

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA**

FRIDAY

9:03 A.M.

January 15, 2021

PRESENT:

**Neoma Jardon, Reno City Council Member, Chair
Ed Lawson, Mayor of Sparks, Vice Chair
Vaughn Hartung, Washoe County Commissioner
Oscar Delgado, Reno City Council Member
Bob Lucey, Washoe County Commissioner**

**Bill Thomas, RTC Executive Director
Adam Spear, Legal Counsel
Kristina Swallow, Director of NDOT**

The regular monthly meeting, held via Zoom, 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:

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Official welcome of Mayor Ed Lawson, RTC's newest commissioner, representing the City of Sparks
- Election of new RTC Board Chair and Vice Chair for a term of two (2) years (*For Possible Action*)

Chairman Lucey made a motion to nominate Neoma Jardon to the position of Board Chair, so moved by Commissioner Hartung and seconded by Commissioner Lawson and passed unanimously.

Chairman Lucey then handed the meeting over to the newly elected Chair Jardon.

Commissioner Hartung stated that per the Board Bylaws, the scheduled rotation dictates that the Vice Chair position goes to Sparks. With that noted, he made a motion to nominate Mayor Ed Lawson to the position of Vice chair, which Commissioner Lucey seconded and it passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION

- Nevada legislative update – Mike Hillerby, Kaempfer Crowell

Mr. Hillerby provided a brief update on activities occurring in preparation for the upcoming state legislative session.

Item 1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Delgado, which motion unanimously carried, Chair Jardon ordered that the agenda for this meeting be approved.

Item 2.1 PUBLIC INPUT

Chair Jardon 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. Comments received prior to 4:00 p.m. November 19th are included in this record of the meeting.

Mr. Jeff Jacobs of Jacobs Entertainment submitted written comment on January 12th expressing his support of Agenda Items 3.11 and 4.1, which are included on this agenda.

There being no additional comments submitted, the Vice Chair closed public input.

Item 3.1 thru 3.16 CONSENT ITEMS

Engineering

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

Public Transportation/Operations

3.2 Acknowledge receipt of the monthly Public Transportation/Operations Report (*For Possible Action*)

3.3 Accept a report regarding the future relocation of the RTC's fixed-route Jerry L. Hall Maintenance and Operations facility located at 2050 Villanova Drive (*For Possible Action*)

3.4 Approve staff recommendation outlining guidelines for providing free fares on RTC's transit services (*For Possible Action*)

Planning

3.5 Acknowledge receipt of the monthly Planning Activity Report (*For Possible Action*)

3.6 Accept the monthly Summary Report for the Technical, Citizens Multimodal and Regional Road Impact Fee Advisory Committees (*For Possible Action*)

3.7 Approve the RTC federal priorities and provide direction accordingly (*For Possible Action*)

3.8 Approve staff recommended appointments to the RTC's Citizens Multimodal Advisory Committee (CMAC) as alternate members, effective February 2021:

- David Giacomini
- Matthew Boog

(For Possible Action)

Administration/Finance

3.9 Acknowledge receipt of the monthly Procurement Activity Report (*For Possible Action*)

Procurement and Contracts

- 3.10 Authorize the procurement of armed and unarmed security services and after hours patrol and alarm response at RTC's transit stations and facilities (*For Possible Action*)**
- 3.11 Authorize the Executive Director to award a contract to Wood Rogers, Inc. for design of the West 4th Street Project in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 (*For Possible Action*)**
- 3.12 Authorize the procurement of planning and engineering services for the McCarran Boulevard Corridor Study (*For Possible Action*)**
- 3.13 Authorize the procurement of Construction Management Services for the Oddie/Wells Multi-modal Improvements Project (Wells Avenue/I-80 Ramps to Oddie Boulevard/Pyramid Way) (*For Possible Action*)**
- 3.14 Approve an Administrative Settlement authorizing the RTC to acquire property (APNs: 020-111-03, 020-111-65, 020-111-36 and 37) from Virginia Reno Partners, LLC in the amount of up to \$666,465 above the appraised value of \$1,502,175, for a total purchase offer of \$2,168,640 (*For Possible Action*)**

Inter-Agency Agreements

- 3.15 Approve an Interlocal Agreement with NDOT for administration and funding of necessary right-of-way acquisition, utility relocation, construction and construction management activities necessary to complete Phase 1 of the Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connector Project at an estimated cost of \$54,100,000; authorize the RTC Executive Director to execute the agreement (*For Possible Action*)**
- 3.16 Approve a two-year Interlocal Cooperative Agreement in the amount of \$150,000 with the Center for Advanced Transportation Education and Research (CATER), UNR Civil Engineering Department; authorize the RTC Executive Director to execute the agreement (*For Possible Action*)**

On motion of Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Delgado, which motion carried unanimously, Chari Jardon ordered that Consent Items 3.1 through 3.16 be approved.

Item 4 METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

- 4.1 Receive a report on the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) draft project listing and provide direction accordingly (*For Possible Action*)**

Ms. Amy Cummings, RTC Deputy Executive Director and Director of Planning, addressed the Board to provide a presentation update and answer questions pertaining to the 2050 RTP, as set forth in the briefing materials for this agenda item.

Commissioner Lucey requested that land acquisitions be included in the long-term goals.

Chair Jardon would like to see street level improvements to support businesses retain customers. She would also like to have further discussion on the Pyramid/US 395 Connector Project.

Ms. Cummings said she would provide more data in February's staff report.

Commissioner Hartung would like to see capacity projections for US 395 with the proposed improvements.

Commissioner Delgado asked if there is eligibility for RRIF credits on new developments. The answer was yes.

There was discussion on putting a road out to the Tri-Center and it was mentioned that Storey County has voiced support for the northern road option but not the southern road option.

Commissioner Lucey said that the southern road option would require an investment from Storey County, so they are not willing to support it. The commissioners agreed that because a road would greatly benefit Storey County, they should be required to commit to some funding of the project.

Chair Jardon asked for the 5-year improvements for the Verdi area to be added to the RTP.

Discussion concluded with the direction provided. No action was taken on this item.

A copy of the full presentation is available by contacting Denise Thompson (dthompson@rtcwashoe.com)

Item 5.1 thru 5.3 DIRECTOR REPORTS

Item 5.1 RTC Executive Director Report

1. E.D. Thomas announce the upcoming service anniversary milestone for:
 - Nancy Mues, Senior Graphic and Web Designer – 15 years of service on February 20, 2021

He thanked Nancy for her public service to the RTC and our community and your great graphic design and award-winning work. (Nancy's design for the Lincoln Line received an international graphics design award)

2. In support of the January National Slavery & Trafficking Prevention Month, RTC is hosting a poster campaign at its transit centers and on all fixed-route buses in both English and Spanish. A similar message will be on display at both transit center station monitors. Additionally, RTC is sharing this messaging on RTC social media channels.

RTC's fixed-route contractor, Keolis, is conducting training this month for all transit which includes a 30-minute video from Busing On the Lookout (BOTL) called "Make the Call, Save Lives."

Since September 2020, Keolis has been reinforcing this important information to their staff through an educational campaign and on-going messaging. Additionally, all new hire orientation includes information regarding Human Trafficking and Project Safe Place.

RTC will also be participating in Truckers Against Trafficking, a Nevada-based virtual training scheduled for January 26, 9-10:30 am via Zoom. The training will include a law enforcement panel with representatives from the Reno and Washoe County Police Departments, and the Nevada Attorney General's Office. Their session is entitled, Human Trafficking 101.

The RTC is proud to partner and support our community's initiative to Stop Human Trafficking.

If anyone needs help or knows someone that does, please call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-3737-888. To learn more, go to: [Busing On The Lookout dot Org](http://BusingOnTheLookout.org).

Item 5.2 RTC Federal Report

A written report is provided, as set forth in the briefing materials for this agenda item.

Item 5.3 NDOT Director Report

NDOT Director Kristina Swallow provided a monthly presentation report containing updates on current Nevada safety statistics, the COVID-19 Funding Relief Package the 2020 NV State Legislative Session, the Spaghetti Bowl SBX project, and the Mt. Rose Corridor Study.

Ms. Swallow also mentioned that January is National Slavery & Human Trafficking Prevention Month and that NDOT is committed to doing whatever they can to prevent these things from occurring in the state.

A copy of the full presentation is available by contacting Denise Thompson (dthompson@rtcwashoe.com)

Item 6 *PUBLIC INPUT*

Chair Jardon opened the meeting to public input pertaining to topics relevant to the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) that are not included in the current agenda.

There being no additional comment submitted prior to the deadline of January 17th at 4:00 pm, the Chair closed public input.

Item 11 *MEMBER ITEMS*

There were no member items.

Item 12 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, which motion carried unanimously, Chair Jardon ordered that the meeting be adjourned.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.



NEOMA JARDON, Chair
Regional Transportation Commission