

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
CITIZENS MULTIMODAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, May 6, 2020**

**Meeting via teleconference only pursuant to NRS 241.023 and Emergency Directive 006**

**CMAC Members Present**

Chun Chao (Alan)  
Vince Harris  
Paul Malikowski  
Vice-Chair, Jeff Bonano  
Rudy Leon  
Chair, Molly O'Brien  
Jillian Keller

Sigurd Jaunarajs  
Mark Tadder  
Laura Azzam  
Majima Mayuko  
Suraj Verma  
Dora Uchel

**CMAC Members Absent**

Harvey Katz

Scot A. Munns

**RTC Staff**

Dan Doenges  
Amy Cummings  
Stephanie Haddock  
Jacqueline Maldonado

Jim Gee  
David Carr  
Jelena Williams

**CMAC Guest**

The Citizens Multimodal Advisory Committee (CMAC) was conducted as a Virtual Meeting. The meeting was called to order at 5:36 p.m. by the Chair, Molly O'Brien.

**ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as submitted with a request to add a COVID-19 item to agenda item 9.

**ITEM 2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 5, 2020 AND MARCH 4, 2020 MEETING MINUTES**

The CMAC February 5, 2020 and March 4 2020, meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

**ITEM 4. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE FFY 2020-2024 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN (RTIP)**

Dan Doenges, RTC Planning Manager briefed the committee on the proposed Amendment No. 2 to the FFY 2020-2024 RTIP. A required amendment for existing projects on the programming of federal funds and the new projects which, include Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) improvement program funds. The proposed amendment project listing is (attached) for review of the improvements. A public comment period notice through May 21, 2020 is in place for the amendment and no air quality analysis is required for the proposed amendment as the proposed new projects are not capacity-related. A presentation to the RTC Board and a public hearing will be held at their May 22, 2020, board meeting for approval of the proposed Amendment No. 2 to the FFY 2020-2024 RTIP.

Jillian Keller made a motion to recommend approval of the proposed Amendment No. 2 to the FFY 2020-2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Plan (RTIP).

Vice-Chair, Jeff Bonano seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM 5. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT FY 2021 RTC TENTATIVE BUDGET**

Jelena Williams, RTC Financial Manager gave a presentation on the draft FY 2021 RTC Tentative Budget. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is on file at the RTC Metropolitan Planning Department.

Vice-Chair, Jeff Bonano asked about the upcoming changes in for the tentative budget expenses. Jelena Williams stated the changes in revenues and expenditures for the FY 2021 RTC tentative budget are related to the COVID-19 impacts.

Mark Tadder asked about the 20 million dollar federal funds and how much of the operations and transit is being allocated with the funds. Jelena Williams stated the majority of the Coronavirus Aid Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) is for transit services and preventive maintenance. Stephanie Haddock, RTC Director of Finance stated the funds are for the maintaining at the current

service levels and at full service, a COVID-19 relief is in place for FY 2021. She stated transportation service reductions could happen if there's a continued economic decline beyond this pandemic.

Rudy Leon asked about the projections from the sales tax and fuel tax funding with the no staff layoffs.

Jelena Williams stated the reductions in fuel tax and the sales tax projections are due to the cancellations of the local events and reduction in tourism due to the COVID-19 RTC Leadership is committed to no lay-offs.

Stephanie Haddock, RTC Director of Finance stated there are more people working from home and there is more diversity in the work activities and many people are actively working in distribution and contributing to the taxes. She stated this is a conservative budget report. She stated construction is ongoing and construction materials are also being purchased in this pandemic.

Vice-Chair, Jeff Bonano made a motion to recommend approval of the draft FY 2021 RTC tentative budget.

Laura Azzam seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM 6. RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE EAGLE CANYON EXTENSION ALIGNMENT ALTERNATIVES AND PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL LINKAGES (PEL) STUDY**

Dan Doenges, RTC Planning Manager gave a presentation on the Eagle Canyon Extension Alignment Alternatives and Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is on file at the RTC Metropolitan Planning Department.

Rudy Leon asked about the colonies input and access needs to the roadway and the cultural resources influencing the roadway. Dan Doenges stated Hungry Valley Road can be used as an emergency access roadway and an environmental analysis for identifying the roadway is being looked into.

Rudy Leon asked about the survey results of the 16% roadway usage. Dan Doenges stated the current Transit Demand Model forecast is being used for the proposed projects and the traffic volumes data. The model is being refined and updated along with the 2050 RTP development.

Vice-Chair, Jeff Bonano asked if there is a representative from the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony (RSIC) for their representation to the study. Dan Doenges stated the RTC is in coordination with stake holder groups, BIA, BLM and there is community involvement as well. He stated a full

environmental impact statement requirement is needed for the Eagle Canyon Extension Alignment Alternatives and Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study.

Vince Harris inquired on the name of the consultant team on the study. Dan Doenges stated Stantec is the consultant/company for the Eagle Canyon Extension Alignment Alternatives and Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study.

Rudy Leon made a motion to receive a report on the Eagle Canyon Extension Alignment Alternatives and Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study.

Vince Harris seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM 7. REPORTS**

There was no discussion on the reports.

**ITEM 8. MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CMAC MEETINGS**

Rudy Leon requested an agenda item on the Covid-19 budget updates.

Jillian Keller made an announcement on a program on “Street Closings” for interest on multi-modal ways and she mentioned a similar program called “Open Streets” in Oakland, California to contact her with further information.

**ITEM 9. RTC/RIDE/ACCESS STAFF ITEMS**

Jim Gee, RTC Service Planning and Innovation Manager, gave transit service changes and Covid-19 response and operations updates. He stated RTC has a 60% decrease in ridership and providing essential trips to riders and there are no reductions at this time in response to the virus. He stated plastic barriers are installed for precautions and for social distancing as well for all the employees work stations and certain bus stations are closed for overcrowding.

He stated there are Virginia Street closures for the Virginia Street Project progress and there are no bus shelter purchases at this time. He gave updates on the second FlexRIDE/microtransit service in the North Valleys area which, is in service the second set of changes to the transit services and the September route service changes are still in schedule for the start of the school year despite the virus.

Mark Tadder asked about the FlexRIDE service at the Somerset area. Jim Gee stated the FlexRIDE is covering all of the Somerset to the library area and the Spanish Springs service area will begin in

the fall. He stated the transit service ridership is off by 50 people a day and for social distancing and the FlexRIDE service is offering curbside scheduled routes.

Rudy Leon had transit service concerns on the routes and the overcrowding. Jim Gee stated the routes are varied especially at places for the warehouse industry at this time. She also mentioned the Google Maps updates are not updating the current routes. Jim Gee suggested to use other sites. She also asked about the requirements on masks for the riders. Jim Gee stated RTC is mandating CDC guidelines and passengers are encouraged to wear masks for precautions.

Laura Azzam had RTC ACCESS questions on deliveries to senior citizens on the RTC ACCESS. Dora Uchel requested the service dogs that board the RTC ACCESS bus to be on a leash. Jim Gee stated he will provide details to the committee and follow up. A discussion on different types of disinfectants for the RTC ACCESS buses continued.

**ITEM 10. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments given.

**ITEM 11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.