

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA**

**FRIDAY**

**9:00 A.M.**

**April 17, 2020**

**PRESENT:**

**Bob Lucey, Washoe County Commissioner, Chairman  
Bill Thomas, RTC Executive Director**

**VIA TELEPHONE:**

**Neoma Jardon, Reno City Council Member, Vice Chair  
Vaughn Hartung, Washoe County Commissioner  
Oscar Delgado, Reno City Council Member  
Ron Smith, Sparks City Council Member**

**Dale Ferguson, Legal Counsel  
Kristina Swallow, Director of NDOT**

The regular monthly meeting, held in the first floor conference room of the RTC Administrative Building, 1105 Terminal Way, Reno, Nevada, was called to order by Chairman Lucey. Following the roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our country, the Board conducted the following business:

***Item 1        APPROVAL OF AGENDA***

On motion of Mayor Smith, seconded by Vice Chair Jardon, 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 named three public commenters who had submitted their comments via email or via RTC's website as follow:

Mr. John Locke, coach operator for Keolis, submitted written comments via the RTC website on April 12, 2020, pertaining to Item 3.4. Mr. Locke is in disagreement with stated cleaning and sanitizing practices as stated in the staff report. Mr. Locke also stated that drivers are not given appropriate considerations should they be infected with COVID-19.

Mr. Abul Hassan, GM for Keolis, responded to Mr. Locke directly to explain the current safety measures in place and plans for improvement as supplies increase.

Ms. Sherry Rapp, local resident, submitted written comments via email on April 14, 2020, pertaining to her concerns about the RTC's 2040 Plan and specifically regarding the South Reno area.

RTC staff responded to Ms. Rapp with more detailed and corrected information, including comments about Geiger Grade and the fact that it is out of the scope of this study but the RTC will work with NDOT to study that specific roadway. More importantly, no part of Geiger Grade is planned for closure.

Ms. Dawn Newsom, coach operator for Keolis, submitted written comments via email on April 15, 2020, stating that appropriate health concerns are not being taken into consideration with regard to cleaning and sanitizing practices for the COVID-19 virus.

Mr. Hassan also responded with corrected information on OSHA controls and improvements that have been implemented since the introduction of COVID-19.

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

### ***Item 3.1 thru 3.26 CONSENT ITEMS***

Requests were made to pull Items 3.4, 3.9 and 3.15 for discussion.

#### *Minutes*

- 3.1 Approve the minutes of the February 21, 2020, meeting (*For Possible Action*)
- 3.2 Approve the minutes of the March 20, 2020, meeting (*For Possible Action*)

#### *Engineering*

- 3.3 Acknowledge receipt of the monthly Engineering Activity Report (*For Possible Action*)

#### *Public Transportation/Operations*

- 3.4 Acknowledge receipt of the monthly Public Transportation/Operations Report (*For Possible Action*) – ***Pulled for Discussion***

#### *Planning*

- 3.5 Acknowledge receipt of the monthly Planning Activity Report (*For Possible Action*)
- 3.6 Approve the RTC Affordable Housing Study (*For Possible Action*)

#### *Administration*

- 3.7 Acknowledge receipt of the monthly Procurement Activity Report (*For Possible Action*)
- 3.8 Acknowledge receipt of the report regarding indexed fuel taxes in Washoe County as required by NRS 373.065 (*For Possible Action*)
- 3.9 Acknowledge receipt the Fiscal Year 2021 RTC Tentative Budget (*For Possible Action*) – ***Pulled for Discussion***

### *Procurement and Contracts*

- 3.10 Approve a contract with Western Electric Group, LLC., in an amount not to exceed \$56,381.79 for the installation of solar bus shelter lights at a hundred and four (104) locations throughout the system; authorize the RTC Executive Director to execute the agreement (*For Possible Action*)
- 3.11 Approve the purchase of a Ford F-550 utility flatbed truck with a crane, utilizing the State of Nevada vehicle procurement contract number PUR0000113 in the amount of \$94,909; authorize the RTC Executive Director to execute the agreement (*For Possible Action*)
- 3.12 Approve a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with LSC Transportation Consultants, Inc. to provide consultant services for the update of the Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan (CTP) in an amount not to exceed \$70,140; authorize the RTC Executive Director to execute the agreement (*For Possible Action*)
- 3.13 Acknowledge receipt of report on the status of the 2050 RTP (*For Possible Action*)
- 3.14 Acknowledge receipt of the 2019 Bicycle & Pedestrian Data Collection Annual Report (*For Possible Action*)
- 3.15 Approve a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Atkins North America, Inc. (“ATKINS”) as the selected firm to provide Engineering Professional Services for the Sparks Boulevard Widening Project in an amount not to exceed \$8,474,331; authorize the RTC Executive Director to execute the agreement (*For Possible Action*) – *Pulled for Discussion*
- 3.16 Approve a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Wood Rodgers Inc. to provide design and optional engineering during construction for the Sparks Consolidated 21-01: Packer Way and Wild Island Court Project in an amount not to exceed \$328,325; authorize the RTC Executive Director to execute the agreement (*For Possible Action*)
- 3.17 Approve Amendment No. 4 to the existing Professional Services Agreement (PSA) between the RTC and Stantec Consulting for Engineering During Construction (EDC) services related to the Park Lane RAPID Station Project in an amount not to exceed \$67,744 for a new not to exceed amount of \$116,750; authorize the RTC Executive Director to execute the agreement (*For Possible Action*)
- 3.18 Approve Change Order (CO) No. 11 in the amount of \$33,383 for additional work associated with safety, traffic movements, and drainage requested by the RTC on the Virginia Street Bus RAPID Transit (BRT) Extension Project; authorize the RTC Executive Director to execute CO No. 11 (*For Possible Action*)
- 3.19 Approve Change Order (CO) No. 12 in the amount of \$49,785 for additional trees added to the project by the City of Reno on the Virginia Street Bus RAPID Transit (BRT) Extension Project (Project); authorize the RTC Executive Director to execute CO No. 12 (*For Possible Action*)
- 3.20 Approve Change Order (CO) No. 13 in the amount of \$344,245 for landscape and irrigation changes to the Virginia Street Bus RAPID Transit (BRT) Extension Project (Project); authorize the RTC Executive Director to execute CO No. 13 (*For Possible Action*)

- 3.21 Approve Change Order (CO) No. 14 to include landscape soil as an eligible item in the Virginia Street Bus RAPID Transit (BRT) Extension Project's (Project) risk register; authorize the RTC Executive Director to execute CO No. 14 (*For Possible Action*)
- 3.22 Approve Amendment No. 4 in the amount of \$311,727 to the existing Professional Services Agreement (PSA) between the RTC and Nichols Consulting Engineers (NCE) for support during construction services for the Virginia Street RAPID Extension project; authorize the RTC Executive Director to execute the amendment (*For Possible Action*)
- 3.23 Authorize the RTC Executive Director to sign a petition of abandonment, owner affidavit and other documents as may be necessary concerning the abandonment of an alleyway adjacent to Assessor Parcel Numbers (APNs) 007-183-11, 007-183-12, 007-183-13, 007-183-18 and 007-183-19, owned by the Regional Transportation Commission and located in the City of Reno (*For Possible Action*)
- 3.24 Acknowledge receipt of the Virginia Street Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Extension monthly progress report (*For Possible Action*)
- 3.25 Acknowledge receipt of the Lemmon Valley monthly progress report (*For Possible Action*)

#### *Interagency Agreements*

- 3.26 Approve the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement (ICA) with the City of Reno for construction of improvements to be included in the Golden Valley Rehabilitation Project scheduled for construction in 2020; authorize the RTC Executive Director to execute the agreement (*For Possible Action*)

On motion of Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Jardon, which motion carried unanimously, Chairman Lucey ordered that Consent Items 3.1 through 3.26 be approved with the exception of Items 3.4, 3.9 and 3.15 which were pulled for discussion.

#### *Public Transportation/Operations*

- 3.4 Acknowledge receipt of the monthly Public Transportation/Operations Report (*For Possible Action*) – *Discussion Requested*

Commissioner Hartung asked what is being done with respect to sanitizing the buses and if someone gets sick from COVID-19, are they completely covered without using their own leave time.

Mr. Mark Maloney, RTC Director of Public Transportation and Operations, addressed the Board to explain that the RTC has worked together with Keolis to make sure all safety measures are in place, working closely with Washoe County and the CDC guidelines. Coach seats have been blocked off to encourage social distancing and passengers are also reminded to practice social distancing. Keolis has created workstations where drivers can pick up PPE items such as sanitation wipes, facemasks and gloves, and provide bus drivers with information on how to stay safe as new information becomes available. On RIDE buses, the ADA section has been closed to passengers unless they are in a wheelchair. This ensures up to 14 feet of space between the driver and passengers. To further protect drivers and passengers, clear plastic sheeting is being installed between drivers and the farebox within a week of this meeting.

Mr. Maloney added that ridership is down by 60% at this time but no service is being cut. If there is a route with heavier ridership, the route is actually being boosted with an additional coach to aid in social distancing.

The paratransit service (ACCESS) is only carrying one passenger at a time right now.

With regard to sick leave and healthcare services, Mr. Maloney said he will need to check into the drivers' CBA with Keolis to find out what it states and provide that information to the Board at a later date.

Commissioner Hartung thanked Mr. Maloney for the information provided and said his main concern was with PPE being provided and that was addressed. He also said that he believes front line workers, such as hospital staff, should be allowed to ride for free.

E.D. Bill Thomas added that it was the drivers who suggested the clear plastic sheeting instead of a hard Plexiglass separator because they had concerns about their ability to quickly escape should it be necessary.

On motion of Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Vice Chair Jardon, which motion carried unanimously, Chairman Lucey ordered that Consent Item 3.4 be approved

3.9 Acknowledge receipt the Fiscal Year 2021 RTC Tentative Budget (*For Possible Action*) – *Discussion Requested*

Chairman Lucey asked what kind of precautionary measures have been taken in the budget with regard to the impacts from Covid-19, such as the dip in ridership and gas taxes and revenues going down, and what specific adjustments have been made.

Ms. Stephanie Haddock, RTC Director of Finance and CFO, responded that the tentative budget shown in the packet is an optimistic, best-case scenario that was finalized several weeks ago. Since then, much more economic information has come in, so key revenue changes are being made to the RTC final budget which will be brought for approval in May. The final budget should show the RTC's worst case scenario, but prior to Covid-19, sales tax was up 9.2%, taxable sales were up 6.6% and there were nine consecutive years of sales tax revenue growth, so the RTC was able to not only recover the sales tax reserves, but also had extra funds to expand transit service. She continued, saying that fuel tax is up 4.1% and gallons are up 1.6%, passenger fares are stable and ridership is beginning to climb. The RTC was in a healthy financial position going into this crisis, but things have changed significantly and the rapidly declining economy is nearing Great Recession levels. Therefore, Ms. Haddock will be making changes to RTC's major revenue sources in the budget. Fiscal year 2020 sales tax will be adjusted down to zero (0%) and fiscal year 2021 will be adjusted for a negative five percent (-5%) loss based upon projected negative taxable sales continuing until the end of the calendar year. She is hoping there will be a recovery by this time next year.

Fiscal year 2020 fuel tax will be adjusted down to an increase of 1.9% and fiscal year 2021 fuel tax will be adjusted down to an increase of 5.9%, based on flat gallons sold. Additionally, the FY 2021 indexing begins July 1<sup>st</sup> and is 2.1%, equating to a 1.85% increase in gas tax. There will still be a year-over-year increase of fuel tax revenues for fiscal year 2021.

Fiscal year passenger fares will continue to be adjusted down based on the decreases in ridership, but fiscal year 2021 is expected to recover and continue to grow as people return to work.

Because the RTC is a direct recipient of FTA funding, we received \$20.8 million in stimulus money from the CARES Act. Those funds have been placed in both the FY 20 estimate and FY 21 budget and will be used to fund the operation of fixed route and paratransit service. It should also allow us to maintain the service levels that we have through FY 2021. To date, no service has been cut, nor is any planned. However, the reserves will be taken all the way down and if the recession continues, staff may have to consider service cuts. But for now and through FY 2021 estimates, that is not the case.

Vice Chair Jardon asked again what the amount of stimulus funding that RTC received.

Ms. Haddock responded that the RTC received a total of \$20.8 million in stimulus funds for the operation of transit and the expansions for FlexRIDE should they go forward as planned.

E.D. Thomas asked Ms. Haddock to clarify the flexibilities provide in the stimulus funds other than transit capital expenses. The RTC will be able to off-set losses in sales tax and passenger fares.

Ms. Haddock agreed and said that it is also being funded at 100%, so the RTC does not have to provide a local match.

E.D. Thomas added for the commissioners that this funding will be a great backstop for the RTC to be able to respond in a manner that we may not have otherwise. That could be why our budget may not look as dire as some other government budgets.

Chairman Lucey thanked Stephanie for her update.

Commissioner Hartung thanked Ms. Haddock for keeping the Spanish Springs transit plan moving forward.

Chairman Lucey said he has heard that if there is a fourth stimulus package, there may be additional funding for transportation infrastructure. It is being considered at least.

On motion of Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Vice Chair Jardon, which motion carried unanimously, Chairman Lucey ordered that Consent Item 3.9 be approved

- 3.15 Approve a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Atkins North America, Inc. (“ATKINS”) as the selected firm to provide Engineering Professional Services for the Sparks Boulevard Widening Project in an amount not to exceed \$8,474,331; authorize the RTC Executive Director to execute the agreement (*For Possible Action*) – *Discussion Requested*

Commissioner Hartung wants to make sure this project is continuing as planned

Mr. Brian Stewart, RTC Director of Engineering, explained that this item is to approve a professional services agreement for the project and Mr. Dale Keller is the RTC project manager. Design is scheduled to begin immediately upon approval of this item and the plan is to provide extra capacity along with multimodal improvements. There are 21 months planned for the environmental study, so construction cannot begin until at least 2023, but the first priority is to look at some interim actions to help in the area of Greg Street at the interchange.

Commissioner Hartung wants staff to look into the northbound left-turn from Greg onto Sparks Blvd. because there are huge backups occurring there and it also has an effect on the westbound turn onto Baring.

Mr. Stewart said he can't promise it will be immediate, but it will be one of the first things they look into for an interim solution.

On motion of Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Mayor Smith, which motion carried unanimously, Chairman Lucey ordered that Consent Item 3.15 be approved

***Item 4.1 METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)***

- 4.1 Approve the South Meadows Multimodal Transportation Study (*For Possible Action*)

Ms. Amy Cummings, RTC Deputy Executive Director and Planning Director, said staff has been working on this study for about a year and it is a large study area, from Geiger Grade to Patriot, on the east side of Virginia Street. There has been great participation by the public at both the outreach meetings and the online survey. Initial recommendations are for new traffic signals, such as Veterans and Long Meadows, which is near a park and access to an elementary school, and two new signals on south Meadows Pkwy; one at Wilber May and one at Echo Valley; however, the light at Echo Valley is supposed to be part of a development that is underway.

There are two major traffic hotspots in the region; one at Damonte Ranch/Steamboat Pkwy. from the freeway all the way to Veterans. The signal at Veterans and Steamboat is a big bottleneck, so an additional eastbound through lane and additional left turn pockets along that segment are being recommended. Additionally, the plan is to widen that entire segment to six lanes.

The other hotspot is the northbound off-ramp from I-580 near Patriot, by the In & Out Burger. There is a stop sign onto northbound Virginia Street that staff would like to change to a free flowing right-turn, along with an additional northbound travel lane up to Longley.

The Geiger Grade roundabout is also a hotspot but will take more analysis than was able to get into this study. However, validation was given for a new connection on Geiger Grade to get to Virginia Street. The existing Geiger Grade will not change.

If today's recommendations are approved, they will be incorporated into the Regional Transportation Plan and the spot improvements will get into next year's program of projects.

Ms. Cummings then offered to take any questions.

Chairman Lucey thanked Ms. Cummings for doing a tremendous job along with staff to conduct these public meetings. He added that both he and Commissioner Delgado had attended many of the events to address these concerns. South Reno is one of the fastest growing areas in the region, partially due to the completion of the SouthEast Connector, so these projects are greatly needed to improve traffic and bicycle/pedestrian conditions in the area. Safety is also of great concern.

Commissioner Delgado asked if the improvements on South Meadows will be completed this year.

Ms. Cummings responded that they are budgeted for the next fiscal year.

Commissioner Delgado also asked if staff has any idea about when the speed limit on the SouthEast Connector will be raised.

E.D. Thomas responded that after a conversation with John Flansberg at the City of Reno, they had been delaying the increase based on a desire to have more public outreach. Mr. Flansberg was going to see about additional ways to communicate to the public that this was going to happen.

Mayor Smith said he thought the RTC board had voted on the increased speed limit on the SouthEast Connector and we were just waiting on signs to be ordered. He added that it's been taking too long.

Chairman Lucey agrees that it should be increased as soon as it's possible.

E.D. Thomas said he and Mr. Stewart will work with the City of Reno to get this done.

Ms. Cummings recognize Xuan Wang as the project manager on this study.

On motion of Mayor Smith, seconded by Commissioner Delgado, which motion carried unanimously, Chairman Lucey ordered that Consent Item 3.15 be approved

### ***Items 5.1 thru 5.3 DIRECTOR REPORTS***

#### **Item 5.1 RTC Executive Director Report**

E.D. Thomas said he has been at the RTC since the previous Monday and has been very impressed in what he has seen so far.



He continued, saying that there is a survey relating to the 2050 RTP and the survey can be found at [www.rtp2050.metroquest.com](http://www.rtp2050.metroquest.com) until May 1<sup>st</sup>.

There is another survey related to the Eagle Canyon Extension which can be found at [www.eaglecanyon.metroquest.com](http://www.eaglecanyon.metroquest.com) until April 30<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, the Sun Valley project virtual presentation is available for the project at [www.SunValleyblvd.org](http://www.SunValleyblvd.org). Project input and suggestions will be accepted until May 1<sup>st</sup>.

E.D. Thomas then said it's pretty amazing what the RTC and SNC have been able to accomplish on Virginia Street in these strenuous times. A great deal of finishing work has been completed and there has been very positive feedback from the business owners. Business owners for the next section of work, from Mary to Center Street, have been notified about the acceleration of construction in their area. The goal is to get the most amount of work done with the least amount of impact to the businesses during the Governor's shut-down orders.

Next, E.D. Thomas said there is a RIDE service change that will become effective May 2<sup>nd</sup>, including the start of a new FlexRIDE service in the North Valleys. More information can be found on RTC's website.

Pertaining to Covid-19, RTC has been provided direction from both APTA and the CDC. One thing the RTC is fortunate to have is the ability to provide social distancing on the buses. The situation is ever evolving and updates will be provided as often as possible.

The RTC is also participating in the COVID-19 Regional and Statewide Joint Information Center teams and the Emergency Operations Center.

RTC ACCESS vans have been supporting Washoe Senior Services and the Food Bank of Northern Nevada to deliver meals and food items to our paratransit senior customers.

Lastly, the RTC participated in the "#SoundtheHorn" campaign in support of transit workers. Bus and paratransit drivers sounded their horns simultaneously across all time zones to bring attention to those front line employees providing essential trips to those who depend on public transportation.

Commissioner Hartung welcomed Mr. Thomas as our new executive director and said there are great things to come!

Chairman Lucey agreed with Commissioner Hartung.

### **Item 5.2 RTC Federal Report**

E.D. Thomas state that there is a written report included in the agenda packet, and stressed again that the RTC had received \$20.8 million which will help the us remain solvent and not have to take any drastic steps to reduce service.

He added that if there is a fourth stimulus bill, it is unlikely that transit will be included in that bill. However, there is a great deal of interest by our delegation, and congress as a whole, to look at stimulus and infrastructure projects going forward. He then concluded his report.

Chairman Lucey said that he and Commissioner Hartung had spent time in Washington D.C. at the National Association of Counties legislative conference and he had the opportunity to give a presentation to the Senate Transportation Committee. With our wonderful team of federal lobbyists, along with Jane Starke, they were able to highlight the benefits that the RTC of Washoe County had brought forth for the community and the country. He added that he is very proud to be the chairman of the RTC and to be recognized nationally as an organization. Accolades go out to the many chairmen before him, RTC staff and all of their leadership. He added that this type of recognition is not easily given.

E.D. Thomas said he has had a bit of time to chat with staff members of the federal delegation and he learned that there is a lot of interest for the RTC to step up and help the region with infrastructure bills or packages. He believes that the commissioners working as a team will be able to define and implement a stimulus bill that benefits the county and this region.

### **Item 5.3 NDOT Director Report**

Ms. Kristina Swallow, NDOT Director, provided updates on crash and fatality data, explaining that the numbers statewide are tracking down. This includes Washoe County; however, there were two bicycle fatalities where there were none last year.

Next, Dir. Swallow provided information on how the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting NDOT staff and who is working in the field. It is important to keep the roads open, but employee health and safety at this time is even more important. She added that, to date, they have not seen any impact to productivity from the pandemic and project deadlines remain on track.

Dir. Swallow also talked about the tracking of traffic patterns being done around the state to see how the stay at home order issued April 1<sup>st</sup> is affecting things. Other than a couple of arterial corridors in Las Vegas showing a reduction of 20-30%, it's been pretty sporadic. Traffic reductions around the state are ranging from 30 – 80%, which is a big range and depends on the location the data is being pulled from.

There have been no changes to NDOT's existing infrastructure program, but depending on revenue impacts, adjustments may be needed in the next year or so. This also takes into account the impacts on growth which could trigger a change to the program, but if any of these impacts occur, they will work closely with the RTCs with plenty of advance notice.

NDOT has received some funding from the CARES Act to help with rural transit, but it is minimal. NDOT staff continues to work with their federal delegation to see if additional funding might be obtained.

Dir. Swallow then mentioned the 4.5 earthquake in March that was centered near Carson City, adding that there were over 200 aftershocks. Crews went out to inspect for damage and there was none found related to the earthquake.

The Spaghetti Bowl Express (SBX) project is proceeding well with the initial Notice to Proceed having gone out on January 13<sup>th</sup>. At this time, the design/build contractor is in the process of getting all the required permitting submitted a setting up a project office. The contractor should start submitting design plans in late April/early May, and construction activity is expected as soon as this summer but it's not clear yet if there will be a groundbreaking. Any equipment seen in that area, especially at night, is the contractor doing technical drawings required for design. Overall, the project is on track and is still anticipated for a November 2020 substantial completion.

Lastly, Dir. Swallow mentioned a "Walk and Roll" event scheduled for the following Wednesday and encouraged everyone to get outside with their families to participate, with consideration to the 6' social distancing, and the suggestion and masks if desired. It is a great way to reduce stress and improve overall health. She then concluded her presentation.

Chairman Lucey asked for an update on the Parr Blvd. bridge closure.

Dir. Swallow responded that the anticipated completion should be this summer. The contract was just awarded, but details are pending.

Chairman Lucey asked for RTC staff to be updated when more information is available. He then mentioned that safety continues to be a priority so would like the signal lighting on Mt. Rose Hwy. to stay at the forefront of NDOT's projects.

Commissioner Hartung would like to see the SBX project fast tracked with the current reduced levels of traffic. He believes this is a good time to do construction work.

Dir. Swallow responded that the contractor is working on completion of the design as fast as they can and the project cannot proceed with construction until after that is completed.

Commissioner Hartung would like a second lane from Calle de la Plata to Egyptian moved up on the list of NDOT projects.

## **Item 6            *GENERAL ADMINISTRATION***

**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.**

Legal Counsel Dale Ferguson said he would like to hold an in-person attorney/client meeting at the first opportunity that comes available.

Chairman Lucey suggested setting a Zoom meeting for the next Board meeting with the RTC executive director, the Board, Mr. Ferguson, and required staff.

**Item 7        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.

Michael Moreno, Volunteer Chair for the Washoe County Complete Count Committee for the 2020 Census, wished to give a reminder to the public to complete their census while they are possibly home during the pandemic. The census can be taken online at <http://census.nv.gov>, it may also be taken on the phone at 844-330-2020. He then thanked Vice Chair Jardon, Mayor Smith and Commissioner Delgado who have worked with the Chamber to record videos about the importance of the census.

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

**Item 11        MEMBER ITEMS**

Vice Chair Jardon would like staff to consider what safety projects can be expedited with the COVID-19 funding received. She would like a future agenda item on this.

Commissioner Hartung would like to know if the RTC can donate transit passes to Step 2, Crossroads and other, similar programs for those in need. He was reminded by Mayor Smith that the Commissioner discretionary funds may be used for the donation of transit passes.

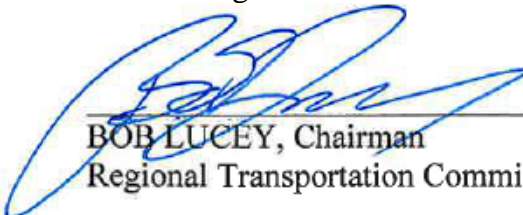
Director Swallow asked if she could provide some information she found on the Parr Blvd. bridge project and upon the Chairman's approval, said that construction is anticipated for June and there will be a brief closure day at US 395 and Parr Blvd. Traffic will be diverted to the on/off ramps during that time. Once the bridge is down, US 395 will open but the on/off ramps to Parr/Dandini will be closed for approximately six months. NDOT staff will be working with the businesses in the area to come up with alternative routes for employee use.

The next RTC Board meeting will be May 22<sup>nd</sup>, one week later than usual. The reason is to meet the legal requirements to hold a public meeting pertaining to the final budget submittal. It should be a Zoom meeting and Denise Thompson will make the arrangements

Lastly, everyone wished Michael Moreno a happy birthday!

**Item 12        ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.



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BOB LUCEY, Chairman  
Regional Transportation Commission