# REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION CITIZENS MULTIMODAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY MAY 7, 2025

## **CMAC MEMBERS PRESENT**

Sue-Ting Chene, Chair
Kathie Stanfield
Ryan Bernadette, Vice Chair
Michael Gawthrop-Hutchins
Amanda Nelson
Juan Martinez
Kelly Orr
Damien Cole

Panah Stauffer

# **CMAC MEMBERS ABSENT**

David Giacomin Paul Hewen

Richard Landon

### RTC STAFF

Marquis Williams Graham Dollarhide

Sai Sun James Gee

Lolita Davis Thomas Tsunemoto

### **CMAC GUESTS**

Murph Glover, NDOT

#### 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 5:31 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

There were no public comments.

## 4. APPROVE THE APRIL 9, 2025, MEETING MINUTES

The CMAC April 9, 2025, meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

### 5. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS.

**ITEM 5.1**: PROVIDE INFORMATION, ADVICE AND RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 INCREASE IN THE INDEXED FUEL TAXES IN WASHOE COUNTY THAT WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON JULY 1, 2025, AS REQUIRED BY NRS 373 067 AND WCC 20.

This topic was not presented to the CMAC body. For anyone interested, the information will be presented at the RTC Board meeting, May 16, 2025.

**ITEM 5.2:** PROVIDE INFORMATION, ADVICE, AND RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 RTC TENTATIVE BUDGET.

This topic was not presented to the CMAC body. For anyone interested, the information will be presented at the RTC Board meeting, May 16, 2025.

**ITEM 5.3:** PROVIDE INFORMATION AND ADVICE REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF BENCHES, SHELTERS AND TRANSIT STOPS FOR RTC PASSENGERS.

Sai Sun, RTC Transit Planner, gave a presentation on the construction, installation and maintenance of benches, shelters and transit stops for RTC passengers.

Michael suggested improving the visibility of the bus stop at 5<sup>th</sup> and Virginia. Juan requested a bench on 4<sup>th</sup> Street at the Nevada Hope Clinic. Amanda stated it is very dangerous for buses and passengers due to heavy traffic on route 11 near the freeway on-ramp from 7<sup>th</sup> Street and want to know if there is a safer location that can be found before the intersection. She also mentioned the bus stop on Route 4 at Mae Anne where bushes block the view of passengers waiting, creating a safety hazard. She suggested trimming the bushes to improve visibility. Damien and Amanda mentioned a bus pad between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Streets on Virginia.

There was a discussion held regarding the feasibility of relocating bus stops for better access and convenience and help with challenges created by street closures during events. Further discussion was suggested for consideration regarding the bus route and infrastructure improvements.

**ITEM 5.4:** PROVIDE INFORMATION, ADVICE AND RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 6 TO THE FFY 2023-2027 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RTIP).

Graham Dollarhide, RTC Planning Manager, gave a presentation on the proposed Amendment No. 6 to the FFY 2023-2027 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP).

Damien asked if information about the projects presented is on the website. Graham confirmed that the same information in the packets is posted on the website.

Damien also asked if the consolidation would affect the flexibility in changing the design of the Biggest Little Bike Network. Graham assured that it would not affect the public's ability to provide input on design elements and that Engineers would continue their regular design and review phases. Panah asked how the two plans would complement each other, specifically regarding the South Virginia Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) expansion and the Safety Management Plan. Graham clarified that the two plans were being conducted simultaneously, with safety considerations from Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT).

Michael Gawthrop-Hutchins raised a question about the status of projects on 3rd and 6th Streets from the Micro Mobility Study. Graham replied that 6th Street was excluded from the Biggest Little Bike Network due to separate federal funding, creating the need for a different agreement. 3rd Street was excluded based on the city's recommendation and is currently an unfunded project in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

Damien noted that the Bicycle Alliance looked forward to the Center Street Cycle Track and expressed concerns about its removal from the RTIP. Graham confirmed that although the project was removed from the RTIP, it remains in the RTP. Sue-Ting Chene suggested that a status update would be helpful and requested that Graham summarize the current situation for sharing with the team.

#### 6. RTC STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no staff announcements.

#### 7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Damien commented that he would like to see RTC and NDOT consider including light rail in Truckee Meadows in between Reno, Sparks and the Tesla Gigafactory. He feels that a light rail system can handle steep slopes and tight curves that are significant challenges in that area. This system could be integrated with the Bus Rapid Transit. He would like to share more information on the basic network connectivity plan he has created with someone relevant.

Panah expressed interest in transportation bills being discussed in the Legislature, particularly those supported by RTC and a light rail bill. She requests an update on which bills passed and their potential impact on transportation.

#### 8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.