

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025**

**TAC MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chris Tolley	Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency
Kurt Dietrich	City of Reno Public Works
Angela Fuss	City of Reno Community Development
Scott Carey, Vice Chair	City of Sparks Community Services
Craig Petersen	Northern Nevada Public Health Air-Quality Management Division (NNPH AQMD)
Kyle Chisholm	Washoe County School District
Candace Stowell	Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
Kevin Verre	Nevada Department of Transportation

**RTC STAFF**

Amber Bowsmith	Paul Nelson
Shay League	Vanessa Lacer
Alex Wolfson	Thomas Tsunemoto
Jacqueline Maldonado	Marquis Williams

**TAC GUEST**

**ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The Technical Advisory Committee meeting was conducted as a Zoom meeting. Scott Carey, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as submitted.

**ITEM 3. VERBAL INSTRUCTIONS REQUIRED BY ASSEMBLY BILL 219 (2023)**

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

**ITEM 4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments given.

**ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 5, 2024, MEETING MINUTES**

The TAC December 5, 2024, meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

## **ITEM 6. RECEIVED A PRESENTATION ON THE 2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) UPDATE**

Vanessa Lacer, RTC Director of Planning, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update. She outlined the nine goals of the plan, which include safety, maintain infrastructure condition, system reliability and resiliency, accessibility and mobility, congestion reduction, efficient freight movement and economic vitality, equity and environmental sustainability, reduced project delivery delays, and land-use and economic development.

Kurt Dietrich asked about the funding of the corridor studies for North Valleys, McCarran Boulevard and UNR projects for traffic intersection improvements. Alex Wolfson, RTC Engineering Project Manager explained that the Spot Improvement Program is designed to be flexible and that they rely on agency input to prioritize projects. He also mentioned that they are working to improve the prioritization process and to work towards specific improvements identified in the corridor studies. A Traffic Operations Management subcommittee (TOMS) meeting and call for projects will be presented at their January 28, 2025, meeting.

Kyle Chisholm asked about the interactive map RTP draft, which was represented at the meeting. Vanessa Lacer, RTC Director of Planning, stated that it is on the RTC webpage, which is live.

Scott Carey, Vice Chair, asked if there are any in person public meetings. Vanessa Lacer, RTC Director of Planning, stated there are three meetings scheduled. She stated social media promotions, newspapers and a chambers commission meeting presentation is also being conducted for the 2050 RTP. Scott Carey, Vice Chair, asked when RTC staff will bring back the draft RTP for recommendations to the 2050 RTP update. Vanessa Lacer, RTC Director of Planning, expressed that in February for recommendations to the board.

## **ITEM 7. MEMBER ITEMS – DEVELOPMENT UPDATES AND OTHER UPDATES**

Chris Tolley updated the committee on the 2024 Regional Plan adoption with the Regional Planning Governing Board. He discussed master plans; entity plans and Truckee Meadows Annual Report for implementation for the Regional Plan and Infrastructure Plan are upcoming.

Kyle Chisholm announced January 14, 2025, an agenda item for closure of Stead Elementary School and a new Stead Elementary School which, will open for the 2026 school year. A discussion in February 2025, with the board for recommendations for schools K-8 study for recommendations like Pine Middle School.

Scott Carey, Vice Chair, updated on the City of Sparks for the next weeks Planning Commission meeting, considering appointment to the RRIF TAC for the upcoming update to the GAM and RRIF project list. A conditional use permit on Spice Island and a code amendment to add model home dealerships in the commercial and professional office zoning districts. The Applicant for a chemical facility has withdrawn the project request over on Larkin Circle which, will be pulled from the agenda. He expressed a request be made for receiving the PowerPoint presentations prior to the TAC meetings.

Angel Fuss gave updates on the council which, adopted the changes for zoning code. Development data center projects are going to be in public review tied to sustainability around data centers.

**ITEM 8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE TAC MEETINGS**

There were no agenda items given.

**ITEM 9. RTC STAFF ITEMS**

There were no staff items given.

**ITEM 10. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments given.

**ITEM 11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

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**MEETING DATE:** February 6, 2025

**AGENDA ITEM 6**

To: Technical Advisory Committee

From: Vanessa Lacer, MPA, AICP, Planning Director

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Recommend approval/adoption of 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 regional 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.

The RTC initiated the development of the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan Update in the Fall of 2023. The planning process identifies long-term goals for the regional transportation system and identifies the projects, programs, and services that are expected to be implemented through 2050. The RTP is based on a robust community engagement process and conducted in collaboration with partner agencies. The RTP is required to address at least a 20-year planning timeframe and must include short and long-term strategies to foster the development of an integrated multi-modal regional transportation system that facilitates the safe and efficient movement of people and goods. Additional requirements of the RTP include a prioritized and fiscally constrained list of the transportation projects and services for the region that are needed over the next 20 years. Federal regulations require that the RTP be updated every four years. The current RTP approval extends through March 2025. The draft plan was available for public and agency review from January 3 to February 1, 2025. A public hearing and Board action is scheduled for February 21, 2025.