

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

Wednesday, April 7, 2010

Attendees

Kyle West	City of Reno Community Development
Duane Sikorski	Washoe County Air Quality Management District
Coy Peacock	Nevada Department of Transportation
Steve Bunnell	City of Reno Public Works
Sienna Reid	Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency
Anita Lyday	Nevada Department of Transportation
Clara Lawson	Washoe County Public Works
Pete Etchart	City of Sparks Public Works
Neil Krutz	City of Sparks Community Development

RTC Staff

Garth Oksol	Brenda Lee
Carol Perry	Jack Lorbeer
Debra Goodwin	

Guests

Jason Van Havel, 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 Clara Lawson.

ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

ITEM 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Coy Peacock introduced Jason Van Havel, Assistant Chief, Transportation/Multimodal Planning Division, Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT).

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MARCH 3, 2010, MEETING

The minutes for the March 3, 2010, meeting were approved as submitted.

ITEM 4. PRESENTATION ON THE SOUTHEAST MCCARRAN BOULEVARD WIDENING PROJECT

Brenda Lee briefed the TAC on the proposed widening of Southeast McCarran Boulevard. She explained that the project would include a rehabilitation project on Southeast McCarran from South Virginia Street to Longley Lane and a widening to six lanes from Longley Lane to Greg Street. The widening would mostly be placed in the median and in some areas; there may be a need to take a small amount of right-of-way. The existing Truckee River bridge structure will not be widened, but there will still be three 11' lanes in each direction with a reasonable median and shoulders. There would not be enough room for a pedestrian and the plan is to have the path on the east side with a separate structure with the understanding that when the flood project begins the separate structure would be affected. There will be 3% of the construction cost of the widening project set put into landscaping. The public participation process has begun and a public open house will be held on April 20, 2010, at the Dodson Elementary School, 4355 Houston Drive, Reno.

Coy Peacock stated that 3% was not a significant amount for landscaping and suggested that the RTC apply for the 50/50 match program for landscaping through NDOT.

Clara Lawson asked what type of pedestrian/bicycle access would be provided. Brenda Lee discussed the solutions that are being looked at.

Steve Bunnell asked what the limits of the shared use path would be.

Brenda Lee explained it would be constructed only in the area of the widening (Longley to Greg) not in the rehab section.

ITEM 5. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION ON THE VISTA BOULEVARD SOUNDWALLS

Garth Oksol briefed the committee on the Vista Boulevard soundwalls explaining the RTC's soundwall policy and the different options being considered along Vista and discussion followed.

Neil Krutz made a motion that no soundwalls be placed along Vista Boulevard. The motion died for lack of a second.

Kyle West made a motion that the RTC follow the Agency's policy for the placement of soundwalls. Steve Bunnell seconded. Clara Lawson stated that walls would be built in Areas 1 and 2 and not in Area 3 due to the cost and the effects on the properties. The motion carried with Neil Krutz and Pete Etchart voting no.

The TAC asked that the RTC's soundwall policy and the concept of complete streets be brought to the committee for review and possible update at a future meeting.

Brenda Lee pointed out that soundwalls would not be included in the Southeast McCarran widening project at NDOT's direction.

ITEM 6. UPDATE ON THE SOUTHEAST CONNECTOR (SEC) PROJECT

Garth Oksol updated the TAC on the SouthEast Connector project. Discussion followed.

ITEM 7. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION ON THE RTC VANPOOL PROGRAM MODIFICATIONS

Carol Perry provided an overview of the RTC Vanpool Program and the proposed modifications to the program.

Clara Lawson asked what the average size of a vanpool was. Carol Perry stated the vanpools can be as small as seven people, but on average are 8 to 11 people.

Pete Etchart made a motion that the modifications be approved as recommended by RTC staff—that the vanpool program subsidy be 40% of the VPSI lease amount (including taxes) contingent upon submission of the data required for the National Transit Data (NTD) reporting.

Duane Sikorski seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous vote of the Committee.

ITEM 8. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION ON SOLICITATION FOR A PLANNING STUDY FOR THE FY 2011 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Jack Lorbeer explained that staff is currently preparing the FY 2011 UPWP. He explained the work tasks in the program with new items proposed to include a 4th Street/Prater Way Corridor Study, and conversion of the traffic model to TransCAD. He asked that the TAC submit planning/corridor studies over the next couple of weeks and the committee could consider a recommendation on the full UPWP at the May meeting. Discussion followed.

Kyle West made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the report. Duane Sikorski seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous vote of the Committee.

ITEM 9. MEMBER ITEMS

Kyle West stated that the Virginia Street Transit Alternatives Analysis would be awarded in April and the study would start in May. The RETRAC enhancement or multi-modal center is now a \$1 million project and would tie in pedestrian amenities to 4th Street Station, Amtrak station and streetcar with consultant selection underway. Virginia Street Streetscape project continues and the contract for the Virginia Street bridge project will be awarded in the next couple of weeks.

ITEM 10. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE MAY 5, 2010, TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING

Items for the May 5, 2010 include the FY 2011 UPWP and a possible amendment to the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP). A review of the RTC soundwall policy will be on a future agenda.

ITEM 11. RTC STAFF ITEMS

No items were presented by staff.

ITEM 12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 am.