

**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 Giacomini
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, <https://rtcwashoe.com/public-transportation/rtc-vanpool/>, calling 775-348-7665 (Pool) or contacting Scott Miklos at [smiklos@rtcwashoe.com](mailto:smiklos@rtcwashoe.com). 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.