

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 2, 2010

Attendees

Coy Peacock	Nevada Department of Transportation
Duane Sikorski	Washoe County Air Quality Management District
Sienna Reid	Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency
Kyle West	City of Reno Community Development
Steve Bunnell	City of Reno Public Works
Pete Etchart	City of Sparks Public Works
Clara Lawson	Washoe County Public Works
Neil Krutz	City of Sparks Community Development
Hannah Visser	Federal Highway Administration
Dean Schultz	Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority

RTC Staff

Debra Goodwin	Tom Greco
Jack Lorbeer	

Guests

Jason Van Havel	Nevada Department of Transportation
Dan McMartin	Nevada Department of Transportation
Kathleen Taylor	PBS&J
Lawrence Meeker	
Tim Thompson	City of Sparks

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

There was no response to the call for public comment.

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 5, 2010, MEETING MINUTES

The minutes for the May 5, 2010, meeting were approved as submitted.

ITEM 4. PRESENTATION ON THE VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED (VMT) FEE STUDY

Jason Van Havel, Assistant Chief, Transportation/Multi-Modal Planning, Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) gave a presentation on the work NDOT is currently undertaking. He explained that Nevada is also participating in the effort at a national level. The study is entering the second phase, which includes choosing a technology or technologies to use as a test. Phase III will most likely be tied to the next transportation bill and include a pilot program with a couple thousand participants both in the north and south of the state to see how the technology works. He further explained that protecting personal privacy was a major concern in the study.

Pete Etchart asked if the two RTCs were not involved. Jason Van Havel indicated that originally they were, but have decided not to participate at this point. He indicated that NDOT is in a better position to deal with the controversial issue.

Duane Sikorski asked if the program is not national, how the State will deal with out of state drivers. Jason Van Havel stated that most likely Nevada will not proceed to implementation on its own, but if we did, cars would be able to communicate with gas pumps and cars that were not in the VMT program would simply pay gas tax. Discussion followed.

ITEM 5. PRESENTATION ON THE I-80 DESIGN BUILD PROJECT—ROBB DRIVE TO VISTA BOULEVARD

Dan McMartin, Project Manager, Nevada Department of Transportation, gave a power point presentation (a copy of which is on file in the Planning Department files) explaining the twelve concepts (phases) for the project. He stated that this would be a design-build project and until the amount of funding was known, the number of concepts to be included in the project was not known.

Discussion followed on whether or not capacity improvements would be included in the project. Hannah Visser, Federal Highway Administration stated that as shown there is capacity improvements included. Debra Goodwin stated concern on being able to meet NDOT scheduling while still meeting requirements on amendments to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP).

Duane Sikorski commented that this proposal did not seem like it would address the congestion that exists even today. Dan McMartin explained that this project would help, but that it is understood that congestion will not be eliminated. Coy Peacock stated the majority of the project costs would be for pavement maintenance, which is critical to take care of at this time.

Discussion followed on the project components and costs. Clara Lawson asked if a presentation on the project could be made in the future. It was noted that there would be an update at a future meeting.

Hanna Visser stated that the decision on whether or capacity components would be included needed to be made soon and the RTP/RTIP amendment process started.

ITEM 6. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE FY 2011-2020 TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PROJECTS (TSP)-STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP), ANNUAL WORK PROGRAM, SHORT-RANGE AND LONG-RANGE ELEMENTS

Coy Peacock, briefed the TAC on the FY 2011-2020 Transportation System Projects (TSP). Discussion followed.

Steve Bunnell made a motion to approve the FY 2011-2020 TSP as presented. Duane Sikorski seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 7. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT FY 2011 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Jack Lorbeer, Acting Director of Planning, briefed the TAC on the draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Discussion followed.

Neil Krutz made a motion to approve the draft FY 2011 UPWP as presented. Steve Bunnell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 8. MEMBER ITEMS

Neil Krutz introduced Tim Thompson, Senior Planner for the City of Sparks who would take over as the Sparks Community Development representative in August.

ITEM 9. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE JULY 7, 2010, TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING

There were no items presented for the July 7, 2010 TAC meeting.

ITEM 10. RTC STAFF ITEMS

There were no RTC staff items.

ITEM 10. ADJOURNMENT

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