

CARSON AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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A regularly scheduled meeting of the Carson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization was held on Wednesday, October 12, 2005, at the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairperson Richard S. Staub and Members Shelly Aldean, Larry Hastings, Dan Holler, Dennis Taylor, and Michael Zola

STAFF PRESENT: Development Services Director Andrew Burnham, City Engineer Larry Werner, Deputy City Engineer John Flansberg, RTC Engineer Harvey Brotzman, and Recording Secretary Katherine McLaughlin (CAMPO 10/12/05 Tape 5:30:24)

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 5:32 p.m. Roll call was taken. A quorum of the Board was present although Member Des Jardins was absent. Chairperson Staub explained that the RTC meeting on the Bowers-Sunrise closure will be heard after the CAMPO meeting.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - 9/14/05 (5:31:21) - Member Aldean corrected the date for the fixed route transit system's commencement to be October 3 and not October 1 as indicated. Member Aldean moved to approve the Minutes from the Carson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting of September 14, 2005, as amended. Members Holler and Zola seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

C. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS (5:32:25) - None.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS (5:32:34) - Member Holler introduced Douglas County Public Works/Community Development Director Mitchell Dion. He may be the individual who will be attending the CAMPO meetings as the Douglas County Representative. Chairperson Staub welcomed Mr. Dion.

E. DISCLOSURES (5:34:06) - None.

F. PUBLIC MEETING ITEMS:

F-1. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A TRAFFIC SIGNAL COORDINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, DOUGLAS COUNTY, CARSON AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION, AND THE CITY OF CARSON CITY FOR ALL SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS ALONG US 395 FROM KOONTZ LANE IN CARSON CITY TO PLYMOUTH DRIVE IN DOUGLAS COUNTY (5:34:09) - Deputy City Engineer John Flansberg, Senior Deputy District Attorney Michael Suglia - Mr. Flansberg's introduction and review of the agreement included the revisions which had been made to the contract. Member Aldean

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corrected Page 3, Article 3, Paragraph 3 to be one sentence rather than two bifurcated sentences. She suggested that “and/or City” be added to the last sentence of Page 3, Article 5, Paragraph 1. Following discussion, Mr. Suglia concurred with her clarification as it represents all of the parties to the agreement. Member Aldean then suggested that Page 4, Paragraph 4 referencing “both parties” be revised to be “all parties” as more than two entities are involved. For the same reason “either parties” should be revised to be “all parties” in Paragraph 5 on Page 4 and Paragraph 9 on Page 5. Mr. Suglia pointed out that Article 4 on Page 4 limits the State’s damages but does not apply to the other parties. He was not overly concerned about it as he felt there would not be a lot of monetary damages in the event of a breach or conflict as the agreement could be terminated with 30 days notice. Public comments were solicited but none were given. Member Aldean moved to approve a Traffic Signal Coordination Agreement between Nevada Department of Transportation, Douglas County, Carson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, and the City of Carson City for all signalized intersections along US 395 from Koontz Lane in Carson City to Plymouth Drive in Douglas County subject to the amendments as discussed. Member Holler seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

F-2. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON THE US 50 CORRIDOR STUDY PROJECT (5:39:26) - NDOT Program Development Program Manager Sandy Stanio, PBS&J Project Manager Jim Dotson - Ms. Stanio explained the study’s purpose, location, and goal. Mr. Dotson explained the firms who were working on the project. The Board went to the next item to provide Mr. Dotson time to setup his computerized slide presentation.

G. INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS - FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - NON-ACTION ITEMS (5:43:40) - Member Hastings requested a comparison of Washoe and Clark Counties’ MPO staffing levels and funding. Justification for the request was provided. City Engineer Larry Werner requested an opportunity to discuss his request with him. Member Taylor explained that Congress had reauthorized the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act and Legacy For Users (SAFETEA-LU). He suggested that a presentation highlighting the changes and impacts be given. He also indicated that one change commencing in July 2007 had extended the plan from three years to four.

F-2. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON THE US 50 CORRIDOR STUDY PROJECT - CONTINUED (5:45:36) - Mr. Dotson gave a slide presentation highlighting the limits of the corridor, the team members, their expertise, the project area, the operational and safety issues to be studied, the options to be analyzed for an alternative route(s), suggested safety improvements to the current corridor, the impact the Tahoe-Reno Industrial Center will have on the traffic patterns, a suggested alternative connection to Interstate 80, and the intent to work closely with NDOT project managers and stakeholders. Public participation is encouraged. A website will be used to communicate with the public. A corridor vision will be created that will connect Highway 50 to the indicated communities. It will also include alternatives. Growth trends and demographic data compiled from land use plans will be utilized to develop connectivity. Access management will be utilized as a key component to the development of a safer corridor. Guidelines for future planning activities and recommendations will be developed. A model for the entire area will be developed and utilized. NDOT will verify the accuracy of the model. A listing of the proposed public meetings and “hot lines” for obtaining and maintaining public participation was provided. The public participation process included tours with open dialogue as well as internal and external communications via the website. A home page mockup illustration of the website was shown. The flow chart illustrating the process was noted. He believed that a

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recommendation could be submitted within 18 months. An action plan will be submitted in May of 2006. The final report should be provided by March 2007. He thanked the Board for having the opportunity to make the presentation and looked forward to working with it.

Member Aldean explained that the City has routinely eliminated frontage roads. This policy creates a need for direct access and makes access management difficult. The proposal supports the need to retain the frontage roads and limit the number of access points and intersections. Mr. Dotson limned the purpose of frontage roads. He felt that there is adequate space in the existing right-of-way to Silver Springs to provide for a frontage road.

Member Hastings explained his belief that some of the speed limits along Highway 50 were arbitrarily established. He hoped that the study will be able to determine what the speed limit should be and justify it. Mr. Dotson concurred.

Discussion between Ms. Stanio and Member Holler explained that a developer in Lyon County has proposed a plan that provides connectivity within the development with access to schools and shopping without using Highway 50. The District allegedly has expressed an interest in this concept and providing connectivity from Dayton to Silver Springs without having to utilize Highway 50. This concept provides an "off road access" rather than a frontage road. NDOT is working closely with both the District and the developer(s) who has/have received permits.

Chairperson Staub announced that a stakeholders' meeting is scheduled for tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and invited the CAMPO members to attend. Neither he nor Member Aldean could attend. Member Des Jardins is not available. He also indicated there are kickoff meetings on October 19 and explained the locations. Ms. Stanio indicated that both meetings are open to the general public and encouraged the public to attend. Public comments on the presentation were solicited but none were given. No formal action was required or taken.

OTHER MATTERS (6:04:58) - Chairperson Staub explained Mr. Flansberg's resignation due to a change in employment. He also indicated that Mr. Flansberg is and plans to remain a Carson City resident. He indicated that Mr. Flansberg will be missed and thanked him for his assistance in the establishment of CAMPO. Member Taylor, as an NDOT employee, expressed his pleasure at working with Mr. Flansberg and looked forward to continuing that relationship. Mr. Flansberg indicated that it has been an interesting process and hoped to hear from NDOT that the documents which have been submitted were approved. Member Taylor explained the status of the documents. He felt that a Federal response will be given in the next two weeks. No formal action was required or taken.

H. ADJOURNMENT - CAMPO (6:04:58) - Member Aldean moved to adjourn. Member Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. Chairperson Staub adjourned the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

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ARE SO APPROVED ON November 9, 2005.

/s/
Richard S. Staub, Chairperson