

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA**

FRIDAY

8:10 A.M.

May 23, 2024

PRESENT:

**Ed Lawson, Mayor of Sparks (Via Zoom)
Alexis Hill, Vice Chair, Washoe County Commissioner (Via Zoom)
Mariluz Garcia, Washoe County Commissioner (Via Zoom)**

**Bill Thomas, RTC Executive Director (Via Zoom)
Adam Spear, Legal Counsel (Via Zoom)**

ABSENT:

**Devon Reese, Reno City Council
Hillary Schieve, Mayor of Reno
Tracy Larkin Thomason, Director of NDOT**

A special meeting for the FY2025 Final Budget was held in the 1st Floor Great Room at Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County, Reno, Nevada, was called to order by Chair Lawson. The Board conducted the following business:

Item 1 CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Roll Call

Item 2 PUBLIC INPUT

Chair Lawson opened the meeting to public input and called on anyone wishing to speak on topics relevant to the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) that are not included in the current agenda. There being no one wishing to speak, Chair Lawson closed public input.

Item 3 PUBLIC HEARING

- 3.1 Conduct a public hearing on the FY 2025 RTC Final Budget; approve a recommendation from the Executive Director regarding an employee cost-of-living adjustment and performance-based salary increases to be included in the budget; approve the FY 2025 RTC Final Budget. (For Possible Action)
- a. Staff Presentation
 - b. Public Hearing
 - c. Action

Christian Schonlau, Director of Finance/CFO, presented a PowerPoint presentation and discussed the FY25 Budget. The process started back in February with our Directors Retreat and we followed that up with the Commissioners strategic initiatives and what direction they'd like to see us go. We took those recommendations from both sessions and compiled our tentative budget, which was provided to you last month, and was also submitted to the Department of Taxation. Today we have our public hearing and hopefully approval of our final budget, which we will submit to the Department of Taxation by May 31st and begin operations on July 1st.

Just a reminder that the majority of our budget comes from our local fuel tax and sales tax. A large portion of federal funding supports those projects, some small transfers from NDOT for MPO, passenger fare revenues to operate our transit system or portion thereof.

The majority of those revenues gets spent on capital expenditures, which this year we're totaling almost 160 million in the Street and Highway projects, about a third of those are preservation and multimodal projects. Another third of those capacity as a reminder, we have about \$23 million a year. Debt service that we have to continually pay until 2043 and then the other small amounts of our budgets related to transit operations and then RTC operations.

Some of the things we've incorporated since the last meeting from the discussions is we were able to add funding for the Tart Micro Transit services for the upcoming year as requested by the Commission. I'm also looking into the long-term transit possibilities up at Lake Tahoe through the Lake Tahoe Transit study, and then we've gone ahead and added an evaluator for agencies enterprise resource program evaluation where we look to modernize and transition to a new accounting and HR system.

This year employees are able to get anywhere from zero to 5% merit increase on top of a cost-of-living increase.

We have about \$160 million in capital expenditures in the Street and Highway program this year. Some of the larger projects we're starting on are the Arlington Avenue bridges construction, West 4th Street Safety Construction and design and construction on Sparks Boulevard.

In public transportation, we have some hydrogen fueling station construction starting. We're working on the design of our Meadowood Mall transfer station and we're looking into the design and relocation potentials of our maintenance facility.

I want to conclude by saying we have a balanced budget as always with healthy reserves going into the next year for future CIP.

Chair Lawson opened the meeting to public input on Item 3.1 being a Public Hearing, there being no one wishing to speak, Chair Lawson moved to approval of Item 3.1.

Chair Lawson asked that those in favor signify by saying aye, which motion unanimously carried, Chair Lawson ordered that Item 3.1 be approved.

Item 4 COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

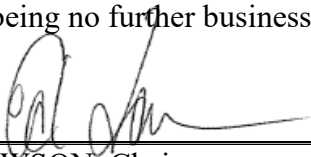
Being none, Chair Lawson moved to Public Comment.

Item 5 PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Lawson opened the meeting to public input and called on anyone wishing to speak on topics relevant to the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) that are not included in the current agenda. There being no one wishing to speak, Chair Lawson moved to Adjournment.

Item 6 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 a.m.



ED LAWSON, Chair
Regional Transportation Commission

****Copies of all presentations are available by contacting Michelle Kraus at mkraus@rtcwashoe.com.**