

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA**

FRIDAY

9:00 A.M.

October 18, 2013

PRESENT:

**Bonnie Weber, Washoe County Commissioner, Chair (arrived 9:05)
Robert Cashell, City of Reno Mayor (Alternate)
Sharon Zadra, Reno City Council Member
David Humke, Washoe County Commissioner
Ron Smith, Sparks City Council Member**

**Lee G. Gibson, Executive Director
Dale Ferguson, Legal Counsel**

NOT PRESENT:

**Dwight Dortch, Reno City Council Member, Vice Chair
Rudy Malfabon, Director of NDOT**

The regular monthly meeting, held in the Board Room of the Jerry L. Hall Regional Transportation Center, 2050 Villanova Drive, Reno, Nevada, was called to order by Mayor Cashell. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our country, the Board conducted the following business:

Item 1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Commissioner Zadra, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion unanimously carried, Chair Weber ordered that the agenda for this meeting be approved.

****Commissioner Weber arrived at 9:05 a.m.****

Item 2.1 PUBLIC INPUT

Chair Weber opened the meeting to public input and called on anyone wishing to speak on topics relevant to the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) that are not included in the current agenda.

There being no one wishing to speak, the Chair closed public input.

Item 2.2 ADVISORY COMMITTEES SUMMARY REPORT

On motion of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion unanimously carried, Chair Weber ordered that receipt of the monthly Summary Report for the Technical, Citizens, Bicycle/Pedestrian, and Regional Road Impact Fee Advisory Committees be acknowledged.

Item 3.1 thru 3.2 DIRECTOR REPORTS

Item 3.1 RTC Executive Director Report

E.D. Gibson reviewed the two public meetings held for the Pyramid/US 395 Connector Draft Environmental Impact Statement. There were over 100 attendees at each of the meetings, respectively. Suggestions and comments from those meetings were taken at the meetings and are currently being compiled.

Mr. Gibson also announced that the RTC had received the 2013 Outstanding Public Outreach and Journalism Award for its efforts involved with the Regional Transportation Plan from the Western Planner and NV Chapter of the American Planning Association. He then recognized the people involved in that process.

Lastly, Mr. Gibson announced that the previously requested Paratransit Workshop would be held in November rather than October due to logistics and other issues that came up.

Item 3.2 NDOT Director Report

On behalf of Director Rudy Malfabon, Tom Greco briefed the commissioners on the current status of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) and provided information on the projects being funded by a \$7.3 million redistribution of funds discussed at the previous meeting. Mr. Greco said those funds are being allocated to current obligations and not to any new projects.

Item 4.1 thru 4.12 CONSENT ITEMS

E.D. Gibson requested that Item 4.7 be pulled for discussion with agenda item 6.1.

Minutes

4.1 Approve the minutes of the September 20, 2013, meeting (*For Possible Action*)

Engineering

4.2 Acknowledge receipt of the monthly Engineering Activity Report (*For Possible Action*)

4.3 Acknowledge receipt of the SouthEast Connector monthly progress report (*For Possible Action*)

Public Transportation/Operations

4.4 Acknowledge receipt of the monthly Public Transportation/Operations Report (*For Possible Action*)

Planning

4.5 Approve amendment No.1 to the FY 2014 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) (*For Possible Action*)

4.6 Acknowledge receipt of the Transportation Safety Report (*For Possible Action*)

Administration

- 4.8 Acknowledge receipt of the Asset Donation Log for the 3rd quarter calendar year 2013 (*For Possible Action*)**
- 4.9 Approve modifications to the following sections of the Personnel Rules: (6.15 (f), 6.16 "Use of Sick Leave," (13.2) "Leave of Absence," (13.3 (3)) "Group Insurance Plans" and the deletion of (6.16 (1) (2) (3); 6.17(1) "Use of Sick Leave"; (13.2 (2) to (5)) "Leave of Absence" (13.2 (2)) Group Insurance plans and (13.3) "Adjustments in Anniversary Date," and modification to RTC Management Policy P-44 Leave of Absence (*For Possible Action*)**

Procurement and Contracts

- 4.10 Approve the Intrastate Interlocal Contract between the State of Nevada, Department of Human Resources, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP/Medicaid) and the Regional Transportation Commission for the partial reimbursement of the cost to provide paratransit services (RTC ACCESS) to Medicaid eligible recipients receiving Medicaid eligible paratransit services; authorize the RTC Executive Director to execute the agreement, including any subsequent amendments as may be required (*For Possible Action*)**
- 4.11 Approve an amendment to the Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for planning and consulting services on the Keystone Corridor Study; authorize the RTC Executive Director to execute the amendment (*For Possible Action*)**
- 4.12 Authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute contracts for legal services with the law firms of Woodburn and Wedge, Holland and Hart and Thompson Coburn prior to the expiration of the existing contracts between those three law firms and the RTC (*For Possible Action*)**

On motion of Commissioner Zadra, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion carried unanimously, Chair Weber ordered that Consent Items 4.1 thru 4.6 and 4.8 thru 4.12 be approved. Item 4.7 was held for discussion with Item 6.1.

Item 5.1 thru 5.2 ENGINEERING

- 5.1 Approve a Cooperative Agreement in the amount of \$150,000 with the UNR Civil Engineering Department for research and improved efficiency in the design and construction of roadway pavements in Washoe County; authorize the RTC Executive Director to execute the agreement (*For Possible Action*)**

This item had been held from the previous meeting so Jeff Hale, RTC Engineering Director, addressed the Board to update their concerns. Mr. Hale said cracks and other issues with the material of concern would be incorporated into the research agreement with UNR to see what the best method of repair or replacement should be going forward. Mr. Hale does not believe that material is being used any longer.

Chair Weber asked if there is any legal relief being sought from the supplier of the faulty material.

Mr. Hale said he did not think there is any legal opinion at this time.

On motion of Commissioner Zadra, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion carried unanimously, Chair Weber ordered that the agreement be approved and the Executive Director be authorized to execute the agreement.

5.2 Acknowledge receipt of the SouthEast Connector Landscape and Aesthetics update and provide direction accordingly (*For Possible Action*)

Garth Oksol, RTC Project Manager, addressed the Board and gave a presentation showing the materials and designs chosen for the SouthEast Connector by a community working group for this project. Mr. Oksol also provided the reasoning behind their choices where pertinent.

On motion of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Zadra, which motion carried unanimously, Chair Weber ordered that receipt of the report be acknowledged.

Item 6.1 and 4.7 PLANNING

6.1 Acknowledge receipt of the Transit Summit update; provide direction accordingly (*For Possible Action*)

Amy Cummings, RTC Planning Director, briefly explained the purpose and goals of the Transit Summit and then introduced Michael Moreno, RTC Public Information Officer, who discussed the Transit Connections 2013 “soft launch” campaign planned for presentation to the community.

Mr. Moreno introduced Rob Gaedtke and Julia Kruper of KPS3 who proceeded to show the various media presentations – a radio spot, print ads for both newspaper and buses, and a television ad. These were all very well received.

Commissioner Zadra commented that the emotional tie in the messages is great and should connect to just about everyone.

Mr. Moreno said the message that is mainly being expressed is: “While not everyone rides transit, everyone benefits from those who do.”

Chair Weber suggested that the individual entities should include the ads and announcement about the summit on their websites. She added that word should also get out to the various NABs and CABs and any other groups that the entities meet with, along with staff at UNR.

On motion of Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Zadra and Mayor Cashell, which motion carried unanimously, Chair Weber ordered that receipt of the update be acknowledged.

4.7 Approve the RTC federal priorities and provide direction accordingly (*For Possible Action*) – *held from Consent Items as requested by E.D. Lee Gibson*

Amy Cummings, RTC Planning Director, addressed the Board to give a brief presentation. She explained that the project and priorities shown are included in MAP 21 reauthorization so that is the focus of everything transportation related.

On the policy side of things, staff wants to support the I-11 corridor project coming through Northern Nevada.

They are also trying to have a national bus and bus facilities program created which is targeted towards the development of a new funding stream for bus transit facilities who need to modernize their maintenance facilities.

E.D. Gibson interjected to explain that with MAP 21 the bus facilities program funding was cut in half and it was then formulized. The way it is formulized is much too slow for needs that must be met now. This is a push for Congress to fully fund this program.

Ms. Cummings continued, explaining some of the specific transit projects that staff would like to see move forward to save money such as the Electric Bus project, the 4th Street/Prater Way project and the extension of the RAPID system to UNR. On the roadway side the Pyramid/US 395 Connector, the widening of US 395 north of I-80 and the I-80 Corridor Investment Plan are priorities. She added that the Pyramid/McCarran Intersection project has been fully funded which is why it is no longer on the list of priorities.

On motion of Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Smith and Mayor Cashell, which motion carried unanimously, Chair Weber ordered that receipt of the update be approved.

Item 7.1 LEGAL REPORT

Legal Counsel Dale Ferguson said he had no legal matters for discussion.

Item 8 PUBLIC INPUT

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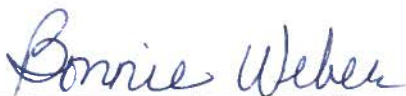
There being no one wishing to speak, the Chair closed public input.

Item 9 MEMBER ITEMS

Chair Weber thanked RTC staff for their participation and help during the public meetings on the Pyramid/US 395 Connector project.

Item 10 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.



BONNIE WEBER, Chair
Regional Transportation Commission