

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA**

FRIDAY

1:31 P.M.

May 21, 2018

PRESENT:

**Ron Smith, Sparks City Council Member, Chairman
Bob Lucey, Washoe County Commissioner, Vice Chairman
Paul McKenzie, Reno City Council Member
Vaughn Hartung, 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:

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, OTHER

RECOGNITION OF THE RTC AND ITS COMMISSIONERS BY THE ADOPT-A-VET DENTAL (AAVD) PROGRAM

Jim Snyder, Linda Haigh and Heather Borkowski of (AAVD) presented certificates and spoke in recognition of the RTC and more specifically, Vice Chair Lucey and Commissioner Jardon for their generous discretionary donations of transit passes to their organization.

Commissioner Hartung then offered to donate transit passes as well.

PROCLAMATION - MAY 20-26, 2018 AS NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

Ms. Amy Cummings, RTC Planning Director, read the proclamation into the record on behalf of RTC Chairman Smith.

Ms. Megan Sizelove, representing the American Public Works Association (APWA) accepted the proclamation and spoke words of appreciation on behalf of the APWA.

Item 1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item 3.2 was pulled from the agenda and E.D. Gibson requested that Item 3.6 be pulled for discussion just before Item 4.2.

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 with the aforementioned changes.

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. Kathy Brandhorst, local resident, spoke on 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 Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie, 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 3.17 CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes

- 3.1 Approve the minutes of the April 5, 2018, meeting (*For Possible Action*)
- 3.2 Approve the minutes of the April 20, 2018, meeting and workshop (*For Possible Action*) (*Item pulled from the agenda*)

Engineering

- 3.3 Acknowledge receipt of the monthly Engineering Activity Report (*For Possible Action*)
- 3.4 Acknowledge receipt of the SouthEast Connector monthly progress report (*For Possible Action*)

Public Transportation/Operations

- 3.5 Acknowledge receipt of the monthly Public Transportation/Operations Report (*For Possible Action*)
- 3.6 Approve changes to RTC Management Policy P-12, Public Transportation Fares (*For Possible Action*) (*Item pulled for discussion and action prior to Item 4.2*)
- 3.7 Approve a reduction in the cost of the 2018-2019 University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) Wolf Pass and Truckee Meadows Committee College (TMCC) Lizard Pass from \$230.00 to \$147.00; authorize the Executive Director to execute the negotiated agreements (*For Possible Action*)

Planning

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

Finance

- 3.9 Acknowledge receipt of the monthly Procurement Activity Report (*For Possible Action*)**

Procurement and Contracts

- 3.10 Approve the third of three, one-year HVAC Annual Maintenance Agreement Options with Trane Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$106,322 over the one year term of the agreement; authorize the RTC Executive Director to finalize and execute the agreement (*For Possible Action*)**
- 3.11 Approve a legal Settlement in the total amount of \$11,065 to acquire one (1) public utility easement, one (1) permanent easement and one (1) temporary construction easement on APN 008-244-15 (the "Easements"), from John Iliescu, Jr. and Sonnia Iliescu 1992 Family Trust, Agreement dated January 24, 1992, necessary to construct the 4th Street & Prater Way Bus Rapid Transit Project (*For Possible Action*)**
- 3.12 Approve a Local Public Agency (LPA) Agreement with NDOT for installing Green Bike Stamps (thermoplastic pavement markings) in the amount of \$148,738; authorize the RTC Executive Director to execute the agreement (*For Possible Action*)**
- 3.13 Approve the RFP for Construction Management Services for the Virginia Street Bus Rapid Transit Extension Project (*For Possible Action*)**
- 3.14 Approve an amendment to the RTC Vanpool Contractor Agreement increasing the pricing for the two (2) option years and approve the first of two, one-year agreement options, extending the agreement for the term of June 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019; authorize the RTC Executive Director to execute the amendment (*For Possible Action*)**
- 3.15 Approve a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Kimley-Horn in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for consulting services on the ADA Transition Plan update; authorize the RTC Executive Director to execute the agreement (*For Possible Action*)**
- 3.16 Approve a Cooperative Agreement with the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) Civil Engineering Department in the amount of \$250,000 for Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR); authorize the RTC Board Chair to execute the agreement (*For Possible Action*)**
- 3.17 Approve Cooperative Agreement No. PR126-18-804 for Fiscal Year 2019 between the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) and the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) for federal planning (PL) funds; authorize the RTC Chair to execute the agreement (*For Possible Action*)**

On motion of Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie, which motion carried unanimously, Chairman Smith ordered that Consent Items 3.1 through 3.17 be approved, excluding Items 3.2 and 3.6.

Items 4.1 thru 4.3 PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 4.1 Public hearing - no earlier than 1:35 p.m. Time Certain:**
Discussion and recommendation to approve the Implementation of the RTC RAPID Lincoln Line and corresponding reduction of Route 11 service

1. Staff presentation
2. Public input
3. Approve the Implementation of the RTC RAPID Lincoln Line and corresponding reduction of Route 11 service (*For Possible Action*)

This item being a public hearing, Chair Smith opened the meeting to public input and called on anyone wishing to speak prior to the presentation.

Mr. Philip Cooney, local resident, would like staff to keep the 24-hour pass and the 10-Ride pass. He would also like to have flexibility to the fixed route system by raising the fare and believes the costs would be off-setting. ****These comments would better apply to Item 4.2**

Ms. Dora Uchel, local resident, thanked Director David Jickling and RTC staff for implementing the audible traffic lights and audible bus stop announcements throughout the system. It is very helpful for the sight impaired riders and aids in their independence. She also commented that there are some passengers that call any animal they have a "Service Animal" who let them run in the aisles and disturb passengers. She wonders if there is any way to better implement ADA laws with regard to service animals.

Ms. Cathy Brandhorst spoke on matters of importance to herself.

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

No earlier than 1:35 p.m. This was the time set to consider this matter, notice of public hearing having been duly advertised in accordance with the RTC's public participation policies. Mr. Mark Maloney, RTC Transit Operations Manager, addressed the Board and answered questions to discuss the new Lincoln Line RAPID transit line and the reasoning for a reduction of Route 11 service because of the new line. The RAPID will be stopping every 10 minutes so Route 11 which currently stops every 15 minutes will now stop every 30 minutes. This will mimic the RAPID line and Route 1 on Virginia Street.

On motion of Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion carried unanimously, Chairman Smith ordered that the implementation of the RTC RAPID Lincoln Line and corresponding reduction of Route 11 service be approved.

3.6 Approve changes to RTC Management Policy P-12, Public Transportation Fares (*For Possible Action*) (*Item pulled from consent agenda for discussion/action prior to Item 4.2*)

Mr. Mark Maloney, RTC Transit Operations Manager, explained that there are two pieces of Item 4.2 which fall into Management Policy P-12. The first is to change the senior fare eligibility from 65 years of age to 60 and the second is to add Veterans to the reduced fare category. These tie Item 3.6 into Item 4.2.

On motion of Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Vice Chair Lucey, which motion carried unanimously, Chairman Smith ordered that Item 3.6 be approved.

4.2 Public hearing - no earlier than 1:35 p.m. Time Certain:

Discussion to consider and possibly approve one or more of the following fare and service adjustments for both RTC RIDE and ACCESS from among the following recommendations: 1) lower the cost of the 7-day pass to be same price per day as a 31-day pass; 2) replace 24-hour pass with a day pass and eliminate transfers with single ride fares; 3) discontinue special 31 day disabled pass; 4) elimination of the 10-ride pass; 5) reduce age or senior fare eligibility; 6) increase the ACCESS ID on RIDE cash fare from \$0.50 to \$0.75 and decrease the disabled cash fare from \$1.00 to \$0.75; and 7) provide certain discounts for Veterans

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No earlier than 1:35 p.m. This was the time set to consider this matter, notice of public hearing having been duly advertised in accordance with the RTC's public participation policies. Mr. Mark Maloney, RTC Transit Operations Manager, addressed the Board and answered questions regarding the recommendation to approve changes to RTC Management Policy P-12, Public Transportation Fares, as set forth in the briefing materials for this agenda item. (*A copy of the presentation is available by contacting Denise Thompson @ dthompson@rtcwashoe.com*)

Commissioner Jardon asked if there are packages for ACCESS that could be donated out of discretionary funds.

Mr. Maloney said that yes, there are ticket books that can be purchased.

This item being a public hearing, Chair Smith opened the meeting to public input and called on anyone wishing to speak.

Mr. Ryan McKenny asked if there is an all-day pass for an ACCESS ticket.

Mr. Maloney said there is and it is reduced to \$1.50 in the proposal.

Mr. McKenny also said he would prefer the pass be 24 hours instead of one calendar day.

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

On motion of Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie, which motion carried unanimously, Chairman Smith ordered that all of the recommended fare and service adjustments listed in the staff report be approved. This motion was confirmed by Legal Counsel Dale Ferguson.

On discussion, Commissioner McKenzie asked what the ADA obligation is pertaining to service animals on the bus.

Mr. Maloney responded that all “service” animals must be transported but “comfort” animals are not a requirement on transit. A driver may ask, “Is that a service animal?” and “What service does it provide?” If those two questions are answered, they must be allowed to ride.

Commissioner McKenzie asked what happens if an animal is misbehaving/

Mr. Maloney responded that the passenger is asked to leave.

4.3 Public hearing - no earlier than 1:45 p.m. Time Certain:

Discussion and recommendation to approve the FY 2019 RTC Final Budget

1. Staff presentation
2. Public input
3. Approve the FY 2019 RTC Final Budget (*For Possible Action*)

No earlier than 1:45 p.m. This was the time set to consider this matter, notice of public hearing having been duly advertised in accordance with the RTC’s public participation policies. Ms. Stephanie Haddock, RTC Director of Finance and CFO, addressed the Board and gave an overview of the numbers for each of the RTC program’s revenues and expenses, ending fund balances, spending restrictions, reserves, projections, etc., and offered to answer any questions regarding the recommendation to approve the FY 2019 RTC Final Budget, as set forth in the briefing materials for this agenda item. (*A copy of the presentation is available by contacting Denise Thompson @ dthompson@rtcwashoe.com*)

Commissioner Jardon thanked staff for the \$1.5 million included in the budget for bus stop improvements. She then asked what kind of marketing is being done to advertise to students to encourage them to ride transit.

Ms. Amy Cummings, RTC Planning Director, responded that a Request for Proposals (RFP) is currently being worked on for consultant support to target that marketing campaign. The funding is included in the Safety Campaign budget.

Commissioner Hartung thanked staff for including funds for the Eagle Canyon Study and would like staff to be mindful of when the Washoe County School District puts two separate schools on the same route. It usually then falls on the RTC to “fix” the traffic and safety issues when they occur later.

Chairman Smith asked what the RTC’s portion is of the AT&T sales tax refund.

Ms. Haddock responded that it is estimated at \$1.3 million.

Chairman Smith also asked what needs to be done at the Villanova facility and does it need to be done right away.

Ms. Haddock said that the bus wash must be replaced to accommodate the size of the new buses.

Commissioner Hartung asked if the RTC is working with NDOT on a traffic study on I-80 heading out to TRIC.

Ms. Cummings responded that the RTC is partnering with NDOT and participating as a technical team member, but are not funding the study.

This item being a public hearing, Chair Smith opened the meeting to public input and called on anyone wishing to speak.

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

Commissioner Hartung made a motion to approve the RTC FY 2019 Final Budget which was seconded by Vice Chair Lucey.

On discussion, Commissioner McKenzie asked of the \$5 million allocated to the Pyramid/395 Connector project, what type of funding is being used.

Ms. Haddock responded that it is being paid for with federal funds - STBG funding.

Ms. Cummings added that this funding is for Phase I, the design phase for the widening of Pyramid Highway north of Queen Way, and not the Connector itself.

Commissioner McKenzie would prefer to use those funds in another area that is already known to have problems.

Ms. Cummings said that the congestion on Pyramid has been pushed further north so these funds are in place to help with that problem.

Commissioner Hartung prefers that Pyramid Highway is looked at sooner rather than later.

E.D. Gibson reminded the Commissioners that although funds are set aside in the budget, it does not mean that it can't be spent elsewhere should priorities change in the future.

Commissioner Jardon asked if the Board can vote on it before it is moved anywhere.

E.D. Gibson said yes, the Board would be required to vote on any RFPs or other project related items that would lead staff to spend that money.

Legal Counsel Ferguson said there is no need to amend the motion as the budget was approved as a whole and not on a line-item basis.

Commissioner Jardon still didn't understand why funds that are set aside for future projects cannot be spent on current, more imperative needs now.

E.D. Gibson explained that the federal funds are programmed through FHWA and NDOT as they relate to our highway programs. In other words, these funds must be obligated and spent on regional highways.

Commissioner Jardon then asked if those funds can be moved around to be used on interim improvements surrounding the Spaghetti Bowl that have not been put in place.

E.D. Gibson said he believes if staff were to try to repurpose the funds in question, a TIP Amendment would be required. The TIP is a governing document over the budget.

Commissioner Hartung would like to see the money stay with the Pyramid Highway.

With a motion and a second on the table, a vote was taken and the motion carried 3-2, with Commissioners McKenzie and Jardon opposed, and the Chairman ordered that the RTC FY 2019 Final Budget be approved.

Vice Chair Bob Lucey departed the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Items 5.1 thru 5.3 DIRECTOR REPORTS

Item 5.1 RTC Executive Director Report

E.D. Lee Gibson gave a brief update on the following topics:

- Free rides were offered on all RTC transit services on Earth Day, Sunday, April 22nd. There were 14,435 rides taken on RTC RIDE routes representing a 14% increase for an average Sunday in April. Additionally, Route 16 which serves Idlewild Park where the Earth Day event was held, had a 186% increase in ridership with 482 rides taken on this Sunday.
- He announced two Free Ride days coming up in June. The first on June 12th, Election Primary Day and the other on June 21st, the annual Dump the Pump Day. All RTC public transit services will be free the entire day on both days. However, not all polling locations are served by transit.

As part of the RTC SMART TRIPS program, anyone who registers their alternative modes of transportation taken starting June 21st through August 3rd are eligible to win prizes. Visit rtcwashoe.com and go to the RTC Trip Match page to register your trips for free and to read prize drawing rules.

- The RTC's Pyramid McCarran Intersection Improvement Project received two additional awards recently. The Associated General Contractors Nevada Chapter awarded the 2017 AGC Pinnacle Award for General Engineering Contractors, Contractor's Innovation for projects over \$5 million.

The second award is the 2018 John L. Martin, Partnered Project of the Year Diamond Award from the International Partnering Institute.

Both of these awards recognize the project's innovation and partnerships that delivered this project to the region.

- The SouthEast Connector is at 95% completion. We are planning the official grand opening event to occur on July 6th. We may also have a fun walk, run and bike event prior to official grand opening event.

More details will be announced in the coming weeks and at your next board meeting.

Commissioner Hartung asked when the groundbreaking event is being held for Calle de la Plata.

Mr. Michael Moreno, RTC Public Affairs Manager, responded that a contract for construction is currently in the works and when it is completed he will have a date for the Commissioner.

Item 5.2 RTC Federal Report

E.D. Gibson discussed some of the matters included in the written update, which was provided in the backup materials for this month's agenda packet.

He specifically mentioned that the RTC has support in DC to move the Virginia Street Project forward. Additionally, there may also be some federal funding opportunities to be had for the Spaghetti Bowl improvements.

Item 5.3 NDOT Director Report

NDOT Director Rudy Malfabon provided an update saying that the State Transportation Board had approved a project for the widening of some of the bridges and providing another lane over the river and railroad tracks at the interchange of I-80 east and I-580 south.

The Airport Authority has requested a presentation on the Spaghetti Bowl project by NDOT staff.

Pyramid Highway is on their radar to look into the upcoming development and what improvements will be needed to accommodate the additional traffic.

Mr. Malfabon also discussed the federal BUILD grants (formerly TIGER) and what projects may potentially qualify.

Commissioner Hartung would like to see a model of what would occur if some lane restrictions were put into place on I-80 and I-580/US 395.

Item 6.1 ENGINEERING

6.1 Acknowledge receipt of a 4th Street/Prater Way monthly progress report (For Possible Action)

Mr. Warren Call, RTC Project Manager, addressed the Board to provide a brief progress report and presentation on the project. Mr. Call said the project is on schedule and is anticipated for completion at the end of August 2018. Currently, the utility work continues on the western end of the project and is almost complete on the eastern end. *(A copy of the presentation is available by contacting Denise Thompson @ dthompson@rtcwashoe.com)*

Commissioner Jardon asked on behalf of Ms. Joan Echeveria how much notice residents receive prior to a roadway being closed for construction.

Mr. Call said she should have received notice two weeks prior.

****Ms. Echeveria submitted written public comment via the RTC website as follows:**

Many of the routes we once took on E. 4th St. leave 4th St. Station at :15 or :45 after the hour. It would be helpful if you coordinate Route 11 to transfer without much delay to/from the :15 and :45 routes. This will greatly help the folks who use Renown's infusion/dialysis/imaging services as we don't have much control over appointment scheduling for specialty services. Currently one must take the 8:15 12 or 18 for 8:45 services; when we previously had bus service on E. 4th, one could take buses that arrived shortly after the hour to transfer to the 8:15 12 or 18. To add another half hour to this trip would be onerous.

Although the RAPID will run every 10 minutes, it is too difficult for many of us to walk to/from the stops closest to Morrill/Wells on 4th.

Thank you for your consideration.

Commissioner McKenzie asked about the 26 unjustified days that have been added to the contract and why they have been added. He believes those should be penalty days rather than simply being added to the contract.

Mr. Call said he would look into the matter and bring back information to a future meeting.

Commissioner Jardon said Ms. Echeveria stated she had only been given a 1-day notice.

Mr. Michael Moreno, RTC Public Affairs Manager, added that along with the construction company contacting property owners of upcoming construction activities, there are other means of contacting them as well. This is done via social media, news media releases, the RTC website, etc.

With regards to Ms. Echeveria, RTC staff has been in communication with her for at least six months and she has been receiving information in advance of the construction activities by at least two weeks.

On motion of Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion carried unanimously by those present, Chairman Smith ordered that receipt of the progress report be acknowledged.

Items 7.1 thru 7.3 METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

7.1 Receive a presentation on the I-11 Northern Nevada Alternatives Analysis - *No Action Required*

Mr. Kevin Verre with NDOT addressed the Board to provide an update on the Alternatives Analysis for the Northern Nevada portion of the I-11 project. *(A copy of the presentation is available by contacting Denise Thompson @ dthompson@rtcwashoe.com)*

Commissioner Jardon asked when decisions must be made on specific alternatives.

Mr. Verre responded that the study presented simply provides the options for review and by the next round of public meetings there will definitely be recommendations made, most likely for the two final options. This should occur in approximately August.

Commissioner Jardon then asked if the RTC Board will receive a presentation prior to the announcement of the final two options in order to provide input.

Mr. Verre said they can come back in August with their recommendations and the back-up those recommendations were based on.

Commissioner Hartung asked if there is any possibility that two alignments would be built and if EIS studies are being done on all of the alignments.

Mr. Verre said that the alignments don't go away, but only one will be built to begin with. Also, they are not at the EIS step just yet.

No Board action was taken on this item.

7.2 Approve the projects for the Federal Fiscal Years 2019 and 2020 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside program as recommended by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Citizens Multimodal Advisory Committee (CMAC) (*For Possible Action*)

Ms. Amy Cummings, RTC Planning Director, then addressed the Board to give a presentation on the TA Set Aside Program for FY 2019-2020. She explained that this document contains the RTC Advisory Committee recommended slate of projects for FY 2019 and FY 2020 transportation

Alternatives Set-Aside. The RTC, as the MPO, receives approximately \$390,000 per year to be allocated to various projects. The guidelines and application process was approved by the Board in 2016. Staff was able to fund all of the applications that came in and she then listed all of the projects. Staff concurred with the advisory committee recommendations as well. *(A copy of the presentation is available by contacting Denise Thompson @ dthompson@rtcwashoe.com)*

Chairman Smith said he had a request to speak on this item so opened public input.

Ms. Cathy Brandhorst, local resident, spoke on matters of importance to herself.

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

On motion of Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion carried unanimously by those present, Chairman Smith ordered that receipt of the Federal Fiscal Years 2019 and 2020 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside projects be approved.

7.3 Acknowledge receipt of the RTC 2017 Annual Report *(For Possible Action)*

Ms. Amy Cummings, RTC Planning Director, addressed the Board give a presentation on the RTC Annual Report for Calendar Year 2017. She provided a condensed version of the completed projects in her presentation and stated that staff presented at or participated in about 178 meetings and public events and gave over 100 media interviews. There were also 156 air dates for the Road Ahead with RTC on KOLO 8 and great customer service at the transit centers continues as always. The RTC is involved with community partners and received eight different awards in 2017. *(A copy of the presentation is available by contacting Denise Thompson @ dthompson@rtcwashoe.com)*

Commissioner Hartung asked if Uber has been looked at as an option in place of ACCESS or Vanpools.

Ms. Cummings said the currently, the RTC has the Taxi Bucks program which offers a discount when a taxi is needed.

Mr. Mark Maloney, RTC Transit Operations Manager, added that in the 5310 grant program, the Sierra Nevada Transportation Coalition for the disabled has a 75% reduced fare on Lyft program in place that's been operating since January. Additional information will be brought to the next meeting along with the recommended ACCESS changes.

On motion of Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie, which motion carried unanimously by those present, Chairman Smith ordered that receipt of report be acknowledged.

Items 8.1 thru 8.2 GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

8.1 Rate the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC/agency) performance for Fiscal Year 2018 (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018) (For Possible Action)

Ms. Angela Reich, RTC Director of Administrative Services, addressed the Board to give a brief presentation on the accomplishments of the RTC for the previous fiscal year, as set forth in the briefing materials for this agenda item. *(A copy of the presentation is available by contacting Denise Thompson @ dthompson@rtcwashoe.com)*

Ms. Reich reviewed the scores given to the agency in previous years and explained how the common review process works along with the pay-for-performance system, which are both used by the RTC. She also explained how the Board's scoring at this meeting will affect the total pool amount available for allocation to eligible staff.

Commissioner Hartung said he would like to see some kind of incentive program for the transit drivers.

He was reminded that the coach operators are not employed by the RTC and the RTC is not allowed to interfere in the labor relations of our contractors. However, the contract to run the transit system will be expiring soon and there will be an expectation of incentives to be included in the upcoming Request for Proposals (RFP) which should help in the future.

Commissioner McKenzie said that although he appreciates the work the RTC staff does, he would like to see the planning department get some of the capacity road projects moving along faster. He would rather staff plan for capacity instead of react to capacity as they do today. He would also like to see the engineering project managers manage their contracts better.

Commissioner Jardon said she was impressed by all of the accomplishments in 2017. But in the upcoming year she would like to see a push for the Vision Zero plan included as a priority.

Chairman Smith said that the previous year, the Board docked the agency and went down to a 1.4 but would like to reward staff for meeting all of their goals and made a motion to give the highest possible rating of 1.5, which was seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and carried unanimously by those present.

8.2 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 said he had items he wished to communicate with the Board in a non-meeting legal briefing prior to the next scheduled meeting.

Item 9 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, local resident, spoke on matters of importance to herself.

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

Item 11 MEMBER ITEMS

Commissioner Hartung reiterated his request to donate passes to the Adopt-a-Vet Dental program and added that he would like to also donate to the Eddy House, both of which are non-profit local programs.

Commissioner Hartung also asked if the rental rates for TMRPA could be reduced.

Commissioner McKenzie asked if conduit could be preinstalled in construction projects so that the roadways don't have to be torn up later when fiber optics are requested.

Item 12 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.



RON SMITH, Chairman
Regional Transportation Commission