

## REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION CITIZENS MULTIMODAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

# MEETING AGENDA Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. MEETING TO BE HELD VIA ZOOM ONLY

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- 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, and July 2, 2024, Committee Meeting Minutes (For Possible Action)
- 5. Approve the election of Chair and Vice-Chair to serve from August 7, 2024, until June 30, 2025. (For Possible Action)
- 6. **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** Provide information and advice regarding the construction, installation and maintenance of benches, shelters and transit stops for RTC passengers.
  - **ITEM 2** Receive a presentation on the Active Transportation Plan.
  - **ITEM 3** Receive a presentation on the Regional Freight Plan.
  - **ITEM 4** Receive a presentation on the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update.

### 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:

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.

### REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION CITIZENS MULTIMODAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE **MEETING MINUTES** WEDNESDAY JULY 10, 2024

### CMAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Ryan Bernadett, Vice Chair Paul Hewen

Eric Ammerman Sue-Ting Chene, Chair

Judy Kathleen Stanfield Michael May

Kelly Orr Michael Gawthrop-Hutchins

Panah Stauffer Damien Cole

### **CMAC MEMBERS ABSENT**

Ann Silver David Giacomin

Juan Manuel Martinez Michael Lansborough

Earl Brynelsen

**RTC STAFF** 

Graham Dollarhide James Gee Xuan Wang

Lolita Davis

### **CMAC GUESTS**

Dora Martinez, Public Eric Hasty, Public

Maia Johnson, Public

#### 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 5:32 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. Information and Discussion Items

**Item 1:** Receive a presentation on the South Virginia Street Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Study.

Graham Dollarhide, RTC Planning Manager, gave a presentation on the South Virginia Street Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Study. A copy of the presentation is on file at the RTC Metropolitan Planning Department.

Panah Stauffer asked which outreach was used to advertise this study. Graham Dollarhide responded that the study was promoted on the website and partnership with Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) through email blasts, the RTC website and RTC email blasts. Panah suggested using KOLO 8, the library, the Chamber of Commerce and the Nextdoor platform to advertise.

Panah also commented on the 56 service not running every 30 minutes after 5:00 p.m. James Gee, Director of Transportation, stated after approximately 5:30 p.m., the 56 is an hourly service due to the commute pattern and peak ridership decrease. RTC commute pattern is different from most transit systems partially because we are a casino town and there are not many large employers like you typically see in other downtown areas. Panah mentioned FlexRIDE is not providing the connectivity that was originally presented. It does not go to Meadowood Mall, South Meadows and Double R shopping centers. She stated the existing service is really lacking and the data points available represent an extremely low level of service. There are many single occupancy vehicle trips from South Reno and huge opportunities to convey that in the RTC projects presented to the Board. Graham stated that conversations during public meetings were supportive of higher levels of transit service in the future. The suggestions and comments will be incorporated in the final plan.

Michael Gawthrop Hutchins asked if it is possible to standardize the fare structure on the Regional Connector Service. Currently, RTC passes cannot be used. Graham Dollarhide responded that fare structure will be more appropriate for the short-range plan, Transportation Optimization Plan Strategies (TOPS). James Gee stated there are service implications to turn the Carson City route from commuter to local which would impact the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), fleet compositions and the number of vehicles owned. It is not as simple as just making the fare structure the same. The process is a lot more involved. This will be part of the TOPS discussion when RTC has a consultant on board later this year.

Graham confirmed for Damien Cole that South Virginia Street is a state highway and is in NDOT's jurisdiction. Damien asked if RTC is working with the City of Reno and what incentives the City of Reno will give developers wanting to do something other than single-family homes with homeowner associations. Graham replied, the RTC is partnering with the City of Reno on the TOD study. As far as incentives, there are budget limitations, but current zoning allows developers to build what they want. Damien also asked if NDOT is planning to do a center of the road bus line, will it have bus stops and will passengers use a crosswalk or overhead walkway to get to them. Graham responded that RTC would partner with NDOT

on the infrastructure. It is difficult to transition from a side running to a center running bus rapid transit (BRT), but RTC and NDOT is not limiting the potential on the transit side of things and will work to construct ideas that will be desirable and cost effective in the future.

Sue-Ting Chene asked who receives the feedback from the public, if there is a survey and what is the deadline. Graham responded he is the project manager and to make changes to the plan before the next meeting, comments should be received by July 31<sup>st</sup>. There was a discussion held regarding giving feedback, public outreach, deadlines, and how to access information for different RTC projects. Graham stated he will give the suggestions to the RTC Public Information and website teams.

**Item 2:** Receive a presentation on the proposed Amendment No. 3 to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

Xuan Wang, RTC Planning Manager, gave a presentation on the proposed Amendment No. 3 to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). A copy of the presentation is on file at the RTC Metropolitan Planning Department.

Ryan Bernadette asked who recommended this amendment. Xuan responded that this is a NDOT project. This presentation is specific to the construction timeframe change and confirmed the air quality analysis report was recommended for approval.

There was a discussion held regarding transit services expanding to the Tri-Center, and South Reno areas. Also, oversized and underutilized parking lots that could be used as transit hubs. Panah stated it is important to note that multiple members on the CMAC advocate for a transit first approach to the Tri-Center and major employers along with funding from government agencies or leaders/companies that receive tax credits for supporting public infrastructure.

Sue-Ting asked if most of the people that work in the Tri-Center area are Washoe County residents. James Gee responded yes, majority of the employees are residents of Washoe County and pay taxes to Washoe. RTC is in partnership with Enterprise to provide van pool services to about 2,000 people per day. More information is available on the RTC website, <a href="https://rtcwashoe.com/public-transportation/rtc-vanpool/">https://rtcwashoe.com/public-transportation/rtc-vanpool/</a>, calling 775-348-7665 (Pool) or contacting Scott Miklos at <a href="mailto:smiklos@rtcwashoe.com">smiklos@rtcwashoe.com</a>. Michael Gawthrop Hutchins added the State Charter School Authority has a funding program for charter school transportation.

### 5. RTC Staff Announcements

James Gee announced a free transit day for all services to celebrate the anniversary of the ADA on July 26<sup>th</sup>. He also confirmed that for the kids ride free summer program, identification may be required if eligibility is a question.

### 6. Public Comment

Dora Martinez commented that people on the Individualized Education Plan should be considered eligible for free rides during the kids ride free summer program even though they are 22 years old and drivers should be made aware.

Sue-Ting asked for clarification regarding monthly CMAC meetings and attendance. Xuan stated future meetings will be scheduled at the regular time, the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. and will be held with or without a quorum. If there is no quorum, action items will not be discussed but added to the following months agenda. Information only items will be presented to the group. There are 17 positions on the CMAC committee, we currently have 15 members. Plans are in place to begin recruiting for 2 additional members soon.

### 8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

To: Citizens Multimodal Advisory Committee

From: Sai Sun, Transit Planner

### **FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION**

Provide information and advice regarding the construction, installation and maintenance of benches, shelters and transit stops for RTC passengers.

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

The committee provides information and advice regarding the construction, installation and maintenance of benches, shelters and transit stops for passengers of the RTC transit system as required by Nevada Assembly Bill 214 (2023). The committee will have this topic as a discussion item at least four times a year.

At the meeting, RTC staff will give a presentation to the committee regarding the following:

### **Improvements Between April and July 2024**

- Schedules were updated for the May Service Change.
- A new stop at Linden and Havard on Route 13 was installed as part of service change.
- The bus stop at W 4<sup>th</sup> after Ralston on Route 11was removed.
- The bus stop at W 8<sup>th</sup> and N Virginia on Route 7 was removed.
- The bus stop at S Virginia and Peckham was relocated, away from the parking lot entrance.
- The bus stop at McCarran after Mae Anne was relocated, away from Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA)'S facility.
- Five shelters were installed at Valley and Sadleir (Route 2), 21<sup>st</sup> and Glendale (Route 9, 18), Edison and S Rock (Route 14), Lemmon Dr after N Virginia (Route 7), Havard and Villanova (Route 13).
- Trash cans were installed at McCarran &W 7<sup>th</sup> and McCarran & Mae Anne on Route 11.
- A bench was installed at Linden & Kietzke for Route 13.
- Fixed damaged benches, shelter, signs.
- The bus stops on Selmi Dr have been improved as part of RTC's Selmi Dr Rehabilitation Project.

### **Future/Ongoing Improvements**

- New bus stop signs are being installed.
- New BRT signs will be installed.

To: Citizens Multimodal Advisory Committee

From: Marquis Williams

Senior Technical Planner

### FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Receive a presentation on the Active Transportation Plan

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

The Active Transportation Plan (ATP) will identify policies, programs and infrastructure options to support active modes as a viable transportation choice, especially for shorter trips. The Plan is to serve as the RTC's strategy for improving non-vehicular mobility throughout urban Washoe County, and provide an overview of best practices, recommended policies, key partnerships, and outreach and educational activities to promote walking and rolling in the region. This plan will inform the Regional Transportation Plan and leverage future funding opportunities.

The Plan calls for the development of neighborhood network plans (NNPs) which will allow for more targeted outreach with information relevant to community members. The NNPs will also recommend active transportation improvements that lead to a connected neighborhood instead of focusing on one individual corridor. As such, the ATP will provide the framework for these NNPs and lay the groundwork for an Active Transportation Program. With a dedicated program manager and funding, RTC plans to streamline the implementation process leading to more miles of high-quality, well-connected active transportation facilities on the road faster.

To: Citizens Multimodal Advisory Committee

From: Graham Dollarhide

Planning Manager

### FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Receive a presentation on the Regional Freight Plan.

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

The purpose of the Regional Freight Plan is to provide a detailed understanding of the freight network and goods movement patterns in the Reno-Sparks area and to develop a corresponding needs assessment and prioritization process. The Plan will build upon the Nevada Statewide Freight Plan completed by the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) in 2022.

The Plan includes an existing conditions analysis that will identify key elements of Northern Nevada's freight transportation system and how they relate to one another and to the economy. The existing conditions data, coupled with stakeholder input, provide the foundation for development of policy and improvement recommendations through a strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT) analysis. The result is a prioritization of freight corridors and investments that will build upon the critical urban freight corridors identified in the Nevada State Freight Plan to validate and expand corridors of significance. The Plan's final recommendations include strategies for implementing these projects, which ultimately move towards meeting the goals of the Plan.

Staff will provide a presentation on the Plan, which is being proposed for adoption at the August RTC Board meeting.

To: Citizens Multimodal Advisory Committee

From: Xuan Wang, PHD, PE, PTP, RSP2, Acting Planning Manager

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Receive a presentation on the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

The RTP is the RTC's long-range transportation plan as required under Title 23, Part 450 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). It contains major transportation projects and programs for Washoe County for all modes of travel. It functions as the major tool for implementing long-range transportation planning. The RTP captures the community's vision of the transportation system and identifies the projects, programs, and services necessary to achieve that vision that RTC, member entities, and NDOT will implement.

The RTC initiated the development of the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan Update in the Fall of 2023. The purpose of the process is to identify the long-term guiding principles and goals for the regional transportation system and to identify the projects, programs, and services that will be implemented through 2050. This plan will be based on a robust community engagement process and conducted in collaboration with partner agencies. The plan will address the safety, mobility, connectivity, and traffic operations issues that are resulting from strong population and employment growth in the region. Federal regulations require that the long-range planning document be updated every four years. The current RTP approval extends through March 2025. The schedule for the RTP update process allows for federal review and approval of the plan by March 2025. It is anticipated that the draft plan will be available for public and agency review in January 2025 with Board action by March 2025.