

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA**

**FRIDAY**

**1:05 P.M.**

**March 16, 2017**

**PRESENT:**

**Bob Lucey, Washoe County Commissioner, Vice Chairman  
Paul McKenzie, Reno City Council Member  
Marsha Berkgigler, Washoe County Commissioner  
Neoma Jardon, Reno City Council Member  
Charlene Bybee, Sparks City Council Member, Alternate**

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

The special monthly meeting, held in the Holiday Inn, 55 E. Nugget Ave., Sparks, Nevada, was called to order by Vice Chairman Lucey. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our country and the roll call, the Board conducted the following business:

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, OTHER**

**RECOGNITION OF MOHAMMED SARWAR, MV TRANSPORTATION'S 2016 DRIVER OF THE YEAR**

Tom Wittig, GM with M/V Transportation, presented a certificate and spoke in recognition of Mr. Sarwar as the 2016 M/V coach operator of the year.

***Item 1      APPROVAL OF AGENDA***

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

***Item 2.1      PUBLIC INPUT***

Vice Chairman Lucey 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. Paula Penrod, local resident, spoke in favor of Jenny Brekhus' statements pertaining to the need for additional stoplights and flashing crosswalk lights in the downtown area for safety purposes. Ms. Penrod stated that she has met with resistance from all local entities when

requesting a 4-way stop light at the intersection of 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Washington. Ms. Penrod's son was killed at that intersection in January 2011.

Ms. Dora Vehel, local resident, spoke on Item 3.3 and her concern that she will not be able to use RTC RIDE or ACCESS after-hours, such as in the case of emergency or for shopping when she gets off of work late in the evening. Ms. Vehel also mentioned that the location of this workshop made it difficult for anyone disabled to attend as the nearest bus stop is quite a distance away.

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

### ***Item 3.1 thru 3.6 CONSENT ITEMS***

#### ***Minutes***

**3.1 Approve the minutes of the February 16, 2017, meeting (*For Possible Action*)**

#### ***Finance***

**3.2 Acknowledge receipt of the report regarding indexed fuel taxes in Washoe County as required by NRS 373.065 (*For Possible Action*)**

#### ***Public Transportation and Operations***

**3.3 Approve the FY 2018-2022 Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) (*For Possible Action*)**

#### ***Procurement and Contracts***

**3.4 Authorize the Executive Director to negotiate up to a 90-day extension of the contract with First Transit to provide RTC ACCESS paratransit service (*For Possible Action*)**

**3.5 Approve the advertising agreement with Joyce Communications, Inc. not to exceed \$97,500, for TV/Radio advertising services on "Eye on Washington with Marilee Joyce" and for RTC editorials in Nevada's Washington Watch, a digital newsletter; authorize the Executive Director to execute the agreement (*For Possible Action*)**

**3.6 Approve a Relocation Agreement with AT&T to temporarily relocate telephone facilities along Pembroke Drive; authorize the Executive Director to execute the agreement (*For Possible Action*)**

On motion of Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Jardon, which motion carried unanimously, Vice Chairman Lucey ordered that Consent Items 3.1 through 3.6 be approved.

### ***Item 4.1 thru 4.3 DIRECTOR REPORTS***

#### **Item 4.1 RTC Executive Director Report**

Executive Director Lee Gibson updated the Board on the following topics:

RTC staff went to Carson City to provide an overview of RTC programs to the Senate Transportation Committee and Assembly Transportation Committee. Both of the reports were well received.

The E.D. testified at the legislature on SB-149 regarding a modernization of technologies and partnerships for joint development.

The legislature is also considering SB-207 which would create a permanent committee with the jurisdiction to look at transportation issues. The purpose would be to look at issues statewide.

The RTC sponsored a Transportation Innovation day where Senators Gustavson, Hammond and Manendo all took a ride on an electric bus. Las Vegas also brought their autonomous bus which is currently operating in the city.

The Draft 2040 RTP will be presented at the April Board meeting after numerous public meetings and workshops have been held.

Lastly, there are free rides on RIDE and all RTC transit services for St. Patrick's Day from 4:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

#### **Item 4.2 RTC Federal Report**

A written report was provided in the Board agenda packets and E.D. Gibson added the following information:

President Trump released his "skinny" budget but a member of the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Committee stated that they would not accept the President's budget as it stands and they would be asking for full funding at the FAST ACT levels.

#### **Item 4.3 NDOT Director Report**

NDOT Director Rudy Malfabon started off by saying how much he appreciates the efforts made when looking into the homeless citizen issue in our area and a cleanup was recently done to clear out the freeway right-of-way areas.

He also mentioned a discussion on getting full funding of the FAST ACT at the federal level.

Next Dir. Malfabon updated the Board on recent road repairs that had been required due to the weather conditions this winter. He added that there would most likely be a full pavement overlay project from Reno to the California boarder on I-80 within the next year.

Nick Johnson, NDOT Project Manager for the Spaghetti Bowl project, gave a brief presentation on that project and more specifically, on what the NEPA process will involve, how long it is estimated to take and what upcoming public outreach meetings have been scheduled. The project is being expedited as much as possible.

Commissioner Jardon asked where the variable speed limit signs will start on I-80.

Mr. Johnson was not positive but assumes they will be somewhere west of Keystone and he added that the signs do have to go through a NEPA process, but at the lowest levels.

Commissioner Bybee asked if the 3.5 year timeline he mentioned will be the end of the project or the end of the traffic study.

Mr. Johnson responded that it will be the end of the traffic study. NEPA in Nevada generally takes 6-9 years to complete so to have it done in 3.5 years is extremely accelerated. Construction will take another 2-4 years to following NEPA.

Commissioner Jardon gave a shout out to Governor Sandoval for his support of this project as it is his first priority for the state road projects.

E.D. Gibson asked what the RTC can do to help with the Spaghetti Bowl project.

Mr. Johnson responded that the RTC's continued and expanded support of the project is an enormous help.

#### ***Item 5.1 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND OPERATIONS***

##### **5.1 Acknowledge receipt of a report on advertising on passenger shelters and provide direction to staff (*For Possible Action*)**

Mr. David Jickling, Director of Public Transportation and Operations, addressed the Board to discuss the potential of advertising on transit shelters. He continued, saying that at this time, all three entities have restrictions on advertising, but especially the City of Reno. So far, discussions have reached an impasse.

He went on to say that if the RTC were to move forward, staff would potentially hire an advertising company to handle the details and meet with opposing groups such as Scenic Nevada. He added that there is not much revenue recognized from this type of advertising. He then offered to answer any questions and receive direction from the Board.

Commissioner McKenzie thinks the idea of using advertising revenues to add more shelters in the region is a good idea because there is definitely a shortage of shelters.

Commissioner Jardon said now that the case between Scenic Nevada and the City of Reno has been settled in favor of the City it may be easier to work something out and pursue this idea. She added that she would like it specified that any proceeds from the advertising are to go into the construction of shelters and/or maintenance of future shelters.

On motion of Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Jardon, which motion carried unanimously, Vice Chairman Lucey ordered that the report be acknowledged with the direction given.

**Item 6.1 thru 6.2      GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

- 6.1      Discussion and approval of an RTC Commission response to a letter from Councilwoman Jenny Brekhus published in the Reno Gazette Journal concerning, among other things, the use of RTC funds, safety, and the priority of the Spaghetti Bowl (*For Possible Action*)

E.D. Gibson explained that the letter provided for the Commissioners' review was drafted by the RTC in response to Councilwoman Brekhus' letter to the RJG. He said the letter addresses multiple topics raised by Ms. Brekhus where the RTC believes there were deficiencies in either her facts or logic, and this letter corrects the record in those areas.

Vice Chairman Lucey then asked if any of the commissioners had questions.

Commissioner McKenzie mentioned the public commenter that had spoken earlier about the need for a stoplight at a Reno intersection (Ms. Penrod) and asked if anyone from the City of Reno had reached out to the RTC on that topic yet.

Mr. Garth Oksol, RTC Acting Director of Engineering, responded that no one had reached out to his knowledge.

Ms. Julie Masterpool, RTC Engineering Manager for Traffic, said that she had had discussion with City of Reno staff on specific locations for traffic analysis.

Commissioner McKenzie then asked Steve Bunnell from the City of Reno to come up and speak on this topic.

Mr. Bunnell said there have been issues at the 4<sup>th</sup> & Washington location for some time and Reno staff have spoken with the RTC about the possibility of installing a traffic signal there.

Commissioner McKenzie then said the reason he brought this up is because Councilwoman Brekhus is saying she's been getting no response from the RTC, but in his experience, when something serious like this comes up, there is always action by the RTC and Reno staff. He doesn't believe Ms. Penrod is getting the whole story and would like his sentiments made for the record.

Commissioner Jardon said that she had spoken with Ms. Penrod before she left and said that she would ensure that alternatives will be looked into for the area she is concerned about.

She then commented on the letter in question and asked for an additional remark to be added about the Spaghetti Bowl with regard to the congestion problems it causes.

Vice Chairman Lucey agreed with Commissioner Jardon and said that the Spaghetti Bowl congestion affects more than just the local residents as it is also a major thruway for commerce for both Western Nevada and Eastern California.

Commissioner Berkbigler agrees with the general consensus and pointed out that she receives calls and letters frequently from her constituents regarding the 4<sup>th</sup>/Washington intersection and it is a real concern.

RTC Legal Counsel Dale Ferguson asked for a motion that all the commissioners would approve and sign the letter prior to its being submitted to the RGJ.

The motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie and seconded by Commissioners Bybee and Jardon and passed unanimously.

6.2 Legal Issues - Report, discussion and possible action and/or direction to legal counsel and staff following receipt of information on legal issues. The RTC may, consistent with Chapter 241 of NRS, decide to interrupt the public meeting at any time to conduct a closed session to confer with legal counsel and possibly deliberate on legal issues. Any action on pending legal matters will be made when the public meeting is reconvened. *(For Possible Action)*

Legal Counsel Dale Ferguson updated the Board on legal matters of interest to the RTC as follows:

Mr. Ferguson updated the commissioner on two eminent domain actions.

The first is the Elmwood parcel on the 4<sup>th</sup>/Prater project. The parcel sits on the SE corner of 4<sup>th</sup> and Evans and Elmwood LLC, who owns the parcel, challenged the RTC's occupancy on the property. The RTC opposed that challenge and filed a motion for a summary judgement which was granted by the court. As a result, the court also granted occupancy to the RTC. Elmwood LLC has now filed a motion to stay the RTC's occupancy and a petition with the NV Supreme Court to review the judge's decision to grant the RTC summary judgment and occupancy. The motion to stay requests that occupancy be withheld from the RTC until the NV Supreme Court decides the petition. The RTC has opposed the stay motion and will now be briefing the petition that is before the NV Supreme Court.

Secondly, a motion was received the day before this meeting pertaining to the imminent domain action that involves the SouthEast Connector. The Bella Vista Ranch, which is the property owner in that case, has moved the court to postpone the trial date or continue the trial date which is currently scheduled for June 19<sup>th</sup>. The relevance of that is the statute requires the trial occur within two years after the summons is served. The date of valuation is on the summons date unless trial does not occur within two years. If that happens, the date of valuation is moved to the date of trial. The statute provides that if the delay is primarily caused by the plaintiffs (the RTC) that is what happens. If it's caused by the defendants (Bella Vista Ranch), the valuation date stays the same. In this case it could be important and he wanted the Commission to be aware that the motion has been filed.

Mr. Ferguson had no other updates at this time and the item was closed.

***Item 7 PUBLIC INPUT***

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

***Item 8 MEMBER ITEMS***

There were no member items.

***Item 9 ADJOURNMENT***

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

  
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BOB LUCEY, Vice Chairman  
Regional Transportation Commission

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Stephanie Haddock, RTC Finance Director  
Garth Oksol, RTC Acting Engineering Director  
David Jickling, RTC Public Transportation/Operations Director  
Amy Cummings, RTC Planning Director  
Angela Reich, RTC Admin. Services Director**

The special Board workshop, held at the Holiday Inn, 55 E. Nugget Ave., Sparks, Nevada, was called to order by Vice Chairman Lucey to conduct the following business:

**\*\*No action was taken during this workshop other than to  
approve the agenda and to adjourn\*\***

***Item 1        APPROVAL OF AGENDA***

On motion of Commissioner Jardon, seconded by Commissioners Berkbigler and Bybee, which motion unanimously carried, Vice Chairman Lucey ordered that the agenda for this meeting be approved.

***Item 2 .1     PUBLIC INPUT***

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**ITEM 3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AGENCY OVERVIEW AND RECAP OF PREVIOUS YEAR'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

E.D. Gibson said he planned to review accomplishment highlights for the preceding year, such as the hosting of the APTA Bus and Paratransit conference which was scheduled for May 2017. However, there was no presentation for this item so he moved on to some of the goals being carried over to FY 2018. A couple of carryover goals mentioned were:

- To develop the U-Pass with UNR and TMCC
- Continue to work on the Pedestrian Safety Improvement Plan and set projects for the next year
- Work on federal legislative matters

He then said he planned to move on to the next item on the agenda.

Vice Chairman Lucey stated he had received a late request to speak so called Ms. Donna Clontz to the microphone.

Ms. Clontz, representing both the Reno and Washoe County Senior Advisory Committees, addressed the Board to let them know her Committees are in the process of organizing "Older Americans" month which is the entire month of May. The theme of the event is Aging Out Loud which encourages seniors to get outside and volunteer to teach kids, fundraising, enjoying the parks, riding buses, etc. She said the RTC has partnered with her committees many times and she thanked staff for providing a full size bus to take 25 seniors to the legislature on Senior Day. There will be 35 to 40 events for seniors during the month, including the Stuff a Bus event which provides needed supplies to seniors in the region.

The Vice Chairman then closed the public comment period.

**ITEM 4 REVIEW OF THE RTC'S FEDERAL PRIORITIES**

E.D. Gibson discussed the Shared Federal Framework (SFF) program from 2013 and said it will be repeated in the upcoming year. He went on to explain that the SFF included representation from most every entity in the region, speaking as one voice, and was extremely successful. Staff would like to get this group going as soon as possible because there is a new administration in Washington DC.

Appropriations language for requests will be looked into because there will be such a divide in Congress that legislative delays could delay projects on our end. TIGER Small Starts and Freight discretionary grant funds are still out there and should be pursued whenever possible.

The RTC's big federal priority projects are the Spaghetti Bowl, US 395 North and the Virginia Street RAPID and they may all require some authorization or appropriations type of language to keep them going forward.

It has always been the standard for the RTC Commission to leverage federal funding to its greatest extent for projects that benefit the community.

The E.D. believes that if federal monies are not allocated then federal regulations should not be applied - he then referred to the Buy America policy that has been applied to public utilities.

Commissioner Berkbigler asked the E.D. to define “thin” as in the President’s “thin” budget.

He responded, saying that the administration recommended budget reductions of 13% for the Department of Transportation and 30% for the Federal Transit Administration. The President is suggesting the elimination of the exact type of funds the RTC wants to utilize for Virginia Street. However, a representative from the Department of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Committee has said that won’t happen. But if it does happen, those funds may be reallocated to the military or to a wall on the Mexican border.

Commissioner Berkbigler has serious concerns about funding for public transportation around Lake Tahoe because they are already running as minimally as possible and public transit is desperately needed. Additionally, the senior population is quickly growing and they need transit more than just about anyone.

E.D. Gibson said he has no issue if a president wants to get rid of a particular program but advance notice is appreciated.

Vice Chairman Lucey talked about the influx of residents in our region and believes that we will continue to grow so it is crucial to be dialed into our federal delegation and transportation funding must continue in order to meet the growth in our future.

E.D. Gibson said that with some quick math it looks like transit funding could be reduced by as much as a 5-8% reduction in total federal revenues received for transit.

Commissioner McKenzie agrees with E.D. Gibson that communication must continue with the federal delegation as well as with local governments because the President is saying he knows transit and other federal funding is still needed but it will be up to the local governments to fund it now.

Commissioner Berkbigler agrees with Commissioner McKenzie and even though the RTC is known to make every dollar stretch as far as it will go, things may need to tighten up even more and these potential funding cuts must be taken very seriously.

E.D. Gibson said he will draft a letter to the delegation on this topic.

Vice Chairman Lucey said he believes transportation remains the primary focus of future planning so the RTC or any transit authority needs to be a leader in the region and look at how residents will get around, especially the region with all of the anticipated growth and the spread of industry outside of the region. He believes fuel tax is a dying source of funding with the electric car generation moving forward, so a new type of funding will eventually be needed for road construction.

**ITEM 5      OVERVIEW OF RTC AREAS OF BUSINESS: METROPOLITAN PLANNING,  
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, STREETS AND HIGHWAYS**

*and*

**ITEM 6      DISCUSSION ON FISCAL YEAR 2018 TENTATIVE BUDGET AND GOALS**

Item 5 was combined with Item 6 and presented together as follows:

Amy Cummings, RTC Planning Director, started a presentation containing goals for the upcoming year and said the main thing she was looking for input on at this meeting is the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). This year it will include a two-year call for projects. She then presented the project priorities planned for the next year and highlighted the planning documents that will be coming out, including the RTP, the 5-year RTIP and the 2-year UPWP.

She continued, reviewing the planning studies involved for specific projects and also mentioned the potential of a bike share program. She then gave the Board the opportunity to add or change priorities should they see fit.

Commissioner McKenzie suggested that the entities work together to ensure that affordable housing is being placed where there is transportation in place, but to especially work with Regional Planning.

Commissioner McKenzie also said an alternate route will be needed once construction begins on US-395 and Virginia Street is not currently capable of accommodating that type of traffic.

Commissioner Bybee asked what type of housing is being looked at for the TOD/Affordable Housing Study. Is it low income housing, workforce housing or both? She added that those in workforce housing may also need transit.

Commissioner McKenzie said that the average wage most of the workforce being brought to the city is well below 60% of AMI which qualifies as low income housing and not affordable workforce housing. He is not happy that these large businesses are not paying a livable wage but also are not paying taxes to help citizens in need, which leaves the public entities to take care of them with no budget to do so. He believes that EDawn has created an enormous hole in the region by bringing in all these jobs that do not pay well.

Vice Chairman Lucey agreed with Commissioner McKenzie.

Commissioner Jardon asked how the RTC Vanpool program can be and “automatic” thought for the employers out at TRIC. It is not feasible to put transit out that way at this point due to the expense.

Commissioner McKenzie suggested that it be made a requirement that these larger companies participate in providing transit for their employees whether it be a new bus system or simply paying for the vanpools. The Governor’s office said transit is one of their biggest concerns right now.

Commissioner Jardon agrees and it would be in the best interest of the businesses to get employees out there. There should be some way to incentivize employers or even pressure them to make this happen.

She also asked if there isn't some mechanism to trigger traffic calming measures besides the public requesting them. If there is a huge apartment complex and other development, traffic calming and/or safety measures should automatically be part of the development plans.

Vice Chairman Lucey agrees and believes the developers should be held responsible for implementing or triggering traffic calming measures. Developers currently reap the rewards of the development boom in the area with minimal output, but they are also the cause of the additional traffic.

Commissioner Bybee is very concerned about the increase in speeding on every road in the region and asked if there is some way for all the entities, including the RTC, to share information on what they are seeing and where traffic calming measures are being implemented.

Commissioner McKenzie said that traffic calming doesn't always need to be a round-a-bout or a speed bump. Sometimes a road with narrower lanes and a landscaped divider is the best way to slow traffic down because people aren't as comfortable going fast when it's narrow.

Ms. Cummings thanked everyone for their input and then mentioned that a bike share study was done a couple of years ago and it was not found to be feasible for the RTC's budget; however, there has been some discussion with private companies who may be interested in sponsoring a bike share program and asked she if there is any interest in pursuing options for public/private partnerships.

Commissioner Jardon said yes, please move forward with pursuing those options.

David Jickling, RTC Public Transportation and Operations Director, then addressed the Board to review his program goals and the potential challenges that accompany some of them. They included the following:

- Implement 1<sup>st</sup> Year of Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP)
- Develop Fixed-Route Transit (RTC RIDE) Operations and Maintenance RFP
- Comprehensive fare restructuring
- Develop a U-Pass with UNR and TMCC – Continued
- Addition of TNCs (Uber and Lyft) to the Senior Ride Program
- Continued expansion of VanPool Program
- Develop a Choice Ridership Marketing Campaign – Continued
- Greyhound Relocation at RTC CENTENNIAL PLAZA

Commissioner Bybee asked if there is any ability to use electronic payment methods on our transit.

Mr. Jickling responded with the various payment methods used by the RTC, including a mobile payment method on your smart phone. There is a hope to implement new fare boxes on the coaches that will actually read your phones while they are still in your pocket.

Commissioner Bybee then encouraged staff to implement a refillable hard plastic card that could be used on various types of transit. It could also be used to better track rider information for reporting purposes. Many times, local merchants will even provide discounts to card holders.

Stephanie Haddock, RTC Finance Director and CFO, then reviewed the following facilities and capital planning goals for the year as follow:

- Safety & Security Initiative for 4<sup>th</sup>/Prater Corridor & 4TH STREET STATION
- Villanova Maintenance Facility Ribbon-Cutting
- Take delivery of 5 Proterra Electric Buses
- Exercise the option for 15 Proterra Electric Buses
- Implement Software and Hardware Updates

There was a brief discussion on the Safety & Security Initiatives for the 4<sup>th</sup>/Prater Corridor and 4<sup>th</sup> STREET STATION and how these initiatives could also help residents and tourists to be safe.

Next, Garth Oksol, RTC's Acting Director of Engineering, went over the goals for the Street and Highway program which focused mainly on continuous process improvements for existing procedures, such as for the Invitation for Bid (IFB) process.

Ms. Haddock explained that the IFB improvements also cross into her procurement department.

Mr. Oksol then said the RTC is hoping to get back to a previous level for the Pavement Maintenance program which will be approximately \$18 million by 2020. This program budget was substantially reduced during the Great Recession years.

Commissioner Jardon asked if there is any way to start getting back to that type of funding now by carving out future funds from some of the bigger projects.

Ms. Haddock explained that yes, that could potentially be done and that the SouthEast Connector has been the biggest project utilizing funds.

Angela Reich, RTC's Acting Director of Administrative Services, addressed the Board and explained that during the Great Recession the RTC held back on things like recruitments, new positions, etc. Now there is a focus on recruitment, employee development and succession planning. She continued, saying that process improvement is an agency-wide focus and there is a steering committee focusing on those process improvements.

Lastly, Ms. Reich stated that her staff is focusing heavily on the safety and security aspect of the area around and including 4<sup>th</sup> STREET STATION in particular.

Ms. Haddock provided some preliminary numbers pertaining to the tentative budget, explaining that staff would be holding their budget meetings the next day and following those meetings, the tentative budget would be submitted to the Department of Taxation as is required by April 15<sup>th</sup>. Then a formal budget will be created and presented to the Board for approval at its May meeting.

Currently, she is predicting that the FY 2018 Street and Highway program revenues will be around \$139 million because of the fuel tax going up. She continued, saying that projections are being exceeded for impact fees due to the development in the area. Year to date for FY 2017, \$2.5 million in cash has already been taken in from development and the budget was projected at \$3 million.

All the funding needed for current projects has been obtained with the exception of the Virginia Street BRT extension project. There is approximately \$57 million budgeted for complete street and pedestrian improvements and there is \$85 million budgeted for capacity improvements but most of that is for completing the SouthEast Connector.

There is \$435 million in bonds that were taken out and debt service on that is \$27 million per year.

Ms. Haddock moved on to sales tax projections saying that it is also doing very well. She had projected a 6% increase in FY 2017 and will project the same for FY 2018. These funds are fully dedicated to transit. She is projecting that passenger fares will be flat because ridership has been decreasing. Federal revenues have been locked down for our current projects.

Lastly, Ms. Haddock mentioned that the RIDE service will see a 3% increase in cost which is built in to the contract with M/V Transportation. The RFP process was just completed for the RTC ACCESS service and it will equate to a 14% increase in cost for that service. Therefore, the anticipated funds that staff was hoping to put into a new route will now be going into the new paratransit service contract.

Additionally, eligibility requirements are currently being brought in-house for determination rather than having a contractor determine eligibility for the RTC. Travel training is also now being held at Centennial Plaza.

This concluded the FY 2018 Tentative Budget and Goals discussion and Vice Chairman Lucey asked if there were any questions or comments.

John Flansberg, Director of Public Works for the City of Reno, asked if he could speak and the Vice Chair agreed.

Mr. Flansberg then addressed the Board to let them know that the City of Reno will also be helping with the pavement preservation projects in the area.

Ms. Haddock explained that the final budget would not be submitted to the Department of Taxation until June 1<sup>st</sup> so commissioners will have an opportunity at the May public hearing and presentation to provide input or to make a change to the budget before it is submitted.

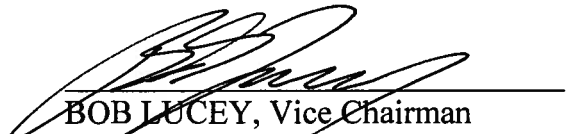
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There being no one wishing to speak, the Vice Chairman closed public input.

***ITEM 8 ADJOURNMENT***

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

  
BOB LUCEY, Vice Chairman  
Regional Transportation Commission