

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE (BRC) FOR TRANSIT**

November 20, 2014 Meeting Minutes

BRC Members Present

Alicia Barber, BRC Facilitator
Tray Abney, The Chamber
Lisa Bonie, Northern Nevada Center for Independent Living
Bernie Carter, Dacole
Steve Driscoll, City of Sparks
Pat Flynn, Peppermill Hotel Casino
Phylis Freyer, Renown Health
Carl Hasty, Tahoe Transportation District
Mike Kazmierski, EDAWN
David Lippincott, Community Advocate
George McKinlay, Nevada Center of Excellence in Disabilities
Connie McMullen, Senior Spectrum
Cloyd Phillips, Community Services and Development Corporation
John Russell, Laborer's Union
Jeff Sallan, Dickson Realty
Gerald Smith, The Nell J. Redfield Foundation
Rachel Solemsaas, Truckee Meadows Community College
Art Sperber, Community Advocate
Jean Stoess, Community Advocate

RTC Staff

Lee Gibson, David Jickling, Amy Cummings, Stephanie Haddock, Michael Moreno, Jacqueline Maldonado

Guests

Daniel Inouye, Buzz Harris

The meeting was called to order at the Regional Transportation Commission Boardroom by RTC Executive Director, Lee G. Gibson at 11:09 a.m.

ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

ITEM 2. PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

ITEM 3. PRESENTATION OF "VOICES FOR TRANSIT VIDEO"

This item was removed from the agenda.

ITEM 4. DISCUSSION ABOUT THE STATEMENT OF NEED FOR THE TRANSIT SYSTEM

Alicia Barber, BRC Facilitator read through the components and discussed each bullet on the Statement of Need items. Alicia asked BRC to give any changes or additions to the statement. A discussion followed with many edits implemented from the committee for continued updates on the needs to the transit system. A copy of the hand out is available at the RTC Planning Department.

RTC Planning Director, Amy Cummings suggested coming back next month with specific transit needs when the committee is ready to further discuss the various demands of the community in order to prioritize them into the Statement of Need.

Specific changes/additions recommended include:

- Transit plays a critical role
- Change jobs to employment on the 1st bullet
- Remove low moderate income residents from the 2nd bullet
- Change 3rd bullet to: Transit provides a healthy environment and lifestyle through improved air quality and encouragement of non-vehicle transportation while decreasing congestion.
- Eliminate the last three bullets
- Add statements for funding shortfalls

ITEM 5. DISCUSSION ABOUT TRANSIT SERVICE REDUCTIONS WITHIN CURRENT FUNDING LEVELS

RTC Executive Director, Lee Gibson gave a presentation on the projected funding shortfall for transit operations along with RTC Chief Financial Officer Stephanie Haddock. A copy of the presentation is available at the RTC Planning Department. Discussion followed.

RTC Director of Public Transportation and Operations, David Jickling gave a brief discussion on the reductions within the funding levels of the transit service. A copy of the presentation is available at the RTC Planning Department. Discussion followed.

George McKinlay mentioned that cuts on the transit bus routes will shift people to the paratransit service which will have an impact on the paratransit services.

Amy indicated that there is no transit service cuts planned as of today and the information is for discussion purposes only. If additional revenue is not made available, cuts will be necessary.

Lee stated that without sustainable revenue the system will be paired down to fit the current revenue which the presentation shows the kind of cuts that could be expected. Further discussion followed.

ITEM 6. DISCUSSION ABOUT ALTERNATIVE FUNDING SCENARIOS

Amy gave a brief discussion on the presentation of alternative funding scenarios with the elements of the Transit Vision. Discussion followed. A packet of information with a list of transportation funding options and a list of 2014 ballot initiatives supporting transportation was handed out. A copy of the presentation and the handouts are available at the RTC Planning Department.

Lee stated that Alicia will give a summary and continue to engage a dialogue about how to reach equilibrium with sustainable funding and a sustainable system at the next BRC meeting.

ITEM 7. PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

ITEM 8. MEMBER ITEMS

- Summary of peer city comparisons nationwide
- 10 year period of changes in transit

Lee mentioned next Tuesday is Stuff A Bus for Seniors at Aces Ball Park.

ITEM 9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.