

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, May 6, 2020**

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

**TAC Members Present**

Yann Ling-Barnes	Washoe County Health District-Air Quality Management Division
Chris Tolley	Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency
Tara Smaltz	Nevada of Department of Transportation
Mitchell Fink	Washoe County Community Services
Mike Boster	Washoe County School District
Enos Han	Federal Streets & Highway Administration
Lissa Butterfield	Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority
Kurt Dietrich	City of Reno Community Development
Chair, Amber Sosa	City of Sparks Engineering Services
Angela Fuss	City of Reno Community Development
Scott Nebesky	Reno-Sparks Indian Colony

**RTC Staff**

Dan Doenges	Jim Gee
Amy Cummings	David Carr
Stephanie Haddock	Jelena Williams
Jacqueline Maldonado	

**TAC Guest**

The Technical Advisory Committee meeting was conducted as a Virtual Meeting. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by the Chair, Amber Sosa.

**ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as submitted.

**ITEM 2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

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

The TAC March 4 2020, meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

**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 gave a brief update on the RTIP Amendment No. 2, which is required for existing projects on the programming of federal funds and the new projects include Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) improvement program funds. He stated the proposed FFY 2020-2024 RTIP amendment project listing is (attached) for review of the improvements throughout the region. The Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds will be used for the Arlington Avenue Replacement project and the CMAQ funds for the operating of the FlexRIDE transit service in Spanish Springs and the Verdi/Somerset areas and CMAQ funds for the Virginia Line Bus RAPID Transit (BRT) and intersection and traffic signal improvements projects. 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.

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

Kurt Dietrich 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. The tentative budget consists of three major programs: the Street and Highway Program, the Public Transportation Program, and the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)/Transportation Planning Program. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is on file at the RTC Metropolitan Planning Department. She stated the final FY 2021 RTC Tentative Budget is scheduled for a public hearing and a presentation to the RTC Board for adoption on May 22, 2020.

Kurt Dietrich, City of Reno made a motion to recommend approval of the draft FY 2021 RTC Tentative Budget

Chris Tolley, TMRPA 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 PowerPoint 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.

Scott Nebesky, RSIC requested for RTC to coordinate with the council to participate in meetings with the community for the councils input to the study. He stated the tribal chairman has been working with the City of Reno for the proposed project. He stated the council will be available to coordinate with in the timeframe of the study for inclusion in the environmental analysis. Dan Doenges stated the arbitrary boarder or data can be used to coordinate with the colony on the current maps for the study.

Amber Sosa, City of Sparks asked about the traffic presentation slides on the Eagle Canyon corridor and the expected daily traffic at Pyramid Highway 395 connector and the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) as it reaches the McCarran Boulevard. Dan Doenges stated the TDM forecast volumes on the Average Daily Traffic (ADT) for a 4 lanes facility and with the upcoming updates to the travel demand model the forecast can impact the ADT for that area.

Scott Nebesky, RSIC made a motion to receive a report on the Eagle Canyon Extension Alignment Alternatives and Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study.

Kurt Dietrich, City of Reno seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM 7. DEVELOPMENT UPDATES**

Lissa Butterfield, RTAA gave updates on the Covid-19 impacts to the RTAA. She stated a historical 95% down of passengers on their flights. She stated the RTAA government projects and planning studies are differed at this time. She stated major RTAA construction projects are underway, a Stead Airport development project with 25% of existing aircraft and completion of the project will be before the Air Races event. She stated the Reno-Tahoe Airport's primary run-way will be closed this summer for construction with the Covid-19 impacts.

Amber Sosa, City of Sparks gave City of Sparks upcoming development updates for the Wingfield Hills development, a five bridges development at the intersection of Highland and Pyramid 395 Highway, a development project at Stonebrook Apartments, and a Grand Opening for a Winco Grocery Store at Sonoma Highlands.

Mike Boster, WCSD gave development updates on four new WCSD schools under construction. He stated one construction site is on hold and with the COVID-19 impacts the Rio Wrangler Elementary School projections of completion will be sometime in 2022-2023. He stated the WCSD Board of Trustees are in the process for changes to the schools start time in the upcoming school year.

#### **ITEM 8. MEMBER ITEMS**

Kurt Dietrich, gave an update for the City of Reno complaints on the street speeding, he stated signage and deficiencies along with maintenance and operations are being looked at for upcoming changes to the school zone areas.

Amber Sosa, gave updates on the City of Sparks upcoming projects for the WCSD zones, a project for signal timing and traffic volumes and a safe barricade project for large and special events.

Tara Smaltz, NDOT gave updates for NDOT. She stated a shift of 20%–60% volume in traffic. She stated the construction season is wrapping up for NDOT and construction detouring of traffic on June 13, 2020, will begin for the 395 Parr Boulevard Interchange.

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

There were no items given.

#### **ITEM 10. RTC STAFF ITEMS**

Jim Gee, RTC Service Planning and Innovation Manager, updated the committee on the transit operations with the Covid-19 Virus. He stated transit ridership is down 60% and full service is still in operation for the essential bus riders. He stated for employee/passenger protection and social distancing, plastic barriers and other protectable equipment has been installed on the buses and at transit stations and has now opened the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) bus areas for space. He stated due to the overcrowding some transit station areas are closed and disinfectants are being used daily for precautions. He gave Virginia Street Project construction closure updates at the Midtown area. He gave updates on the set of upcoming transit service changes and the new FlexRIDE services in the North Valleys area, the Somersett area and the Spanish Springs area.

Doug Maloy, RTC Engineering Manager gave updates to the Virginia Street Project progress. He stated with the traffic volumes down the Midtown section will be completed sometime in July. He stated the ADA improvements at the north Virginia Street roundabout and events area are in

construction progress. He stated further upcoming projects—a 5 million dollar project for the City of Sparks, multi-modal projects at Sun Valley 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Highland Avenue and the Lemmon Drive Widening Project.

**ITEM 11. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments given.

**ITEM 12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

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