

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
CITIZENS MULTIMODAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2024**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ann Silver	Damien Cole
Greg Newman (Vice Chair)	David Giacomini
Juan Martinez	Kelly Orr
Lindsey Costello (Chair)	Michael Gawthrop-Hutchins
Michael Lansborough	Panah Stauffer
Sue-Ting Chene	

**CMAC MEMBERS ABSENT**

Ryan Bernadett	Paul Hewen
Earl Brynelsen	Eric Ammerman
Judy Stanfield	Michael May

**RTC STAFF**

Xuan Wang	Graham Dollarhide
Jim Gee	Lolita Davis
Paul Nelson	Sai Sun
Adam Spear	Alex Cruz
Laura Freed	

**CMAC GUEST**

Petra Fava, MTM

**ITEM 1. ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER**

The Citizens Multimodal Advisory Committee (CMAC) meeting was conducted as a Zoom Webinar. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Xuan Wang.

**ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as submitted.

**ITEM 3. VERBAL INSTRUCTIONS REQUIRED BY ASSEMBLY BILL 219 (2023)**

RTC staff read the instructions required of participating via Zoom and participating via telephone.

**ITEM 4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF THE January 3, 2024, MEETING MINUTES**

The CMAC January 3, 2024, meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

**ITEM 6. PROVIDE FEEDBACK AND ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF A REPORT ON FISCAL YEAR 2025 TRANSIT PLANS STRATEGIES (TOPS) RECOMMENDED SERVICE CHANGES**

Alex Cruz, RTC Sr. Transit Planner, gave a presentation on a report on Fiscal Year 2025 Transit Plans Strategies (TOPS) recommended service changes. A copy of the presentation is on file at the RTC Metropolitan Planning Department.

Ann Silver asked for clarification on the ability to add or change a stop during a passenger's ride. Alex Cruz, RTC Sr. Transit Planner, explained if there is demand for a point of interest to be added/changed to a zone, it's possible depending on requests received from the RTC website and/or MTM.

Michael Gawthrop-Hutchins asked if consideration was given to schedule reliability and safety on route 13 with the left hand turn at Grove Street and Kietzke Lane. Alex Cruz responded based on the recommendations from Keolis and the safety team, there are no safety or schedule adherence concerns but this will be monitored. Damien Cole asked if it is less safe at that location due to the lack of a stop light. Jim Gee, Director of Public Transportation, stated breaks in traffic created by lights both north and south of that location is being utilized and monitored.

There was a discussion regarding route coverages, cost of service and emissions with expanded service on fixed and flex routes.

Panah Stauffer expressed support for FlexRIDE and increased transit in the South Reno area.

Juan Martinez joined at 5:52 p.m. Kelly Orr joined at 5:54 p.m.

Sue-Ting Chene made a motion to acknowledge receipt of a report on Fiscal Year 2025 Transit Plans Strategies (TOPS) recommended service changes.

Ann Silver seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM 7. RECEIVE A PRESENTATION ON THE 2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) UPDATE**

Xuan Wang, RTC Planning Manager, gave a presentation on the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update. A copy of the presentation is on file at the RTC Metropolitan Planning Department.

Ann Silver asked why sustainability and climate action is not further up on the list. Xuan Wang, RTC Planning Manager, stated the items are not in ranking order but used for goals and guiding principles.

Damien Cole asked if the full RTP is available and currently how close are RTP goals to being met. Xuan Wang responded the RTP is available on the RTC website for download. <https://rtcwashoe.com/planning/regional-planning/rtp/> and the full plan states which projects & goals have been completed.

Juan Martinez requested all communities, including those with disabilities, receive advertisements regarding a better system. Xuan Wang explained that all groups will be included for public outreach and workshops. Ann Silver stated that RTC can send information to Reno/Sparks Chamber of Commerce for another great way to get the word out to different groups.

Ann Silver made a motion to receive a presentation on the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan, update.

Panah Stauffer seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

#### **ITEM 8. MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CMAC MEETINGS**

There were no member announcements/agenda items.

#### **ITEM 9. RTC/RIDE/ACCESS STAFF ITEMS**

Xuan Wang stated FAQs (frequently asked questions) information was sent to the committee to assist with CMAC meetings running more smoothly. A discussion was held regarding the FAQ's and suggestions for future meetings.

#### **ITEM 10. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Michael Gawthrop-Hutchins asked if RTC staff would look into a fare-free system and if bike racks inside the bus could be considered. Jim Gee, Director of Public Transportation, stated the current buses are 40 feet compared to 60 feet that were used with inside bike racks. It would be difficult to accommodate both current ridership and bikes on the inside of the bus. Regarding free fare, it has been considered but RTC has decided not to cut service in order to make up the loss revenue of four to five million dollars that a no fare service would cause. A discussion was held regarding additional service requests, low-cost and a no fare system.

Dora Martinez asked if benches could be added to bus stops in front of Kohls. She stated people sit in the dirt and obscure the sidewalks and sometimes the audible announcements are incorrect or do not work. She also requested CMAC meeting recordings be added to the website and possibility of working with legislation to lower bus fares.

#### **ITEM 11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.