

CARSON AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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A regular meeting of the Carson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization was scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9, 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
Joe Ward, Senior Deputy District Attorney
Tina Russom, Deputy District Attorney
Kathleen King, Deputy Clerk / Recording Secretary

NOTE: A recording of these proceedings, the CAMPO's agenda materials, and any written comments or documentation provided to the recording secretary during the meeting are part of the public record. These materials are available for review, in the Clerk's Office, during regular business hours.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM (4:30:36) - Chairperson Des Jardins called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Roll was called; a quorum was present.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT (4:32:24) - Chairperson Des Jardins entertained public comment. (4:33:20) Steve Waclo read a prepared statement into the record, a copy of which was provided to the recording secretary. Chairperson Des Jardins entertained additional public comment; however, none was forthcoming. Member Mallery provided clarification regarding the highway improvements referenced by Mr. Waclo. He assured Mr. Waclo that no one in "Carson City is dropping the ball; not anybody on this or the RTC or the Supervisors or NDOT or anybody else ..."

C. POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 11, 2012 (4:40:47) - Chairperson Des Jardins entertained questions or comments. Member Mallery noted a typographical error at page 3. Chairperson Des Jardins entertained additional questions or comments and, when none were forthcoming, a motion to approve the minutes with the noted correction. **Member Smolenski so moved. Member Mallery seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.**

D. AGENDA MANAGEMENT NOTICE (4:42:08) - Chairperson Des Jardins entertained modifications to the agenda; however, none were forthcoming.

E. DISCLOSURES (4:42:34) - None.

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F. PUBLIC MEETING ITEMS:

F-1. INFORMATION ONLY ON A CAMPO TRAVEL DEMAND MODEL ANALYSIS REGARDING THE NUMBER OF ESTIMATED EXISTING AND FORECASTED THROUGH TRIPS ON THE CARSON CITY FREEWAY (4:42:52) - Chairperson Des Jardins introduced this item, and Mr. Pittenger reviewed the agenda materials. Member Aldean noted no significant change anticipated for the Fairview Drive traffic count between now and 2035. In response to a question, Mr. Pittenger advised that the through trips anticipated for Fairview Drive in 2035 “are supposed to just about disappear. ... The total amount of traffic that we expect to be reduced on Fairview, with completion of the freeway, is about 11,000 vehicles a day.” In response to a question, Mr. Pittenger provided clarification of the figures indicated in the agenda materials. “So basically what you’re seeing is the elimination of 3,000 trips of just the through trips. Additionally, you’re going to eliminate about 8,000 more. So, it’s a total of 11,000 decrease that’s expected.” Chairperson Des Jardins entertained additional CAMPO member comments and public comments; none were forthcoming.

F-2. POSSIBLE ACTION TO ENDORSE THE CAMPO PORTION OF THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION’S (“NDOT”) DRAFT FY 2013 - 2022 WORK PROGRAM DOCUMENT (4:48:26) - Chairperson Des Jardins introduced this item. NDOT Assistant Director of Planning Tracy Larkin-Thomason introduced NDOT staff persons who were present in the meeting room, and reviewed details of the work program document which was included in the agenda materials.

Member Aldean thanked Ms. Larkin-Thomason for her presentation. In response to a question, Ms. Larkin-Thomason advised that the U.S. Highway 50 Lower Clear Creek Storm Drain Project is intended to address the recurring drainage problem which impacts Old Clear Creek Road. “... it’s basically to channel the water more effectively. ... there’s a detention basin, some slope flattening.” Member Mallery thanked Ms. Larkin-Thomason for her presentation, and noted completion of the freeway as “priority number one.” Member Mallery expressed appreciation for Ms. Larkin-Thomason’s reference to the Safe Routes to School Program; “that’s part of everything that NDOT does now.” Member Mallery encouraged Ms. Larkin-Thomason “based upon livable communities and the desire of Carson City to be a bicycle-friendly community ... that we stay vigilant on that and encourage that at the federal level and every level that we have ...” He suggested discussing, at a future time, “what you ..., at NDOT, can do to help us get a permanent planning agreement.” Ms. Larkin-Thomason expressed a willingness to schedule a meeting.

Chairperson Des Jardins entertained additional CAMPO member comments and public comments. (5:06:09) Steve Waclo advised that “very close to fifty percent of all fatalities are single-vehicle crashes ...” Chairperson Des Jardins advised of having recently driven over Highway 88 where he witnessed a single-car fatality. Ms. Larkin-Thomason discussed various reasons for single-vehicle accidents, and noted the importance of driver education.

Chairperson Des Jardins entertained additional CAMPO member or public comments and, when none were forthcoming, a motion. **Member Aldean moved to endorse the CAMPO portion of the Nevada Department of Transportation’s draft FY 2013 - 2022 Work Program Document. Member Fierro seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.** Chairperson Des Jardins thanked Ms. Larkin-Thomason for her presentation.

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F-3. POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE CAMPO FISCAL YEAR 2013 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (“UPWP”) (5:08:25) - Chairperson Des Jardins introduced this item, and Mr. Doenges reviewed the agenda materials. Chairperson Des Jardins entertained CAMPO member comments, and Vice Chairperson Foltz related details of a recent conversation with Indian Hills General Improvement District General Manager John Lufrano regarding the possibility of a bus stop in the Indian Hills GID area. Vice Chairperson Foltz described the location of an existing turnout at Mica Drive between the highway and Vista Grande. He requested staff’s consideration, and Mr. Pittenger expressed a willingness to discuss the opportunities.

Chairperson Des Jardins entertained additional CAMPO member and public comments and, when none were forthcoming, a motion. **Member Fierro moved to approve the CAMPO FY 2013 Unified Planning Work Program, as presented. Member McKenna seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.**

F-4. INFORMATION ONLY ON THE DRAFT CAMPO 2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (“RTP”) (5:12:15) - Chairperson Des Jardins introduced this item. Mr. Doenges reviewed the agenda materials in conjunction with a PowerPoint presentation, copies of which had been distributed to the CAMPO members and staff prior to the start of the meeting. He responded to questions of clarification relative to statistical information included in the presentation. Chairperson Des Jardins discussed his experience, as a former FHWA employee, with the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games.

Chairperson Des Jardins thanked Mr. Doenges for his presentation, and entertained comments of the CAMPO members. When none were forthcoming, he entertained public comment. (5:29:10) Ward 2 Supervisor candidate Maurice White inquired as to the “actual car count numbers” anticipated for Carson Street in 2020 and 2035. Mr. Pittenger offered to make detailed forecast figures available to Mr. White. Mr. Doenges advised that the draft plan is available for review on the CAMPO website and provided the access information. Chairperson Des Jardins entertained additional public comment; however, none was forthcoming.

F-5. POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE TRANSMISSION OF A LETTER BY THE CAMPO CHAIR INDICATING CAMPO’S POSITION REGARDING THE PENDING FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATION (5:31:11) - Chairperson Des Jardins introduced this item, and disclosed previous discussions with Mr. Pittenger. Mr. Pittenger reviewed the agenda materials. Chairperson Des Jardins entertained comments of the CAMPO members. Member Aldean recalled that the Parks and Recreation Commission letter was originally presented to the Board of Supervisors, which determined that the CAMPO was the more appropriate body to address the concern. She suggested sending a draft letter to each of the CAMPO members for review, with a request to directly respond to staff.

Chairperson Des Jardins entertained additional CAMPO member questions or comments and, when none were forthcoming, public comment. When none was forthcoming, he entertained a motion. **Member Aldean moved to approve transmission of a letter by the chairman of the CAMPO indicating CAMPO’s position regarding the pending federal transportation legislation following its review by the other members of this body. Member McKenna seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.**

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G. INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

G-1. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (5:38:11) - Chairperson Des Jardins entertained requests for future agenda items, and Mr. Pittenger reviewed the tentative agenda for the June CAMPO meeting. Member Fierro requested an informational report on “a traffic light in the Dayton area at Fortune Drive and Highway 50.” Mr. Pittenger advised that he would consult with Member Fierro and NDOT representatives prior to the next meeting. Chairperson Des Jardins suggested agendizing an informational report relative to Mr. Waclo’s testimony under public comment. He entertained additional agenda items; however, none were forthcoming.

H. CAMPO MEMBER COMMENTS (5:40:54) - Ex-Officio Member Taylor reminded everyone that May 15 through 18, 2012 is Bike to Work Week. He encouraged everyone to ride their bikes to work.

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS (5:41:58) - Chairperson Des Jardins entertained public comment. (5:42:33) Steve Waclo apologized “for speaking out of turn earlier.”

J. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (5:43:33) - A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

The Minutes of the May 9, 2012 Carson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting are so approved this 13th day of June, 2012.

CHARLES DES JARDINS, Chair