



REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Metropolitan Planning Organization of Washoe County, Nevada

MEETING DATE: October 15, 2021

AGENDA ITEM 4.2

From: Daniel Doenges, PTP, RSP, Director of Planning

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Acknowledge receipt of the monthly Planning Activity Report

PLANNING STUDIES

McCarran Boulevard Corridor Study

Data collection efforts on existing conditions are currently underway. In addition, the project team met to discuss outreach and public engagement strategies for the study.

Mt. Rose Highway Corridor Study

RTC Planning and Engineering staff met with staff from the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) as well as staff from the consulting team to discuss potential project recommendations based on analysis and public comment.

Verdi Area Multimodal Transportation Study

The Request for Proposal process began after the August Board Meeting. The project team is currently reviewing and evaluating proposals.

Electric and Alternative Fuel Vehicle Infrastructure and Advanced Mobility Plan

The draft report is currently being updated and a project stakeholder meeting was held on August 24th.

Automatic Road Feature Extraction from State-Owned Mobile LiDAR Data for Traffic Safety Analysis and Evaluation

Staff met with US DOT and will be presenting results of the Automatic Road Feature Extraction from LiDAR (ARFEL) tool to DOT in early 2022.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning

The RTC is collaborating with other partner agencies on several initiatives to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety & facilities:

- The data collection counts for active transportation modes occur annually. This project is currently on schedule.
- Several applications for Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside funds were received prior to the October 1, 2021, deadline.

Vision Zero Truckee Meadows (VZTM)

- The next Vision Zero Truckee Meadows Task Force meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.
- Between January 1, 2021, and August 31, 2021, eight pedestrians and one bicyclist were killed in Washoe County. During this same time period in 2020, there were 10 pedestrian and no bicycle fatalities in Washoe County. Based on this, Washoe County has 20% less pedestrian fatalities in 2021 compared to the same time period in 2020.
- Vision Zero is preparing a joint press conference to promote #Dusk2DawnNV. The time change is scheduled for November 7, 2021, and the bus tail campaign will be launched before the time change.

Development Review

RTC staff routinely review development proposals from the local jurisdictions of Washoe County and the cities of Reno and Sparks. Staff from planning, engineering and public transportation have reviewed and commented on the following number of development proposals from each of the jurisdictions since the last Board meeting:

- Washoe County – 2
- City of Reno – 6
- City of Sparks – 2

This does not include proposals that were reviewed on which staff did not have any comments.

Staff has met with the planning staff from each jurisdiction to discuss the development review process. This occurs every few years in order to communicate and confirm that the information provided to each jurisdiction is valuable. Staff from planning, public transit and engineering participated in the collaboration meetings. Staff from TMRPA also attended the meetings.

COMMUNITY AND MEDIA OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

RTC staff conducted the following outreach activities from September 17 – October 14:

September 16	City of Reno Ward 4 Neighborhood Advisory Board - Lemmon Drive Project Update
September 16	Nevada Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Board, Update on RTC Planning
September 25	Safe Kids Washoe County Superhero Mini Golf Tournament
September 29	Safe Routes to School-International Walk to School Day, Katherine Dunn Elementary School
October 5	Virtual Public Meeting – Proposed transit service changes for January 2022
October 6	RTC Citizens Multimodal Advisory Committee (CMAC) Meeting
October 7	RTC Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting
October 13	Reno+Sparks Chamber of Commerce Leadership Class 2021 – RTC overview presentation

Media Relations & Social Media

The RTC issued five news releases and received seven media inquiries regarding the labor union strike and RTC's contingency transit plan, former RTC Deputy Executive Director and Director of Planning Amy Cummings' departure, the Arlington Bridges project, RTC's contract with Keolis, transit to the Great Reno Balloon Race, RTC's Labor Day office closure and transit schedule information.

Social media was used to promote and provide information about the labor union strike and RTC's contingency transit plan, the RTC Board meeting, mask enforcement on transit, King's Row project information, Token Transit's new 'tap-to-board' feature, a 9/11 remembrance message, transit options for the Great Reno Balloon Race, Labor Day office closure and transit schedule information, information about the Celebration of Life for Sparks Mayor Ron Smith, and transit options for the Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-Off.

Social media metrics for the month of September: 51,945 impressions on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Instagram.

Informational Materials and Video Production

Four topics were broadcast on KOLO-TV for The Road Ahead with RTC. Segments included Washoe County's anti-human trafficking campaign, NDOT's incident response awareness week, Keolis driver recruitment, and Token Transit's new tap-to-board feature.