

CARSON CITY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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A regularly scheduled meeting of the Carson City Regional Transportation Commission was held on Wednesday, May 21, 1997, at the Northgate Administrative Complex, 2621 Northgate Lane, Suite 59, Carson City, Nevada, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairperson Greg Smith and Commissioners Tom Tatro and Marie Wolf

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager John Berkich, Public Works/Utilities
Director Dorothy Timian-Palmer, RTC Engineer Harvey
Brotzman, and Recording Secretary Katherine McLaughlin
(R.T.C. 5/21/97 Tape 1-0001.5)

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL - Chairperson Smith convened the session at 3:30 p.m. Roll call was taken. The entire Commission was present constituting a quorum.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (1-004.5) - None.

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS (1-0006.5) - City Manager Berkich reported on a serious accident which had occurred earlier in the day at Clearview and Edmonds and urged the Commission to analyze the intersection/Edmonds and, if possible, to take steps to improve its safety. Chairperson Smith noted that this intersection had been considered as a potential site for a signal and future funding. His original feeling had been that the area was so rural that it would never have to face the tremendous volume of traffic it is currently carrying or to require a signal. The traffic volume and its destination points were noted. Mr. Berkich requested, if a signal is not warranted, that other options for the intersection be considered. Mr. Brotzman explained the traffic counters indication in March or April that a large volume of the traffic is exceeding the speed limit. Commissioner Wolf also pointed out that Curry and Tenth Streets are becoming another "hot spot". She urged staff to study this site before something happens. Additional public comments were solicited but none made.

3. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO INCLUDE CONNECTOR ROAD FROM ARROWHEAD DRIVE TO GRAVES LANE ON THE RTC PROJECT PRIORITY LIST (1-0095.5) - Mr. Brotzman explained the request including the drainage improvements. The connector road had been on previous Streets and Highways Master Plan maps, however, was not on the last Master Plan map. Public Works/Utilities Director Timian-Palmer reminded the Commission about the reclaimed water infrastructure improvements already installed along Arrowhead which could be used to irrigate landscaping. The road will cost approximately \$745,000 including curb, gutter, and sidewalks. Mr. Brotzman described an option which will have a pathway on only one side of the road rather than a sidewalk. Ms. Timian-Palmer briefly reviewed a potential funding source. Chairperson Smith described the need for the road and the telephone calls he was receiving as a result of the Board's decision to close Bowers at Arrowhead. Mr. Berkich explained his support for staff's recommendation and the road's ability to address litigation issues. Ms. Timian-Palmer briefly described the flood problems which occur in the vicinity. Mr. Berkich briefly outlined the Serpa lawsuit over Arrowhead which Deputy Public Works Director Tim Homann described on the map. Additional discussion ensued on the funding sources and construction timetable. Mr. Brotzman felt that both the Graves Lane extension and the connector could be operational by July 4, 1999. Mr. Homann then reviewed the findings which he had included in the staff report. Discussion also reviewed the status of the Ormsby Boulevard extension and its ranking on the priority listing as compared to the collector road. The consultant will commence work on the new master plan in July. It may take nine months to one year to complete. Commissioner Wolf iterated her reasons for feeling that this street is necessary and should be constructed. Chairperson Smith explained his reasons for recommending the extension be delayed until the new master plan is completed and its priority is determined. He also noted a Chamber of Commerce's Manufacturer's Association letter supporting the connector which he had received. (Staff did not have a copy of this letter and neither did Commissioner Wolf.) Commissioner Tatro moved that, based on the evidence on the record of this Commission at this meeting and prior meetings and after having considered the priorities established by the Regional Transportation Commission and the relation of the proposed work to other projects already constructed or authorized, the relative need for the project in comparison with others proposed and having money available, the RTC approve the Arrowhead Drive/Graves Lane connector road project based on the findings contained within this staff report and move it to priority number three on the list. Commissioner Wolf seconded the motion.

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Discussion indicated that as the project is listed third on the priority list, the sound walls may not be impacted. The sound wall priority had not been established through a point system, however, the motion would allow staff time to analyze the funding source and bring the issue back for action. Commissioner Tatro amended the motion to include that the Goni Road, Arrowhead to Hot Springs, and East Graves Lane, Airport to U.S. Highway 50 are the only items on the priority list ranking higher than this project. Commissioner Mally continued her second. Motion carried 3-0.

4. STATUS REPORT ON RTC RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITIONS BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY (1-0535.5) - Deputy District Attorney Paul Lipparelli described the status of the Goni Road acquisition. Mr. Brotzman indicated this construction project is to be awarded in July. Mr. Lipparelli explained that the legal process would not hold up construction as the court will be asked to grant an order allowing the City to enter. The appraisal and a copy of the check which will be submitted with the court petition were displayed. The legal process was further described. The status of the Weikel agreement was discussed. Mr. Lipparelli then described the status of the Graves Lane acquisition as illustrated on a map. Discussion included its name. Right-of-entry will be requested from the courts and should not delay its construction timeframe. No formal was required or taken on this Item.

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON IDENTIFICATION OF GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997-98 (1-0845.5) - Discussion between the Commission and staff indicated the reasons for agendaizing this item and suggested a change in the reporting process which would highlight a project's change in status. Commissioner Tatro suggested additional headings for the construction status report which would keep the Commission informed on each project. Ms. Timian-Palmer explained the five-year financial projections which Finance Director Walker had provided. Additional bonding could not be obtained for two more years. (A copy was included in the packet.) Mr. Homann indicated that the new streets and highway master plan would include additional transit programs. The availability of funding will determine how many of these projects can be undertaken. Examples included landscaping and bicycle/pedestrian trails. Discussion pointed out the value of a master plan and its ability to establish priorities and projects. Commissioner Tatro pointed out that the goals are in actuality strategies. The goals could not be defined until the new master plan is completed. No formal action was taken or required.

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS (1-0981.5) - Commissioner Wolf submitted a petition from the residents of Ash Canyon requesting the Commission reconsider its action on Ormsby Boulevard. This petition was given to the Clerk for the record. Commissioner Wolf also requested the pages of the packet be numbered. Staff agreed to number the pages by hand after the original packet is collated. (1-1150.5) Chairperson Smith commended Ms. Timian-Palmer on her recent appointment as the City's Public Works Director.

7. STAFF COMMENTS (1-1020.5) - Messrs. Brotzman and Homann explained the NACO fax regarding AB 455 mandating noticing and public hearings on new streets/RTC projects and staff's response to Finance Director Walker. Mr. Homann felt that the noticing would cost at least \$6,000 per street. Chairperson Smith expressed his desire to have the bill clarified and knowledge as to had authored the bill and his/her reasons. Reasons for his request were noted. It was felt that the notification process would be the same as that required of Community Development. Ms. McLaughlin explained Clerk-Recorder Alan Glover's request that the RTC representative who had requested the bill drafts to please take the time to pick them up. Mr. Brotzman was directed to follow-up on this item. Mr. Brotzman then explained the status of the College Parkway signalization projects, the Goni Road project, and that the Fifth and Edmonds signal may receive some professional surveying services and be submitted for special funding consideration during the next fiscal year. Discussion indicated that the Edmonds and Pheasant signal is operational.

8. ACTION ON FUTURE MEETING DATE AND TIME (1-1154.5) - The next meeting was scheduled for June 18 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 59.

9. ADJOURNMENT (1-1159.5) - Commissioner Wolf moved to adjourn. Commissioner Tatro seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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ARE SO APPROVED ON _____7/16_____,

/s/ _____

Greg Smith, Chairperson.