

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
CITIZENS MULTIMODAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY October 2, 2024**

CMAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Ryan Bernadett, Vice Chair
Kathie Stanfield
Kelly Orr
Damien Cole.

Sue-Ting Chene, Chair
Juan Martinez
Michael Gawthrop-Hutchins

CMAC MEMBERS ABSENT

David Giacomini
Michael Lansborough
Panah Stauffer

Earl Brynelsen
Paul Hewen

RTC STAFF

Vanessa Lacer
Marquis Williams
Lolita Davis

Graham Dollarhide
Tom Tsunemoto

CMAC GUESTS

Maia Johnson, Downtown Resident

1. ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

The Citizens Multimodal Advisory Committee (CMAC) meeting was conducted as a Zoom Meeting. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Marquis Williams.

2. VERBAL INSTRUCTIONS REQUIRED BY ASSEMBLY BILL 219 (2023)

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Damien Cole commented that things are needed to keep bicyclists and pedestrians safe in the downtown corridor regarding the Biggest Little Bike Network Project. The concern is with the lane configurations and curbside arrangements and existing road space. In some cases, the

curbed barriers will have a gap which causes vehicles to make very sharp turns and defeat the safety purpose of the barriers.

Maia Johnson commented on transportation options coming out of the airport. She feels the bus option is very unpleasant because it is very close to a speed road with a narrow sidewalk, a person is blasted with road dust, and there's a wait time of half hour or an hour on Sundays. She stated it is bad that there is no communication between the airport and public transit.

4. APPROVE THE OCTOBER 2, 2024, MEETING MINUTES

The CMAC October 2, 2024, minutes were approved as submitted.

5. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS.

A request was made to have a discussion item regarding The Biggest Little Bike Network.

Damien Cole made a motion to add a discussion regarding the Biggest Little Bike Network to the agenda.

Ryan Bernadett seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

A request was made to add an amendment to the agenda item that limits discussion to twenty minutes and is held toward the end of the meeting, after staff announcements.

Ryan Bernadett made a motion to accept the amendment to the added agenda item limiting discussion to twenty minutes.

Damien Cole seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. RTC STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Annual Reappointments**

Marquis Williams, Senior Technical Planner, informed the committee that a list of members will be given to the RTC Board in October for reappointments. The term will be effective immediately and will run until June 2025. CMAC will do another reappointment at that time and will thereafter be an annual process. CMAC has two new members, Amanda Nelson and Richard Landon. Both will represent transit.

Introductions of CMAC members and RTC staff were made.

- **Commitment to Accessible Meetings**

Marquis Williams reviewed the standards for RTC commitment to inclusivity in public meetings.

Damien asked if the Chair could end the meeting before the agenda is concluded. Marquis replied that the meeting will progress through the agenda as written but once at adjournment there is no need for a motion or vote.

- **Biggest Little Bike Network Discussion**

Marquis provided a brief introduction to the project, a collaboration between RTC and the City of Reno aimed at improving safety and access for cyclists, pedestrians, and drivers. Damien discussed proposed changes to bike lane configuration at Virginia and 8th Streets.

Damien discussed the limitations of the current setup, emphasizing the need for more accessible and effective facilities. He suggested that the focus should be on providing cheap yet effective bike facilities, rather than limiting the bike network to a few streets. Sue-Ting sought clarification on the scope of the project, specifically whether it could involve changes to the street infrastructure. Marquis and Vanessa confirmed this is an engineering project and that the project manager, Sarah Going, would be able to provide more information, sgoing@rtcwashoe.com or 775.335.1897, <https://rtcwashoe.com/projects/biggest-little-bike-network/>. There was further discussion on design, budget and future steps.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Maia Johnson expressed concerns about the 8th to 9th Street corridor or block of Virginia Street bus and scooter integration. She stated she encounters a lot of problems while riding her scooter with cars turning right. She stated cars do not expect her to be there and it is not clear where pedestrians should be. It is also unclear what action to take when in the bike lane making a right turn from Holcomb onto Liberty northbound. She stated adding buses to the mix will not be good.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.