

MEETING MINUTES

TAC MEETING #1

PROJECT:	South Meadows Multimodal Transportation Study
PURPOSE:	TAC Meeting #1
MEETING DATE:	January 31, 2019, 2:00pm – 4:00pm
LOCATION:	RTC 1 st Floor Conference Room
ATTENDEES:	See Attendee List

The purpose of the meeting was to give the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) an introduction to the South Meadows Multimodal Transportation Study including: 1) the goals and draft vision; 2) describe the project limits and area; 3) describe the overall purpose and intent of the study 4) provide a summary of known issues; and 5) provide an overview of the schedule and next steps; and 6) review the stakeholder participation list.

The following items were discussed during the meeting:

- ❖ TAC meeting Introductions
- ❖ RTC and Headway presented a PowerPoint introducing the study and providing a background overview. The following is a summary of the information presented:
 - Goals and Vision, including draft vision statement
 - Goals - Plan roadway/intersection capacity improvements, create a safer roadway environment, improve pedestrian and bicycle connectivity and safety, and enhance public transportation connectivity and travel options like park & ride.
 - Draft Vision Statement - Create a safe and efficient multimodal transportation system in the South Meadows
 - RTC has heard numerous concerns from elected officials and local residents. Some of these concerns include:
 - Traffic impacts from the new Southeast Connector and potential impacts from planned developments such as Daybreak and Sunny Hills
 - Potential traffic impacts from possible future road(s) connecting to TRIC
 - Existing traffic on South Meadows Parkway and access to South Meadows Parkway from adjoining neighborhoods
 - New commercial/residential developments and traffic operations at Foothill Drive area

- Wild horses are a major safety concern
 - A fatality at Double R Boulevard and Sandhill Drive and new DMV office
 - A fatality on Steamboat Parkway
 - Traffic associated with the new Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) office planned off Double Diamond Parkway
 - Pedestrian crossing issues on Rio Wrangler, near the High School, and near Golden Hills
 - Traffic impacts from a planned new middle school on Zolezzi Lane
 - South Virginia Street complete street improvements
 - High density residential off Mt Rose Highway and the potential to incorporate micro mobility opportunities
 - Unpaved road on Western Skies Dr at Geiger Grade Rd, and potential blockage of Curti Ranch Rd from through traffic.
- The study will focus on road segment analysis and projected Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADTs). South Meadows is mostly built out. However, there are new residential areas to east and infill planned, impacting future traffic demand.
 - The study approach is similar to the recent North Valleys Study. See how future scenarios, including build-out, will affect the transportation network.
 - Study area land uses in the RTC Travel Demand Model (TDM) are not completely updated. The study will identify what is coming and update resulting needs using the TDM. Development is already underway for many locations and/or already entitled. The study will get a handle on known current/future projects. In an upcoming TAC meeting, the team will determine what seems realistic for development and what would result. The consultant team will prepare a master list of developments and compare against model TAZs to inform that TAC meeting.
 - The study will also do a build-out scenario. What happens to the transportation system once everything is built-out in the future?
 - Specific intersections will be analyzed as well in combination with segment analysis. Twelve intersection locations already identified through various interactions
 - There are several school sites in the study area. Double Diamond Elementary, Damonte Ranch High School, Brown Elementary School, Lenz Elementary School, Bishop Manogue High School, Depoali Middle School, Marvin Picollo Elementary School, the planned Arrowcreek Middle School and a potential new one at north end of Daybreak.
 - The study will look at the long-term improvements at roundabout on Geiger Grade to determine if and when it is necessary.
 - Interchange improvements will be considered at the South Virginia Street / I-580 interchange (aka In and Out Interchange).
 - The study will look at bike/ped connections. The multi-modal networks are well planned within neighborhoods but there are opportunities to improve connectivity with between neighborhoods and other origins/destinations.

- Micro transit opportunities are a condition of planned apartments on the Mt Rose Highway. With that, the study will look at park and ride locations and how it works with the system. This will be the bulk of the transit analysis. The study will build off the RTC Short Range Transit Plan which provides guiding principles.
- Safety is also a study focus area – horses, fatalities and sight lines. There is the potential to develop standards for sight lines and vegetation standards for new developments.
- Truck routes will be analyzed to identify proper routing and avoid large vehicles in neighborhood areas.
- The study will look at comments submitted to the City through *Reno Connect*.
- The study will look at roadway classifications to make sure things make sense and there is consistency in the network.
- Schedule – 12-month schedule. Today is the TAC kickoff and first TAC meeting. The first public meeting is expected in early March. “What we have heard” may be the subject of the first public meeting. In addition to public meetings, RTC staff will hold additional public forums and engagements. The RTC will let the TAC know of other meetings.
- The study team is holding off on traffic counts to ensure we have a complete list of locations. However, the team has started on land use and mapping planned developments.
- The current stakeholder list was reviewed. The TAC made the following suggested additions to the stakeholder list:
 - Consider bringing in the State Department of Agriculture or other state agency for the horse issue. Contact Nova at NDOT to see if there is a suggested contact person. The State Department of Agriculture took over horses in this area but relies on NDOT for any improvements since no they don’t have any funding.
 - Under Double Diamond, there are several sub HOAs. Contact Evette to find which sub HOAs exist within Double Diamond.
 - Add Reno and Truckee Meadows Fire to the stakeholder list
 - Add the Truckee Meadows Bicycle Alliance (TMBA) to the stakeholder list
 - Consider the South Meadows Retail Center and other major retail centers (e.g. Damonte Ranch, Steamboat Parkway, etc.)
 - Add Fluer de Lis HOA and Bishop Monogue to the stakeholder list
 - Add the South Valleys library to the list

Items discussed following the presentation include:

- ❖ Reno often gets requests for lower speed limits and Rapid Flashing Beacons (RFBs). While it is beyond the scope of the study to do an area-wide speed study, this can be addressed as part of the facility classification.
- ❖ The whole purpose of the study is to identify short, mid and long-term projects in the study area for the future Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).



- ❖ This study is an opportunity to address the question of what the impact of Sunny Hills could be if it comes. The study can bring that info to the overall regional growth conversation. Is Sunny Hills connected or not??
- ❖ The questions was raised if the study will address the need for the Geiger Grade realignment? It will. There is a widening on Geiger Grade in the RTP. The study will answer if it is needed and what is the timeframe? RTC hasn't done a detailed analysis of what the impact is of all of the foothill communities under construction. The study will look at area RTP projects and reassess.
- ❖ The suggestion was made to look to see if NDOT has any Road Safety Assessments in the area to ensure there is no duplication of effort.

Action Items:

1. Send contact list out for any other input
2. Plan for upcoming public outreach events