

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 7, 2015

Attendees

Jon Ericson	City of Sparks Public Works
Coy Peacock	Nevada Department of Transportation
Lissa Butterfield	Reno Tahoe Airport Authority
Steve Bunnell	City of Reno Public Works
Clara Lawson	Washoe County Community Development
Dan Inouye	Washoe County Health District-Air Quality Management Division
Armando Ornelas	City of Sparks Community Development
Kelly Mullin	Washoe County Community Development
Sienna Reid	Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency

RTC Staff

Debra Goodwin	Howard Riedl
Julie Masterpool	Michael Dulude

Guests

Loren Chilson, Traffic Works
Joseph Spencer, Nevada Department of Transportation
Victor Peters, Nevada Department of Transportation

The Committee met in Suite 318, 1105 Terminal Way, Reno, Nevada. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. 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 AUGUST 5, 2015, MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the August 5, 2015 meeting were approved with a revision to the department description for Washoe County Public Works.

ITEM 4. PRESENTATION ON THE BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN/WHEELCHAIR DATA COLLECTION PROGRAM

Loren Chilson, Traffic Works, briefed the committee on the Bicycle/Pedestrian Wheelchair Data Collection Program. A copy of the power point is on file in the Planning Department. Discussion followed.

ITEM 5. PRESENTATION FROM THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ON THE GLENDALE AVENUE ROADWAY REHABILITATION PROJECT

Victor Peters, Nevada Department of Transportation, gave a brief overview of the Glendale Avenue (Kietzke to McCarran) roadway rehabilitation project. He indicated that ADA improvements were included for the entire length of the project on the southside of the street and for most of the north side of the street except the last 100 feet at McCarran due to right-of-way acquisition issues which would have delayed the project for a couple of years. He distributed a project detail sheet which is on file in the Planning Department. He also discussed the request by the RTC to move the bus stop currently located in front of Walmart and that NDOT is looking at the move. He covered the utilities currently in the roadway and the schedule with construction most likely starting in August 2016 with the major road resurfacing starting in March 2017. He pointed out that most of the work could be done at night.

Jon Ericson asked what type of public outreach would be done for the project. Vic Peters stated that the normal NDOT public outreach would be done; they have met with the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony representatives and have contacted all of the business owners that would be affected by the ADA improvements and met with some of the owners. He stated that the NDOT Public Information Officer is looking into the type of outreach to be done.

ITEM 6. PRESENTATION FROM THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ON THE eSTIP

Coy Peacock, Nevada Department of Transportation, gave a presentation on the new eSTIP process. He stated that the entire process of the Statewide Transportation Program is now done electronically. He showed the committee the website and the options for locating projects, running reports and viewing maps. Joseph Spencer, Nevada Department of Transportation, explained the fiscal portion of the eSTIP webpage. Discussion followed.

ITEM 7. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION ON THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR THE VIRGINIA STREET CORRIDOR

Howard Riedl, RTC Senior Engineer, briefed the TAC on the preferred alternative for the Virginia Street Corridor. A copy of the power point is on file in the Planning Department. He stated that staff would be presenting at the Reno City Council later today to get guidance from them on how they want this project to proceed. He discussed the alternatives being considered for bicycle lanes in the area; the on-street parking issues; speed limits on the road; and accommodations for special events. Discussion followed.

Armando Ornelas stated concern that there would be now bike lanes in Midtown and the potential for conflicts with on-street parking on the side streets. He suggested that removing the on-street parking in the Midtown area and placing a bike lane on Virginia Street would be a better solution. Howard Riedl stated that the decision would be up to the City of Reno and unfortunately there is not enough room for travel lanes, bike lanes and on-street parking.

Jon Ericson made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the report. Dan Inouye seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 8. PROJECT UPDATES

Howard Riedl stated that the East McCarran Boulevard project is close to completion with bike lanes and soundwalls underway now. The Harvard Way ADA improvement project is nearing completing. The Pyramid/McCarran intersection improvement project is out to bid and the McCarran/N. Virginia intersection project will be going out soon.

Debra Goodwin stated that the Complete Streets Master Plan is underway with a public open house to be held on October 13th at the Discovery Museum from 5 pm to 7 pm.

ITEM 9. MEMBER ITEMS

Dan Inouye stated that EPA finalized the ozone national ambient air quality standard and it was strengthened to 70 ppb. Washoe County is at 71 ppb and therefore does not meet the standard. He stated that AQMD is currently reviewing implementation rule to determine what the next steps will be.

Sienna Reid discussed the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency Housing Study currently underway.

ITEM 10. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE TAC MEETINGS

An update to the TAC policies/bylaws will be included on a future TAC meeting.

ITEM 11. RTC STAFF ITEMS

There were no RTC staff items.

ITEM 12. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no response to the call for public comment.

ITEM 13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.