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A regular meeting of the Carson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization was scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Charles Des Jardins

Vice Chairperson Jeff Foltz Member Shelly Aldean Member Ray Fierro Member James Mallery Member John McKenna Member James Smolenski

Ex-Officio Member Dennis Taylor

STAFF: Darren Schulz, Deputy Public Works Director

Patrick Pittenger, Transportation Manager

Daniel Doenges, Senior Transportation Planner

Ken Smithson, Transit Coordinator Tina Russom, Deputy District Attorney

Kathleen King, Deputy Clerk / Recording Secretary

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- **A. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM** (4:31:07) Chairperson Des Jardins called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. Roll was called; a quorum was present.
- **B. PUBLIC COMMENT** (4:33:13) Chairperson Des Jardins entertained public comment; however, none was forthcoming. Member Aldean welcomed Member McKenna to the CAMPO and the RTC, and commended former Member Crowell's service.
- C. POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES February 8, 2012 (4:34:32) Chairperson Des Jardins entertained a motion to approve the minutes. Member Fierro so moved. Member Smolenski seconded the motion. Chairperson Des Jardins entertained public comment and, when none was forthcoming, a vote on the pending motion. Motion carried 6-0-1, Vice Chairperson Foltz abstaining.
- **D. AGENDA MANAGEMENT NOTICE** (4:35:20) Chairperson Des Jardins entertained modifications to the agenda; however, none were forthcoming.
- **E. DISCLOSURES** (4:35:44) None.
- F. PUBLIC MEETING ITEMS;
- F-1. INFORMATION REGARDING THE CONNECTING NEVADA STUDY BEING CONDUCTED BY THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (4:36:11) Chairperson Des Jardins introduced this item, and Mr. Pittenger reviewed the agenda report. (4:37:00) NDOT Transportation Planner / Analyst Tim Mueller provided background information on the Connecting

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Nevada Study, and narrated a SlideShow presentation of the same. A copy of the presentation was provided for the record. (4:40:50) NDOT Transportation Planner / Analyst Jason Vanhavel reviewed that portion of the presentation relative to socioeconomic data. In response to a question, Mr. Vanhavel discussed the involvement of federal partners. With regard to NEPA requirements, he discussed the interaction between "planning and NEPA so that ... the activities ... in the planning process will seamlessly translate into the NEPA process and should work to shorten the entire time commitment involved in the NEPA process which, for large projects, can be many, many years."

Member Mallery discussed the importance of identifying "the customer" relative to benefitting Nevada. In response to a question, Mr. Vanhavel advised that future iterations of the Connecting Nevada Study may "work toward actually identifying customers." He further advised that NDOT staff has been working very closely with the various chambers of commerce and the Commission on Economic Development convened by Governor Sandoval. "Their activities, along with the Brookings Report, … did identify potential customers. And so as the Commission on Economic Development is working toward trying to bring some of that economic activity to Nevada, we're in contact with them to make sure that, if transportation is an issue or possibly a barrier towards that economic development, we're going to move forward … hand-in-hand … to make sure that they both work together." Member Mallery discussed the importance of considering customers' cultures.

Member Fierro pointed out that the Brookings Report failed to consider agriculture as the third largest industry in Nevada, and suggested including agriculture as one of the socioeconomic categories. In consideration of diminishing federal funding, Member Aldean suggested considering toll booths for existing roadways. In response to a question, Mr. Vanhavel discussed a Nevada statute providing for the state gas tax to be proportionately increased depending upon decreases in federal gas tax revenues. He advised that NDOT is considering the possibility of a VMT as a long-term solution. He further advised of discussions regarding the possibility of toll roads, but "that idea has not been very well received at the legislature ... [or] in the private sector." Member Aldean expressed understanding, but noted the "miles and miles of infrastructure to maintain." She noted the roadway deterioration caused by loaded semi trucks, and suggested "especially if they're not providing a service to this State and all they're doing is passing through ... because it's part of a transcontinental road, ... we need to look long and hard ... at the idea of ... expanding the use of toll roads." In reference to NDOT's periodic cost allocation report, which considers the amount of damage done to the infrastructure by passenger and commercial vehicles, Mr. Vanhavel stated, "Historically, those reports ... show that passenger vehicles are dramatically overpaying for their damage and ... the commercial vehicles are dramatically underpaying for their damage. We take that information and ... make it available to the public. We certainly do our best to make it available to the legislature. However, being an executive-branch agency inside of the State government, we can't lobby ... As information requests come to us, we certainly make the information available ... and we make ourselves available to anybody inside the legislature that would like to talk about a topic or obtain more information, ... but we can't be too proactive in that regard." At Member Aldean's request, Mr. Vanhavel agreed to make the referenced information available to the CAMPO members.

Chairperson Des Jardins entertained additional CAMPO member questions or comments and public comments. When none were forthcoming, he thanked Mr. Mueller and Mr. Vanhavel for their presentation.

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F-2. INFORMATION REGARDING A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CAMPO FISCAL YEAR 2012 - 2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ("TIP") (4:57:12) - Chairperson Des Jardins introduced this item, and Mr. Doenges reviewed the agenda materials. In response to a question, Mr. Doenges clarified that State Railroad Museum project funding, a portion of which was to be reallocated to the freeway landscape project was "deemed ... not acceptable. So, instead, we came up with this alternative project for the East Fifth Street bike lane improvements." Mr. Pittenger provided additional clarification, and advised that a new agreement for the East Fifth Street bike lane improvements

additional clarification, and advised that a new agreement for the East Fifth Street bike lane improvements will be submitted at a future meeting. He responded to additional questions of clarification regarding the reallocated funding. Chairperson Des Jardins entertained additional CAMPO member questions or comments, and public comments. None were forthcoming.

F-3. POSSIBLE ACTION TO ELECT CAMPO OFFICERS (5:03:02) - Chairperson Des Jardins introduced this item, and entertained public comment. When none was forthcoming, he entertained nominations for CAMPO chair. Member Aldean nominated Charles Des Jardins as CAMPO chair. Chairperson Des Jardins passed the gavel to Vice Chairperson Foltz and stepped away from the dais. The nomination was seconded. A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to close nominations. Nomination carried 7-0. Chairperson-elect Des Jardins discussed the importance of the CAMPO, and advised of looking forward to the census results.

Chairperson-elect Des Jardins entertained nominations for CAMPO vice chair. Member Aldean nominated Jeff Foltz as vice chair. The nomination was seconded. Chairperson-elect Des Jardins entertained additional nominations and, when none were forthcoming, Member Smolenski moved to close nominations. The motion was seconded and carried 7-0.

G. INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- **G-1. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** (5:07:17) Chairperson Des Jardins entertained requests for future agenda items. Ex-Officio Member Taylor offered to provide presentations on the State Rail Plan and the State Bicycle Plan at the next CAMPO meeting. In response to a question, Mr. Pittenger reviewed the tentative agenda for the April CAMPO meeting. Consensus of the CAMPO was to agendize both NDOT presentations offered by Ex-Officio Member Taylor. (5:09:31) Mr. Pittenger advised that the Unified Planning Work Program budget may also be agendized for the April CAMPO meeting.
- **H. CAMPO MEMBER COMMENTS** (5:08:17) Member Fierro advised that a presentation to the Lyon County advisory boards is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 4th. He thanked Mr. Pittenger and Chairperson Des Jardins for their willingness to attend and provide the presentation.
- **I. PUBLIC COMMENT** (5:10:02) Chairperson Des Jardins entertained public comment; however, none was forthcoming.
- **J. ACTION TO ADJOURN** (5:10:46) Member Aldean moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 p.m. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The Minutes of the March 14, 2012 Carson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting are so approved this 11th day of April, 2012.