

CARSON CITY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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A regularly scheduled meeting of the Carson City Regional Transportation Commission was held on Wednesday, January 10, 2001, at the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairperson Jon Plank, Vice Chairperson Steve Reynolds, and  
Commissioner Bob Kennedy

STAFF PRESENT: Street Operations Manager John Flansberg and Recording  
Secretary Katherine McLaughlin (R.T.C. 1/10/01 Tape 1-0001)

**A. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM** - Chairperson Plank convened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Roll call was taken. A quorum was present although Commissioners Staub and Teixeira were absent.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (1-0010)** - None.

**C. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS (1-0014)** - None.

**D. PUBLIC COMMENTS (1-0018)** - None.

**E. DISCLOSURES (1-0023)** - Chairperson Plank explained a discussion he had had with Commissioner Staub which he would relate during the discussion on Item F-2.

**F. PUBLIC MEETING ITEMS**

**F-1. DISCUSSION OF PROJECTS LISTED IN THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AS APPROVED FEBRUARY 9, 2000, IN PREPARATION FOR THE ANNUAL PRIORITIZATION BY THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AT THE FEBRUARY 14, 2001, MEETING (1-0029)** - Mr. Flansberg explained the direction given to staff to discuss the projects in January and establish the priority listing in February. The Master Plan requires annual review of the projects. Mr. Flansberg then reviewed Pages 3 and 4 of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Discussion indicated that the landscaping for the roundabout should be installed in 2001. It will cost between \$8 and \$12,000. The status of the NDOT proposal to make Carson Street a six lane road was noted. Discussion explained that the new NDOT intersection vehicle sensors had been installed. Better signal sequencing is provided by developing the communication ties between signs. This helps maintain the traffic flow through the City. It was felt that the \$150,000 allocated for Winnie and Roop would be adequate as it is a three way intersection. Developers' interest in the property at Sonoma and Carson was noted. The State's position regarding this intersection had not changed. They are still mandating that the warrants be met before installation of the signal. This requirement may change if a major box, such as Walmart or Costco, decides to develop on the site. Albertson's may soon be submitting its plans for the store at Carson and College Parkway. They will be required to participate in the protected left turn which may raise its priority. It may be faster to have Albertson's do the work than have the City. Mr. Flansberg agreed to provide a report on this item at the next meeting. The improvements and estimated cost to install the protected left turn were discussed. Chairperson Plank explained a discussion regarding grants for bridges which had occurred at the State Transportation Board meeting and asked Mr. Flansberg to check into it. It may be possible to use these funds to improve the Brunswick Canyon Bridge. Discussion explained the directions of the Long Street and Ormsby Street extensions. There is no funding for either extension. They are both low priorities.

(1-0475) Jim Robertson asked the Commission to reconsider the Ormsby Boulevard ranking. The cost for this extension continues to increase with every year it is delayed. The right-of-way has been owned for years and years. The design is 99 percent complete. If the Hospital expands to the west side of Mountain Street, parking will be a priority. With the two schools on Mountain, the traffic will be worse. The Ormsby Boulevard extension would relieve a lot of that traffic. He suggested having the landscaping donated which would reduce the financial impact on the City. Chairperson Plank acknowledged his participation in the median beautification project on North Carson Street. He asked staff to have DKS run the model and consider the issues which Mr. Robertson had raised. Development Services Director Andrew Burnham agreed to do so. Chairperson Plank asked that the

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model include the effect the extension would have on Washington Street. The February meeting had been scheduled for the 14th. Mr. Robertson indicated that he would be out of town on that date. Additional comments were solicited but none given.

Discussion ensued between staff and the Commission regarding the design of the Ormsby extension including its failure to have sound walls, its inclusion of a bicycle lane, and its drainage issues. Mr. Flansberg then asked that the Commission provide direction in February on the TIP. Commissioner Kennedy asked that the Ormsby extension costs be provided at that meeting. Mr. Burnham felt that the City would soon have a response from NDOT regarding the Forest Service parcel. The issue is to be presented to the Board of Supervisors at its February 1 meeting. Discussion indicated that the Forest Service had increased the number of parked vehicles at the site during the week but that it was empty over the weekend. Mr. Flansberg indicated that a cash flow model would be provided at the next meeting. There is approximately \$800,000 available for allocation. No formal action was taken or required.

## **F-2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON HAVING A RIGHT-OF-WAY ENGINEERING STUDY PERFORMED ON ROOP STREET FROM APPROXIMATELY FIFTH STREET TO WINNIE LANE (1-0626)**

- Mr. Flansberg justified his recommendation that an engineering study be conducted to determine the amount of right-of-way the City owned along Roop Street from Fifth Street to Winnie. This information would be used whenever the project is constructed. The project may be included among those on the 2025 model. The State is developing a master plan for its campus of office buildings between Musser and Fifth. A four lane road could be developed in a 66 foot right-of-way. The Assessor's maps indicate the City has this width south of Highway 50 but does not indicate the portion north of 50. Chairperson Plank explained his discussion with Commission Staub which supported proceeding with this study. Discussion pointed out that even after the freeway is completed, there will be congestion problems on Carson Street. This route could provide some relief for north/south traffic. Commission comments pointed out the occupancy changes occurring between Highway 50 and Long which would create additional traffic on Roop. The same will occur when the State commences its campus expansion project. The process used to develop the estimated cost figure was limned. Commissioner Reynolds also asked staff to analyze the intersection of John and Roop and specifically the north turning movement. Mr. Burnham supported the study. He also indicated that information regarding the couplets would be provided at the next meeting as requested by Commissioner Staub. There are issues which should be addressed regarding the north/south traffic patterns. Commissioner Reynolds pointed out the need to be cognizant of the neighborhood impacts if the Ormsby Boulevard extension is extended, the couplets are implemented, etc. Chairperson Plank supported his concern. He also pointed out the need to complete the sidewalks on Fifth Street. Comments indicated the need to analyze the sidewalk needs from Fifth Street to Musser and Roop to Harbin. Commissioner Reynolds moved to do the right-of-way engineering study on Roop Street from Fifth Street to Winnie Lane. Commissioner Kennedy seconded the motion. Following a request for an amendment, Commissioner Reynolds amended his motion to include not to exceed \$30,000. Commissioner Kennedy concurred. Discussion indicated that the study should be completed in three to six months. This deadline was not added to the motion.

(1-0795) Mike Zola referenced a news article which indicated the City needed 66 feet of right-of-way on Roop to widen it to four lanes. He felt that there is only 44 feet of right-of-way in Roop Street between Fifth Street and just north of Robinson as indicated from his personal knowledge of the street. The road is bound by private property on both sides. There may be an easement on the private property. If not, it would require acquisition of a lot of private property. Parking is already a premium along there. The old trees would also create a concern. He agreed that the street needed to be widened. Additional comments were solicited but none given.

The motion to perform the right-of-way engineering study at a not to exceed cost of \$30,000 was voted and carried 3-0.

Mr. Flansberg reiterated that the Assessor's maps indicate the City owns a 66 foot right-of-way south of Highway 50. It will be necessary to replace the curb and gutters and install the sidewalks. He agreed that there will be trees involved in this area. Once the information is obtained, these issues will be considered. Commissioner Kennedy pointed out that this is the purpose of the study. It may take five to seven years before the improvements occur.

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Commissioner Reynolds complimented staff on its willingness to analyze an area which is growing and develop a plan in order to be pro-active. Chairperson Plank asked staff to analyze the pedestrian access between the Library and the Community Center. Mr. Burnham agreed to do so and indicated that the analysis should include the Community Center's master plan.

**F-3. DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION OF STATUS REPORTS ON VARIOUS PROJECTS**

**(1-0875)** - Mr. Flansberg indicated that the College Parkway sound walls should be going out to bid on January 18. The pre-bid meeting will be held on February 7. Bids will be opened on February 15. The contract will be awarded on March 1 at the Board of Supervisors meeting if it is within the cost estimate. Reasons staff felt that the bids would be within budget were provided. Mr. Burnham agreed to let the residents know the schedule. Construction should commence on March 12th and be completed on May 11. Mr. Flansberg then explained the status of the 2025 transportation master plan. The model is being developed with the best guesstimates possible. The bicycle master plan workshops have commenced. Problems encountered in obtaining the signals for Roop and Little Lane were explained. The poles are on site. Upon receipt of the signals, they will be installed. No formal action was required or taken.

**G. INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS INCLUDING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (NON-ACTION) (1-0955)**

- Discussion ensued concerning whether to start the February meeting earlier than normal. Mr. Burnham indicated that he would meet with Mr. Staub and review the budget prior to the meeting. Mr. Staub had been given a copy of the master plan. Consensus indicated the time should not be changed. The funding level of \$800,000 will make the decision making process easy. Chairperson Plank asked staff to analyze and to be prepared to discuss refinancing the bonds which may provide some funding for other projects. Discussion also indicated that there would be a special joint meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commission on January 16 regarding the bicycle master plan. The plan, if approved, will then be submitted to the Planning Commission for consideration. The Board of Supervisors may consider it in March. This plan must be used by NDOT in its freeway design. Discussion explained the turnout for the workshops and indicated that revisions had been made to the plan based on the public input. Issues regarding removing the path from the freeway are still being raised. The final product should be ready for the Commission on Tuesday. The Friday packet will not include the comments made at the either this evening or tomorrow's workshops. No formal action was required or taken.

**H. ADJOURNMENT (1-1075)** - Commissioner Kennedy moved to adjourn. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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 January 10, 2001, Carson City Regional Transportation Commission meeting

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Jon Plank, Chairperson