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A regular meeting of the Carson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization was scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 13, 2011 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

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

STAFF: Andrew Burnham, Public Works Department Director
Darren Schulz, Deputy Public Works Director
Daniel Doenges, Senior Transportation Planner
Ken Smithson, Transit Coordinator
Randal Munn, Chief Deputy District Attorney
Kathleen King, Deputy Clerk / Recording Secretary

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A. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM (4:28:05) - Chairperson Esswein called the meeting to order at 4:28 p.m. Roll was called; a quorum was present. Member Foltz arrived at 4:32 p.m.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT (4:29:17) - Chairperson Esswein entertained public comment; however, none was forthcoming. He advised of the second public comment period agendized toward the end of the meeting.

C. POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June 8, 2011 (4:30:11) - Member Aldean moved to approve the minutes, as presented. Member Crowell seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

D. AGENDA MANAGEMENT (4:30:45) - Chairperson Esswein entertained modifications to the agenda; however, none were forthcoming.

E. DISCLOSURES (4:31:08) - Ex-Officio Member Taylor advised that his Nevada Department of Transportation ("NDOT") division develops the work program which is the subject of item F-1, and that he has had extensive contact with the public relative to the same. [Member Foltz arrived at 4:32 p.m.]

F. PUBLIC MEETING ITEMS:

F-1. POSSIBLE ACTION TO ENDORSE THE CAMPO PORTION OF THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S ("NDOT'S) DRAFT FY 2012 - 2021 WORK PROGRAM DOCUMENT (4:32:26) - Chairperson Esswein introduced this item, and NDOT Deputy Director Scott Rawlins reviewed the agenda materials. He introduced NDOT District Engineer Thor

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Dyson, Assistant District Engineer Dave Titzel, and Maintenance Manager Steve Williams, who were present in the meeting room. Mr. Rawlins commended the gentlemen as “part of the community” who “take their jobs very seriously.” At his request, the CAMPO members, City staff, and citizens present applauded the gentlemen. Mr. Rawlins noted Ex-Officio Member Taylor’s position as head of the NDOT Transportation Multi-Modal Planning Division, and introduced members of his staff, Jennifer Cooper and Heather Manzo, who were also present in the meeting room. Mr. Rawlins introduced special guests from the Federal Highway Administration: Right-of-Way Supervisor Becky Bennett and Field Operations Director Emiliano Lopez, who were also present in the meeting room.

Mr. Rawlins emphasized the importance of feedback from the CAMPO members as the main purpose of this item; discussed NDOT’s core values, including performance measures; and reviewed the “Zero Fatalities” program, system operations, and legislative results. He reviewed the work program, copies of which were included in the agenda materials, and requested the CAMPO’s endorsement.

Member Aldean thanked Mr. Rawlins for his presentation, noting the amended time table for completion of the freeway. In response to a question regarding package 2B-2, Mr. Rawlins discussed efforts to “keep the momentum.” He advised that package 2B-1 is “doing the drainage and a couple grade separations ... Knowing that we don’t have all the money and the project’s pretty much ready to go, as far as design, we thought we’d take pieces of it and portion it out. ... the next phase would more than likely be the roadway work up to the interchange and trying to find logical [termini] for actually allowing traffic on that piece. ... and then obviously that last piece would be the interchange itself which is the bulk of the construction and the dollars.” He noted the “very fuzzy ... funding picture” at the national level, and reiterated that completion is dependent upon funding. He acknowledged that Congress is required to address the transportation bill by September 2011 “because it runs out.” He anticipates a two-year bill “to get past the election in 2012.” He clarified that the existing highway program funding is solvent. Member Aldean discussed the importance of “a continued affirmation from NDOT that this project is important and ... one of its number one priorities.” She expressed understanding for the “tremendous pressures in southern Nevada and Clark County, ... but we just want some assurance that we’re still in the top two.” Mr. Rawlins expressed the hope that the previously-discussed packages indicate NDOT’s intent to “continue to roll on. We don’t want to wait until we get all the money because then it could be longer. At least, we’re showing progress and we’re showing the public that we’re continuing after that effort.”

Member Aldean inquired as to the enhancement funding which was not used by the Railroad Museum. Ex-Officio Member Taylor described revisions to the enhancement process which NDOT staff is in the process of making. Member Aldean suggested a method for prioritizing and, therefore, funding projects and Ex-Officio Member Taylor encouraged such a practice.

Member Carpenter expressed disappointed understanding over the extension of the Highway 50 / Moundhouse improvements. He suggested rumble strips along the route in the meantime, and Mr. Rawlins agreed to consider it. (4:53:44) NDOT District Engineer Thor Dyson advised of several recent meetings with Lyon County, business owners, and NHP representatives. “... rumble strips should be forthcoming within the next one to two months. We’re doing it through a district contract. It’s a short-term measure because there is a design project coming up to address some of the bigger issues.”

Vice Chairperson Des Jardins expressed appreciation for the freeway packages and inquired as to package 2B-3. Mr. Rawlins expressed the understanding that “the actual main line segment would come next, ... basically from where we ended ... at Fairview and then going around. But then, at some point, there’s got to be a logical terminus for where that goes because ... to combine that package with the actual interchange,

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which is the high dollar package, we wouldn't be able to do that, not looking at the funding future we have in the next several years." Mr. Rawlins anticipates "that rolling around in the next 2 - 4 years ... depending upon how the next reauthorization package ... comes out." He advised that package 2B-2 will "take a good year ... of construction effort to get that completed and you don't want contractors over the top of each other ..." Ex-Officio Member Taylor discussed the time table associated with the next State Transportation Improvement Plan ("STIP").

In reference to last year's NDOT presentation, Member Mallery expressed appreciation to NDOT Director Susan Martinovich for following up with several Clear Creek Road homeowners regarding erosion from Highway 50 West, and with regard to difficulties associated with bicyclists getting from Jacks Valley Road to the Highway 50 West intersection with Highway 395. Member Crowell expressed appreciation for NDOT's continued efforts to continue phase 2B of the freeway. He inquired as to "where the project stands in the hierarchy of new funding ..." Mr. Rawlins stated "it's in the top tier. ... We have tremendous needs across the state, ... in southern Nevada, ... rural Nevada, ... and, of course in northern Nevada. We've been doing a lot of work up here if you can appreciate the 580 extension, the I-80 design build we're starting to do, the 395, the Carson freeway segments we have built." Mr. Rawlins assured the CAMPO that "it's in that top tier that is when we consider our major projects and we've been working very hard to develop a five-year program to be more ... open and transparent and consistent with how we deliver projects. ... So when we consider major projects, the Carson freeway ... to finish that project is part of that tier of major projects."

Chairperson Esswein entertained additional CAMPO member comments or questions and, when none were forthcoming, thanked Mr. Rawlins for his presentation. Chairperson Esswein entertained public comment and, when none was forthcoming, a motion. **Member Mallery moved to endorse the CAMPO portion of the NDOT draft fiscal year 2012 - 2021 work program document. Vice Chairperson Des Jardins seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.** Member Crowell welcomed the Federal Highway Administration representatives to Carson City.

G. INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

G-1. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (5:04:13) - Mr. Doenges reviewed the tentative August CAMPO agenda. Chairperson Esswein entertained requests for additional future agenda items; however, none were forthcoming.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT (5:04:55) - Chairperson Esswein entertained public comment; however, none was forthcoming.

I. ACTION TO ADJOURN (5:05:07) - Member Aldean moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 p.m. Member Mallery seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The Minutes of the July 13, 2011 Carson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting are so approved this 10th day of August, 2011.

PAUL ESSWEIN, Chair