for action.

Tracy Larkin-Thomason, NDOT, stated that NDOT would be reimbursing the RTC for some previous UPWP funding. Amy Cummings stated that was the reason the UPWP included the funding of consultant services for several corridor studies originally included last year as well as

several new tasks. Tracy Larkin-Thomason stated that the reimbursement should be completed shortly.

Discussion followed on the need for coordination between all agencies to avoid duplication of effort in the on-going and proposed corridor studies.

ITEM 10. PROJECT UPDATES

Howard Riedl briefed the TAC on the status of the Moana Lane widening and Meadowood Interchange projects. He stated that there will be improvements at Moana Lane and U.S. 395 by NDOT and the design would be a new type of interchange called a Diverging Diamond.

ITEM 11. MEMBER ITEMS

There were no member items.

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 Diverging Diamond interchange design on a future agenda.

ITEM 13. RTC STAFF ITEMS

Howard Riedl stated that Julie Masterpool has been promoted to Senior Engineer with the RTC Engineering Department.

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 10:15 a.m.