

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024**

**TAC MEMBERS PRESENT**

Craig Petersen	Northern Nevada Public Health Air-Quality Management Division
Mariam Ahmad	Washoe County Community Services
Chris Tolley	Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency
Candace Stowell	Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
Lissa Butterfield	Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority
Amber Sosa	City of Sparks Community Services
Scott Carey	City of Sparks Community Services
Kyle Chisholm	Washoe County School District
Kurt Dietrich, Chair	City of Reno Public Works
Angela Fuss	City of Reno Development Services
Kevin Verre	Nevada Department of Transportation

**RTC STAFF**

Graham Dollarhide	Xuan Wang
Jim Gee	Paul Nelson
Jacqueline Maldonado	Marquis Williams
Dale Keller	

**TAC GUEST**

Teresa Poulsen, WCSD	Amy Cummings, Parametrix
Sara Collins, public	

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

The Technical Advisory Committee meeting was conducted as a Zoom Webinar. The Chair, Kurt Dietrich called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**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 given.

**ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 1, 2024, MEETING MINUTES**

The TAC February 1, 2024, meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

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

Marquis Williams, RTC Senior Technical Planner and Amy Cummings from Parametrix gave a presentation on the Regional Freight Plan. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is on file at the RTC Metropolitan Planning Department.

Scott Carey asked of the 24% freight movement in the region. Amy Cummings, Parametrix stated the airport high-volume commodities, which go in and out of the airport and an interface with the regional road network to other destinations or to the airport from other destinations and the rail hub in Sparks is another area. RTC will coordinate with the Union Pacific Railroad for data, which will be provided to the committee at a future meeting. Scott Carey thanked the RTC staff for the presentation. He commented on the Sparks industrial area, which he stated is a critical land use for the city of Sparks in their master plan goals. He stated rail is important to the region's economy and looks forward to working with the RTC on maintaining existing rail access in support of the economic development goals and policies in their master plan, which will help expand employment opportunities for the region.

Kyle Chisholm asked on the current freight plan adopted and what is expected in the draft freight report in June. Amy Cummings, Parametrix stated there is a State Freight Plan with NDOT currently. RTC is moving forward with the first freight plan, which is not a requirement for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). She stated the draft freight plan will be looking at existing conditions with freight movement and connecting with land uses, safety data, other existing plans that are in place and the goal is to have the plan completed and be incorporated in the RTP, which will be adopted later this year.

Angela Fuss made a motion to receive the presentation on the Regional Freight Plan.

Amber Sosa seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM 7. DEVELOPMENT UPDATES**

Lissa Butterfield, RTAA gave development updates on the first two projects of the capital development program; the ticketing hall is scheduled to open on April 11, 2024. A brand-new entryway, which will coincide with the reopening of the lanes of traffic that have been closed for the ADA improvements, bollards installed and shade canopies. The Travel Lanes up against the parking garage will be closed and will be removing non-standard sidewalks in the next couple of months and should reopen in November.

Scott Carey gave updates on the Planning Commission amendment condition use permit request to the Nugget Event Center. A condition use permit request for the Rivian and service center on Greg Street to expand and include vehicle sales. An inquiry for a new hotel at the Legends in Sparks was received.

Chris Tolley gave updates on the TMRPA Natural Resources Plan and Public Infrastructure Plan, which will be presented at the Regional Planning Governing Board and the Regional Planning Commission this month and next month.

**ITEM 8. MEMBER ITEMS**

There were no member items.

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

- Freight Plan update

**ITEM 10. RTC STAFF ITEMS**

Dale Keller, RTC Engineering Director, gave updates of the construction season beginning and is working on the request for earmark funds. RTC will be collaborating with agencies and writing letters of support please, contact Xuan Wang, Planning Manager, Dale Keller, RTC Engineering Director and Paul Nelson, Government Affairs Officer for collaboration on the letters of support from RTC. Kevin with NDOT would like to be included in that support.

**ITEM 11. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments given.

**ITEM 12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.