

MEETING MINUTES
SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
September 9, 2004

In attendance:

Richard Holmes, Alternate, Clark County
Doug Selby, Vice Chair, City of Las Vegas
Gregory Rose, City of North Las Vegas
Phil Speight, City of Henderson
Paul Gerner, Alternate, Clark County School District
Brok Armantrout, Alternate, City of Boulder
Jacob Snow, Clark County Regional Transportation Commission
Christine Robinson, Clark County Air Quality Department
Patricia Mulroy, Las Vegas Valley Water District

Agenda Item 1. Call to order, notice of agenda conformance with the Open Meeting Law.

Richard Holmes called to order the meeting of the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition Technical Committee at 4:08 p.m., on Thursday, September 9, 2004, at the Las Vegas Valley Water District, 1001 South Valley View, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89153.

The Agenda for the September 9, 2004, meeting was duly posted in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

Agenda Item 2. Approval of the Agenda for September 9, 2004.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda for the September 9, 2004, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of the Minutes from the July 8, 2004, meeting.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the July 8, 2004, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 4. Receive a Design Workshop report and briefing on the Landscape and Aesthetics Program for the I-15 corridor; take any necessary action.

Edward James, SNRPC Regional Planner, informed the members that the presenter, Mr. Ron Blakemore, was in route to Las Vegas via airplane and may have been delayed due to the weather conditions. Mr. James requested that the item be moved down on the agenda. The members agreed to trail agenda item 4.

Agenda Item 5. Receive a report from the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada on the FY 2003 Annual Report; take any necessary action.

Each member received a copy of the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) of Southern Nevada's FY 2003 Annual Report (Exhibit A). Terry Cordell, RTC, stated that one of the main projects currently being worked on is the MAX project, which started service in North Las Vegas on June 30, 2004. The project is running smoothly and utilizing it growing each month. RTC is very pleased with the response from passengers. The RTC took over the Freeway and Arterial System of Transportation (FAST) on July 3, 2004, and is performing a number of pilot corridor studies to resynchronize traffic signals. Improvements have been identified in congestion, reducing travel time, and increasing travel speeds. Several more studies will be done. Question 10 funds began in October of 2003. The funds have allowed the RTC to increase service on the

Citizens Area Transit (CAT) System back to levels prior to budget cuts. Mr. Cordell stated that there are

several projects underway at the RTC and the above are just a few examples.

A motion was made to forward this item to the Coalition Board. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Holmes welcomed the newest members of the Technical Committee: Patricia Mulroy, Christine Robinson, and Jacob Snow; stating that the members are pleased that the Committee has been expanded and will receive additional ideas and input for the Regional Planning Coalition.

Agenda Item 6. Receive a report from the Clark County Department of Air Quality and Environmental Management on the FY 2003 Annual Report; take any necessary action.

Each member received a copy of the Clark County's Department of Air Quality and Environmental Management (DAQEM) FY 2003 Annual Report (Exhibit B). Dennis Ransel, Clark County, stated that similar to the approach of the RTC, the DAQEM decided that it would more advantageous to combine the RTC and the AQEMD reports under one cover letter to satisfy the bi-annual report requirement. Exhibit B highlights the programs that have been undertaken to attain air quality standards in the Las Vegas Valley. It addresses each of the particular pollutants that are in non-attainment and the status of the State Implementation Plans (SIPS) to obtain the standards. Also included are some of the general day-to-day activities such as managing air quality monitoring programs and compliance programs, which are intervals to attain the air quality standards. Intergovernmental coordination processes are addressed at the end of the report.

A motion was made and seconded to forward this item to the Coalition Board. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 7. Receive the proposed bi-annual Letter to the State of Nevada, in compliance with NRS 278.02584 and NRS 444B.595, regarding land use, transportation and air quality.

Each member received a copy of the draft Report on Land Use, Transportation, and Air Quality (Exhibit C). Mr. James stated that the proposed letter summarizes the task that the SNRPC is currently working on in regards to land use, transportation, and air quality. Therefore, he recommends that Exhibit C be included in the reports from the DAQEM and RTC which are will be forwarded to the State.

A motion was made and seconded to forward this item to the Coalition Board. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 8. Receive the Joint Selection nominations for BLM land sales; take any necessary action.

Each member received a Summary of the BLM Land Sales Nominations for Fall 2005 (Exhibit D). Ron Gregory, Clark County, stated that Clark County will nominate a little over 200 acres. This number will probably be added to before the deadline. The City of Las Vegas is nominating 7.42 acres. The Cities of North Las Vegas and Henderson are not making any nominations.

A motion was made and seconded to forward this item to the Coalition Board. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 9. Receive the local government's nominations for Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas from the Round 6 SNPLMA Special Account; take any necessary action.

Referring to Exhibit D, which also denotes a Summary of Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas Nominations for Round 6 2005/2006; Clark County's nomination is for \$280,300,000. In addition to their own projects, Clark County is also sponsoring projects for Boulder City and the RTC. The City of North Las Vegas' nomination is for \$113,300,000. The cumulative total for Clark County, The Southern Nevada Water Authority, Cities of Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, and Henderson is \$855,717,000.

A motion was made and seconded to forward this item to the Coalition Board. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 10. Receive a report from the SNRPC Regional Planner regarding the status of the SNRPC FY 2003-2004 Financial Report; take any necessary action.

Each member received a copy of the FY 2003-04 Expenditure Report (Exhibit E). Mr. James stated that as of June 30, 2004, the report identifies all expenditures and a balance of funds remaining for fiscal year 2003-04.

A motion was made to accept the report and forward this item to the Coalition Board. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 11. Establishment of a process to produce press releases for important milestones and accomplishments by the SNRPC; direct staff accordingly.

Jon Wardlaw, Clark County, informed the members that to-date the SNRPC does not have an established coordinated process to get the word out on major milestones and accomplishments. Staff is seeking to have the Public Information Officers (PIO) from the participating jurisdictions work together to generate press releases for the SNRPC. Mr. James would coordinate with the PIOs to release items that have been approved by the SNRPC chair.

A motion was made to forward this item to the Coalition Board. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 12. Establishment of a process for the review of SNRPC employee performance; direct staff accordingly.

Mr. Wardlaw stated that to-date the SNRPC has not established a performance evaluation system for the two SNRPC employees. Technically Mr. James is employed by the City of Las Vegas, and Patricia Battie is employed by Clark County. Staff is looking for recommendations regarding how to conduct the evaluations and reviews for Mr. James and Ms. Battie. The planning directors recommend, since they work closely with the two staff members on a daily basis, authorization to perform the evaluations and forward their comments to the employing entities. Mr. Speight stated that Mr. James works directly for the SNRPC Board. Mr. James was hired by the Board; therefore, the Board should perform the evaluation in the manner they see fit. Mr. Speight suggested that perhaps the best process would be to have input from the planning directors by having the planning directors communicate their comments directly to their respective City Manager which basically consist of the Technical Committee, the Technical Committee or a sub-committee of the Technical Committee would meet with Mr. James to provide additional input to the Board. The Board would have feedback from the planning directors and the Technical Committee to complete the evaluation in a close session. Mr. Shelby suggested an informal briefing of the Board from the City Managers. The members agreed that the same process be used for Ms. Battie's evaluation.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend to the Coalition Board that the evaluations of Mr. James and Ms. Battie be conducted by the Coalition Board during a closed personnel session, and that the Managers will provide their comments along with the comments from the planning directors to their respective Coalition Board members to aid in the process. The motion was approved unanimously.

Regarding agenda item 4, Mr. Snow informed the members that he has heard the presentation before and would be comfortable forwarding it to the Coalition Board. Mr. Rose requested to receive an individual briefing of the presentation. A motion was made and seconded to forward the item to the Coalition Board. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 13. Set the Coalition Board's agenda for the September 23, 2004, SNRPC Board Meeting.

The members agreed that the agenda for the September 23, 2004, SNRPC Board meeting would include agenda items 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12. Mr. James stated that at the last Coalition Board meeting the members requested a presentation from the Clark County Assessor, Mark Schofield, regarding tax issues.

A motion was made and seconded to set the Coalition Board's agenda to include items 4 through 12 and also a presentation from the Clark County Assessor. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 14. The next date and location for the Technical Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 4, 2004, 4:00 p.m., at Clark County.

The Technical Committee meeting date, time, and location for their next meeting was approved accordingly.

Agenda Item 15. Public Comment.

There were no public comments.

Agenda Item 16. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.