

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA**

THURSDAY

1:01 P.M.

July 20, 2017

PRESENT:

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

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

The regular monthly meeting, held in the Chambers of the Washoe County Commission, 1001 E. 9th Street, Reno, Nevada, was called to order by Chairman Smith. Following the roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our country, the Board conducted the following business:

Item 1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Item 2.1 PUBLIC INPUT

Chairman Smith 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. Cathy Brandhorst addressed the Board to discuss matters of importance to herself.

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

Item 2.2 ADVISORY COMMITTEES SUMMARY REPORT

On motion of Vice Chair Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Berkbigler, which motion unanimously carried, Chairman Smith ordered that receipt of the monthly Summary Report for the Technical, Citizens Multimodal and Regional Road Impact Fee Advisory Committees be acknowledged.

Item 3.1 thru 3.7 CONSENT ITEMS

Chairman Smith requested that Item 3.2 be pulled for discussion.

Minutes

3.1 Approve the minutes of the June 15, 2017, meeting (*For Possible Action*)

Engineering

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

Public Transportation/Operations

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

Planning

3.5 Acknowledge receipt of the monthly Planning Activity Report (*For Possible Action*)

3.6 Approve proposed changes to the Statement of Purpose, Objectives, and Procedures for the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Policies Governing the Citizens Multimodal Advisory Committee (CMAC) (*For Possible Action*)

Finance

3.7 Acknowledge receipt of the Asset Donation Log for the first and second quarters of calendar year 2017 (*For Possible Action*)

On motion of Commissioner Jardon, seconded by Commissioner Berkbigler, which motion carried unanimously, Chairman Smith ordered that Consent Items 3.1 and 3.3 through 3.7 be approved.

3.2 Acknowledge receipt of the monthly Engineering Activity Report (*For Possible Action*) (*pulled for discussion*)

E.D. Gibson addressed the Board to say that over the prior month there have been significant concerns about traffic control, traffic safety, driveway access, and the ability of the contractor to be specific with respect to their involvement with notifying the businesses and how the businesses are being notified. The RTC has been engaged in discussions with the contractor and those discussions are continuing. Staff is in the process of working through liquidated damages and scheduling of the project so when dealing with the public, the information is accurate. He then introduced Brian Stewart, RTC Engineering Director.

Mr. Stewart addressed the Board to provide a quick update on the project and reviewed some of the major underground work that has been done to date. He also discussed the proposed work for the rest of July and August, then offered to answer any questions.

Chair Smith said that Commissioner McKenzie had previously mentioned some kind of water issue and traffic flow issues, so asked Mr. Stewart for clarification.

Mr. Stewart said a full investigation had been done for the water issue and found that it had been handled properly. However, going forward it will be even more important to keep open communications with the businesses involved to let them know what will be occurring.

Commissioner McKenzie said that the business owner who had complained about the water issues stated that there were two days in May where they were without services and there were no Porta-Potties or water provided to them for those two days. When construction came back in June, Porta-Potties and water were provided. Their complaint is that they had to provide these things for themselves in May.

Commissioner McKenzie then stated that he had also asked for a breakdown of the timeline in the contract and comparison of the work completed based on that timeline. It has been more than a month since this request was made and he was not happy that the information had not been received.

Mr. Stewart apologized that the information was not provided and assured him that staff will get it to him as soon as possible.

Commissioner Jardon asked if there is a record of how many times business access has been blocked and what is the RTC process for addressing those issues. She also asked how these type of issues will be handled for the Virginia Street BRT project.

Mr. Stewart said that with the Invitation for Bid agreements there is no interaction with the contractor during the design phase until the bid is awarded and then the specs are enforced. However, there are notification procedures with mandatory timelines in place that must be followed.

Because Virginia Street is using the CMAR process, the contractor is on board during the design team on the front end and can interact with the businesses during the design phase to provide advance information.

Commissioner Jardon said she's glad to be on the record that the RTC is aggressively pursuing violations not only on this project, but on future projects as needed.

Vice Chair Lucey stated that he is a business owner that is impacted by the 4th/Prater project and understands the challenges when there is a limited timespan to do construction in our area. He feels that the scheduling and notification is imperative but has not consistently happened during this project. It is important for the public and business owners to be able to rely on the RTC and its contractors to follow procedures and provide accurate notification.

Mr. Warren Call, RTC Project Manager, then addressed the Board to explain where the sidewalk construction currently stands and that much of the work has been underground work in which progress cannot be easily seen. Currently, the project is approximately three weeks behind schedule and steps are being taken to correct that.

E.D. Gibson added that if the contractor does not improve and enhance their skills and resources allocated to scheduling to the RTC's satisfaction, the RTC will impose that on them by either retaining a firm or professional individual skilled in scheduling, at their cost, to get this three week timeline corrected. That is an allowable provision in the contract.

Commissioner McKenzie said he has always had concerns that this contractor is not qualified to work on a project of this size which is why he called attention to the issue of the timeline. He added that staff needs to be prepared to assess the penalties as needed.

Mr. Call said that there are monthly scheduling meetings on the project where these delays are being discussed along with various remedies. He also said he was not aware that the Commissioner had asked for the timeline schedule but will get on that right away. It was agreed that an email version would be fine.

Mr. Jeff Wilbrecht, RTC Co-Project Manager, addressed the Board and said that this is a very challenging project due to the area it is in and the very old utilities that must be replaced. This has been the main reason for the unforeseen scheduling impacts. The three week delay is not part of the critical path to finishing the project on time and he believes the contractor is still quite capable of making this a successful project.

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Ms. Cathy Brandhorst addressed the Board to discuss matters of importance to herself.

Ms. Leslie Skinner, representing Spanish Springs Construction, addressed the Board to say that the water shutdown complaint from May 16-17 was not them and that TMWA is responsible for providing the Porta-Potties and water to the businesses. With regard to being three weeks behind, she stated that there have been major design changes which have impacted the schedule and they are committed to doing a better job of communicating the impact of those delays.

She then addressed Commissioner McKenzie directly to say that his comments were very offensive to her as they have grown to over 140 employees who are very capable of doing this job. She added that the Commissioner has a history of targeting non-union companies and that is very frustrating to her. She also believes he should recuse himself if he is biased.

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

Chair Smith then asked Commissioner McKenzie to contact Mr. Call right away if he receives any more complaints so that staff can address the issue(s).

On motion of Vice Chair Lucey, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie, which motion carried unanimously, Chairman Smith ordered that Consent Items 3.2 be approved.

Item 4.1 thru 5.4 DIRECTOR REPORTS

Item 4.1 RTC Executive Director Report

E.D. Lee Gibson updated the commissioners on the following topics:

1. A new survey is available for the **Virginia Street Bus RAPID Transit Project** to receive input on lighting, landscaping and hardscape finishes within the Midtown project limits. The survey is available through July 28th at **VirginiaStreetRapidExtension.com**.

The Environmental Assessment public comment period closed on July 6th. The RTC also hosted a public hearing on June 22nd and received comments at that meeting and via email and written letters. The project team is currently working on responses to the comments which will be forwarded to the FTA for review and ultimately for public availability.

2. **Greyhound Update** on the lease agreement with the RTC for use of Centennial Plaza or 4th Street Station.
3. **Dump the Pump Day** was held on June 15th. Free rides were available on all RTC transit services to encourage everyone to “Dump the Pump” and use transit or other modes of transportation instead of driving. There were 26,663 rides taken, which is a slight increase from 2016 (26,285 rides). The public can still record their green trips at **rtctripmatch.com** to be eligible to win prizes through July 31st.
4. A **Bike Share Community Leadership Forum** will be held on August 11th at the UNR Innevation Center. RTC staff has been working with City of Reno & Sparks’ staff to start a community dialogue and invite potential partners to help fund and implement a bike share program in the region. You have all been invited to the forum. An update will be brought to a future meeting on the progress of this initiative.
5. **There is a new campaign to promote transit use to special events. The campaign is called Don’t Drive, Arrive!** Mr. Michael Moreno, RTC Public Affairs Manager, addressed the Board to provide details on this campaign and show the video that will be broadcast on local television stations.

Lastly, E.D. Gibson said that the fixed route contractor, MV Transportation, is currently involved in negotiations with the teamsters on the Collective Bargaining agreement. He stressed that the RTC is not allowed to interfere in the labor relations of any RTC contractor but do monitor the situation.

Commissioner Jardon and Vice Chair Lucey are both excited about the Bike Share project that is being undertaken by the RTC and there are many people coming to town who are interested in the opportunity to use the program.

Item 4.2 RTC Federal Report

A written update was provided in the agenda packet for this month and E.D. Gibson added comment on the following:

There is a change in name for the FASTLANE Grant Program to the INFRA Grant Program. The US-395/Lemmon Drive is still a candidate for those grant funds and did not need to be resubmitted.

Item 4.3 NDOT Director Report

NDOT Director Rudy Malfabon first apologized for not having anyone in attendance at the Reno City Council meeting to give the presentation on the Safety Summit. The presenter was ill but now there is a process in place to have a back-up plan for those situations so the presentation can still go forward.

He then provided brief updates on items of interest to the Commissioners such as various types of federal project funding, the opening of the I-580 Carson freeway and the opening of the southern portion of USA Parkway.

Dir. Malfabon thanked E.D. Gibson for his presentation to the State Transportation Board and for answering many of the Governor's questions.

Commissioner McKenzie had previously asked about some narrow lane issues where the Maverick Gas Station property extended out a little far onto McCarran so Dir. Malfabon updated him on the current status with regard to permitting and the narrow lane issues. He then offered to answer any questions.

Commissioner Jardon expressed her frustration about the delay on the Safety Summit because the family of a pedestrian who had been hit and killed by a vehicle had driven over from California to attend. She was excited for everyone to see some of the new technologies available to enhance pedestrian safety in the region and believes everyone needs to get out in front of the issue before another tragedy occurs.

Dir. Malfabon said he will take the Commissioner's message back to the contractor.

Vice Chair Lucey asked for an update on the Glendale Avenue project.

Dir. Malfabon said that if weather permits, the project should be completed by the end of the year - at least the paving portion of the project.

Vice Chair Lucey then asked for a status update for on-ramps 59, 60 and 61 (Damonte Ranch Pkwy, South Meadows Pkwy, and potentially the off-ramp at South Virginia from I-580 North.

Dir. Malfabon said he would follow up on that project and bring the information back the next month.

Vice Chair Lucey also mentioned that a new development has been approved just off of SR 431 so asked if any studies have been done to see the impact of traffic turning onto SR 431 from Fawn Lane.

Dir. Malfabon said that they typically rely on folks at the District Office, in coordination with the Planning Division, to stay on top of that and to follow what's happening at the Planning Commission meetings to see what's been approved or what's coming down the pike. Unfortunately, it is a challenge with available funding to meet all the needs for the area.

Vice Chair Lucey said it's not a problem and maybe they could have a conversation offline.

Commissioner McKenzie said he would like to see traffic studies done on the McCarran loop for consideration of a reduction of speed limits in the areas that are now developed.

Commissioner Berkbigler agreed with Vice Chair Lucey's concerns about traffic on SR 431 and especially the high speeds of traffic coming down Mt. Rose Hwy.

Dir. Malfabon said NDOT typically coordinates with the NHP to track information on any particular area for traffic speed matters.

Thor Dyson, NDOT District Engineer, addressed the Board and said that the issue at Glendale and Rock should be completed in the near future and opened by the third week of August. He also mentioned that the new Major for NHP actually lives on Fawn Lane and he will most likely be glad to address the concerns mentioned with his resources.

Commissioner Berkbigler said that with regard to the Asante project at Fawn Lane there needs to, at a minimum, be a speed up lane added to SR 431.

Commissioner Lucey suggested that the developer may be willing to put forth the funds for these improvements.

Commissioner Jardon thanked Dir. Malfabon for NDOT's contribution of \$1,000,000 toward safety improvements on local roads.

This concluded the NDOT Director report.

Item 5.1 thru 5.4 GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

5.1 Acknowledge receipt of the RTC Transit Center security update and provide direction accordingly (*For Possible Action*)

Mr. Robert Reeder, RTC Safety and Security Administrator, addressed the Board and provided a brief update on the various safety improvements that have been made at 4th Street Station in

conjunction with Reno Social Services, Catholic Charities, the management organization for the homeless center, among others, to encourage better use of the 4th Street Station facility.

Since these improvements have been implemented, the indicators of security have improved dramatically and they are expected to continue improving. As an example, at the beginning of the year, 4th Street Station's call rate was the Reno Police Department's number one generator of calls; they are now below number 15.

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie to acknowledge receipt of the report and seconded by Commissioner Jardon for discussion.

On discussion, Commissioner Jardon thanked the RTC for all of their efforts toward safety improvements. She also offered materials to give to the homeless population so that there are always resources available to help them.

Upon a vote, the motion unanimously carried and Chairman Smith ordered that receipt of the RTC transit center security update be acknowledged.

5.2 Consider and possibly approve Amendment 2 to the Executive Director's contract to be effective September 1, 2017. Review and consider Executive Director Lee Gibson's performance as it pertains to the proper duties of the position and accomplishment of FY 2017 Goals and adjust compensation accordingly (*For Possible Action*)

E.D. Lee Gibson addressed the Board and stated that Amendment 2 cleans up some administrative measures in his contract that have never come to fruition. The document was amended as follows:

Section 3(b) is amended and restated in its entirety to read:

- Employee's performance shall be reviewed at least once annually at or near the end of the RTC's fiscal year. Said performance shall be evaluated against the duties and obligations of the position, to include goals and objectives which to the extent possible, have been reduced to writing and agreed upon between the parties. The Commission may award a salary increase based upon the findings of the evaluation. The Commission may also award a performance bonus of 0 to 5.0 percent of his current salary. Said bonus shall be determined on or about July 1st of each year but no later than the Employee's anniversary date of October 1st of each year. The award of a bonus shall be based upon Employee's past year's performance of his goals and objectives. The RTC board shall have the sole right to determine performance, but said right shall be subject to a standard of reasonableness. Bonuses given shall not be considered part of Employee's base salary. The Commission shall pay any increase in the Employee's required PERS contributions regardless of whether employee receives any salary increase or performance bonus.

Section 3(d) is deleted.

Section 4(d) is amended and restated in its entirety to read:

- That in addition to the foregoing, Employee shall be entitled to 80 hours annually of paid personal leave. For Fiscal Year 2018, the Employee shall receive an additional 40 hours of leave effective July 1, 2017. Thereafter, the Employee shall receive 80 hours of personal leave beginning January 1st of each year that the Employee remains in the position of Executive Director

Section 7 of the employment agreement is deleted.

Section 8 is amended and restated in its entirety to read:

- A. The RTC agrees to contribute annually on Employee's behalf, _____ percent of annual salary to the deferred compensation plan approved by the RTC. Said payments shall be made on or before December 31 of each year that Employee serves as Executive Director. This amount shall be in lieu of the one percent (1%) match offered to other RTC employees.
- B. In all other respects, except as amended pursuant to the First Amendment, the Employment Agreement shall continue in full force and effect.

Vice Chair Lucey agrees with cleaning up the agreement to clarify some portions and allow flexibility for the Board.

Vice Chair Lucey then continued by reviewing the goals and objectives set by the Board the previous year and there were many completions that were beyond satisfactory. He added that he believes a leader is only as good as his staff and that E.D. Gibson has built one of the strongest teams in Northern Nevada, with regard to government agencies.

He added that yes, there were some challenges in the year and those challenges were addressed and processes were put into place to prevent them from reoccurring. He went on to say that it's how we recover and move forward that needs to be looked at and E.D. Gibson made a great recovery.

He approves of Amendment 2 as it is written.

Commissioner Jardon asked why E.D. Gibson wants to remove the \$500,000 term life from his contract.

Chair Smith said that particular provision is something the E.D. has always been entitled to and it is in his contract but he has never taken it. No payments have ever been made to E.D. Gibson for this portion of the contract.

The E.D. then briefly spoke on the addition of 40 hours of personal leave, explaining that it is use it or lose it and does not affect his PERS allocation at all.

The last item he addressed was an adjustment to his deferred compensation contribution by the agency and he would like to have that increased up to potentially 10%. Again, these funds do not affect his PERS allocation.

Chief Legal Counsel Dale Ferguson suggested that this amendment be taken and voted on in a two-step process, such as first making a motion on the proposed Amendment No. 2 which would be effective September 1, 2017. The motion should be clear as to whether there will be any adjustment to the deferred compensation contribution. After that, the Board can address the E.D.'s performance evaluation separately.

Chair Smith asked the RTC Finance Director Stephanie Haddock asked if the E.D.'s current deferred compensation contribution is equivalent to approximately \$10,000.

Ms. Haddock confirmed and said increasing it to 10% would be approximately \$22,000.

Chair Smith had some questions on whether to use the existing language in the contract for the E.D.'s salary increase, which would be 4%.

Mr. Ferguson said that the E.D. is willing to follow past practices and have the Board set his increase percentage.

Commissioner McKenzie did not care for the increases being asked for. He was under the impression that there was still a bargaining unit at the RTC so E.D. Gibson explained that the union was decertified in 2015 so increases since then have been the same percentages used for all employees. He also explained that in looking at his own increases from 2013 to 2016, his average annual increase was 2.21%, which was just slightly above the bargaining unit when it was in place. Looking back at when E.D. Gibson started with the RTC until 2016, his annual increases average to 1.5% or so which would have been below the bargaining unit when it existed.

Commissioner Jardon said she has no issues with the modifications of the contract but is not in favor of a bonus. She is also in favor of a 3% salary increase and a potential increase of deferred compensation, recommending 7%.

Vice Chair Lucey asked if that was a motion.

Commissioner Jardon said that if it can be a motion in its totality she would agree with that.

Mr. Ferguson clarified that Commissioner Jardon moved to approve Amendment No. 2, eliminating the entitlement of a pay increase, deletion of the \$500,000 term life insurance provision, increase of personal leave by 40 hours, adjusting deferred compensation contribution to 7%, and giving E.D. Gibson a salary increase of 3%. The salary increase is effective July 1, 2017, and the amendment is effective September 1, 2017.

Commissioner Jardon asked to put on the record with regard to the additional 40 hours of personal leave that E.D. Gibson has always been available to all the commissioners at any time, night or day, weekends, holidays, and including when he was away on bereavement leave.

The motion as stated by Mr. Ferguson was so moved by Commissioner Jardon, seconded by Vice Chair Lucey and upon a vote the motion passed unanimously.

5.3 Set Executive Director Lee Gibson’s goals for Fiscal Year 2018 (For Possible Action)

E.D. Lee Gibson addressed the Board to review the goals he set for himself to accomplish in Fiscal Year 2018 as set forth in the briefing materials for this agenda item.

E.D. Gibson reviewed the goals he has set for himself as follow:

1	<p><u>Business Improvement District</u> Participate/facilitate and partner with the City of Reno, Washoe County and non-profits to improve the neighborhood conditions around 4SS</p>
2	<p><u>Virginia Street</u> Conclude NEPA, obtain FTA CIG funding, complete GMP negotiations with SNC, FTA LONP, initiate ROW acquisition/construction</p>
3	<p><u>Organizational Strategy and Succession Planning</u> Identify developmental and cross-training initiatives to prepare staff for lateral and promotional opportunities</p>
4	<p><u>Regional Planning</u> Partner with TMRPA on developing the regional plan. Look to enhance RP/RTP process and coordination. Advance a streamlined approach to the regional planning process for public infrastructure agencies</p>
5	<p><u>Communication Plan</u> Provide better outreach feedback back to constituents</p>
6	<p><u>Public Private Partnerships</u> Joint development program - as part of the affordable housing plan, define criteria when RTC may enter into joint development projects in accordance with the FTA requirements</p>
7	<p><u>Commuter Rail</u> Undertake a strategic assessment. Topics include: funding, delivery, partnership with UP, and define broad level project attributes</p>

8	<p><u>Procurement</u> Update P-13 - RTC's procurement policy. Improve the IFB process to include stronger requirements pertaining to responsiveness and responsible criteria as well as financial capability of firms to deliver projects</p>
9	<p><u>Street and Highway Policy</u> Develop a new Street and Highway Policy that strengthens the relationship between the MPO planning process, entity coordination and project delivery</p>

E.D. Gibson then added one more goal for himself as follows:

10	<p><u>Traffic Safety Coalition</u> Formulate a Northern Nevada Traffic Safety Coalition</p>
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Chair Smith added the following goals:

1. Continue quarterly updates to the City of Sparks, City of Reno and Washoe County.
2. Have staff look into the plans for a back-end connection from I-80 to Spanish Springs. It was a tabled project but he would like it brought out for discussion again to eventually help alleviate traffic through town.

E.D. Gibson said that he will also contact the city and county managers to discuss bringing a report on road maintenance.

Vice Chair Lucey added the following goals:

1. He would also like E.D. Gibson to contact the city and county managers regarding road maintenance projects.
2. Continue working with staff and the Commission to develop new modes of transportation (new roads, street cars, etc.)
3. Continue working with Washoe County on the economic lands and conservation bill to see what it will look like for the RTC with regards to infrastructure for roads.

Commissioner Berkbigler added the following goal:

1. Increase transportation into outlying areas such as Incline Village and the North Valleys.

She believes it is an area that has a lot of transportation issues and the most recent numbers on total visitors is approximately 40 million per year, so transit could greatly reduce traffic back-ups. Possibly even going only from the airport to Incline Village.

Commissioner Berkbigler then asked about the rail service proposed by the Governor and whether it will only benefit this community.

2. She would like further exploration into a rail system to alleviate traffic.

E.D. Gibson explained that the Governor's direction was to look at a rail system from Truckee to Fernley with four or five stations. It would be somewhat of an express commuter train. There is existing right-of-way which is helpful.

Commissioner Jardon added the following goals:

1. Begin a new/fresh regional pedestrian safety outreach campaign and act as the lead agency.
2. Procure a double-decker open topped bus for the Virginia Street Corridor.

Commissioner McKenzie did not add specific goals at this time.

On motion of Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Berkbigler, which motion unanimously carried, Chairman Smith ordered that the aforementioned goals be set for Executive Director Lee Gibson for Fiscal Year 2018.

5.4 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 said he had no items for discussion but would like to hold a pre-meeting attorney/client legal briefing before the start of the August meeting.

Item 6 PUBLIC INPUT

Chairman Smith 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. Cathy Brandhorst addressed the Board to discuss matters of importance to herself.

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

Item 7 MEMBER ITEMS

Commissioner Berkbigler asked if the RTC has been requested to perform a traffic study at McCarran and Sullivan Lane as it relates to the potential Wild Creek sale. Constituents are requesting it.

E.D. Gibson responded that the RTC had not received that request.

Commissioner Berkbigler also stated that she would not be in attendance at the August 17, 2017, meeting due to vacation plans.

Vice Chair Lucey commended NDOT Director Malfabon for he and his staff going out of their way to discuss the Spaghetti Bowl project. He also congratulated them on the work they've put into the project so far.

Commissioner Jardon and Chair Smith would like a staff report brought to the August meeting for a potential vote on moving the meetings back to the third Friday mornings of the month.

Chair Smith would like to see a campaign started to educate the public on where the RTC-5 money is being spent.

E.D. Gibson mentioned that there are a number of ribbon cuttings coming up.

Michael Moreno, RTC Public Affairs Manager, addressed the Board to list some of the upcoming events as follow:

- The Villanova Maintenance Facility is completed and a ribbon cutting event is being planned.
- Improvements in the South Meadows area are underway and an event is being planned.
- The North Valleys improvements are being finished so there will be a ground-breaking/opening event.

Chair Smith would also like to see safety commercials such as the last ones which included the two mayors in them, and include speeding issues the region is having.

Mr. Moreno then discussed the pedestrian safety campaign materials that are currently in process.

Commissioner McKenzie thanked NDOT Director Malfabon for the safety improvements recently completed on North Virginia Street.

Commissioner Lucey asked staff to research the possibility of televising future RTC Board meetings from the County Commission Chambers.

Item 8 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.



RON SMITH, Chairman
Regional Transportation Commission