

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA**

FRIDAY

9:08 A.M.

November 18, 2016

PRESENT:

**Neoma Jardon, Reno City Council Member, Chair
Ron Smith, Sparks City Council Member, Vice Chair
Bob Lucey, Washoe County Commissioner
Paul McKenzie, Reno City Council Member
Marsha Berkbigler, Washoe County Commissioner**

**Lee G. Gibson, RTC Executive Director
Dale Ferguson, Legal Counsel
Rudy Malfabon, Director of NDOT**

The regular monthly meeting, held in the Best Western Airport Plaza, 1981 Terminal Way, Reno, Nevada, was called to order by Chair Jardon. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our country and the roll call, the Board conducted the following business:

Item 1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Vice Chair Smith, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion unanimously carried, Chair Jardon ordered that the agenda for this meeting be approved.

Item 2.1 PUBLIC INPUT

Chair Jardon 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.

Mr. Craig Madole, representing the AGC, requested that the RTC work to ensure the taxpayers are not going to lose their money due to the recent fraudulent loss of funds.

Mr. John Odin, representing Outdoor Marquis, would like the Board to consider allowing advertising at the RTC bus stations.

Mr. Bernie Carter, representing the property owners on Virginia Street, has requested that a center turn lane be included in the RTC's plans for Virginia St. in the Midtown area.

Mr. Tim Carter, representing the property owners on Virginia Street, has requested that a center turn lane be included in the RTC's plans for Virginia St. in the Midtown area.

The Chair announced that Kamy Kashmiri, Mark Thierman and Patrick Tanner did not wish to speak individually under Public Comment. They do; however, support Bernie and Tim Carter in their remarks.

Ms. Katie Colling, representing (*undecipherable*) co-op, questioned why businesses/homes would be torn down to install a new bus station.

Ms. Cathy Langdahl, representing Panages Investments and the Flower Bucket, is opposed to the widening of Prater Way with regard to her property.

Regarding the Virginia Street Corridor project, Vice Chair Smith clarified that the RTC does not put out a recommended design until it is approved by the governing board; in this case the Reno City Council.

Chair Jardon responded that the public comment during the Reno City Council meeting was focused more on widening sidewalks and beautification of the corridor. Since that meeting, concern has arisen pertaining to the lack of a center turn lane. The plans may be changed at this point if the majority desire it and the plan will then most likely go before the City Council for further discussion.

A petition was submitted by Midtown property owners for the record requesting that center turn lanes be added to the project plan.

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

Item 3.1 thru 3.12 CONSENT ITEMS

Items 3.5 3.7 were pulled following the posting of the agenda due to resolutions with the property owners. Commissioner McKenzie requested that Item 3.3 be pulled for discussion.

Minutes

3.1 Approve the minutes of the October 27, 2016, meeting (*For Possible Action*)

Administration

3.2 Approve the Investment Committee report for the quarter ended September 30, 2016 (*For Possible Action*)

Engineering

3.4 Approve a Resolution of Condemnation authorizing RTC's legal counsel to commence condemnation proceedings to acquire two (2) permanent easements and one (1) temporary construction easement on APN 032-072-25, from Black Rock Trust dated May 5, 2015, necessary to construct 4th Street & Prater Way Bus Rapid Transit Project from Evans Avenue to Pyramid Way (*For Possible Action*)

- 3.5 **Item pulled due to a resolution with property owners prior to this meeting.**
- 3.6 **Approve a Resolution of Condemnation authorizing RTC's legal counsel to commence condemnation proceedings to acquire two (2) permanent easements and one (1) temporary construction easement on APN 032-072-26 from Panages Investments, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company, necessary to construct 4th Street & Prater Way Bus Rapid Transit Project from Evans Avenue to Pyramid Way (*For Possible Action*)**
- 3.7 **Item pulled due to a resolution with property owners prior to this meeting.**
- 3.8 **Approve Amendment 03 of the Fiscal Year 2017 (FY 17) Street & Highway Program of Projects (S&H POP) (*For Possible Action*)**

Procurement and Contracts

- 3.9 **Approve Amendment 1 to the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement (ICA) with the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) for Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds for delivery of an Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) project (*For Possible Action*)**
- 3.10 **Approve the staff recommendation of Paragon Partners, Ltd., to provide the right of way acquisition services for the Virginia Street Mid-Town RAPID Extension to University of Nevada Project; authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute the final Professional Service Agreement (PSA) (*For Possible Action*)**
- 3.11 **Approve a relocation agreement with AT&T to temporarily relocate telephone facilities along Pembroke Drive; authorize the RTC Executive Director to execute the agreement (*For Possible Action*)**
- 3.12 **Approve the draft Request for Proposals for the provision of RTC ACCESS ADA Paratransit Services (*For Possible Action*)**

On motion of Commissioner Berkbigler, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie, which motion carried unanimously, Chair Jardon ordered that Consent Items 3.1 through 3.12 be approved with the exception of items 3.5 and 3.7 which were pulled from the agenda.

- 3.3 **Approve updates to the Bylaws of the RTC Board of Commissioners submitted with this agenda item (*For Possible Action*) (*pulled for discussion*)**

On discussion, Commissioner McKenzie requested that language be added to the bylaws reflecting that the Thursday meetings would be held in the afternoon timeframe.

Board Clerk Denise Thompson commented that a specific time had not been set in the bylaws because there was no specific time in the original bylaws.

Commissioner Lucey said that if the bylaws reflect a specific time, it may not work well for future commission members, so recommended that the wording be left as is.

Chair Jardon agreed that the minutes reflect an afternoon meeting as to not conflict with other meetings.

Vice Chair Smith asked if such specific language would restrict the Commission from moving the meeting to another day on an as need basis.

RTC Legal Counsel Dale Ferguson responded that the bylaw wording still allows the meeting to be moved if requested by the commission on a case by case basis.

Vice Chair Smith said the wording in the first paragraph does not work for the City of Sparks because the mayor is not technically part of the City Council and may not participate on the RTC Commission. He requested that Mr. Ferguson address this with the legislature.

Mr. Ferguson said he would comply but that it is not a part of this particular action.

On motion of Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Vice Chair Smith, which motion carried unanimously, Chair Jardon ordered that the requested wording "Thursday Afternoon" be added.

Item 4 LEGAL REPORT

Legal Counsel Dale Ferguson said he had no items for discussion.

Item 5 PUBLIC INPUT

Chair Jardon 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.

Ms. Katie Colling requested an answer to a question she had and Chair Jardon said that staff would be happy to talk with her but the Commissioners are not allowed to engage in conversation with the requestor during Public Comment.

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


Item 6 MEMBER ITEMS

Commissioner McKenzie requested an update from NDOT on the homeless encampments along the freeway be brought to the next meeting. NDOT Director Malfabon said he will bring an update to the next meeting under director reports.

Item 7 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Berkbigler, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion carried unanimously, Chair Jardon ordered that the meeting be adjourned.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.


NEOMA JARDON, Chair
Regional Transportation Commission