

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
CITIZENS MULTIMODAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY MARCH 6, 2024**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Damien Cole	David Giacomini
Earl Brynelsen	Eric Ammerman
Juan Martinez	Judy Kathleen Stanfield
Kelly Orr	Michael Gawthrop-Hutchins
Michael Lansborough	Panah Stauffer
Ryan Bernadett	Sue-Ting Chene

**CMAC MEMBERS ABSENT**

Ann Silver	Paul Hewen
Michael May	

**RTC STAFF**

Bill Thomas	Xuan Wang
Jim Gee	Graham Dollarhide
Marquis Williams	Adam Spear
Josh MacEachern	Laura Freed
Lolita Davis	Sai Sun

**CMAC GUEST**

Ky Plaskon, Nevada Bicycle Coalition

**ITEM 1. ROLLCALL/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**

Ky Plaskon, Nevada Bicycle Coalition, suggested Sue-Ting Chene as chair for the CMAC committee. He stated she is highly respected among the Truckee Meadows Bicycle Alliance and Nevada Bicycle Coalition as someone who can work with many different opinions, works well with people, highly organized and someone who can lead to help strengthen the committee.

**ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 7, 2024, MEETING MINUTES**

The CMAC February 7, 2024, meeting minutes were approved with requested corrections to reflect the comments made by Panah Stauffer expressing support for FlexRide and increased transit in the South Reno area.

**ITEM 6. RECEIVE A PRESENTATION ON THE REGIONAL FREIGHT PLAN**

Marquis Williams, RTC Sr. Technical Planner, gave a presentation on the Regional Freight Plan. A copy of the presentation is on file at the RTC Metropolitan Planning Department.

Michael Gawthrop-Hutchins asked would it be feasible for the 40% of trucks that pass through our area transfer to rail to reduce truck traffic and address safety concerns. Marquis Williams responded this is something that is being discussed with the City of Sparks and will be incorporated in the plan. Michael asked if there is a way that the rail option can be incentivized. Bill Thomas, Executive Director, responded we do not control the railroad or private truck industry but having the Regional Freight Plan adopted to include what the community is looking for will add value when there is an opportunity to be involved in their decision making.

Panah Stauffer asked if there is any focus on environmental justice and climate change incorporated in the plan. Marquis responded reduced impact on disadvantaged communities, signal optimization which will reduce traffic idling, and the conclusion section will look at environmental sustainability options.

Damien Cole asked for clarification on how much traffic on I-80 east/west corridor is through traffic and how much is destined for Reno/Sparks. Marquis responded 40% of truck traffic on I-80 is traffic passing through and 60% is stopping in our area. There was a discussion regarding expanding different areas and creating/changing bike lanes for bicycle safety. Marquis stated the Active Transportation Plan will be presented to the group and comments are welcomed to be added at that time.

Michael Gawthrop-Hutchins stated the warning signs that indicate the pass is closed during the winter, do not indicate information about where you can park to wait for the re-open. Marquis responded RTC is working with NDOT (Nevada Department of Transportation) and their early statewide notification effort.

Panah Stauffer stated she would like to see explicit focus on historic information on harm caused by freeways especially on disadvantaged communities that experienced environmental injustice issues

and look ahead to reducing single passenger vehicle transit on the highways. Marquis added the comments are welcomed and can be considered for the Plan.

Damien Cole asked if any thought was given to creating a bypass for I-80 heading to and from the TRI Center area. Xuan Wang, Planning Manager, responded NDOT is currently doing a study to track South Meadows connections.

**ITEM 7. DISCUSS THE PURPOSE OF THE CMAC AND SOLICIT INFORMATION AND ADVICE FROM MEMBERS ON WAYS TO IMPROVE THE FUNCTIONING OF THE CMAC**

Bill Thomas, Executive Director, acknowledged concerns regarding the CMAC committee and invited anyone on the committee to call and share what is or isn't working as far as individual experience. He recognized the members are volunteers and RTC appreciates the time given and would like the meetings to be as productive as possible. He stated there will be an orientation for members when they join to understand the purpose, how it works, and how time and effort will contribute to the community as far as transportation.

Adam Spear, RTC General Counsel, discussed the purpose of the committee and action items. The purpose of the committee is to provide information, advice, and recommendation on certain planning documents identified in RTC's public participation plan and provide information and advice on RTC's transit, benches, shelters and bus stops. Discussion items should be structured specifically to these items. In terms of action items, the committee is not legally required to take action and that practice appears to be creating unnecessary confusion. He shared that he is recommending to staff that staff stop placing unnecessary action items on the agenda. The only action items required are the approval of meeting minutes and elections to fill vacancies for the chair and vice chair positions.

Sue-Ting Chene asked instead of making motions and voting on presentations, will it be automatically assumed that they are received. Adam responded yes; items would be presented as discussion items. Sue-Ting requested that the option remain open for members to add items to the agenda. Adam stated the option is always there to suggest items. The time and the purpose of the CMAC regarding the item is taken into consideration. Bill Thomas stated the purpose of the CMAC is to get feedback on items taken to the RTC Board and get different perspectives. There was a discussion held regarding the process for information given to the RTC Board, information posted on the website and the value of the committee.

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

Sue-Ting asked for clarification on the election process. Bill Thomas responded that the information will be emailed to the committee.

Earl Brynelsen asked if the agenda is already set, how are service changes/stops, etc. added before going into effect. James Gee, Public Transportation Director, responded that discussion can be held during April's meeting when there will be an agenda item specifically for that.

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

There were no staff items.

**ITEM 10. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kelly Orr asked if accessibility to bicycle lanes and bus stops can be placed closer to the new apartment complex on Silver Lake and Red Rock. Jim Gee stated that we have FlexRide in the area and RTC is happy to educate the community on the service.

Damien Cole asked if a FlexRIDE trip is cancelled, is it true that RTC will pay for an Uber. Jim Gee responded that typically FlexRIDE is not pre-scheduled, but RTC has a relationship with Lyft and Uber and will give the customer this option if there is a prolonged wait time due to FlexRIDE being busy.

Dora Martinez stated there are various types of wheelchairs and certain ACCESS vehicles are unable to pick them up. She asked that this be taken into consideration.

**ITEM 11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.