

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA**

FRIDAY

9:10 A.M.

August 20, 2020

PRESENT:

Bob Lucey, Washoe County Commissioner, Chairman
Vaughn Hartung, Washoe County Commissioner
Oscar Delgado, Reno City Council Member (departed at 10:15 a.m.)
Kristopher Dahir, Sparks City Council Member

Bill Thomas, RTC Executive Director
Dale Ferguson, Legal Counsel
Kristina Swallow, Director of NDOT

NOT PRESENT:

Neoma Jardon, Reno City Council Member, Vice Chair

The regular monthly meeting, held in the Chambers of the Washoe County Commission, 1001 E. 9th Street, Reno, Nevada and via Zoom meeting, was called to order by Chairman Lucey. Following the roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our country, Chairman Lucey requested to have a moment of silence in honor of Mayor Ron Smith who passed away August 19, 2020.

Item 1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Item 2.1 PUBLIC INPUT

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.

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

Item 2.2 ADVISORY COMMITTEES SUMMARY REPORT

On motion of Commissioner Dahir, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion unanimously carried, Chairman Lucey 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 3.13 CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes

- 3.1 Approve the minutes of the July 17, 2020, meeting (*For Possible Action*)**

Engineering

- 3.2 Acknowledge receipt of the monthly Engineering Activity Report (*For Possible Action*)**
- 3.3 Acknowledge receipt of the Virginia Street Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Extension 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*)**

Administration

- 3.6 Acknowledge receipt of the monthly Procurement Activity Report (*For Possible Action*)**
- 3.7 Set Executive Director Goals for fiscal year 2021 (FY21) (*For Possible Action*)**

Procurement and Contracts

- 3.8 Approve the purchase of Two Ford Escape Hybrid vehicles utilizing the State of Nevada vehicle procurement contract number 99SWC-S490/S609, in the amount of \$56,011.06; authorize the RTC Executive Director to execute his acceptance of the quote provided (*For Possible Action*)**
- 3.9 Approve a contract with Fastech (Wayne Perry, Inc.) in an amount not to exceed \$188,515, for materials and installation of a new Angi CNG compressor; authorize the RTC Executive Director to award and execute the contract (*For Possible Action*)**
- 3.10 Approve a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Jacobs Engineering (Jacobs) to provide Engineering and Environmental services through the remainder of the wetlands establishment and monitoring period on Phase 2 of the SouthEast Connector project, in an amount not to exceed \$572,340; authorize the RTC Executive Director to execute the agreement (*For Possible Action*)**
- 3.11 Approve Amendment No. 1 to the existing Professional Services Agreement (PSA) between the RTC and Stantec for Engineering During Construction (EDC) services to be provided on the East Prater Way Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$77,000 for a new not to exceed amount of \$834,823; authorize the RTC Executive Director to execute the amendment (*For Possible Action*)**

- 3.12 Approve Change Order (CO) No. 17 to the construction agreement between the RTC and Sierra Nevada Construction in the amount of \$386,103 for additional work associated with changing the project scope to a hot mix asphalt overlay in lieu of a slurry seal in the North Virginia portion of the project on the Virginia Street Bus RAPID Transit (BRT) Extension Project; authorize the RTC Executive Director to execute CO No. 17 (For Possible Action)**

Inter-Agency Agreements

- 3.13 Approve a cooperative agreement with the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) to receive and use Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) federal funds in the amount of \$1,150,000.00 for the RTC Trip Reduction Program; authorize the RTC Executive Director to execute the agreement (For Possible Action)**

On motion of Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Delgado, which motion carried unanimously, Chairman Lucey ordered that Consent Items 3.1 through 3.13 be approved.

Item 4 ENGINEERING

- 4.1 Receive a presentation on the Lemmon Drive project and provide direction accordingly (For Possible Action)**

Mr. Dale Keller, RTC Engineering Manager, addressed the Board to provide a presentation update clarifying the project limits of segments 01 and 02 of the Lemmon Drive project, gave the current status of both segments and said there were originally 12 alignment options in the screening process. However, RTC's Technical Advisory Committee had reviewed all alignments and narrowed the options down to Alternative 2, Alternative 6 and Alternative 8. He then offered to answer questions pertaining to the project and get direction from the commissioners as requested.

After some discussion, the majority of commissioners preferred Alternative 6, the Natural Berm Alignment, so the commissioners gave direction to move forward with Alternative 6 and bring back funding options. Also see if BUILD Grant funds could potentially be used.

Commissioner Hartung asked if any improvements were planned for the roadway between Fleetwood and Deodar Way.

Mr. Keller confirmed that it is planned for widening.

On motion of Chairman Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion carried unanimously, Chairman Lucey ordered that Consent Item 4.1 be approved with the direction given.

(A copy of this presentation is available by contacting Denise Thompson at dthompson@rtcwashoe.com)

Item 5 METROPOLITAN PLANNING (MPO)

5.1 Receive a report on the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Transportation call for projects and provide direction accordingly (For Possible Action)

Mr. Daniel Doenges, RTC Planning Manager, addressed the Board to provide a presentation update on the RTP call for projects, which were sought via online public meetings, surveys and presentations to various committees and jurisdictional staff. He then reviewed the various projects that are currently being studied or that require further study.

There were also transit service suggestions that came in as follow:

- Microtransit to Incline Village, South Reno, Cold Springs
- Peppermill Station improvements & joint development
- Extend Lincoln Line to Legends
- Monorail to airport

Next steps include:

- Analyzing potential projects
- Developing revenue forecasts
- Hosting additional virtual public meetings to review findings & seek input
- Giving presentations to/seek input from partner agencies

Mr. Doenges then concluded his presentation and offered to answer any questions. There were none.

On motion of Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Dahir, which motion carried unanimously, Chairman Lucey ordered that Consent Item 5.1 be approved with no specific direction given.

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Item 6.1 thru 6.3 DIRECTOR REPORTS

6.1 RTC Executive Director Report

RTC Executive Director (E.D.) Bill Thomas provided information or updates on the following:

1. He announced the milestone service anniversaries for the following employees:
 - Rob Reeder, Safety and Security Administrator – 15 years of service on September 1
 - Lynn Smith, Senior IT Analyst – 10 years of service on September 1
 - Amy Cummings, Deputy Executive Director – 10 years of service on September 13 and
 - Justin Doerr, Customer Service Associate – 5 years of service on September 21

Additionally, senior accountant Linda Merlin announced her retirement, effective August 28th, with nearly six years of service.

He then expressed thanks to these employees for their years of public service and contributions to improve our community's transportation systems.

2. On Friday, August 14th, the RTC opened Midtown to two-way traffic with substantial completion of the Virginia Street project in Midtown. The RTC is continuing work in the University area, anticipated to be completed this fall, and the launch of the RAPID Virginia Line extension to the University of Nevada, Reno, in early 2021.

To mark this milestone for the Virginia Street Project, the RTC created a “Welcome Back to Midtown” video which can be viewed on RTC social media channels and on the project website, Virginia Street Project DOT com.

He gave thanks to everyone who participated in the video, and to all of RTC’s partners and the Midtown community for their support during construction and design of the project. The video was then shared via Zoom.

Lastly, Senator Rosen has invited the RTC to participate in a virtual roundtable meeting with members of the Midtown business community to discuss the positive impacts the Virginia Street Project will bring to the Midtown economy. The meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 24th.

3. During the July board meeting, E.D. Thomas had reported the collaboration between the RTC and agencies in the Lake Tahoe Basin to provide transit service between the Reno/Sparks area and Lake Tahoe’s Incline Village and Sand Harbor.

The RTC is excited for this regional collaboration and the opportunity to provide transportation to residents and visitors between our two communities. The service will mirror the FlexRIDE service and is anticipated to begin in spring 2021 and be available during the summer months.

Senator Cortez Masto will be announcing this collaborative partnership and pilot transit service on Monday, August 24th in advance of the Lake Tahoe Virtual Summit which will take place on Tuesday, August 25th.

As staff works to develop this pilot transit project during the coming months, we will bring you updated information in the future.

4. On Thursday, August 6th, Senator Cortez Masto’s office notified us that the RTC is receiving a \$4,080,000 Bus and Bus Facilities Discretionary Grant Award. This grant makes it possible for staff to purchase six electric hybrid buses to replace aging buses in the fleet. This funding will go a long way to help the RTC achieve its goal of having an all alternative-fuel fleet by 2035.

We are very appreciative of the support and leadership from our congressional delegation, and the U.S. Department of Transportation, and the Federal Transit Administration for awarding this grant award to the RTC.

5. E.D. Thomas said he would be giving a presentation on SCR3 to the Legislative Committee on Energy on August 24th.

6.2 RTC Federal Report

E.D. Thomas reminded commissioners that the federal report is included in the board documents for this meeting.

6.3 NDOT Director Report

NDOT Director Kristina Swallow began her presentation with the current safety numbers pertaining to fatality accidents in our state, then moved on to updates for the Parr Bridge project which is moving along very quickly. She started to provide the monthly update for the Spaghetti Bowl Xpress project when all audio capabilities were lost in the Washoe County Chambers and could not be reestablished.

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***Due to technical difficulties which included the loss of all audio coming into the Chambers and going out from the Chambers was lost, the Board Clerk sent at chat message via the open Zoom meeting at the request of Chairman Bob Lucey to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m.*

7.1 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.

Item not heard due to unexpected adjournment.

Item 8 PUBLIC INPUT

Item not heard due to unexpected adjournment; however, there was no public input requests received for this meeting.

Item 9 MEMBER ITEMS

Due to the unexpected adjournment, the Board Clerk requested all member items be sent via email. There have been none received.

Item 10 ADJOURNMENT – See note in red above – adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

BOB LUCEY, Chairman
Regional Transportation Commission