

# REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION CITIZENS MULTIMODAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

# MEETING AGENDA Tuesday, July 2, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. MEETING TO BE HELD VIA ZOOM ONLY

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- III. Members of the public may provide public comment in advance of the meeting by one of the following methods: (1) emailing comments to: <a href="mailto:rtcpubliccomments@rtcwashoe.com">rtcpubliccomments@rtcwashoe.com</a>; or (2) leaving a voicemail (limited to three minutes) at (775) 348-0171. Comments received prior to 4:00 p.m. on the day before the meeting will be entered into the record.
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- V. RTC staff will make reasonable efforts to assist and accommodate individuals with disabilities. Please call RTC Agency Services at (775) 348-0171 in advance so that arrangements can be made.
- VI. RTC staff will make an audio and video recording of the meeting. The recording will be a public record. Committee members and members of the public who do not wish to be shown on the video should turn their cameras off during the meeting.

#### 1. Roll Call/Call to Order

2. **Verbal Instructions required by Assembly Bill 219 (2023)**: RTC staff will read the following before the first public comment period:

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If you are participating by telephone, to provide public comment you should have contacted RTC Agency Services prior to 4:00 p.m. yesterday and provided the telephone number you would be calling from as well as the item(s) you wanted to comment on. When the time comes to make public comments, you will be invited to speak."

- 3. **Public Comment**: Public comment may pertain to matters both on and off the agenda. Comments are to be made to the Committee as a whole and not to individual Committee members or staff. Committee members may provide public comment. Public comment is limited to three (3) minutes.
- 4. Approve the June 5, 2024, Committee Meeting Minutes (For Possible Action)
- 5. **Information and Discussion Items** (*No Action*): The purpose of the Committee is to provide (1) information, advice and recommendations regarding certain regional planning documents, proposed major transit service changes, and proposed transit fare policy changes as part of RTC's Public Participation Plan, and (2) information and advice on benches, shelters and transit stops in accordance with Assembly Bill 214 (2023). RTC staff selects and presents items that are intended to further that purpose. Following a presentation by RTC staff, Committee members will have the opportunity to ask questions, discuss and provide feedback pertaining to the item.
  - **ITEM 1** Receive a presentation on the South Virginia Street Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Study.
  - **ITEM 2** Receive a presentation on the proposed Amendment No. 3 to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)
- 6. Approve the election of a Chair and Vice-Chair to serve from July 2, 2024 until June 30, 2025. (For Possible Action)
- 7. RTC Staff Announcements
- 8. **Public Comment**: Public comment may pertain to matters both on and off the agenda. Comments are to be made to the Committee as a whole and not to individual Committee members or staff. Committee members may provide public comment. Public comment is limited to three (3) minutes.
- 9. Adjournment

# REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION CITIZENS MULTIMODAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY JUNE 5, 2024

## **CMAC MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ryan Bernadett, Vice Chair

Eric Ammerman

Judy Kathleen Stanfield

Kelly Orr

Panah Stauffer

Ann Silver (5:42pm)

Earl Brynelsen

David Giacomin

Juan Martinez

Michael Lansborough

Damien Cole (5:53pm)

# **CMAC MEMBERS ABSENT**

Michael Gawthrop-Hutchins Michael May

Paul Hewen Sue-Ting Chene, Chair

**RTC STAFF** 

Graham Dollarhide James Gee Xuan Wang Lolita Davis

# **CMAC GUESTS**

Chris Kuhn, NDOT Kevin Verre, NDOT

#### 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.

# 2. Verbal Instructions required by Assembly Bill 219 (2023)

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

#### 3. Public Comment

No public comment.

## 4. Approve the April 3, 2024, Meeting Minutes

The CMAC April 3, 2024, minutes were approved as submitted.

#### 5. Information and Discussion Items

Item 1: Provide information and advice regarding the proposed Amendment No. 3 to the FFY 2023-2027 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP).

Graham Dollarhide, RTC Planning Manager, gave a presentation on the Proposed Amendment #3 to the FFY 2023-2027 Regional Transportation Improvement Program. A copy of the presentation is on file at the RTC Metropolitan Planning Department.

Ryan Bernadett asked if the new trail from Sparks to the Tri-Center will be shared with public transit. Graham Dollarhide responded it will be for the Tahoe Pyramid Trail and will be offroad for bikes and pedestrians.

Panah Stauffer asked where the South Meadows connector will be evaluated and if any wetlands impact will be investigated. Chris Kuhn, Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), stated this is an alignment and feasibility study that includes a high-level environmental analysis to determine potential impacts.

Earl Brynelsen asked if there will be any kind of fixed route transit involved in the future. Graham Dollarhide replied that these projects will not include any transportation accommodations but will come through other projects already in the RTIP.

Kelly Orr asked what were the identifying factors that led to expansion in the South Meadows corridor alignment study and no other areas in Washoe County. Chris Kuhn responded that a corridor study was completed in 2020 that looked at multiple alternatives including the South Meadows connector. There was a focus on this corridor, but it is possible another study could be done in the future.

A discussion was held regarding the pros and cons of bus and carpool lanes and monetary factors involved.

#### 6. RTC Staff Announcements

Xuan Wang, RTC Planning Manager, announced the next meeting will be held Tuesday, July 2, 2024, because of the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.

An election will be held during the July meeting for the new term of Chair and Vice Chair positions. An email will be sent explaining how members can express interest and the election process.

7. Public Comment: Public comment may pertain to matters both on and off the agenda. Comments are to be made to the Committee as a whole and not to individual Committee members or staff. Committee members may provide public comment. Public comment is limited to three (3) minutes.

Juan Martinez thanked NDOT and the City of Reno for fixing the sidewalk on North McCarran Boulevard in front of Walmart and laying out new visible crosswalks. He also stated July 26<sup>th</sup> is the anniversary for the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and suggests free rides for all ACCESS riders that day.

Damien Cole thanked RTC for stopping at every stop on the Virginia Rapid line even if no one requested it. James Gee, RTC Director of Transportation, commented that brand new electronic signs are in the process of being programmed and installed in the next month or two on the Virginia and Lincoln lines.

Dora Martinez stated there are questionable people that bother bus riders at the Centennial Plaza. She is wondering if there are security guards because this presents a safety issue. She also mentioned that she would like RTC public information officer to advertise to ACCESS riders that they can now go to the Adaptive Cycling Center at 6800 Pembroke, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. James Gee stated there is security at Centennial Plaza 24 hours a day and her concerns will be taken to the RTC Security Director.

Earl Brynelsen thanked James Gee for the announcement that students under the age of 17 will be allowed to ride the bus for free while school is out during the summer. He stated the community will appreciate this and it is a great idea.

Damien Cole announced he attended the first open meeting for Strong Towns, and it was a positive experience and a good turnout. He encouraged those interested to go on reddit for more information. https://www.reddit.com/r/StrongTowns/

#### 8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

MEETING DATE: July 2, 2024 AGENDA ITEM 1

To: Citizens Multimodal Advisory Committee

From: Graham Dollarhide

Planning Manager

#### FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Receive a presentation on the South Virginia Street Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Study.

#### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

The RTC, in partnership with the City of Reno, is working to complete a Transit Oriented Development (TOD) study along the South Virginia Street corridor. The purpose of the study is to determine the feasibility of extending the Virginia Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service to South Reno and develop the land use planning tools that will encourage a walkable, transit-supportive development pattern that meets the growth and development needs of the region. The study area extends from the BRT route's current southern terminus at the Meadowood Mall transfer station to Mt. Rose Highway.

The South Virginia Street corridor includes large tracts of vacant or underutilized land and lacks full sidewalk and bicycle connectivity. Much of the existing development is vehicle-oriented with limited mobility and affordable housing options. However, the potential exists to create a direct connection to Midtown, Downtown, and the University of Nevada, Reno to enhance economic development opportunities and encourage a more balanced jobs-housing mix that is conducive to enhanced transit. Additionally, the RTC is coordinating with the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) as it completes a Safety Management Plan on much of the same South Virginia Street corridor. This plan will identify low, medium, and high-priority implementable improvements that will have an immediate safety benefit to road users. These improvements could have an impact on the context of the corridor that further enhances an environment conducive to alternative modes of transportation.

Staff will provide a brief update on the Study's draft results, including analyses of existing conditions, safety, and land use, along with overall findings and proposed recommendations. The draft plan will still be shaped by input from the project Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), the RTC CMAC and TAC, the public, and the RTC Board ahead of formal adoption anticipated in August.

MEETING DATE: July 2, 2024 AGENDA ITEM 2

To: Technical Advisory Committee

From: Xuan Wang

Planning Manager

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Receive a presentation on the proposed Amendment No. 3 to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

#### BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

RTC staff is proposing Amendment No. 3 to the 2050 RTP to change the project schedule for a project led by the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT). The project—operational and capacity improvements to I-80 between Vista Boulevard and USA Parkway—is being updated to reflect the new construction schedule. Although the project will still fall within the RTP's 2031 – 2050 project time period, the model year for the project is required to mirror the change in schedule from 2050 to 2040.

An air quality conformity analysis for the proposed RTP amendment is required as the project is a capacity project and is therefore not exempt from transportation conformity requirements. An air quality conformity analysis was conducted as a part of the RTP amendment process. Emissions were estimated using EPA's MOVES4 model and compared with the Motor Vehicle Emission Budgets. The air quality conformity analysis report was updated to reflect the change and included in the RTP amendment. Based on existing and planned commitments, the air quality analysis demonstrates that the required air quality conformity determination can be made. The RTP is shown to be in conformance with federal air quality regulations. The Interagency Air Quality Consultation Group met on June 18, 2024 and subsequently recommended approval of the air quality analysis.

Copies of Amendment No. 3 to the RTP, which includes complete details of the proposed changes, is available for viewing and comment on the RTC website (<a href="www.rtcwashoe.com">www.rtcwashoe.com</a>) starting on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, and ending on Tuesday, July 16, 2024. A public hearing will be held by the RTC Board on Friday, July 19, 2024.

Attachment