

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 5, 2009**

Attendees

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| Steve Bunnell | City of Reno Public Works |
| Bill Gall | City of Reno Community Development |
| Pete Etchart | City of Sparks Public Works |
| Jon Ericson | City of Sparks Public Works |
| Neil Krutz | City of Sparks Community Development |
| Dean Schultz | Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority |
| Duane Sikorski | Washoe Co. District Health Dept.—Air Quality Mgmt. Div. |
| Sienna Reid | Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency |
| Coy Peacock | Nevada Department of Transportation—Program Dev. |

RTC Staff

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| Chris Louis | Blaine Petersen |
| Debra Goodwin | Diana Croyle |

The Committee met in the RTC Planning Conference Room, 600 Sutro Street, Reno. The meeting was called to order at 9:07 am by Jon Ericson.

ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

ITEM 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no response to the call for public comment.

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE JULY 1, 2009, MEETING

The minutes for the July 1, 2009, meeting were approved as submitted.

ITEM 4. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION ON THE PRIORITIZATION OF THE TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT FUNDING APPLICATIONS FOR FY 2010/2011

Debra Goodwin stated staff was asking the Committee to prioritize the Enhancement projects that had been submitted although there was no definite funding amount available. It was explained

that all agencies were advised that they could make presentations regarding their projects, but only the City of Sparks was available for this meeting.

Neil Krutz made a motion that the TAC defer this item until the September 2009 meeting to give all jurisdictions the opportunity to make presentations on their projects.

Steve Bunnell seconded the motion and it passed on a vote of the Committee.

ITEM 5. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION TO CREATE A TRAFFIC OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE TO THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

Chris Louis, Senior Engineer, stated that the TAC was presented information at their July 2009 meeting about the possibility of establishing a subcommittee to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for the Traffic Operations and Management project. Staff was asking the Committee to recommend the creation of a subcommittee.

Jon Ericson asked what was the status of the traffic management center project.

Chris Louis responded that Siemens was the contractor for the project and a kickoff meeting would be held in early September 2009.

Steve Bunnell made a motion that the TAC recommend creation of a subcommittee to the Technical Advisory Committee for the Traffic Operations and Management project.

Duane Sikorski seconded the motion and it passed on a vote of the Committee.

ITEM 6. PRESENTATION AND ENDORSEMENT OF THE GEIGER GRADE ROAD REALIGNMENT CONCEPT

Blaine Petersen, Traffic Engineer, made a presentation on the Geiger Grade Road Realignment Concept with the RTC recommended preferred alignment.

Steve Bunnell asked if the realignment would cut through Curti Ranch, as this was a major concern of the area residents.

Blaine Petersen responded that the preferred alignment did border the Curti Ranch neighborhood, but there should be less cut through with the realignment.

Jon Ericson asked if RTC had addressed the property owners' needs and issues, including no direct access to US 395 from Geiger Grade in the preferred alignment.

Chris Louis responded that RTC had not yet scheduled any open houses or meetings with the property owners but that this would be part of the public participation process.

Coy Peacock noted that if the project involved state or federal funding, it would require RTC to go through the National Environment Policy Act (NEPA) process.

Chris Louis stated that RTC was working with Washoe County and, if possible, the flood study would be incorporated into the project.

Jon Ericson asked where did the realignment fall on the priority listing.

Chris Louis responded that the project was requested by the City of Reno to connect Veterans Parkway with Geiger Grade.

Neil Krutz asked if the project was not put through the prioritization process.

Chris Louis responded that the project was a request from the City of Reno.

Jon Ericson commented that it was important to make the Veterans Parkway connection.

Steve Bunnell made a motion that the TAC endorse the realignment project with another look at the Phase II connector as discussed.

Duane Sikorski seconded the motion and it passed on a vote of the Committee.

ITEM 7. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO THE FY 2009-2013 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RTIP)

Debra Goodwin gave a brief presentation on the changes proposed in Amendment No. 3 to the FY 2009-2013 RTIP, including the shifting of some funding, and announced that RTC had received its federal conformity determination for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). RTC had submitted the RTP to the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (TMRPA) for conformity to the Regional Plan, which was expected in September 2009.

Jon Ericson asked why the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) was requesting Enhancement Funding for the US 395 northbound improvements when Amendment No. 3 added approximately \$15 million to this project.

Debra Goodwin responded that she would check as to why NDOT had submitted an Enhancement project to a capacity project.

Neil Krutz made a motion that the TAC recommend approval of Amendment No. 3 to the FY 2009-2013 RTIP.

Steve Bunnell seconded the motion and it passed on a vote of the Committee.

ITEM 8. MEMBER ITEMS

Duane Sikorski commented that the PM₁₀ State Implementation Plan (SIP) had been submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for approval.

Coy Peacock noted that the NDOT Transportation System Projects (TSP) was approved by the Statewide Technical Advisory (STTAC) and was forward to the State Transportation Board (STB) for approval.

ITEM 9. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE SEPTEMBER 2, 2009, TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING

Items suggested for the September 2, 2009, meeting agenda included, but were not limited to:

- Prioritization of Enhancement Projects
- Status report on the Southeast Connector (SEC)
- Program of Projects (POP) for Regional Road Impact Fees (RRIF), Fuel Tax (F/T) and Sales Tax (S/T)

ITEM 10. RTC STAFF ITEMS

Debra Goodwin noted that the RTC Board had selected Lee Gardner Gibson as the next executive director for the agency.

Debra Goodwin announced that RTC had received its federal conformity determination on the RTP and staff would produce the document in-house. Committee members would receive hard copies of the document within the next few weeks.

ITEM 11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:52 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana S. Croyle, CPS