

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA**

FRIDAY

9:00 A.M.

November 16, 2018

PRESENT:

**Ron Smith, Sparks City Council Member, Chairman
Bob Lucey, Washoe County Commissioner, Vice Chairman
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 BY THE INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SOCIETY OF NEVADA FOR THE RTC WASHOE ITS CENTER TO CENTER PROJECT, ITS 2018 PROJECT OF THE YEAR (UNDER \$2,000,000)**

Mr. John Dickenson presented a plaque and spoke in recognition of the RTC of Washoe County for completing the Center to Center project connecting all the agencies in Northern Nevada with regard to traffic signals. Kimley Horn also received recognition for design and Titan Electrical Contractors for construction.

RTC Engineering Director Brian Stewart thanked his team for their hard work.

Item 1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Executive Director (E.D.) Lee Gibson requested that Item 3.15 be pulled from the agenda as NDOT had a few modifications to the ICA before it could be approved.

On motion of Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Vice Chair Lucey, which motion unanimously carried, Chairman Smith ordered that the agenda for this meeting be approved with the removal of Item 3.15.

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.

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

Item 2.2 ADVISORY COMMITTEES SUMMARY REPORT

On motion of Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Jardon, 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 3.20 CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes

- 3.1 Approve the minutes of the October 22, 2018, meeting (For Possible Action)**

Engineering

- 3.2 Acknowledge receipt of the monthly Engineering Activity Report (For Possible Action)**

Public Transportation/Operations

- 3.3 Acknowledge receipt of the monthly Public Transportation/Operations Report (For Possible Action)**
- 3.4 Acknowledge receipt of a report updating the status of the RTC Bus Stop Amenities Program (For Possible Action)**

Planning

- 3.5 Acknowledge receipt of the monthly Planning Activity Report (For Possible Action)**
- 3.6 Approve proposed performance targets for the Pavement and Bridge Condition and System/Freight/CMAQ National Performance Measures (For Possible Action)**
- 3.7 Approve Amendment 1 to the FY 2018 – FY 2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) (For Possible Action)**

Administration

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

Procurement and Contracts

- 3.9 Approve a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Traffic Works, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.00 for consulting services on the South Meadows**

- Region Multimodal Transportation Study; authorize the RTC Executive Director to execute the agreement (*For Possible Action*)
- 3.10 Approve a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. to provide design services for the Arlington Avenue Bridges at Truckee River Project located on South Arlington Avenue from Island Avenue to West First Street in an amount not to exceed \$499,980; authorize the RTC Executive Director to execute the agreement (*For Possible Action*)
- 3.11 Approve Amendment No. 1 in the amount of \$76,000 to the existing Professional Services Agreement (PSA) between the RTC and Traffic Works for additional design and engineering during construction services related to Package 2 of the North Valleys Improvement Project; authorize the RTC Executive Director to execute the amendment (*For Possible Action*)
- 3.12 Approve change order CO8 to increase the current Granite Construction contract for the Pyramid McCarran Intersection Improvement project by \$21,020 for a new total of \$34,296,373; authorize the RTC Executive Director to execute the change order (*For Possible Action*)
- 3.13 Authorize an RFQ for Engineering Design and Construction Management Services for the Bus Stop Improvement and Connectivity Program (*For Possible Action*)
- 3.14 Authorize the RTC Executive Director to execute a contract with RFI Communications & Security Systems to install and program an Avigilon IP Closed Circuitry Television Systems for the Terminal Way facility, 4th Street Station, Centennial Plaza, and the Villanova complex in an amount not to exceed \$98,733 (*For Possible Action*)

Inter-Agency Agreements

- 3.15 Approve the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement (ICA) with the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) for shared use of fiber optic communication infrastructure; authorize the RTC Chair to execute the amendment (*For Possible Action*) (*Pulled from the agenda per Item 1*)
- 3.16 Approve Amendment 2 to the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement (ICA) with the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) for Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds for delivery of an Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) project; authorize the RTC Chair to execute the amendment (*For Possible Action*)
- 3.17 Approve Amendment No. 6 to the Pyramid McCarran Intersection Improvement Project design ROW acquisition Local Public Agency (LPA) agreement with NDOT to extend the project termination date; authorize the RTC Chair to execute the amendment (*For Possible Action*)
- 3.18 Approve Cooperative Agreement (CA) for the Signal Timing 5 Project (Year 3) with UNR; authorize the RTC Chair to execute the agreement. The RTC will reimburse the UNR up to \$300,000 for the work in implementing new signal timing within the region (*For Possible Action*)

- 3.19 Approve an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement (ICA) for the Signal Timing 5 Project (Year 3) with the City of Reno; authorize the RTC Chair to execute the agreement. The RTC will reimburse the City of Reno up to \$50,000 for city staff assistance (For Possible Action)**
- 3.20 Approve an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement (ICA) for the Signal Timing 5 Project (Year 3) with the City of Sparks; authorize the RTC Chair to execute the agreement. RTC will reimburse the City of Sparks up to \$25,000 for city staff assistance (For Possible Action)**

On motion of Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Vice Chair Lucey, which motion carried unanimously, Chairman Smith ordered that Consent Items 3.1 through 3.20 be approved with the exception of Item 3.15 which was previously pulled from the agenda.

Item 4.1 thru 4.3 DIRECTOR REPORTS

Item 4.1 RTC Executive Director Report

E.D. Lee Gibson kicked off his report, saying the RTC had held two free transit days, one on Election Day and one on Veterans Day, and both days experienced much higher than normal ridership. He then continued with the following topics:

Preliminary design for the Oddie/Wells design is under way and a public meeting was announced.

A 3-year memorandum of understanding is under way with the Reno Business Improvement District (BID).

December 5th was the scheduled date for RTC's Annual Food Drive and a bus would be outside of the Sam's Club in Reno where donations could be dropped off.

The December Board meeting will be held December 7th due to some actions that must be taken on the refunding of bonds which will save the RTC a great deal of money in interest fees that are anticipated to increase prior to the regularly scheduled date of the RTC meeting.

The 4th/Prater project is substantially complete and a final update was given later in the meeting. The grand opening is planned for December 14th.

E.D. Gibson then talked about the two horrific accidents that occurred at the RTC Villanova location. Vehicles came through the fencing at high speeds of travel from the freeway with one of them crashing into the back of a parked coach. The second accident resulted in the vehicle flipping over. Both drivers were under the influence. E.D. Gibson thanked the MV Transit staff that was onsite during the accidents for all they did to assist. Discussion is currently taking place on options for making it safer.

Commissioner Hartung mentioned that he had been to Junkee's in Midtown and everyone had great things to say about the RTC and that business is still going well during construction.

Lastly, E.D. Gibson congratulated Commissioner Hartung for his reelection and Chairman Smith for being sworn in as the new Mayor of Sparks.

Commissioner Hartung asked for the record, where is the RTC on Egyptian and Sunset Springs.

E.D. Gibson responded that the project is under design.

Item 4.2 RTC Federal Report

E.D. Lee Gibson said there was no written federal report in the agenda packets because Congressman Porter was there in person to provide an update.

Congressman Porter then reviewed current events in Washington DC and the State of Nevada with regard to newly elected officials and how they are anticipated to represent our state.

He said it is anticipated that most funding bills would be delayed until a decision is made on a wall. He also said that social media is changing the way the world of politics works with the public and that it seems people tune into the news to validate their opinions rather than to be educated.

Congressman Porter then introduced Brian McAnallen, VP with Porter Group, who provided more detail on Nevada specific topics.

Commissioner Hartung asked how a person with an electric vehicle might be charged a fee for miles traveled.

Mr. McAnallen said that has not been decided at this point but is under discussion. He went on to explain that the purpose for a fee is to help with road maintenance, which is currently paid for mostly from fuel taxes. However, even if someone doesn't use fuel, they are still impacting the roadways and maintenance required. Committees are currently being put together to evaluate.

Item 4.3 NDOT Director Report

Deputy Director Bill Hoffman provided an update on the Spaghetti Bowl project, saying that a draft EIS is up for review and a public hearing is scheduled for December 12th. The project is still on schedule.

He went on to discuss the P3 project for a widening of the freeway out to USA Parkway and said they are currently waiting on a decision by the Transportation Board on the unsolicited proposal and how to move forward. It can be accepted, rejected or a competitive procurement may be requested.

A road safety assessment was done on Mt. Rose Highway, working closely with Washoe County, and a community meeting is scheduled for December 5th. Unfortunately, there was a horrible accident in that corridor before anything has been done to make it safer.

Lastly, he credited Brian Stewart with RTC and Thor Dyson with NDOT for immediately getting together to discuss safety matters at the RTC Villanova location following the accidents discussed earlier.

He then offered to answer questions.

Commissioner Hartung asked if NDOT would be willing to put a barrier on Mt. Rose Highway as an option for safety. He also mentioned his concerns about roadways in the Sparks area, especially the Pyramid Highway, where speeding is a problem as are other safety concerns.

Lastly, he said that he's hearing that the Spaghetti Bowl project won't even be started until 2030 so would like NDOT to get the word out a little better with the correct timeline.

Commissioner Jardon mentioned that the metered light is not working at Oddie Blvd., for the northbound 395 onramp,. She also mentioned concerns about speeding and potential accidents in many of the 2-lane, high speed roads in our region, especially when it's dark.

Vice Chair Lucey clarified that the accident on Mt. Rose Highway had nothing to do with construction, growth, etc., it is simply a deadly highway. There are numerous roadways in our area that can be deadly, especially in the winter months. He would like lighting to be a big consideration for safety improvements. He would also like to start identifying some true NDOT funding for projects in Northern Nevada.

Chairman Smith said he's grateful for how quickly the Spaghetti Bowl is moving along. He also said the biggest complaint he hears about in Sparks is speeding, but you can't fix that. People who speed are going to speed unless constant stings are in place and ticketing is also a constant. He suggests that people simply do the speed limit and make the speeders wait behind you.

Commissioner Jardon wants the RTC to have a "louder" voice with regard to legislation. She wants the RTC to get data on how the new Interlock device is reducing drunk driving, if it is. She also wants higher fines for distracted driving.

Item 5.1 thru 5.2 ENGINEERING

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

Mr. Warren Call, RTC Project Manager, provided an update presentation on the project (Available by contacting dthompson@rtcwashoe.com). The project is substantially complete and punch list and closeout work is currently underway. He then offered to answer any questions.

Commissioner Jardon said that a visually impaired constituent had come to the Reno City Council meeting to say that she had traversed the 4th/Prater corridor near Valley and that there is a utility pole in the middle of the sidewalk.

Mr. Michael Moreno, RTC Public Affairs Manager, said he had spoken with Dora himself and it is actually the tactile tiles and the height of the curb to the street that is the issue. Mr. Call said he is aware of that and is working on it.

Mr. Call also said the top ADA consultant with UNR is going to look at the project and provide input to make sure everything is as it should be.

Mr. Moreno then announced a project celebration event with the Brewery District on December 8th.

On motion of Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Vice Chair Lucey, which motion carried unanimously, Chairman Smith ordered that receipt of the report be acknowledged.

5.2 Acknowledge receipt of the Virginia Street Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Extension monthly progress report (*For Possible Action*)

Mr. Jeff Wilbrecht, RTC Project Manager, provided a brief PowerPoint update and video on the project (Available by contacting dthompson@rtcwashoe.com). He said the FTA from Washington DC and Region 9 in San Francisco, along with the Project Management Oversight Consultants (PMOC) came to town for a risk assessment which was a very good conversation.

Utility work continues and there has been a lot of outreach to help keep business going in the area during construction. He also announced some of the upcoming events and said that over Thanksgiving work would stop and greatly slow down for the holiday season. Mr. Wilbrecht then showed a video with graphics on how the finished corridor should look once completed.

Commissioner Jardon reminded staff that the businesses still need our support to help them during construction and would like more reminders to continue.

Michael Moreno, RTC Public Affairs Manager, said that the Midtown District Association is developing an advertising campaign to address just that.

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

Item 6 GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

6.1 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.

Legal Counsel Dale Ferguson updated the Board on legal matters pertaining to the Stack II/Lagomarsino dispute.

Item 7 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.

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

Item 8 MEMBER ITEMS

Commissioner Hartung RTC staff to allow his discretionary funds to be applied to flashers on Baring Blvd.

Chairman Smith asked for that to be postponed because there is an investigation currently underway and we should wait for it to conclude.

Vice Chair Lucey also for a list of BDRs at an upcoming meeting so the Commission can know what some of the issues are going into the session.

E.D. Gibson said that the RTC would like to be on the State Transportation Board agenda in February 2019.

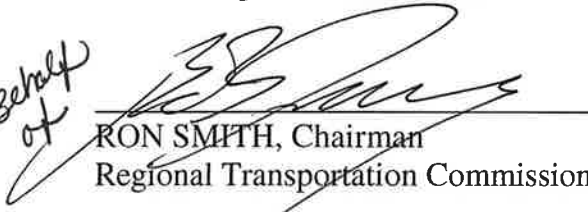
Mr. Hoffman said staff is waiting to hear from the new governor's staff to see what is going to happen with those meetings going forward.

Commissioner Hartung would like an increase to discretionary funding by the RTC.

Vice Chair Lucey thanked Commissioner McKenzie for his service on the board and would like a recognition brought to a future meeting.

Item 9 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

On Behalf of 
RON SMITH, Chairman
Regional Transportation Commission