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A regularly scheduled meeting of the Carson City Regional Transportation Commission was held on Wednesday, January 17, 1996, at the Northgate Administrative Complex Conference Room, 2621 Northgate Lane, Suite 59, Carson City, Nevada, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Chairperson Greg Smith and Commissioners Kay Bennett and

Marie Wolf

STAFF PRESENT: Deputy Public Works Director Tim Homann and Recording

Secretary Katherine McLaughlin (R.T.C. 1/11/96 Tape

1-0001.5)

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL - Chairperson Smith convened the meeting at 8:35 a.m. Roll call was taken. The entire Commission was present constituting a quorum.

- **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** None.
- 2. **CITIZEN COMMENTS None.**
- 3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING DATES AND TIMES POLICY (1-0018.5) Discussion ensued on the policy to have a regularly scheduled meeting so that the public could attend if so desired. This date had not been strictly adhered to in recent months. Considerable discussion ensued on whether to continue holding the sessions in the morning or having evening sessions specifically when establishing the priorities and considering the budget as well as having the meetings in the Sierra Room/televised. After a lengthy discussion of various dates, places and times, consensus indicated the Commission should maintain the policy of having the meeting on the third Wednesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. During the discussion, Commissioner Bennett suggested establishing a subcommittee to address traffic issues. Chairperson Smith will attempt to get someone to tape the meetings for televising later. Commissioner Bennett moved to stay with the present schedule of the third Wednesday of each month beginning at 8:30 a.m. Commissioner Wolf seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Clarification by Chairperson Smith indicated the next meeting would be at 8:30 a.m. the third Wednesday of each month in Room 59.
- DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS OR REVISIONS TO THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION PROJECT PRIORITY DETERMINATION FOR **FISCAL YEAR 1996-97 (1-0340.5)** - Mr. Homann explained the request was for discussion/direction only. As a majority of the projects developed from the 1990 Streets and Highways Master Plan element had been funded and were in various stages of design, feasibility, study or construction, new projects needed to be established. Staff suggested a consultant be hired to upgrade the Streets and Highways Master Plan element. Discussion noted the need for improvements in school crossing areas, need for traffic counts on King Street and West Washington, the status of the projects now underway, benefits of the traffic signal at Deer Run Road and Highway 50 East, need for drainage improvements at Lompa and Highway 50, various sites for traffic signals, the status of the Carson Street beautification project, and commended staff on its ability to accomplish the projects which were in the Streets and Highways Master Plan element. Comments also noted the cooperation received from different developers which had help complete these projects. Mr. Homann explained the need for a downtown traffic plan element. Commissioner Bennett expressed her desire to include a public transit element in the Master Plan. Commissioner Wolf questioned the need for public transportation. Mr. Homann felt that as the City did not have a public transit system, people were finding other methods of transportation or doing without going to another site. Commissioner Wolf agreed that once it is created, the demand would be generated. Chairperson Smith felt that the current Paratransit system's usage indicated a need specifically for senior and handicapped residents. Commissioner Bennett also explained a statewide program which is studying the formula used for distribution of the gas taxes. She will ask the Legislature to include mass transit in the list of RTC funded items. Her concerns related to the City's air quality were stressed to support her feeling that mass transit is necessary. Chairperson Smith felt that the ballot would indicate mass transit support. Mr. Homann felt that this issue could be considered in the master plan update. Commissioner Wolf expressed her feeling that Ormsby Boulevard should be extended particularly in view of the increased number of large trucks using Ash Canyon. (1-0946.5) Mr. Homann then went over a "wish list" of

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items which should be analyzed in more depth before the items are prioritized. It included: extending Hillview; upgrading Curry Street; extending Stewart Street through the Forest Service property; potential extension of Sonoma Street; additional traffic signals at Silver Sage and Koontz, Silver Sage and Clearview, Edmonds and Clearview, Lompa and College Parkway, and College Parkway and Airport Road; funding for a paving program for existing dirt and gravel roads; study of the improvement needs for Clearview/Koontz and Edmonds; a connection between the new Graves Lane and Airport/Arrowhead Road which may include a drainage system; a potential signal for Saliman and Robinson; Hot Springs Road upgrade from Northgate to Roop Streets; Long Street extension; and extending Washington Street with a reimbursement agreement which would require future developments to reimburse the City if an enabling Code modification is implemented. Mr. Homann indicated staff would work on estimating the costs for these items for consideration/discussion at the next RTC meeting. The priorities could be established at the March meeting. He felt that the estimated cost for a master plan update could be provided by February. Discussion indicated the update should reflect the Land Use Element update. No action was required or taken on this Item.

- 5. NON-ACTION ITEM STATUS REPORTS ON RTC PROJECTS AND ASSIGNMENTS (1-1140.5) See the above Item for an indepth report. Chairperson Smith referenced a "Letter to the Editor" protesting the proposal for a signal at Fairview and Saliman which had been signed by the businessmen in the "storall" units at the intersection. Original support for this project was noted. Chairperson Smith indicated he would obtain a copy of the letter from the City Manager for Mr. Homann. Mr. Homann expressed a desire to discuss the Ormsby Boulevard extension at the next meeting. He agreed to advise Chairperson Smith before it is agendized so that Chairperson Smith could contact a list of individuals wishing to attend the meeting. No formal action was required or taken on this Item.
- **6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS (1-1195.5)** Commissioner Bennett requested an updated transit report be agendized for the next meeting. She also commended staff on their efforts to complete the numerous RTC projects. Chairperson Smith supported her comments by noting other items which had been completed since 1990.
- 7. STAFF COMMENTS (1-1230.5) Mr. Homann explained that Commissioner Wolf had been the only applicant responding to the advertisements seeking applications for consideration to the Commission. He felt that the Board of Supervisors would reappoint the current members. Mr. Homann acknowledged the Commission's compliments and explained that once Graves Lane is completed, the remaining smaller projects would be finished. Discussion ensued among the Commission concerning the need for a "public information officer". Chairperson Smith indicated his desire to address this need in the budget session. Mr. Homann expressed a desire to include in the budget a traffic committee who will handle operational items. The different functions of RTC and this committee were noted. No formal action was taken.
- **8. ACTION ON FUTURE MEETING DATE(S) AND TIME(S) (1-1361.5)** Chairperson Smith indicated the next meeting would be on Wednesday, February 21, at 8:30 a.m. in Room 59. No formal action was taken.
- **9. ADJOURNMENT** (1-1363.5) Commissioner Wolf moved to adjourn. Commissioner Bennett seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairperson Smith adjourned the meeting at 10 a.m.

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Greg Smith, Chairperson	