

CARSON CITY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
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A regularly scheduled meeting of the Carson City Regional Transportation Commission was held on Wednesday, October 11, 2000, at the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairperson Jon Plank, Vice Chairperson Steve Reynolds,
and Commissioners Bob Kennedy and Marv Teixeira

STAFF PRESENT: City Engineer Larry Werner, RTC Engineer Harvey Brotzman,
and Recording Secretary Katherine McLaughlin (RTC 10/11/00
Tape 1-0008.5)

A. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM - Chairperson Plank convened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Roll call was taken. A quorum of the Commission was present although Commissioner Bennett was absent.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - 9/27/00 (1-0021.5) - Commissioner Teixeira moved to approve the Minutes with the one correction which had been presented prior to the meeting. Commissioner Kennedy seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

C. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS (1-0018.5) - None.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS (1-0038.5) - None.

E. DISCLOSURES (1-0044.5) - None.

F. PUBLIC MEETING ITEMS:

F-1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A POLICY TO FOLLOW ON PROJECTS WHICH EXCEED ENGINEERS ESTIMATE AT TIME OF BID (1-0060.5) - Mr. Brotzman requested direction from the Commission concerning the amount. A policy would then be drafted and brought back at a future meeting for approval. Commission discussion pointed out the need for flexibility in the amount due to the differences encountered in project costs. Comments justified having the Commission review the overages as supported by various projects which were cited. Mr. Brotzman suggested that any project over \$200,000 which has a cost overrun of ten percent be brought back. Commissioner Teixeira agreed and suggested that any project under \$200,000 which exceeds 30 percent be brought back. Commissioner Reynolds moved that the RTC establish a policy that when a project of \$200,000 or more comes in at ten percent or higher than the engineer's estimate, that it will be brought back to the RTC and that any project of less than \$200,000 that exceeds the estimate by 30 percent be brought back to the RTC. Commissioner Teixeira seconded the motion. Mr. Brotzman clarified the intent as being that if the engineer's estimate is \$200,000, the ten percent rule is to be followed and if the engineer's estimate is \$175,000, the 30 percent rule is to be followed. Another figure besides the engineer's estimate was not suggested. Chairperson Plank briefly indicated that it may be possible to do design built projects after the next legislative session. The motion may be reconsidered at that time. The motion was voted and carried 4-0.

F-2. DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION OF STATUS REPORTS ON VARIOUS PROJECTS (1-0289.5) - Mr. Brotzman highlighted the staff report on various RTC projects. Discussion indicated that the Forest Service is not interested in having Stewart Street connected to Curry Street. (A copy of this letter is to be provided to the Commissioners later.) Commissioner Teixeira questioned the need for the Curry Street widening if Stewart is not connected. Purportedly, DKS, the transportation element master plan consultant, had been contacted and is analyzing the need. Mr. Werner also indicated that the consultant is studying the impact restriping Carson Street to add a third lane will have on the traffic flow. This could also impact/eliminate the need for the Curry Street project. He also indicated that the Forest Service leases the property from the State. The lease is purportedly

for perpetuity as long as it is used for Forest Services proposes. Options will consider the relocation of the Forest Service to other sites including the former National Guard building(s). Once the need for the extension is determined, these options will be pursued. He also expressed a willingness to change the discussion points if and when warranted in the future. Chairperson Plank pointed out the need to complete the Curry Street design so that developers with projects along it will know what is expected. To date \$60,000 of the \$107,000 funding allocation has been spent on the design by Lumos. The analysis DKS is doing will cost another \$2,000. Mr. Brotzman agreed that the design between Rhodes and Koontz should be completed. The design from "C" Hill to Tenth Street will be held. Chairperson Plank expressed the hope that development agreements could be avoided as much as possible. A reasonable response from the Forest Service may not be possible until next year sometime. Commissioner Reynolds pointed out the need for another north/south arterial and questioned its location. Mr. Werner indicated that staff is analyzing this need. Roop Street was indicated as a suggestion. Funding issues will have to be resolved also. Chairperson Plank explained his work with former Deputy City Manager Dan St. John and the WNDD regarding a grant for Curry Street. This grant requires the creation of jobs and economic development. It may be possible to relocate the project to another site. This grant is allegedly going to be available in two years. Commissioner Teixeira noted a previous experience with EDA grants and cautioned the Commission to move carefully when dealing with them.

(1-0663.5) Mr. Brotzman continued his review of the staff report. Comments questioned the Post Office's opening date. Concerns were expressed about delaying the College Parkway sound wall based on the commitments which had been made to the residents. Justification for delaying the bidding and work was based on the estimates and construction timeframes provided by masonry contractors. Chairperson Plank also noted that this project will be under the new policy approved earlier in the meeting. Commissioner Teixeira suggested that a letter signed by Chairperson Plank explaining the delay be sent to the residents. Commission comments supported his suggestion. Discussion ensued on the cost of going to bid and the impact bidding a project without an intent to honor the bids has. Mr. Werner felt that it is better to issue bid documents which the City intends to honor. Otherwise, the prices may be even higher. Chairperson Plank asked that the letter be mailed within two weeks.

Mr. Brotzman continued his report with the status of the Northridge and Roop intersection. Mr. Werner indicated that the most recent timeline for the MPO had been revised making it necessary to complete the program by February. FHWA Representative John Price had purportedly indicated that FHWA was not going to wait for the census figures due to the time lag in receiving them. Mr. Brotzman felt that the agreements and the revised bicycle master plan would be completed by February 2001. The status of this element, its revision and adoption timetable were described. The element will include the funding source(s). Chairperson Plank also pointed out the need for the Board of Supervisors to establish the population cap and to include it within within the master plan. This must also meet the February deadline. Community Development's review process for establishing the population estimates and date for reaching same were described and discussed. Commissioner Kennedy questioned whether the February deadline was realistic particularly in view of the various Commissions who must conduct public hearings on it and the holiday season impact on those meeting dates. He urged staff to reconsider this deadline. Mr. Werner explained the freeway commitment mandating that the bicycle plan be completed by February. The workshops have already been advertised. Chairperson Plank indicated that alternatives are being drafted by staff for the public hearings. Commissioner Reynolds asked for a copy of the timeline. Chairperson Plank indicated that the bicycle element is to be completed before the pedestrian element is considered. No formal action was required or taken.

G. INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - (1-1310.5) - None.

H. ADJOURNMENT (1-1312.5) - Commissioner Kennedy moved to adjourn. Commissioner Teixeira seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Chairperson Plank adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

A tape recording of these proceedings is on file in the Clerk-Recorder's office. This tape is available for review and inspection during normal business hours.

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ARE SO APPROVED ON_November 8__,

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Jon Plank, Chairperson