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A regular meeting of the Carson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 8, 2009 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Charles Des Jardins
Vice Chairperson Paul Esswein
Member Shelly Aldean
Member Russell Carpenter
Member Robert Crowell
Member James Mallery
Ex-Officio Member Dennis Taylor

STAFF: Kim Belt, Capital Projects Manager
Andrew Burnham, Public Works Department Director
Dan Doenges, Senior Transportation Planner
Kathleen King, Recording Secretary
Keith Pearson, Transit Coordinator
Patrick Pittenger, Transportation Manager
Darren Schulz, Deputy Public Works Director - Engineering
Moreen Scully, Deputy District Attorney
Jeff Sharp, City Engineer

NOTE: A recording of these proceedings, the CAMPO's agenda materials, and any written comments or documentation provided to the recording secretary during the meeting are public record. These materials are available for review, in the Clerk-Recorder's Office, during regular business hours.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (5:30:15) - Chairperson Des Jardins called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Roll was called; a quorum was present. Member Foltz was absent.

B. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June 10, 2009 (5:31:40) - Member Carpenter moved to approve the minutes. Member Crowell seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

C. MODIFICATION OF AGENDA (5:32:14) - None.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT (5:32:40) - None.

E. DISCLOSURES (5:33:33) - None.

F. PUBLIC MEETING ITEMS:

F-1. ACTION TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE CAMPO FFY 2009 - 2012 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ("TIP") (5:34:03) - Chairperson Des Jardins introduced this item and reviewed the staff summary portion of the agenda report. Mr. Doenges reviewed the explanation portion of the staff report, and acknowledged an increase in funding from \$15 to \$17 million, as noted in the staff report. Chairperson Des Jardins entertained public comment; however, none was forthcoming. He noted the significance of the bridge structures to completion of freeway construction.

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Member Aldean advised of concerns expressed over access during and after construction of the bridge structures. In response to a question, Ex-Officio Member Taylor advised that NDOT staff is “exploring the alternatives and problematic issues” associated with construction of the bridge structures. Mr. Pittenger noted item G-2 on the Regional Transportation Commission agenda to address the nature of the bridge project. Member Carpenter suggested reagendaing this item for additional discussion and action at the August CAMPO meeting. He expressed the opinion that the subject action item amounted to “putting the cart before the horse.”

In response to a question, Mr. Schulz advised of having received a draft, from NDOT, of possible detours during construction of the bridge structures. NDOT is proposing to construct one bridge structure at a time “so that both roads would not be closed off at the same time.” During construction, an adjacent street, either to the north or to the south, would serve as a detour to Saliman Road and “back up to Edmonds around the structure.” Mr. Schulz emphasized the preliminary nature of NDOT’s proposal. He acknowledged a formal access plan will be submitted prior to construction commencement. He discussed a drainage facility “that runs along the east side of the new freeway alignment” which will be constructed concurrently with the bridge structures. Construction of the drainage facility will require the closure of Colorado Street and Valley View Drive. Member Aldean discussed the importance of a public relations plan to “keep people apprised of the progress ... and have a point person available at NDOT and at the City to answer questions of people concerned about access.” Mr. Schulz advised that NDOT representatives have tentatively scheduled a public meeting.

In response to a question, Mr. Pittenger described the subject item as a “programming action by CAMPO, and any actual activities are months away on this project ...” He assured the CAMPO members of sufficient time to address the concerns expressed by Member Aldean. Member Carpenter reiterated concern over adding the subject project to the Transportation Improvement Program without additional information as to the details. He reiterated a preference to defer action to the August CAMPO meeting. Ex-Officio Member Taylor expressed respect for Member Carpenter’s comments and recommendations, but cautioned against deferring action in consideration of the timing associated with programming the funding by amendment to the Transportation Improvement Plan. Member Carpenter expressed appreciation for the explanation. Ex-Officio Member Taylor reminded the CAMPO members that once the funding is programmed, the projects can then be scheduled “with a valid advertised date.”

Chairperson Des Jardins called again for public comment and, when none was forthcoming, entertained a motion. **Member Aldean moved to approve an amendment to the CAMPO federal fiscal year 2009 - 2012 Transportation Improvement Program, to include \$17 million in surface transportation program statewide funds to be used to construct bridge structures at Koontz Lane and Clearview Drive, as part of Phase 2B of the Carson City Freeway. Vice Chairperson Esswein seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.**

F-2. ACTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AGREEMENT NO. PR155-08-802 BETWEEN CAMPO AND NDOT FOR FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION 5309 FUNDS (5:48:24) - Chairperson Des Jardins introduced this item and reviewed the staff summary portion of the agenda report. Mr. Pearson reviewed the explanation portion of the agenda report. Chairperson Des Jardins opened this item to public comment and, when none was forthcoming, entertained a motion. **Member Crowell moved to approve Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. PR155-08-802, between CAMPO and NDOT, for Federal Transit Administration 5309 funds. Member Aldean seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.**

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F-3. ACTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AGREEMENT NO. PR 256-08-802 BETWEEN CAMPO AND NDOT FOR FTA 5303 FUNDS (5:51:06) - Chairperson Des Jardins introduced this item and reviewed the staff summary portion of the agenda report. Mr. Pearson provided additional information, reviewed the explanation for the recommended action, and acknowledged the 20 percent match required of the CAMPO. Chairperson Des Jardins opened this item to public comment and, when none was forthcoming, entertained a motion. **Member Crowell moved to approve Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. PR256-08-802 between CAMPO and NDOT for FTA 5303 funds. Member Mallery seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.**

F-4. INFORMATION REGARDING A PORTION OF THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY STIMULUS FUNDS THAT HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED SPECIFICALLY FOR USE IN AREAS WITH POPULATIONS OF AT LEAST 50,000 AND LESS THAN 200,000 (5:53:03) - Chairperson Des Jardins introduced this item, and advised of having discussed it with Transportation Division staff and with Ex-Officio Member Taylor. Mr. Pittenger provided background information, and reviewed the agenda report. Ex-Officio Member Taylor provided background information on development of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (“ARRA”), and its application to the CAMPO. He advised that NDOT now has approximately \$3.7 million in federal stimulus funding, and explained the previously-understood method by which said funding was to be appropriated to eligible counties and projects. He reviewed recently discovered criteria indicating “urbanized areas equal to or less than 200,000.” He read into the record the Federal Highway Administration’s definition of an “urbanized area,” and discussed application of the criteria to various projects. He advised that he is in the process of clearly defining “what the intent of the Recovery Act legislation was.” He further advised of having discussed with Mr. Pittenger the importance of “contingency projects, despite the ones that you submitted for Recovery Act funding consideration ...” He will keep Mr. Pittenger informed of the progress of discovering the “definition of what the intention was of this \$3.7 million.”

Member Aldean advised of a project with regional benefits, and referred to the project list amounting to a little over \$9 million. Based on a cursory review by NDOT representatives, all the projects were considered eligible “because they are ‘shovel-ready.’” Member Aldean inquired as to the need for expanding the list beyond what was previously submitted. Ex-Officio Member Taylor suggested realistically considering the projects “now that you have submitted that \$9 million ... and let’s investigate further ...” He recommended “looking deeper into those projects and trying to identify any unforeseen or potential problems that would prevent them from actually moving forward.” Other projects should either be substituted for problematic projects or readied. Ex-Officio Member Taylor advised that NDOT has obligated the required 50 percent of its \$138 million allocation. “We met that within two weeks of deadline with \$71.3 million.”

Ex-Officio Member Taylor acknowledged a recommendation to identify alternate projects in conjunction with those already submitted. “It’s better to have projects and no money than to have money and no projects.” Mr. Pittenger advised that an amendment to the Transportation Improvement Plan would be required to add alternate projects. Ex-Officio Member Taylor described the administrative modification process. Mr. Pittenger acknowledged a willingness to consider alternate projects, and agendaize a corresponding item for the August CAMPO meeting. He noted the opportunity for adjacent counties to promote projects within the urbanized area.

In response to a question, Ex-Officio Member Taylor advised that Carson City will be required to compete for the \$3.7 million together with “other eligible entities that fit that category.” He provided additional clarification of the administrative modification process. In response to a comment, he advised that NDOT

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has provided eligible entities “until the first week of December to have all the necessary certifications and to have the agreement in place.” Ex-Officio Member Taylor acknowledged the benefit of prioritizing the list of eligible projects. Chairperson Des Jardins opened this item to public comment; however, none was forthcoming. He thanked Brenda Redwing, of the local Federal Highway Administration office, for her attendance.

G. INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

G-1. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (6:11:27) - Chairperson Des Jardins reviewed the tentative August CAMPO agenda.

H. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (6:11:54) - Member Crowell moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 p.m. Member Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

The Minutes of the July 8, 2009 Carson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting are so approved this 12th day of August, 2009.

CHARLES DES JARDINS, Chair