

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025**

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Angela Fuss	City of Reno Community Development
Craig Petersen	Northern Nevada Public Health Air-Quality Management Division (NNPH AQMD)
Kyle Chisholm	Washoe County School District
Murph Glover	Nevada Department of Transportation
Mariam Ahmad, Chair	Washoe County Community Services
Julee Olander	Washoe County community Servives
Scott Carey	City of Sparks Community Services
Andrew Jayankura	City of Sparks Community Development
Candace Stowell	Reno-Sparks Indian Colony

RTC STAFF

Bill Thomas	Paul Nelson
Tom Tsunemoto	Vanessa Lacer
Christian Schonlau	Graham Dollarhide
Xuan Wang	Marquis Williams
Jacqueline Maldonado	

TAC GUEST

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Technical Advisory Committee meeting was conducted as a Zoom meeting. Mariam Ahmad Chair called the meeting to order at 9:01 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 APRIL 10, 2025, MEETING MINUTES

The TAC April 10, 2025, meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

ITEM 6. RECEIVE A PRESENTATION ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 INCREASE IN THE INDEXED FUEL TAXES IN WASHOE COUNTY

Christian Schonlau, RTC Chief Financial Officer, gave a presentation on the fiscal year 2026 increase in the indexed fuel taxes in Washoe County. There was no discussion.

ITEM 7. RECEIVE A PRESENTATION ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 RTC TENTATIVE BUDGET

Christian Schonlau, RTC Chief Financial Officer, gave a presentation on the fiscal year 2026 RTC Tentative Budget.

Angela Fuss entered the meeting at 9:14 a.m.

Julee Olander entered the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

Craig Petersen and Christian Schonlau, RTC Chief Financial Officer, discussed the acquisition of eight new hydrogen buses, total and six out of the eight are expected to arrive soon. Christian Schonlau, RTC Chief Financial Officer, mentioned that they are replacing 10 of their aging hybrid fleet, with a total of 18 new high-efficiency hybrid and alternative vehicles scheduled to enter service next year. He explained that hydrogen buses cost approximately 1.5 times more than hybrid models, and highlighted the challenges related to hydrogen fuel availability and infrastructure. Additionally, he addressed concerns about the reliability of RTC's electric buses, some of which have experienced failures around six to seven-year mark. Craig Petersen expressed appreciation for the update and encouraged RTC to continue exploring alternative fueling sources. Candace Stowell asked about potential impacts of federal funding cuts, to which Christian responded that no direct impacts have been observed to date.

ITEM 8. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF 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).

Candace Stowell had concerns about the bridge's ADA compliance and pedestrian safety along East Second Street, she recommended there be continued discussions with NDOT. There was a discussion of the proposed amendment with the understanding that it can be updated and that it doesn't prevent negotiations between RSIC and NDOT. Murph Glover with NDOT and Vanessa Lacer, RTC Director of Planning clarified the project is intended to address the safety issue and make the bridge safe, not to make any big design changes.

Craig Petersen expressed concerns regarding the removal of four micromobility projects from the Regional Transportation Program and their consolidation into the Biggest Little Bike Network, specifically questioning whether any modifications were being made to the original projects. Graham

Dollarhide, RTC Planning Manager, explained that consolidating the projects serves to streamline the logistics of project execution and funding allocation.

Scott Carey with the City of Sparks made a motion to approve the proposed amendment No. 6 to the FFY 2023-2027 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP).

Craig Peterson Seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 9. MEMBER ITEMS – DEVELOPMENT UPDATES AND OTHER UPDATES

Scott Carey with the City of Sparks, discussed that in April, the planning commission reviewed a proposed amendment to the city's zoning code related to drive-through facilities. He expressed the proposed amendments are to address the drive-throughs by introducing additional public process requirements, enhanced landscaping standards, and updated queuing length provisions. The planning commission recommended approval of the amendment, and it is scheduled to go before the city council on May 27, 2025. Six new development applications were received with one located at the corner of Wedekind Road and McCarran Boulevard. A new conditional use permit application has been submitted for a manufactured home dealership at that location, which is currently under review. Other projects include a proposed childcare facility in Spanish Springs and several minor conditional use permit requests.

Candace Stowell, RSIC, mentioned the restart of the Transportation Safety Plan for the Reno Colony. She mentioned there is a meeting with the City of Reno Traffic Engineering Department scheduled for next week. A meeting to address transportation safety issues in Hungry Valley community is upcoming.

ITEM 10. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE TAC MEETINGS

There were no agenda items given.

ITEM 11. RTC STAFF ITEMS

There were no staff items given.

ITEM 12. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

ITEM 13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.