

CARSON CITY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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A regularly scheduled meeting of the Carson City Regional Transportation Commission was held on Wednesday, February 11, 2004, at the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada, beginning immediately following the Carson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting which began at 5:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Richard Staub, Vice Chairperson Steve Reynolds, and Commissioners Shelly Aldean, Charles Des Jardins, and Michael Zola

**STAFF PRESENT:** Deputy City Engineer John Flansberg, RTC Engineer Harvey Brotzman, and Recording Secretary Katherine McLaughlin (RTC 2/11/04 Tape 1-0007)

**A. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM** - Chairperson Staub convened the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Roll call was taken. The entire Commission was present, constituting a quorum.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - 1/14/04 (1-0012)** - Commissioner Reynolds moved to approve the Minutes. Commissioner Aldean seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**C. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS (1-0017)** - None.

**D. PUBLIC COMMENTS (1-0020)** - None.

**E. DISCLOSURES (1-0022)** - None.

**F. PUBLIC MEETING ITEMS**

**F-1. STAFF REPORT ON GAS TAX REVENUES (1-0024)** - Deputy City Engineer John Flansberg reviewed the report. The revenue for the first quarter of Fiscal Year 0405 is substantially higher than last year's revenue. He hoped the trend continues. The procedure used to correct the State's error in allocating the 2002 funds was described. Mr. Flansberg felt that the gas tax revenues will remain around the \$3 million level. Discussion pointed out the fluctuation in revenue created by gas prices and inflation. \*Last year the Legislature considered indexing the gas taxes so that when inflation occurs, the fluctuation may not be as wide. The impact raising gas prices may have on the revenue stream was noted. It was felt that, if the price per gallon goes over \$2, people's driving habits may change rapidly. Public comments were solicited but none were given. No formal action was required or taken. (\*Revised on 3/10/04.)

**F-2. STATUS REPORTS ON CURRENT PROJECTS (1-0100)** - Mr. Flansberg gave a status report on the Positive Place, Northridge, and Lompa Lane utility relocation and street realignments. He felt certain that adequate funding had been provided for Positive Place and Northridge. He did not expect to see a large change order from Ames Construction for adding Positive Place to the freeway project due to the need to construct a temporary roadway in order to move fill for the freeway. Ames plans to tie Lompa to Lassen and to close Lompa Lane for an unspecified period during the construction of the Carmine bridge. Positive Place provides a connection between the Northridge residential area and Highway 50. Without it, a temporary roadway will be required for these residents. He then reported on the status of Roop Street. It has been determined that it will be necessary to close Roop Street in order to relocate the utilities. A more detailed report on this project will be provided at the next meeting. Capital Engineering has indicated that

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the plans are 100 percent complete. If staff accepts the plans, they will be considered final. Staff is conducting the title searches and contacting the property owners along the street. Discussion explained that the project estimate is above the budgeted amount. The Utilities Departments have estimated the utility relocation/upgrade costs and have funding for their portions of the project. Chairperson Staub noted for the record that the Board of Supervisors did not allocate funds for capital expenditures for the storm water utility. The capital funding for the storm water utility will be determined by an electorate advisory question. Mr. Flansberg indicated that the Street funds will be used for this purpose if another funding source is not available. He agreed that the current fee did not include capital fees for this project. The current fee supports only the funding necessary to meet the Clean Water Act requirements. Discussion indicated that there is a budget shortfall of approximately \$860,000. Discussion pointed out that the Commission may/could change Transportation Improvement Plan when it is discussed. Staff will discuss construction phasing the Roop Street project in depth tomorrow. It may be possible to reroute traffic and reduce the construction costs. The final bid may also determine the feasibility of this complex project due to the amount of utilities found in the roadway and the limited amount of area in which to work. Mr. Flansberg indicated that the utility improvements must be made at some time. Mr. Flansberg then reported on Curry Street and the decision not to lower the street level even though Casino Fandango had requested it. Casino Fandango included some of the drainage improvements as part of its expansion project. It is now into its third expansion project. Commissioner Reynolds suggested that consideration be given to having controls at the Greenhouse Garden intersection, particularly in view of the Ribeiro project and its traffic impact on Curry. Commissioner Aldean voiced concerns about requiring developers to construct to a design profile which the City cannot complete for some time. Mr. Flansberg explained that the developer is required to construct the infrastructure improvements to the design profile. The design profile assists the developer with his design and provides necessary information for determining the development standards and widths. The developer may use a development agreement or construct the improvements with compensation agreements for the adjacent properties. Casino Fandango had used a participation agreement for the waterline extension. The design profile had help determine the location for the waterline pressure regulator. Chairperson Staub disclosed for the record that he met with Garth Dull and Brian Harris, an attorney for Casino Fandango, regarding Curry Street as well as other unnamed items. He felt that they were up to speed and in agreement with Curry Street's development. They realized and understood that there will not be any "big" changes to the street other than some drainage issues and appeared to be accepting of that. He did not believe that there were any big issues with them. He then reported on the numerous comments he has received regarding the Curry Street connection between Koontz and Clearview. He expressed his desire to see this portion of the roadway brought up to specs. The roadway is receiving a great deal of use at this time. Mr. Flansberg indicated that Mr. Brotzman will be conducting a traffic count of the area due to the need to determine if a stop sign is warranted at Cochise and Clearview. Mr. Flansberg reported on the status of Fairview Drive's expansion project. Traffic counts on it were limned. It is estimated that, if the freeway terminates at Fairview, there will be 800 left turning movements during the peak traffic hour for west bound Fairview traffic going south bound on Carson Street. A dual left turn lane could handle this volume, however, consideration needs to be given to the service level. Discussion indicated that staff is working on an agreement with NDOT that will establish the timeframes for completion of the freeway to Fairview and Spooner. Right now it is estimated that the full freeway will be completed in 2009. It was felt that the City is moving prudently to comply with NDOT's schedule. Mr. Flansberg explained the need to have Fairview widened to five lanes to handle the traffic volume going to downtown Carson City. Public comments were solicited but none were given. No formal action was taken or required.

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**G. INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS INCLUDING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (1-0425) - None.**

**H. ADJOURNMENT (1-0427) -** Commissioner Aldean moved to adjourn. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Chairperson Staub adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.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.

The Minutes of the February 11, 2004, Carson City Regional Transportation Commission meeting

ARE SO APPROVED ON MARCH 10, 2004.

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Richard Staub, Chairperson