

# REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

# MEETING AGENDA THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2022, 9:00 a.m. MEETING TO BE HELD VIA ZOOM ONLY

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- V. RTC staff will make reasonable efforts to assist and accommodate individuals with disabilities. Please contact Jacqueline Maldonado at (775) 332-2148 in advance so that arrangements can be made.
- ITEM 1 Roll Call/Call to Order
- ITEM 2 Approval of Agenda (For Possible Action)
- **ITEM 3** Public Comment please read paragraph III. near the top of this page
- **ITEM 4** Approval of the June 2, 2022, Meeting Minutes (For Possible Action)
- **ITEM 5** Election of Officers for Fiscal Year 2023 (For Possible Action)
- ITEM 6 Acknowledge Receipt of a Presentation on the McCarran Boulevard Corridor Study (For Possible Action)

**ITEM 7** Provide Feedback and Acknowledge Receipt of a Report on Transit Optimization Plans Strategies (TOPS) Recommendations and the Proposed September RTC RIDE Service Changes. (For Possible Action)

**ITEM 8** Development Updates (Informational Only)

**ITEM 9** Member Items

a) City of Reno b) Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority

c) City of Sparks d) FHWA

e) Washoe County f) Air Quality Management Div. (AQMD)

g) NDOT h) TMRPA

i) WCSD j) Reno-Sparks Indian Colony (RSIC)

**ITEM 10** Agenda Items for Future TAC Meetings (For Possible Action)

ITEM 11 RTC Staff Items (Informational Only)

ITEM 12 Public Comment - please read paragraph III. near the top of this page

**ITEM 13** Adjournment (For Possible Action)

The Committee may take action on any item noted for possible action

# REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2022

## TAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Dan Inouye Washoe County Health District-Air Quality Management

Division

Chris Hutchinson City of Reno Public Works

Angela Fuss City of Reno Community Development Sienna Reid City of Sparks Community Services

Chris Tolley Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency

Lissa Butterfield Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority
Candace Stowell Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
Kyle Chisholm Washoe County School District

Julee Olander, Chair Washoe County

Lissa Butterfield Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority

# **RTC STAFF**

Dan Doenges Rebecca Kapuler

Amber Bowsmith Jim Gee Xuan Wang David Carr

Mark Maloney Christian Schonlau Graham Dollarhide Jacqueline Maldonado

James Weston

# **TAC GUEST**

Gary Probert, RTAA Christopher Cobb, RTAA
Troy Martin Rachel Angevine

# ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Technical Advisory Committee meeting was conducted as a Zoom Webinar. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by the Chair, Julee Olander.

#### ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

#### ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

## ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 5, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

The TAC May 5, 2022, meeting minutes were approved as submitted with corrections.

# ITEM 5. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF A PRESENTATION ON THE RENO-TAHOE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT MULTI-YEAR CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM (MoreRNO)

Lissa Butterfield, RTAA introduced Gary Probert, RTAA Chief Officer of Planning and Engineering who gave a presentation on the Reno-Tahoe International Airport Multi-Year Construction Program (MoreRNO). A copy of the Power Point presentation is on file at the RTC Metropolitan Planning Department. Gary Probert, RTAA briefed the committee on the Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority (RTAA), which is governed by nine-members Board of Trustees.

Dan Inouye, WCHD-AQ asked how customers get from the Conrac to the terminal. He recommends that there will be a need for vehicle charging stations at the rental car fleets that shift from gasoline to electric. Gary probert, RTAA answered, once you leave the baggage area there is a covered walkway that will take you to the ground transportation parking area. He stated the Conrac Solutions for rental cars are looking into the electrical vehicles and electrical infrastructure will be implemented, as they coordinate with NV Energy.

Kyle Chisholm, WCSD commented on the point of access and the other accesses off Terminal Way. He asked if there is going to be a new vehicle access to the existing areas or just the new area that is proposed. Gary Probert, RTAA stated updates are being looked at for better access at Terminal Way and RTAA is in coordination with RTC, City of Reno and NDOT on the access points.

Julie Olander, Chair asked what the next steps are in the construction process for presentations and approvals. Gary Probert, RTAA stated the RTAA Board is aware of the projects underway. This presentation is informational only to the RTC TAC. She requested when construction would begin for the projects. Gary Probert, RTAA stated September 2022, for the ticketing expansion, which is in phases.

Kyle Chisholm made a motion to acknowledge receipt of a presentation on the Reno-Tahoe International Airport Multi-Year Construction Program (MoreRNO).

Mitchel Fink seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

# ITEM 6. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF A PRESENTATION ON THE AIR QUALITY REPORT FOR WASHOE COUNTY

Daniel Inouye, Chief WCHD-AQ gave a presentation on the Air Quality Report for Washoe County. A copy of the Power Point presentation is on file at the RTC Metropolitan Planning Department.

Julee Olander, Chair asked on the non-attainment status. Dan Inouye stated in the 70's and 80's Washoe County was non-attainment for carbon monoxide and PM<sub>10</sub> for the winter time. He stated transportation conformity test for the non-attainment have to be approved by FHWA, which is part of the non-attainment historic Ozone problems. He stated the Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) dropped during COVID 19 and it is the cleanest time of the year for Ozone, so the Ozone calculations were not clear. In 2020-2021, wild fire smoke also affected the calculations. He requested Rebecca to email the extra slides to the committee from his presentation.

Angela Fuss made a motion to acknowledge receipt of a presentation on the Air Quality Report for Washoe County.

Chris Tolley seconded.

The motion carried unanimously

#### ITEM 7. DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

There were no development updates.

#### ITEM 8. MEMBER ITEMS

Chris Tolley, TMRPA gave updates on the upcoming presentation for TAC on the Public Infrastructure Plan and Natural Resources Plan. TMRPA is reaching out to the jurisdictions at this time for the plans.

Candace Stowell, RSIC stated RSIC will be going to the tribal council on June 15, 2022, to accept a donation of two purple air sensors from WCHD-AQ management division. The Truckee River shared used path is to have approval on June 15, 2022, from the tribal council.

#### ITEM 9. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE TAC MEETINGS

• Natural Resources Plan and Public Infrastructure Plan

## ITEM 10. RTC STAFF ITEMS

There were no items given.

#### ITEM 11. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

#### ITEM 12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

MEETING DATE: July 7, 2022 AGENDA ITEM 5

To: Technical Advisory Committee

From: Rebecca Kapuler

Senior Technical Planner

# **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Election of Officers for Fiscal Year 2023.

# **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

The Policies Governing the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) state that the Chair shall be elected from the three local governments on a rotating basis. The Vice Chair shall become the next Chair. The term of office for Chair and Vice Chair shall be one year, effective after elections occur. The TAC shall elect a representative from the City of Reno as the next Vice Chair.

MEETING DATE: July 7, 2022 AGENDA ITEM 6

To: Technical Advisory Committee

From: Dan Doenges, PTP, RSP

Director of Planning

# RECOMMENDED ACTION

Acknowledge Receipt of a Presentation on the McCarran Boulevard Corridor Study.

## **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

The McCarran Boulevard Corridor Study is currently underway and will evaluate transportation issues and opportunities along the 23-mile ring road encircling the Reno-Sparks urbanized area. This multimodal transportation study began by researching and analyzing existing conditions along the corridor, including traffic volumes, safety, transit service, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and land use. The study will identify different types of transportation needs, based on a combination of technical analysis and community/stakeholder outreach. The end result will be a set of recommendations for improving mobility and safety and enhancing economic development opportunities along the corridor.

The McCarran Boulevard Corridor Study is being led by the RTC, in close collaboration with the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT). Other project partners include Washoe County and the Cities of Reno and Sparks. Staff will provide an update on the status of the study.

MEETING DATE: July 7, 2022 AGENDA ITEM 7

To: Technical Advisory Committee

From: Michael Dulude

Senior Technical Transit Operations Planner

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Provide feedback and acknowledge receipt of a report on Transit Optimization Plans Strategies (TOPS) recommendations and the proposed September RTC RIDE service changes.

## **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

Recently the RTC presented to this committee the initial TOPS service change recommendations and indicated there was a public survey available for the public to comment on the proposed changes. Below is a summary of the responses received:

- ➤ 698 Total response after duplications removed
- ➤ Average recommendation approval rating per route is 86.5%
- ➤ Highest approval Expand Senior Services (96%)
- No recommendations received less than a 50% approval
- ➤ Lowest approval Route 54 (71.3%) and Route 26 (76.0%)
- ➤ Average disapproval rating is 13.5%
- ➤ Highest disapproval 28.7% (Route 54)

Overall, the public response indicates a general approval of all recommended changes. RTC staff will be recommending to the RTC Board for these changes to be included in the TOPS plan.

RTC RIDE continually looks to provide the best service by improving on-time performance, shortening passenger's travel times, and offering innovative services. The next service changes are scheduled for September 10, 2022, which will include following items:

# September 10, 2022 Service Change – Adjustments to Routes 2s, 3CC, 5, 9, 12, 13, 15, 19, FlexRIDE, and ACCESS

RTC is receiving public comments on the following recommended service changes:

# **Route Discontinuation:**

- ➤ Routes 2s (88% Approval / 12% Disapproval),
- > 3CC (79.6% Approval / 20.4 Disapproval), and
- ➤ 19 (77.4% Approval / 22.6% Disapproval)
  - o These are as recommended in the TOPS plan. These routes have not been in-service for the last several months. RTC staff have received only a handful of complaints.

The average public approval rating for all these changes is 57.2% and the average disapproval rating is 18.3%. These changes will also further assist in the on-going operator shortage that is still challenging the RTC and its operations contractor.

# **Route modifications**:

# **Route 5** (85.8% Public Approval / 14.2% Disapproval):

- Utilize the current Route 15 line-of-route from 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET STATION to the Clear Acre Lane / Sun Valley Boulevard and El Rancho Drive / Dandini Boulevard intersection.
  - Allows for a connection of Sun Valley residents to access the new Hug High School (Sun Valley is zoned for this high school) and access to the Northtowne Shopping Center (WinCo Foods).
  - o This change will the schedule times for this route.

# Route 15 (81.8% Public Approval / 18.2% Disapproval):

- Utilize the current Route 5 line-of-route from 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET STATION to the Clear Acre Lane / Sun Valley Boulevard and El Rancho Drive / Dandini Boulevard intersection.
  - Allows for a short trip time between 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET STATION and Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC).
  - o This will change the schedule times for this route.

# **Route 13** (90.0% Public Approval / 10.0% Disapproval):

- ➤ Change the current line-of-route from 4<sup>th</sup> Street to Sutro, which turns into Kirman Avenue, to Lake Street to Mill Street to Kirman Avenue.
  - Current segment along 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Sutro Street to Kirman Avenue generates very few riders and the 4<sup>th</sup> Street corridor is well covered by the Lincoln Line and Route
  - o This will change the schedule times for this route.

## **Route 9** (90.5% Public Approval / 9.5% Disapproval):

- > Change the current line-of-route from:
  - Leave Centennial Plaza Station to Victorian Avenue-Battle Born Way-Kietzke Lane-2<sup>nd</sup> Street-Kirman Avenue-Mill Street-Kietzke Lane-Peckham Avenue-Virginia Street-Kietzke Lane ending at Kietzke Lane's southernmost roundabout.
- > Change line-of-route to:
  - Leave Centennial Plaza Station to Victorian Avenue-Rock Boulevard-Glendale Avenue/2<sup>nd</sup> Street-Kietzke Lane-Peckham Avenue-Smithridge Drive into Meadowood Mall.
- ➤ These changes will allow for improved cycle-time of the route to allow for true 30-minute headways, allow for a faster Centennial Plaza Station and Meadowood Mall connection versus what Route 54 can offer, and provides access to Walmart at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street by Sparks residents.
- This will change the schedule times for this route.

## Route 12 (88.4% Public Approval / 11.6% Disapproval)

- ➤ Change the line-of-route to include a loop around the Renown Medical Center complex.
  - The outbound line-of-route as it is currently to Kirman Avenue, where the line-of-route would change to Kirman Avenue-Mill Street-Kietzke Lane-2<sup>nd</sup> Street and back on regular route. The inbound line-of-route would be the reverse.
  - This change allows for those seniors and other residents along Mill Street to again easily access a Walmart, in this case the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Walmart. This change also replaces the removal of the Route 9 Renown loop that is being removed.
  - o This will change the schedule times for this route.

#### **FlexRIDE Adjustments**

RTC has on-going effort to provide reliable and on-time service, staff continually monitors the FlexRIDE program, its zones, and points-of-interest around each zone. Furthermore, staff monitors requests for new areas and other points-of-interest. The plan recommends adding specific new points-of-interest for the existing FlexRIDE zones such as TMCC. Staff frequently reviews new points-of-interest which are identified through requests and other sources, RTC adds them on a continual basis. New zones will be added as budget, staffing, and vehicles will allow.

# Expanded Senior Services and ACCESS Reservation Hours Change (96% Public Approval / 4% Disapproval)

Expand and improve access to the Washoe County Senior Ride program, which includes enriching the Lyft, Taxis, and Uber services subsidy. The plan also recommends standardizing the ACCESS reservation hours to a consistent 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM business time seven-days a week.

#### **Routine Schedule Time Adjustments**

As part of RTC's on-going effort to provide reliable and on-time service, staff monitors bus travel times and speeds, as well as other statistics. As traffic patterns change, passenger habits change, and street networks change, these an effect on the reliability and on-time performance of each route. Therefore, each service change contains small adjustments to the schedule timetables to maintain their relevance to what the bus can actual perform, thereby improving reliability and on-time performance, as well as customer service. This service change will contain these small adjustments to a small group of routes.