

CARSON AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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A regularly scheduled meeting of the Carson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization was held on Wednesday, June 14, 2006, at the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairperson Richard S. Staub, Vice Chairperson Charles Des Jardins, and Members Shelly Aldean, Larry Hastings, and Dennis Taylor

STAFF PRESENT: Public Works Director Andrew Burnham, Community Development Director Walter Sullivan, Deputy Public Works Manager Mark Jackson, Senior Deputy District Attorney Michael Suglia, RTC Engineer Harvey Brotzman, and Recording Secretary Katherine McLaughlin (CAMPO 6/14/06 Recording 5:33:40)

NOTE: Unless otherwise indicated, each item was introduced by staff's reading/outlining/clarifying the Request for Board Action Report and/or supporting documentation. Staff members making the presentation are listed after the Item's heading. Any other individuals who spoke are listed immediately following the staff listing. A tape recording of these proceedings is on file in the Clerk-Recorder's office. This tape is available for review and inspection during normal business hours.

A. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM - Chairperson Staub convened the meeting at 5:35 p.m. Roll call was taken. A quorum was present although Members Holler and Zola were absent. Chairperson Staub advised that Member Zola had asked to be excused.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - 4-12-06 (5:34:26) - Discussion corrected the spelling of TMPO and TRPA Deputy Director Carl Hasty's name. Member Hastings moved approve the 4-12-06 Minutes as corrected. Members Aldean and Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

C. AGENDA MODIFICATION (5:35:21) - None.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT (5:35:39) - None.

E. DISCLOSURES (5:36:56) - None.

F. PUBLIC MEETING ITEMS:

F-1. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND ACTION REGARDING NEVADA DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION (NDOT) CARSON CITY CONSULTATION DISCUSSING THE PROPOSED 2007 WORK PROGRAM FOUND IN THE 2007 – 2016 TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PROJECTS DOCUMENT (5:36:11) - NDOT Deputy Director Susan Martinovich explained the reasons the Department meets with local jurisdictions on the work program and introduced her staff members who were present. She explained that the State had been recognized for having the smoothest and best roads and the fewest number of deficient bridges in the nation. She felt that this is due to the policy to be proactive in its paving practices. This program results in both a financial savings as well as time savings. The \$600 million construction program was noted. She also pointed out that the State is experiencing the fastest growth in the nation. Projections indicate that the State's population will increase 80% in the next ten years. Governor Guinn

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recognizes this growth and the need to continue constructing projects to meet the demand created by this growth. Issues analyzed by the State Transportation Board in its selection of projects were explained. The recommendations made as a result of the meetings with local entities will be submitted to the Statewide Transportation Board in September. An explanation of the policy to identify roads which can be transferred and/or exchanged for other roads to local jurisdictions was provided. She indicated that the State roadway must be in good condition before the transfer/exchange is made or funding to improve its condition will be provided. Disadvantages of the program were noted. Other program challenges created by flooding, weather, graffiti, and garbage/trash were limned. Maintenance has been stepped up to keep the roads open during inclement weather and floods. Landscaping and aesthetic projects are being funded statewide. Traffic safety is a major concern, specifically in view of the increased number of fatalities. A statewide executive committee has been established to analyze and address this concern. The Committee's need for local input was indicated. The increased cost of materials is reducing the number of projects that they can do. Efforts are attempting to maximize the funding and analyze/take on a project at the right time. Examples illustrating this effort were provided. The Carson City, CAMPO and Douglas County projects were briefly highlighted. The Carson City freeway phase 2A project was to have been advertised in February. It has, however, been delayed for various reasons. Some of the issues have been resolved. Close coordination with Carson City is necessary. The status of the grade separation and crossing of Highway 50 was limned. Maintenance projects, including the use of "micro-chipping", were noted. Examples of "micro-chipped" sites were provided. Safety signal coordination projects were limned. Upcoming projects' priorities may be revised due to the funding and material costs. NDOT is watching the cash flow and will move projects to get the right projects done at the right time. She then reviewed the list of projects scheduled for 2007. The V&T Railroad Project will be administered by the Commission to Reconstruct the V&T Railroad. Its funding, however, will go through NDOT. She also explained that the Douglas County and developer driven third lane for north bound Highway 395 has been scheduled for 2008. Issues with the City's enhancement program for bicycle and pedestrian improvements were noted and are being worked on. Project grant applications are being reviewed. They included gateway signage, enhancement funding for the basins, and landscaping projects. The 395 corridor study for traffic from Stateline to Carson City is continuing. Concerns regarding the signalization southward toward Douglas County were indicated and must be coordinated. Future planning includes recognition of the growth along the Highway 50 East corridor. Discussion explained the difference between the \$2 million landscaping grant obtained by GROW and the City for the freeway and the NDOT guideline to allocate 3% of its construction funding for landscaping. The types of projects using the 3% funding were noted. Discussion ensued on the reasons for a "mutual" termination of a contract for the 395 freeway bridge in Pleasant Valley. The bridge has been added to another freeway project and is scheduled for advertising on July 6 with construction scheduled to begin in early November. It is hoped that the funding is adequate for the project. Discussion also indicated that completion of Carson City Freeway Phase 2 will not be delayed as a result of a delay in the freeway construction to Fairview. The delay in construction of the Fairview widening project could delay construction of the freeway between 50 and Fairview. This project is set to go to bid in September with commencement of the dirt work in January or February. Construction activities will gear up accordingly with full construction occurring during the summertime. Chairperson Staub thanked her for the presentation. Ms. Martinovich felt that the State is an exciting location as it has growth, rural and urban areas, radical differences in temperatures, etc. Comments suggested that the tortoise not be kept on the cover of the Transportation System Projects for Fiscal Years 2007-2016. Ms. Martinovich explained that this tortoise is located in a part of the Las Vegas Spaghetti Bowl landscaping project and had been plagued by graffiti.

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Public comments were solicited but none were given. Member Taylor noted that he had abstained in the past when considering such NDOT items. He has discussed the matter with both the City and NDOT attorneys. As he is setting on the Board as both a Carson City and NDOT representative on behalf of Carson City, he will not make a motion but will vote on the motion.

Member Aldean moved to approve the Nevada Department of Transportation 2007 Transportation System Projects document including the updated project lists in the soon to be amended Carson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Regional Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program. Member Des Jardins seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

F-2. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND ACTION REGARDING THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WASHOE COUNTY'S (WASHOE RTC) PROPOSAL TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE PRIDE SERVICE WITHIN CARSON CITY TO BETTER SERVE THE COMMUNITY (6:04:40) - Public Works Director Andrew Burnham introduced Deputy Public Works Manager Mark Jackson. He indicated that Mr. Jackson is handling former Transportation/Transit Planner Michael Dulude's duties as Mr. Dulude had resigned. He also indicated that Patrick Pittenger had been hired as the Transportation Manager earlier in the day. Mr. Pittenger's background was provided.

Mr. Jackson explained the reasons the item was being brought to the Board. He introduced Washoe County Regional Transportation Commission's Senior Transit Planner Roger Hanson, who was present to answer questions. The current and proposed route changes were limned. A public meeting notice had been advertised in the *Nevada Appeal*. Staff had not received any comments regarding the proposed changes.

Member Aldean noted that the City's JAC system covers the same route and suggested that PRIDE consider using Curry Street which would provide service to the Fandango Casino. She also suggested that JAC no longer provide service to the Douglas County area and that PRIDE provide it. Justification for her recommendations were provided.

Mr. Hanson provided the Board and Clerk with a larger map illustrating the changes and route. (A copy is in the file.) Mr. Hanson indicated a willingness to consider the Curry route and a willingness to work with Public Works regarding the ultimate route. He felt that the difference in fares may be the single reason riders will continue using JAC rather than PRIDE for local service. The PRIDE ridership was limned. He believed that there will not be competition between PRIDE and JAC for that reason. He also pointed out that PRIDE makes a limited number of trips to and through Carson City. He believed that the potential for an increase in riders occurs along the east side of Carson Street. Member Aldean reiterated her belief that the Fandango Casino employees may want to use PRIDE and urged him to contact the Casino about the potential need for PRIDE's service. She also indicated that she understood the reasons for not using Carson Street. Mr. Brotzman pointed out that Stewart Street also has more governmental offices/employment opportunities than Curry Street. Member Aldean reiterated her suggestion that discussions with the Fandango Casino management occur in order to determine where the employees live. Mr. Hanson explained the safety concerns for pedestrians crossing Carson Street if Curry Street is elected as the route. He expressed an intent to track the riders to determine their employment/residential sites. He acknowledged that there had been an interest expressed in providing service to the Casino, however, felt that JAC could provide the service better than PRIDE based on the fare differences. Member Aldean thanked him for the larger map. She pointed out that

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the proposed PRIDE route does use Koontz and crosses Carson Street to Curry. It could, therefore, provide service to the Casino.

Discussion then indicated that Douglas County had confirmed and signed the PRIDE contract. Comments also indicated that negotiations regarding the JAC service in Douglas County are continuing. Douglas County does pay for a portion of the DART service which also goes to the Indian Hills/Walmart shopping center. DART does not come into Carson City. JAC funding is provided by RTC and CAMPO. The Indian Hills/Walmart shopping center is part of the CAMPO area. DART funding is provided by CAMPO for only the Indian Hills/Walmart shopping center. No other portion of Douglas County is funded by CAMPO.

Chairperson Staub directed that staff bring a status report on the PRIDE route to the Board. He wished to ensure that the routes are working and that one service is not suffering as a result of both services being on the same route. He also indicated that the stops must be marked so that JAC riders are not using PRIDE's services or vice versa. Mr. Hanson pointed out the ability to have separate stop locations, however, this may create sign pollution concerns. His experience with the service has indicated that people learn when the service will be available and that shared stops is doable. Chairperson Staub also pointed out the difference in the color of the buses. Mr. Burnham indicated that the JAC buses should all be painted soon. He also supported providing a status report in three to six months. Chairperson Staub directed that a six-month status report be provided.

Member Des Jardins expressed concern about the possible confusion seniors/riders may experience with two services using the same stop sites/signage. There should be an education program regarding this joint usage and the drivers should announce to the passenger the service being provided. This may reduce the confusion about the services. Mr. Hanson agreed. He also described the proposed changes that will be made to the PRIDE and Citifare services, including the bus colors and names. Justification for the changes were provided. PRIDE will become RTC INTERCITY. Citifare will become RIDE. Its other services including the new RAPID service were described. Illustrations of the new INTERCITY signage were displayed. The bus colors will be changed in the Fall of 2006. Displays of the new colors were shown. Public comments were solicited but none were given.

Member Aldean moved to approve Washoe RTC's request to reroute the PRIDE fixed route service serving South Carson City as depicted on the proposed changes handed out during the meeting. Member Hastings seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Member Aldean then explained her reasons for feeling that Douglas County should subsidize the JAC service to Indian Hills/Walmart shopping center. Chairperson Staub suggested that the Transit Manager be given this task.

G. INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (NON-ACTION ITEMS) - FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (6:27:17) - Member Des Jardins asked that the Chinese Museum concept be agenzied for a future meeting due to its proposed location on Highway 50 East and its potential impact. Mr. Burnham indicated that he understood the intent. No formal action was taken or required.

H. ADJOURNMENT - CAMPO (6:28:24) - Member Hastings moved to adjourn. Member Des Jardins

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seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Chairperson Staub adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

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ARE SO APPROVED ON August 9, 2006.

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Richard S. Staub, Chairperson