

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, October 1, 2020**

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

**TAC Members Present**

Dan Inouye	Washoe County Health District-Air Quality Management Division
Chris Tolley	Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency
Tara Smaltz	Nevada Department of Transportation
Mitchell Fink	Washoe County Community Services
Sandy Freund	Washoe County School District
Kevin Verre	Nevada Department of Transportation
Lissa Butterfield	Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority
Kurt Dietrich	City of Reno Community Development
Amber Sosa	City of Sparks Engineering Services
Ian Crittenden	City of Sparks Community Services
Chair, Jeff Borchardt	City of Reno Community Development
Vice Chair Julee Olander	Washoe County Community Services

**RTC Staff**

Dan Doenges	Jim Gee
David Carr	Amber Bowsmith
Xuan Wang	Doug Maloy
Bill Thomas	Dale Keller
Mark Maloney	Stephanie Haddock

**TAC Guest**

Meghan McPhillimy, LSC Transportation Consultants	Melissa Chandler, NDOT
Chris Cobb, Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority	

The Technical Advisory Committee meeting was conducted as a Virtual Meeting. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by the Chair, Jeff Borchardt.

**ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

There was no action on this agenda item.

**ITEM 2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 6, 2020 AND SEPTEMBER 3, 2020 MEETING MINUTES**

The TAC August 6, 2020 were approved as submitted and the September 3, 2020 meeting minutes were approved with corrections.

**ITEM 4. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF A REPORT REGARDING THE UPDATE OF THE 2015 COORDINATED HUMAN SERVICES PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PLAN (CTP)**

Jim Gee, RTC Service Planning and Innovation Manager briefed the committee on the updates of the 2015 Coordinated Human Services Public Transportation Plan (CTP). He stated the CTP is required by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for the Section 5310 Grant Program and which, the program will improve transportation coordination in the region for persons with disabilities/older adults and will establish funding priorities for the specialized transportation services. He introduced Meghan McPhillimy, Transportation Planner from LSC Transportation Consultants on behalf of the Project Manager, AT Stoddard. Meghan McPhillimy gave a presentation on the CTP updates. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is on file at the RTC Metropolitan Planning Department. She stated the CTP survey, which is on the RTC website started on August 6, 2020 through September 1, 2020, with a 155 responses, including 1 Spanish response. The Stakeholders and the survey had key findings for the developments to the plan. Meghan McPhillimy provided two preliminary recommendations, one recommendation for the plan is to form local coordinating councils for administering the development of the plan and the updates to the plan. The second recommendation, a one call, one click service center for enhancing transportation services. She stated a draft plan will be in progress the month of November and the comments and recommendations will be added to the draft plan. The draft CTP will be presented at the upcoming 2050 RTP.

Amber Sosa, City of Sparks made a motion to acknowledge receipt of a report regarding the update of the 2015 Coordinated Human Services Public Transportation Plan (CTP).

Kurt Dietrich, City of Reno seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM 5. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF A REPORT ON THE STATUS OF PROJECTS ADMINISTERED BY THE RTC ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**

Doug Maloy, RTC Engineering Manager gave a presentation on the status of projects administered by the RTC Engineering Department. A PowerPoint presentation is on file at the RTC Metropolitan Planning Department. He provided information on the projects currently under development and design or construction which include: 1) Lemmon Drive Capacity Improvements, 2) Arlington Avenue Bridge Replacement, 3) Oddie/Wells Corridor Multimodal Improvements, 4) Sun Valley Boulevard Multimodal Improvements, 5) Center Street Multimodal Improvements, 6) Sparks Boulevard Capacity Improvements and 7) Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connector Phase 1. Doug Maloy stated a \$23 million U.S. DOT Better Utilizing Investment to Leverage Development

(BUILD) grant was received for the Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connector Project. The overall \$51 million on the project will be funded with fuel tax, state funds and other federal funds. He stated the project is in design for 2022 and construction will begin in 2023.

Julee Olander, Washoe County, requested information on the proposed locations for the separated bike lanes at Oddie Boulevard and Pyramid Way. Doug Maloy stated the wide space availability at Oddie/Wells has opportunities for bike facilities which, requests have been made at the NDOT facility at Pyramid Way, for cycle tracks. Dan Doenges, RTC Planning Manager stated there are possible opportunities with the space and right-of-way at the Oddie Boulevard and Pyramid Way areas for protected bike lanes and safety. Doug Maloy stated that the east/west downtown Reno study is being reviewed for cycle tracks and the Oddie/Wells Project could be a connectivity for bike facilities improvements. Tara Smaltz, NDOT requested the PowerPoint presentation be provided. Doug Maloy will provide the presentation to her. Julee Olander commented it was a great presentation on the RTC projects administered by the Engineering Department.

Tara Smaltz, NDOT made a motion to acknowledge receipt of a report on the status of projects administered by the RTC Engineering Department.

Chris Tolley, TMRPA seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM 6. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF A REPORT AND PROVIDE DIRECTION ON THE 2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) PROJECT EVALUATION**

Xuan Wang, RTC Senior Technical Planner gave a presentation on the 2050 RTP Project Evaluation. The PowerPoint presentation is on file at the RTC Metropolitan Planning Department. Xuan Wang stated RTC received input from the online survey on June and July for the potential project improvements. Presentations were provided to RTC committees, RPC, RRGB and jurisdiction staff for identifying the projects for the consideration to the 2050 RTP. She stated 2050 RTP project evaluation has scored each of the projects through an evaluation framework: 1) Safety, 2) Congestion 3) Multimodal Connectivity, 4) Equity 5) Land use, 6) Pavement Condition, 7) Flood Mitigation, 8) Project Readiness and 9) Funding Criteria. Xuan Wang stated the City of Reno gave recommendations to the downtown circulation study and the City of Sparks staff gave recommendations for safety improvements at the Sparks Industrial area and the existing bike lanes, multimodal transportation improvements at Greg and McCarran Boulevard section and also a Park and Ride to the TRI Center. Recommendations and further direction will be provided in the upcoming 2050 RTP.

Chair, Jeff Borchardt thanked Xuan Wang for the inclusion of the equity in the evaluation framework and requested a equity project review at the Verdi improvements on the western maps area. Dan Doenges, stated the equity data is being gathered to incorporate any comments/suggestions in the 2050 RTP.

Amber Sosa, City of Sparks made a motion to acknowledge receipt of a report and provide direction on the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Project evaluation.

Julee Olander, Washoe County seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

## **ITEM 7. DEVELOPMENT UPDATES**

Chair, Jeff Borchardt, City of Reno gave a development update of a re-submittal handbook for Prado Ranch which, is in relation to the Lemmon Drive Project. He stated three tentative maps on Daybreak will go to the Planning Commission on October 7, 2020.

## **ITEM 8. MEMBER ITEMS**

Kurt Dietrich, City of Reno gave member items of coordination with the RTC project for re-timing the roadway signals at Wells Avenue. He stated the re-name and re-paint of state signals are underway and the statewide locations of flashing beacons is in RTC consultant review with NDOT.

Amber Sosa, City of Sparks gave a member item of the RFB's locations requests to RTC, Washoe County, City of Reno submittals for a regional approach on the RFB's.

Mitchell Fink, Washoe County Community Services gave a member item of the same as the City of Reno and City of Sparks requests for flashing beacons for Washoe County.

Dan Inouye, Washoe County Health District-Air Quality Management Division provided information of the Reno title 18 code and development update. He stated the choices and related impacts in transportation are being addressed in the updates with the increasing wild fire smoke impacts.

Chair, Jeff Borchardt, City of Reno Community Development gave a member item of the Reno title 18 code revised/updates. He stated recommendations will be provided to the Planning Commission and TWG which, will be sometime next week.

Kevin Verre, NDOT gave member items of the MT Rose Study underway and he stated NDOT, will be coordinating with the RTC Washoe for funds on the McCarran Corridor Study.

Tara Smaltz, NDOT gave member items on the existing ongoing NDOT projects. She stated in the fall the Spaghetti Bowl Xpress (SBX) will have impacts at northbound and the McCarran west side which, is an ongoing NDOT project and the operation construction projects are ongoing as well.

Chris Tolley, TMRPA gave a member item on the updates to the TMRPA, Truckee Meadows Annual Report (TMAR) website: [www.tmrpa.org/tmar](http://www.tmrpa.org/tmar) and to check out the annual report updates which, are on a quarterly basis.

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

There were no items given.

**ITEM 10. RTC STAFF ITEMS**

Dan Doenges gave announcements of two Free RTC rides on transit services for Election Day, November 3, 2020 and Veteran’s Day, November 11, 2020. He stated for more information to go on the RTC website.

Mark Maloney, RTC Director of Public Transportation and Operations gave an announcement of the FLEX RIDE transit service launch on October 24, 2020 in Spanish Springs and Verdi/Somersett areas.

Bill Thomas, RTC Executive Director gave a statement to the committee on the Gas fuel tax revenue constant growth and the legislative changes on the use of fuel tax. Bill Thomas, RTC Executive Director stated the transit services which, is in high demand especially for adding to the fixed transit routes is not inexpensive and he would like everyone to keep a mindset on the transit services. Bill Thomas, RTC Executive Director stated the upcoming 2050 RTP and the connectivity as a criteria is being reviewed, and would like revisiting the standard as a community in making costly decisions on the regional roadway projects. Bill Thomas, RTC Executive Director stated that he appreciated the discussions at the committee meeting today.

**ITEM 11. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments given.

**ITEM 12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.