

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA**

FRIDAY

10:00 A.M.

October 20, 2023

PRESENT:

**Ed Lawson, Mayor of Sparks
Mariluz Garcia, Washoe County Commissioner
Clara Andriola, Washoe County Commissioner (Alternate)
Devon Reese, Reno City Vice Mayor**

**Bill Thomas, RTC Executive Director
Adam Spear, Legal Counsel
Darin Tedford, Deputy Director of NDOT (via Zoom @ 10:10am)**

ABSENT:

**Alexis Hill, Vice Chair, Washoe County Commissioner
Hillary Schieve, Mayor of Reno**

The regular monthly meeting, held in the 1st Floor Great Room at Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County, Reno, Nevada, was called to order by Chair Lawson. The Board conducted the following business:

Item 1 CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1 Roll Call
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Item 2 PUBLIC INPUT

Chair Lawson 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.

Damien Cole, local resident, discussed Micromobility in the downtown Reno and surrounding area and presented a slide show with street graphics and photos.

Amanda Nelson, Transit Operator with Keolis, Reno and Sparks is expanding and our cost of living is skyrocketing and unfortunately wages are not. She discussed expanding transit services in the area and eliminating bus fares to better serve the community. People that don't have vehicles or are unable to drive, miss out on great job opportunities, doctor visits, and the ability to come into town for shopping. We should try to do better for our community.

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

Item 3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Commissioner Reese to move to approve agenda, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion unanimously carried, Chair Lawson ordered that the agenda for this meeting be approved.

Bill Thomas, Executive Director noted two changes. Item 4.6.2, needs to be pulled from today's action and will be brought back in November. I'm asking Adam Spear to make correction on Item 4.4.7 to ensure that the public record is clear on the action you will be taking today.

Adam Spear, Legal Counsel, the action on Item 4.4.7 is that the not to exceed amount will now be \$304,260. The RTC and contractor negotiated a revision to the contract and the revised version has been presented to you here at the dais, and it has been made available to the public. If it is a Board approved consent item, it will be reflected in the minutes and the record.

Commissioner Reese would like to pull Items 4.3.3, 4.4.3, 4.4.6, 4.4.7. Commissioner Garcia would like to pull Items 4.3.4 and 4.4.1 for discussion.

Chair Lawson Items 4.3.3, 4.3.4, 4.4.1, 4.4.3, 4.4.6, 4.4.7 will be pulled for discussion and Item 4.6.2 will be pulled entirely from this agenda. On motion of Commissioner Andriola to move to approve the remaining consent items, seconded by Commissioner Reese, which motion unanimously carried, Chair Lawson ordered that the remaining consent items for this meeting be approved.

Items 4 CONSENT ITEMS

4.1 Minutes

4.1.1 Approve minutes from 9/15/2023 Board meeting. (For Possible Action)

4.2. Reports

4.2.1 Acknowledge receipt of the monthly Procurement Activity Report. (For Possible Action)

4.2.2 Acknowledge receipt of the Summary Report for the Technical, Citizens Multimodal, and Regional Road Impact Fee Advisory Committees. (For Possible Action)

4.2.3 Acknowledge receipt of the monthly Planning Activity Report. (For Possible Action)

4.2.4 Acknowledge receipt of the monthly Engineering Activity Report. (For Possible Action)

4.2.5 Acknowledge receipt of the monthly Public Transportation and Operations Activity Report. (For Possible Action)

4.2.6 Acknowledge receipt of the monthly Outreach Report from the Communications staff. (For Possible Action)

4.3 Planning Department

4.3.1 Approve a new "Statement of Purpose and Procedures" for the Citizen Multimodal Advisory Committee. (For Possible Action)

4.3.2 Approve the appointment of two (2) new members to the Citizens Multimodal Advisory Committee. (For Possible Action)

4.3.3 Approve a contract with Wood Rodgers, Inc., for consulting services on the RTC Regional Transportation Plan Update, in an amount not-to-exceed \$350,010. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Reese, I pulled Item 4.3.3 because I think there are a couple of important things to highlight for the public. This is the approval of a contract with Wood Rodgers for an update to the RTIP, which occurs by this body every four years. I wanted to commend staff for selecting Wood Rodgers, as they do excellent work, and I'm excited that their name appears here. What I noticed and what was important to me is the commitment that we have made here as an Agency to stakeholder engagement and public involvement. There will be three local agency working group meetings, as well

as three public workshops. This is an example of where I am very pleased to see these meetings being considered at the very front end.

On motion of Commissioner Reese to move to approve Item 4.3.3, seconded by Commissioner Garcia, which motion unanimously carried, Chair Lawson ordered that Item 4.3.3. be approved.

- 4.3.4 Approve an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with the Board of Regents, Nevada System of Higher Education, on behalf of the University of Nevada, Reno, for the Multimodal Traffic Data LiDAR Study and Analysis, in the amount of \$230,000. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Garcia, I wanted to put on the record that I am employed by the University of Nevada Reno. I have no involvement with UNR staff and have no pecuniary interest in this Interlocal Agreement.

On motion of Commissioner Reese to move to approve Item 4.3.4, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion unanimously carried, Chair Lawson ordered that Item 4.3.4. be approved.

4.4 Engineering Department

- 4.4.1 Approve a contract with Nichols Consulting Engineers, CHTD for professional engineering services for the Sun Valley Boulevard Corridor Improvements Phase 2 Project, in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,231,075. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Garcia, I wanted to take a moment to give a nod to this item. Sun Valley is a growing and thriving community and it is very busy. Route 5 going from Sutro to Sun Valley is incredibly used and utilized by the constituents in Reno and Sun Valley. I wanted to thank those involved in the 2015 Sun Valley Boulevard Corridor Study. I am very excited to see the design improvements made for pedestrians, cyclists and also to the landscaping and lighting and all of the improvements on this.

On motion of Commissioner Andriola to move to approve Item 4.4.1, seconded by Commissioner Reese, which motion unanimously carried, Chair Lawson ordered that Item 4.4.1 be approved.

- 4.4.2 Approve a contract with Lumos and Associates, Inc., for professional engineering services for the Arrowcreek Parkway and Wedge Parkway Rehabilitation Project, in an amount not-to-exceed \$885,020. (For Possible Action)
- 4.4.3 Authorize the Executive Director to negotiate the terms and conditions of the following agreements related to RTC property acquired as part of a planned US 395/Clear Acre/Sutro Interchange Improvement Project (APNs: 004-061-20, 004-061-22, 004-061-26, 004-061-28, 004-082-18, 035-033-02): (1) a property exchange agreement with the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) whereby TMWA will acquire a portion of the RTC property for a water tank site and facilities project, and RTC will acquire a TMWA parcel located at 9675 Western Skies Drive (APN: 140-051-23) for a planned roadway project; and (2) a purchase and sale agreement with the City of Reno for the sale of the remaining RTC property to the City of Reno for a public use related to affordable housing. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Reese would like a staff presentation on Item 4.4.3.

Dale Keller, RTC Engineering Director, this item gives authority to the Executive Director to negotiate the parcels that are no longer needed by RTC at Clear Acre, which are six parcels in total, and directly negotiate that agreement with the City of Reno. The staff report says to send a letter requesting the

land to be used for affordable housing. This allows that item to move forward and be negotiated, and then an agreement will be sent at a future time to this Board for approval. The other part of the item is the work with the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA). At TMWA there is a need for water tanks at the Clear Acre parcel. In exchange for that parcel, we have some needs in the south part of the valley off of Western Skies, and that would allow us to move forward with an agreement for those transactions as well.

Commissioner Reese, thank you for the presentation. I want to thank the coordinated effort of a variety of staff from TMWA, RTC, City of Reno, the Northern Nevada Trades Council of Reno, and an outside party who is interested in building affordable housing. I think this is a great example of inter-governmental cooperation in a very powerful way and very excellent work all around.

Chair Lawson, this is a big deal for our community on so many levels. I want to thank the City of Reno for following through and making this work, and the Northern Nevada Trades Council and especially the RTC staff.

On motion of Commissioner Reese to move to approve Item 4.4.3, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion unanimously carried, Chair Lawson ordered that Item 4.4.3. be approved.

- 4.4.4 Approve Amendment No. 1 to the contract with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., for additional design services associated with a requested additional plan submittal, lighting study, and extended coordination with the right-of-way consultant team for the Mill Street Capacity and Safety Project, in the amount of \$439,510, for a new total not-to-exceed amount of \$1,978,850. (For Possible Action)
- 4.4.5 Approve a contract with CA Group, Inc., for design and optional construction management services for the Butch Cassidy Drive Extension Project, in an amount not-to-exceed \$2,057,725. (For Possible Action)
- 4.4.6 Approve a Local Public Agency (LPA) Agreement with the Nevada Department of Transportation for the use and reimbursement of federal funds on the West Fourth Street Safety Improvements project. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Reese, I pulled this item because it really is an outstanding moment to be grateful for the improvements that are coming to this particular stretch of Reno. Also, the Highway Safety Program funds that are coming in to pay for it really speaks to the local, public and national meeting of the minds on certain safety issues. I also think it's important because although there will be other agenda items today that speak to micromobility, micromobility is not confined to any one of our jurisdictions. It is something that is a growing concern by all of the jurisdictions represented on this body, and the connectivity to various networks is expanded incrementally. I wanted to confirm with you that we will begin construction of the project in 2025, after we've gone through all of the environmental reviews and some of the design phases, is that correct?

Dale Keller, RTC Engineering Director, yes, the goal is to begin construction in 2025. Micromobility is really safety for all users, vehicles, transit improvements, micromodes, as well as pedestrians. The other point I want to make is the \$13.8 million in discretionary funds could have been used anywhere in the State, so I want to thank our partners at NDOT for selecting this as part of the project and allocating that money to this project.

Commissioner Reese, of course your staff deserves the lions share of the kudos because you are the ones that are bringing forth these grant applications in a way that is made attractive to our State and Federal partners. So, your staff is doing the hard work. We often times get to sit in the position of

taking credit for the work that the staff has done and I want to make sure you understand that I see and recognize the important work the staff is doing.

On motion of Commissioner Reese to move to approve Item 4.4.6, seconded by Commissioner Garcia, which motion unanimously carried, Chair Lawson ordered that Item 4.4.6. be approved.

- 4.4.7 Approve a contract with Innovative Contracting and Engineering LLC for independent cost estimating services related to the Arlington Avenue Bridges Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Project, in an amount not-to-exceed \$249,377. (For Possible Action)

Chair Lawson, on this item the total cost was updated to \$304,260.

Commissioner Reese, I pulled this item because it is an important project in the City of Reno that is going to have a generational impact, and it is also going to basically impact downtown for a year or two, which will create some sadness for folks living near or using the Arlington Bridges.

I think the delivery CMAR method is important. There are various delivery methods for contracting and I wanted to simply say to my colleges and the community that in this particular case, the CMAR method seems to be a very good way to get through this project. In part, what we want from the City of Reno is that the Arlington Bridges are replaced, but that it is done as quickly as possible, which I think is the same thing that the RTC wants. In this process, I think the CMAR selection will allow us to identify whether there is a way to do it more quickly, and if there is, at what cost? The CMAR method allows for that, where some other contracts don't necessarily allow it. I am hopeful that the Arlington Bridges will begin construction the spring of 2025, and I'm hoping we can make that in one season because of the impacts especially on Wingfield Park and summer events.

On motion of Commissioner Reese to move to approve Item 4.4.7, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion unanimously carried, Chair Lawson ordered that Item 4.4.7. be approved.

- 4.4.8 Approve Amendment No. 1 to the contract with Avenue Consultants, Inc., for professional services and program management of the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) pre-construction process for the Arlington Avenue Bridge Replacement Project, in an amount not-to-exceed \$291,445.45 for a new total not-to-exceed amount of \$352,419.45. (For Possible Action)
- 4.4.9 Approve a contract with Granite Construction Inc., for Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) pre-construction services for the Arlington Avenue Bridges Project, in an amount not-to-exceed \$449,980.60. (For Possible Action)

4.5 Public Transportation/Operations Department

- 4.5.1 Approve a contract with M4 Engineering, LLC to perform ice and snow removal services at Fourth Street Station, Centennial Plaza Station, and RTC's Administrative Building during the 2023-24 winter season, in an amount not-to-exceed \$214,704. (For Possible Action)
- 4.5.2 Approve a contract with Trapeze Software Group, Inc., dba Vontas, for the purchase of thirty-eight (38) Message Point Media passenger information displays, in an amount not-to-exceed \$568,560. (For Possible Action)

4.6 Executive, Administrative and Finance Departments

- 4.6.1 Approve revisions to Chapter 10 (Benefits) of the RTC Personnel Rules, pursuant to RTC Personnel Rule 1.3. (For Possible Action)
- 4.6.2 Approve revisions to Chapter 11 (Attendance and Leaves) of the RTC Personnel Rules, pursuant to RTC Personnel Rule 1.3. (For Possible Action) *Pulled from Agenda – to be moved to November Agenda*

Item 5 DISCUSSION ITEMS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 5.1. Acknowledge receipt of a report regarding RTC staff intent to proceed with the process required by federal law to revise the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) in connection with what is expected to be referred to generally as the “Downtown Reno Micromobility Project,” in order to include projects on the network of streets accepted by the City of Reno (the Virginia St.; Lake St./Sinclair St./Evans Ave.; Vine St.; 5th St.; and 6th St. corridors), and not include projects on the 3rd St./Plaza St. and Center St./University Way corridors. (For Possible Action)

Dale Keller, RTC Engineering Director, I am providing an update and presentation of the Micromobility in Downtown Reno, including what the next steps RTC staff is planning to take.

Micromobility devices are small low speed vehicles intended for personal use, i.e. bicycles, e-bikes, e-scooters. It’s proven to be a popular and affordable choice for transportation for many users. In response, RTC is looking to move more people in different ways, especially in our urban core areas. These tools are new to our area and our focus is to assert more of the population with this infrastructure. As micromobility relates to transportation planning, the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) incorporated previous studies that were analyzed for Transportation Safety Operations and Mobility needs in Downtown Reno. It included the identification of potential projects to consider.

The 2050 RTP also reflected further studies and analysis that needed to be performed and required in connection to those projects. For example, for the Virginia Street Corridor, the 2050 RTP recommended that the City of Reno lead a study of that corridor, and that RTC offer a supporting role. The RTC Board approved the funding for the City study, as well as, the Reno City Council adopted those recommendations of the Virginia Street Placemaking Study earlier this spring.

Concurrently, both RTC and the City of Reno partnered together with Downtown Reno Micromobility Pilot project. We tested the usefulness of this micromode infrastructure. The results of that project were then presented to the RTC Board in April. Since that time, RTC and City of Reno have engaged in further planning efforts with the Downtown Reno Conceptual Bicycle Network report, which is included in this agenda packet today.

The Downtown Reno Conceptual Bicycle Network report conceptualizes a core network of low-stress connections, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, which are complimentary to and offset the high vehicle capacity roadways in Downtown Reno. The Conceptual Network prioritized the movement, safety and connectivity in micromodes, while addressing the known safety issues that we have on these corridors.

The report evaluated seven different corridors starting with the north-south corridors, the first one being on the east side of downtown at Sinclair, Lake and Evans Streets. Moving to the west, University Way/Center Street, also Virginia Street and the west side of downtown Vine Street. For the east-west corridors, the report analyzed 6th, 5th and 3rd Streets.

RTC and City of Reno staff evaluated these seven corridors and low-stress facilities in order to accomplish the goals to enhance safety, increase neighborhood connectivity, support thriving businesses, provide transportation choices, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and aid in healthy lifestyles and support the traffic congestion management.

The City of Reno prioritized the following corridors: Sinclair/Lake Evans, Virginia Street, Vine Street 6th Street and 5th Street. Last Wednesday, October 11, 2023, Reno City Council approved an agenda item to accept these streets as the Downtown Micromobility Network of Streets, and be a part of the RTIP. This item did not address the 6th Street corridor, although it was supported, as it was already in a planned project that the RTC submitted to Safe Street 4 All (SS4A) Federal Grant earlier this summer. Center Street and 3rd Street were not included in that action.

As for the next steps, RTC staff intends to begin the process to revise the RTP, as well as the RTIP, to include those projects into what is generally referred to as the Downtown Reno Micromobility project. Staff identified roughly \$20 million of available Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) federal funds to be use for this project. Based upon the approvals that will come to this Board, as well as the City Council, through an ICA, the environmental and design process would occur in 2024, with construction in the 2025-2026 time-frame.

Commissioner Reese stated that this will be a legacy defining opportunity for us to expand safety infrastructure in the City and regional surrounding areas.

Commissioner Garcia, I agree that everyone will be impacted by this in one way, shape or form. Our wonderful colleges at the City of Reno have done so much already to help activate spaces and bring in new business fronts and increase housing. I think this will be a huge win for the region.

On motion of Commissioner Reese, seconded by Commissioner Garcia, which motion unanimously carried, Chair Lawson approved the receipt of Item 5.1.

Item 6 REPORTS (Informational Only)

6.1 RTC Executive Director Report

1. We have some really good news on the Arlington Avenue Bridges Replacement Project.
 - a. The FHWA approved environmental clearance on the project, earlier this month. This approval will allow us to move forward with our permits and construction using federal funding. I would like to thank Judy Tortelli for her hard work and dedication on this very important community project. We anticipate construction to begin in 2025 and take two years to complete.
2. We are working with the Reno Sparks Indian Colony and the Bureau of Land Management to make progress on a potential roadway connecting Lemmon Valley to Spanish Springs.
 - a. The preferred route in the study is the southern route that would run from Deodar Way to Wingfield Hills Road – just south of Lazy 5 Park.
 - The Washoe County Board of Commissioners recently approved a resolution to support the enactment of the Truckee Meadows Public Land Management Act.
 - We are working with Senator Rosen’s office to help create a path forward.
 - We’re also looking at potential improvements east of town.
 - Traffic is increasing on Interstate 80 because of job growth at the Tahoe-Reno Industrial Center.
 - I recently met with the chief executives from Storey County, Fernley, and Lyon County to discuss a shared view of transportation throughout our region in the future.

3. Please join me in welcoming Jim Gee as our new Director of Public Transportation and Operations.
 - a. Jim's promotion took effect this past Monday after a thorough national search. He's taking over for Mark Maloney who is retiring in December. Jim joined RTC in December of 2019. He came to us from the Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority in Ohio, where he worked for 25 years – most of that time as Chief Executive Officer. Jim has been instrumental in our recent transit app updates, service changes, and creation of the TOPS Plan. I am looking forward to Jim leading our great Public Transportation and Operations team and continuing RTC's success as a transit industry leader.
4. I am very happy to introduce you to the new General Manager at Keolis Reno – Don Swain.
 - a. Don comes to us from Portland, Oregon. He's been a Region Vice President, General Manager, and Director for transit companies in the Portland area and in San Diego. He has worked in the public transportation industry for more than 40 years – most recently as a consultant, so he brings a wealth of experience to Keolis Reno. Don is stepping in for Phil Pumphrey who is leaving for Austin, Texas to be the Assistant General Manager there. Our regional rep – Mike Ake is also going to Austin as its GM. Austin and Phoenix both awarded Keolis with contracts to operate their transit systems – and that's why we're seeing some leadership changes.
5. I'm pleased to announce Alex Cruz's Promotion.
 - a. Alex is stepping in as the new Senior Technical Transit Operations Planner. This is the position that opened up when Michael Dulude retired, last month. Alex has proven to be a very capable and valuable asset to our agency over the past year and we are very confident that he will continue his success in his new role.
6. Bryan Byrne joined our team as a Project Manager on September 18th.
 - a. Bryan comes to us from Carson City Public Works. He managed paving, drainage, traffic control, and roadway projects there. Prior to Carson City, Bryan worked on many RTC projects during his time in the private sector. His background and experience will make a great addition to our team. On another note, he got married on October 7th. Congratulations to Bryan and his bride, Lindsay – and best of wishes for a happy life together.
7. I would like to thank Derek Campbell for all of his hard work.
 - a. Derek celebrated his fifth anniversary with RTC on September 24th. He is one of our Facilities Maintenance Specialists. He does a great job keeping our facilities and equipment in good shape, so we can be as successful as possible here.
8. Congratulations to the Keolis driver of the month, Eddie King, Jr.
 - a. Eddie has worked as a bus operator for RTC RIDE since February of 1997. His on-time performance in September was 97 percent with zero accidents. Eddie is originally from Los Angeles and moved to Reno in the early 90s. He likes to spend his spare time with his family and enjoys cooking.
9. The MTM Employee of the Month for September is Ramon Robles. (Pronounced Ruh-mone)
 - a. Ramon has been with MTM Transit since 2016 – and he is a very well-liked driver in our community. Before coming to RTC ACCESS, he worked for a community center where he helped people with disabilities. He loves spending time with his coworkers during breaks and at employee events. He's got a lot of great memories with his colleagues and looks forward to creating more in the future. He enjoys spending his free time with his three children and attending live events around Reno and Sparks.
10. I am very grateful for the hard work of the Keolis and MTM employees who make our transit system work so well.
 - a. That's why I'm announcing that we will hold an employee appreciation event, sponsored by Commissioner Reese, for both companies, November 7th.
 - b. Food trucks will serve pastries, coffee, and other drinks from 1:30-3:30 at our Sutro and Villanova facilities. These employees do a great job and this is the least we can do to show our gratitude. Thank you to all Keolis and MTM employees.

6.2 RTC Federal Report

Paul Nelson, RTC Government Affairs Officer, Congress and House of Representatives are still trying to find Kevin McCarthy's replacement as Speaker.

The House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on highways and transit is discussing some of the challenges that are associated with financing of the road projects, because of concerns in the funds of the Highway Trust Fund. They are looking at the possibility of increasing the fuel tax or even indexing it to inflation. Another thing they are discussing is possibly transitioning to some kind of road user charge.

Four Republican Senators have introduced a fee for EV owners that would go into the Highway Trust Fund, it's called the Stop EV Freeloading Act. This is something that we're interested in if it's meant to replace some of those taxes that we're losing because of people switching to EV's. Our partners in Washington DC say this bill does have some legs, but one of the concerns is what is the intent of the bill? Are they trying to replace these taxes, or are they trying to stymie the growth in the EV market?

The Mileage Based User Fee Alliance National Conference is next week in Washington DC and Laura Freed, RTC Administrative Services Director, will be attending on RTC's behalf. The RTC submitted our application for the Smart Grant for \$1.1 million. That funding would go towards pedestrian improvements on Plumb Lane between the Airport and South Virginia Street using artificial intelligence. We expect an announcement on that sometime early next year.

APTA held its Transform Conference and Expo in Orlando last week and more than 10,000 people from around the Country, maybe even the world, attended this. James Gee, RTC Public Transportation Director, gave a presentation on Hydrogen Fuel Cell Buses, and from what I'm told, this was one of the most popular panels of the entire conference with standing room only. Thank you to Jim and our other colleagues who attended.

To show support of Catherine Cortez Masto's bill on human trafficking, we're going to be wrapping one of our buses to raise awareness on the issue. Thank you, Commissioner Garcia, for using discretionary funds to get the bus wrapped. We will be inviting the Senator to come out and show it off in the next couple of months.

6.3 NDOT Director Report

NDOT Deputy Director Darin Tedford, gave a presentation and spoke on the following topics:

- I-80 East of Sparks NEPA. NDOT will hold an online public meeting, followed by an in-person public meeting to gather input on our potential improvements coming to I-80. The project is between Vista Boulevard and USA Parkway, east of Sparks out to TRIC. We are looking at widening the highway out to TRIC and other safety and mobility improvements. Visit www.I80eastnv.com for more information and meetings.
- I-80 and Pyramid Way Interchange Resurfacing closure. The ramps and road underneath the Pyramid/I-80 Interchange have deteriorated significantly and we will be closing those ramps October 20th thru 23rd.
- Substantial Completion of I-580 Central Reno Paving. Thank you to everyone for your patience during this project.
- U.S. 50 Tahoe East Shore Survey Results Overview. We appreciate everyone's input into this survey and we will be presenting it to our Board in November. There will be a last

public meeting in January and the results will be put out as a Corridor Study. We will keep the RTC updated as progress continues.

Upon conclusion of Deputy Director Tedford's report, Chair Lawson asked if the Commissioners had any questions. Being none, he moved onto Item 7.

Item 7 COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

Commissioner Garcia expressed her thanks to Paul Nelson and staff for showing up at the Sun Valley Cab meeting and making themselves available to answer questions, present and address concerns. Thank you also to Bill Thomas for being accessible for questions and requests.

Commissioner Andriola would also like to give recognition to Mr. Nelson and Mr. Heller for coming to the CAB and sharing all of the wonderful projects in Spanish Springs. You're going to be part of our family for the next several years, and I really appreciate it.

Commissioner Reese thanked RTC and NDOT for appearing at our public meetings and providing some guidance and input. It's great to know that our staff are out there working so hard to share the good work they're doing and to take input from the community.

Item 8 PUBLIC INPUT

Chair Lawson 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.

Damien Cole local resident, continued his discussion on Micromobility in the Downtown Reno and surrounding areas and completed his slide show with street graphics and photos.

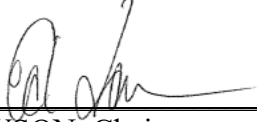
Amanda Nelson, Keolis Driver, discussed bus stops that appear to be very dangerous to stop at, especially Howard Drive and Spring Meadows on Route 11. You can't park there without the tail end of bus sticking out or pulling all the way in and blocking the entire crosswalk. Sierra Highlands needs a bus stop. Adding lighting at many bus stops that are in the dark would increase safety. If you want to do a Driver Appreciation, I would suggest doing it at 4th Street Station where we are in and out of there all day.

Dora Martinez thanked all of the Board for doing such a great job. I want to thank Mr. Jim Gee for working with us, and I feel we are going to have a very productive and workable relationship moving forward. Thank you, Chair Lawson, for your staff at Sparks, as they are so compassionate and they really help people that I bring to the office for rental assistance. Vice Mayor Reese and Mayor Schieve, I always want to quote my Mayor, we gotta do better, because better together will make our City the Biggest Little Friendly City to live in. I agree that bus stops, especially in Northwest Reno area, need to be safer. I also want to thank ADA Coordinator at NDOT, he was super gracious and awesome and he helped put in some of the audible pedestrian signals. I wanted to remind everyone to please drop non-perishable foods, socks and shoes for our use at the Karma Box.

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

Item 9 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.



ED LAWSON, Chair
Regional Transportation Commission

****Copies of all presentations are available by contacting Michelle Kraus at mkraus@rtcwashoe.com.**