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A regular meeting of the Carson City Regional Transportation Commission was held on Wednesday, May 19, 1993 in the Administrative Complex Conference Room #59, 2621 Northgate Lane, Carson City, NV at 8:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Greg Smith

Kay Bennett Nanell Mawbey

STAFF: Walter Sullivan, Community Development Director

Paul Lipparelli, Deputy District Attorney

Mary Walker, Director of Finance and Redevelopment

Harvey Brotzman, Senior Engineer Tim Homann, City Engineer Fran Smith, Recording Secretary

(RTC 1-000)

CALL TO ORDER - Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present although Commissioner Mawbey had not yet arrived. (arrived at 8:10 a.m.)

- **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Commissioner Bennett moved to approve the Minutes of the April 21, 1993 meeting as written. Chairman Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0-0-1.
- CITIZENS' COMMENTS Tom Quigley, who stated he lives on Deer Run Road, 2. asked if there was a possibility that paving would start some time this year rather than next year. Mr. Brotzman replied that there were other projects prioritized prior to the paving of Deer Run Road. He said these were within the current fiscal year and that the Deer Run Road project would commence July 1. He also commented on what has to be done prior to actual construction and that this includes core samples, design and maps. Mr. Homann said Public Works will be looking at their work schedule before next winter and that there is a possibility that design work could be done before winter. Commissioner Bennett reported she had received a call complaining about the dust and asking that a pallative be applied again. Ed Stark also commented on the dust. He also felt that the pallative, when wet, becomes sticky and adheres to vehicles. Erick Massa talked about a curve near the bridge on the road and said it becomes slick and dangerous when the road is graded. Robert Dias felt that the cost of constant maintenance of the road could be offset by paving it. Marian Buck detailed an experience she had where a truck caused so much dust that visibility was nil. Tom Dotson asked why the road was not wet down each morning as had previously been done. Mr. Homann commented that the City had committed to putting pallative on the road and that they would have to continue this until paying has started. He also invited residents to contact staff with any further problems they may have. Mr. Dotson inquired why other roads hold a higher priority when this is a much older road. Mr. Homann replied that the City is moving forward and that funds have been allocated toward this project. Mr. Massa commented on cars that speed in the area and asked that there be occasional police patrols. Sheriff McGrath said his department was aware of the problem and will attempt to monitor the situation.

(During the above discussion Commissioner Mawbey arrived at 8:10 a.m.)

3. ACTION ON CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 FOR CONTRACT NO. 9293-32, SALIMAN ROAD BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT - (1-145-A) Mr. Brotzman explained that this was to avoid cutting an existing property owner's driveway and relocating the source of electrical energy for the beautification project and that the amount to do this was \$773.42. Commissioner Bennett inquired when the beautification project will be completed. Mr. Brotzman replied that it will probably be 62 days. Commissioner Bennett moved that the

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Regional Transportation Commission approve and recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve Change Order No. 2, Contract 9293-32, Saliman Road Beautification, in the amount of \$773.42. The funding source will be RTC Construction Account #250-3035-431.78.25. Commissioner Mawbey seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0-0-0.

- 4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON EDMONDS DRIVE SCHOOL CROSSING - (1-167-A) Chairman Smith had asked that this be on the agenda for further discussion. He said that the problem had not gotten much better since it was first discussed. He explained that the crosswalk had been moved from the top of the hill down close to Pheasant Drive in an attempt to get cars to slow down. It was his belief that this had not done much to alleviate the problem and, further, that the road was doing what was the original intent, i.e, to move traffic through the area. Discussion followed on available options. These included an overpass, a traffic light, push button signals, none of which were deemed feasible. Mr. Brotzman provided results of a survey that had been taken in recent days that showed the percent of compliance was quite high and Mr. Homann confirmed this. Sheriff McGrath stated that his people had reported the same thing. Commissioner Bennett felt that the City should continue to monitor the situation and not abandon the idea of putting some type of signalization in the area. She then recommended that the Commission defer action until they have had some discussion about the possible truck route study and that an alternative for some kind of signalization be considered. No formal action was taken.
- 5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON IMPROVING UNPAVED ROADS IN CARSON CITY (1-339-A) Chairman Smith said he did not see much in the way of action as yet. Mr. Brotzman had provided a list of priorities and point values. He said that RTC had prioritized \$70,000 for infill projects which, at the current dollar value, would take many years to complete. He said alternatives are to raise the gasoline tax \$.01/gallon, revenue bonds, or form an assessment. Chairman Smith said was going to visit the roads on the list so that he could make a comparison for himself. Commissioner Bennett asked what is funded for this year and Mr. Brotzman advised that it is Deer Run Road. He said that \$140,000 had been allocated and that only \$70,000 remained for infill projects because funds had been expended on the Graves Lane project and a signal.
- DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FUNDING FOR AN ALTERNATE TRUCK ROUTE STUDY - (1-430-A) Ms. Walker reported that the Redevelopment Authority is developing a plan to do several things. She said that the truck traffic is the primary concern of downtown businesses as well as that of pedestrians. She added that within about three years there will be redevelopment which includes economic incentives, buildings, traffic, and marketing. She added that they have met with NDOT and the Chamber of Commerce and have made a determination to join with the Chamber's transportation group to work on developing a focus on priorities in trying to solve the route problem. She also said the Chamber will fund one-half of a study on options. Larry Osborne, President of the Chamber of Commerce said they have studied this and determined the truck traffic is the biggest problem that keeps getting worse. He said they continue to support the idea of a bypass. Shelly Turner, Chairman of the Chamber's Transportation Committee, said they have spent considerable time and effort examining technical options. She added that they philosophically support the idea of a study. Commissioner Bennett felt that this was not a new issue and that it had been identified guite some time ago. Her concern was that any effort to mitigate traffic would not in any way delay the bypass. Mary Walker read a letter from City Manager Berkich into the record. In it he stated his support of the joint venture with NDOT on the alternate truck route. He also said it was his opinion that the City capitalize on this opportunity to find the best solution to the problem.

Mayor Texeira arrived at the meeting at this time and Mr. Lipparelli said that there was now a quorum of the Board of Supervisors at this meeting and suggested that one Supervisor leave. Commissioner Bennett left the meeting at 8:54 a.m.

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(1-009-B) Mayor Texeira said that in 1989 nobody cared about or fought for the bypass and, in fact, the business community had spoken against it because of the detriment to commerce. He said he had advocated it at that time and that the idea had gathered momentum. He felt that by 1997 the first leg of this project should be started. He was not opposed to a study but was emphatic that the Commission work with the people on the route prior to proceeding with the study. (At this point the Mayor left the meeting and Commissioner Bennett returned). Ms. Turner felt that whatever route is chosen it should be the most economically and technically feasible, and least offensive. Mr. Osborne said the Chamber is concerned that whatever is done should be with the best interests of the community in mind. Commissioner Mawbey felt that the study is needed and that the downtown businesses need to make a commitment to this. She also felt that there should be public hearings. At this point Mr. Brotzman commented on how much it would cost to upgrade the streets affected by the route. Sheriff McGrath reported he had asked NDOT and Public Works to consider a temporary bypass because of the construction on Stewart Street and the impact it will have on the traffic flow. He said that this will be on the agenda for the first Board of Supervisors meeting in June. He added that this would be Fairview to Graves to Highway 50. He felt that data coming from that might be helpful to the Commission. Commissioner Mawbey moved that the Commission allocate funding for the alternate truck route study and that the funding come from the RTC contingency fund not to exceed \$10,000. Commissioner Bennett seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0-0-0.

7. **DISCUSSION ON REQUEST FOR GUARD RAIL INSTALLATION ON SOUTH CURRY STREET** - (1-166-B) Commissioner Bennett had requested this be on the agenda. She explained that the reasons for her concern were the increasing use of Curry Street and the fact that there will be even more traffic when the construction starts on Carson Street She felt that it is a dangerous situation and Mr. Homann agreed with her position. He added that what had to be done now was determine how this would be budgeted. He said staff will bring this back to the Commission as soon as information was available. No formal action was taken.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS - None

- 9. STAFF COMMENTS (NON-ACTION ITEMS) Mr. Lipparelli reported he had received a draft of a hold harmless agreement from the new owners of the Harootunian ranch. He said they want to graze cattle on the property. He added that, although the concept of fencing the right-of-way had been approved, the new owners did not feel it would be a good use of resources to fence the current right-of-way as they are pursuing alternatives for the alignment of Graves Lane on their property. Mr. Lipparelli commented that the agreement would give the City some security in the event an animal escapes during construction and causes harm. Mr. Lipparelli further commented that Mr. Brotzman will put this on the agenda for the next meeting and that he, Mr. Lipparelli, will present a draft or final agreement for the Commission to review.
- **10. ACTION ON FUTURE MEETING DATE(S) AND TIME(S)** Members agreed that the next meeting will be June 16, 1993 at 8:00 a.m.
- 11. ADJOURNMENT There being no further business, Chairman Smith entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bennett moved to adjourn. Commissioner Mawbey seconded the motion. At this point citizen Ruth Blake inquired about the current status of the expressway. Chairman Smith commented that the Mayor has been the moving force behind the project and felt he would be happy to discuss this with her. Chairman Smith then asked for a vote on the motion. Motion carried 3-0-0-0. Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

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.

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/s/ Greg Smith, Chairman		