

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 1, 2013

Attendees

Daniel Inouye	Washoe County Health District-Air Quality Management Division
Coy Peacock	Nevada Department of Transportation
Jon Ericson	City of Sparks Public Works
Sienna Reid	Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency
Paul Kelly	Washoe County Community Development
Lissa Butterfield	Reno Tahoe Airport Authority
Clara Lawson	Washoe County Public Works
Leah Sirmin	Federal Highway Administration
Tim Thompson	City of Sparks Community Development
Bill Gall	City of Reno Community Development

RTC Staff

Amy Cummings	Debra Goodwin
Tina Wu	Christina Leach
Roger Hanson	

Guests

Scott Hall
Andrea Napoli, Nevada Department of Transportation
Jeremy Smith, UNR

The Committee met in Suite 201, 1105 Terminal Way, Reno, Nevada. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am 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 APRIL 3, 2013, MEETING MINUTES

The minutes for the April 3, 2013 meeting were approved as submitted.

ITEM 4. DISCUSSION ON THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION INTERAGENCY COORDINATION

Amy Cummings, RTC Director of Planning, briefed the committee that NDOT and RTC were working on the interagency coordination with the local jurisdictions. This item is informational to better document the planning process with the local jurisdictions. She pointed out that there were many meetings to promote outreach including the STTAC and project specific meetings.

Jon Ericson stated that in the past it has taken a long time to get project approvals through NDOT and FHWA and would like to see some streamlining of the process.

Coy Peacock agreed that early communication is important in mitigating potential issues. Discussion followed on the need for early involvement of all agencies especially with regard to NDOT rehabilitation projects.

Daniel Inouye stated that NDOT was involved in the air quality interagency consultation group and that process is working well.

ITEM 5. PRESENTATION ON THE RTC COMPLETE STREET ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

Christina Leach, RTC Planner, briefed the committee on the RTC Complete Street Economic Analysis. A copy of the power point presentation is on file in the RTC Planning Department. She distributed copies of the proposed surveys for review. She stated that the objective of the study was to identify the economic impacts to areas where complete streets have been implemented. RTC has partnered with the University of Nevada, Reno to conduct a study focusing on the economic impacts of Complete Streets. She stated that the surveys will be distributed in late May. Discussion followed.

ITEM 6. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION ON THE DRAFT FY 2014 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Amy Cummings briefed the TAC on FY 2014 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) outlining the projects that were being carried forward and the proposed new projects.

Tim Thompson asked why the projects that NDOT would be funding the consultant work were shown the way they were. Following discussion, it was agreed that those projects (Tasks 4.19 and 4.23) would be clarified to show the consultant costs were NDOT's not RTC's.

Daniel Inouye made a motion to recommend approval of the FY 2014 UPWP. Sienna Reid seconded. Jon Ericson asked that the motion include that the spreadsheet be clarified to show the consultant costs for Tasks 4.19 and 4.23 will be NDOT's responsibility. Daniel Inouye and Sienna Reid agreed to the amendment. The motion carried unanimously as amended.

ITEM 7. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION ON THE RTC'S TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM GUIDANCE

Amy Cummings briefed the committee on the RTC's Transportation Alternatives Program Guidance. She explained that the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) was created with the passage of the latest transportation bill and combined several SAFETEA-LU programs including the transportation enhancement program, recreational trails and Safe Routes to School. As the MPO for the region, the RTC is tasked with developing guidelines for administering the TAP. The RTC will be sub-allocated TAP funding - approximately \$300,000 to \$400,000 per year. Discussion followed.

Jon Ericson made a motion to recommend approval of the Transportation Alternatives Program Guidance. Daniel Inouye seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 8. PRESENTATION ON THE FINAL REPORT FOR THE MILL STREET/TERMINAL WAY CORRIDOR STUDY

Amy Cummings briefed the committee on the final report for the Mill Street/Terminal Way Corridor Study. Discussion followed.

Andrea Napoli asked if putting a bike lane on Vassar Street instead of Mill Street would be a better alternative to get from one side of the freeway to the other. Amy Cummings stated that may be a viable alternative and she would look into that option.

Lissa Butterfield stated that she would be requesting that the RTAA's wildlife specialist review the landscaping plan to ensure that the landscaping would not be an attractant to wildlife.

Bill Gall made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the presentation on the Mill Street/Terminal Way Corridor Study final report. Jon Ericson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 9. UPDATE ON THE RTC RIDE SERVICE CHANGE

Roger Hanson, RTC Senior Transit Planner, briefed the committee on the RTC RIDE service change. A copy of the power point presentation is on file in the RTC Planning Department. He explained that at the March 15th RTC Board meeting, many of the proposed route changes previously shared with the TAC were approved. The Board did hold off on the following proposals:

- Modifying Routes 7 and 17 to better serve the North Valleys
- Changing Route 2 to connect to Centennial Plaza more directly and create a new Route 22 to provide service on Pyramid Way to Los Altos Pkwy

Jon Ericson asked what the anticipated demand would be to the Galleria area. Roger Hanson stated that it would be pretty high over time.

Discussion followed on the impacts to the existing system and riders.

ITEM 10. DISCUSSION ON THE DRAFT FIVE-YEAR PARATRANSIT PLAN

Tina Wu, RTC Senior Transit Planner, briefed the committee on the draft Five-Year Paratransit Plan and distributed a handout outlining potential strategies for cost savings, cost neutral and cost increase options are still being finalized. She stated that additional analysis will be conducted to confirm the fiscal impacts of each strategy which could be combined or individually implemented. She stated that an open house would be held at the Senior Center on May 15th from 12:00 to 2:00 pm.

ITEM 11. PROJECT UPDATES

Amy Cummings stated that the RTC would be doing an update to the Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan would be asking for input from the local jurisdictions on issues such as bicycle rack placement.

ITEM 12. MEMBER ITEMS

Jon Ericson stated that it was possible to have a tour of the SouthEast Connector project construction site and if anyone was interested to contact Kathleen Taylor with ADKINS. Amy Cummings showed the TAC the project website.

ITEM 13. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE TAC MEETINGS

Coy Peacock stated that NDOT would present the Transportation System Projects on the July 10th agenda.

ITEM 14. RTC STAFF ITEMS

Amy Cummings stated that if any of the TAC members were planning on submitting a TIGER grant, the RTC would be happy to coordinate with them. Discussion followed.

ITEM 15. PUBLIC COMMENT

Scott Hall, Bicycling Enthusiast, expressed his appreciation for the support the TAC has given to the bicycling community and briefed the committee on some of the on-going bicycling efforts.

ITEM 16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.