

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, July 1, 2015**

**Attendees**

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

**RTC Staff**

Amy Cummings	Debra Goodwin
Howard Riedl	Michael Dulude
Warren Call	Rebecca Kapuler

**Guests**

Lee Bonner, NDOT  
Andrea Edwards, NDOT  
Bob Madewell, NDOT

The Committee met in Suite 318, 1105 Terminal Way, Reno, Nevada. The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. by Chair Bill Gall.

**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 MAY 6, 2015, MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes of the May 6, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted.

**ITEM 4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Following discussion, Dan Inouye nominated Clara Lawson as Chair; Steve Bunnell seconded. The nomination was approved unanimously. Steve Bunnell nominated Jon Ericson as Vice Chair; Clara Lawson seconded. The nomination was approved unanimously.

**ITEM 5. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION ON THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ANNUAL WORK PROGRAM**

Coy Peacock, NDOT, briefed the committee on the Nevada Department of Transportation Annual Work Program. He stated that the number one priority is safety and pointed out that all fatalities except for pedestrians are trending down. He highlighted some of the projects in the work program included in the agenda packet.

Steve Bunnell pointed out that there needs to be a focus on the North Valleys area; especially the freeway and the interchanges with the large amount of industrial growth that is planned. Discussion followed.

Steve Bunnell made a motion to accept the report; Bill Gall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM 6. PRESENTATION ON THE PROPOSED TRANSIT STATION DESIGN FOR THE 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET/PRATER WAY BUS RAPID TRANSIT PROJECT**

Warren Call, RTC Project Manager, briefed the TAC on the proposed transit station design for the 4<sup>th</sup> Street/Prater way Bus Rapid Transit project. Discussion followed.

Steve Bunnell made a motion to accept the presentation; Dan Inouye seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM 7. UPDATE ON THE SHORT RANGE TRANSIT PLAN SCOPE OF WORK**

Michael Dulude, RTC Transit Planner/Scheduler briefed the committee on the Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP). He stated that the RTC Board had approved moving ahead with the Request for Proposals for the SRTP. Discussion followed

Steve Bunnell made a motion to accept the update; Dan Inouye seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM 8. UPDATE ON THE VIRGINIA STREET RAPID EXTENSION PROJECT**

Howard Riedl, RTC Senior Engineer, briefed the TAC on the Virginia Street RAPID Extension project. He reviewed the alternatives as well as the on-line survey. He stated that the project would be presented to the Reno City Council on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and a public meeting would be held at the Discovery Museum on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

Steve Bunnell stated concern with the potential future traffic impacts to the surrounding roadways with the removal of travel lanes in the corridor. Discussion followed.

Bill Gall made a motion to accept the update; Dan Inouye seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM 9. PROJECT UPDATES**

Howard Riedl stated that the McCarran Boulevard project is progressing well with substantial completion in October. The Keystone Avenue project is getting underway. The SouthEast Connector project is progressing. The Pyramid/McCarran intersection project is also progressing with right-of-way nearly complete.

**ITEM 10. MEMBER ITEMS**

Dan Inouye stated that in October 2015 EPA is expected to strengthen the health-based ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) from 75 ppb to a level in the range of 65-70 ppb. There were no exceedances of the current standard in the month of June; however if the level was changed to 70 ppb – there would have been 6 exceedances; if the level was changed to 65 ppb – there would have been 11 exceedances for the month. The region’s local ozone season typically extends into September. If the ozone levels continue to exceed the 65-70 ppb range, EPA may designate the area as “Non-Attainment”. The Clean Air Act requires Non-Attainment areas to develop federally enforceable plans that improve air quality. He pointed out that mobile sources are the largest source of ozone precursors and will be one of the categories reviewed for emission reduction strategies. The best way to assist in meeting the ozone standards is to reduce vehicle miles travelled (VMT).

Coy Peacock briefed the committee on the eSTIP process and that he plans to bring a presentation on the eSTIP to the September meeting. He stated that it was very important for the entire area to plan regionally. He stated that NDOT was beginning the process to develop the state’s long range transportation plan.

**ITEM 11. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE TAC MEETINGS**

There were no items for future agendas.

**ITEM 12. RTC STAFF ITEMS**

There were no RTC staff items.

**ITEM 13. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no response to the call for public comment.

**ITEM 14. RTC ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.