

## MEETING MINUTES

### SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE January 5, 2017

**In attendance:** Nancy Amundsen, Chair, Clark County  
Linda Perri, Vice-Chair, Clark County School District  
Brok Armantrout, Alternate, City of Boulder City (arrived at 4:13 p.m.)  
Marc Jordan, Alternate, City of North Las Vegas  
Sean Robertson, Alternate, City of Henderson  
Beth Xie, Alternate, Regional Transportation Commission  
Andy Belanger, Las Vegas Valley Water District  
Marci Henson, Clark County Department of Air Quality

**Absent:** Orlando Sanchez, City of Las Vegas

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#### **Agenda Item 1: Call to Order; notice of agenda conformance with Nevada Open Meeting Law requirements**

The meeting of the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition Technical Committee was called to order by Nancy Amundsen, Chair, Clark County at 4:00 p.m., on Thursday, January 5, 2017, in the Clark County Commission Chambers, Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada. The agenda was duly posted in compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law requirements.

#### **Agenda Item 2: Roll Call**

Members of the SNRPC Technical Committee, as listed above, were present with the exception of Orlando Sanchez, City of Las Vegas, and Brok Armantrout, City of Boulder City, who arrived late as noted.

#### **Agenda Item 3: Public Comment**

No public comment was made.

#### **Agenda Item 4: Approval of the Agenda for the January 5, 2017 meeting**

A motion was made by Marc Jordan to approve the agenda for January 5, 2017. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### **Agenda Item 5: Approval of the Minutes of the September 1, 2016 meeting**

A motion was made by Andy Belanger to approve the minutes from the September 1, 2016 meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### **Agenda Item 6: Elect the SNRPC Technical Committee Chair and Vice Chair for the 2017 Calendar Year**

A motion was made by Andy Belanger to approve the recommended action of Clark County School District as Chair and City of Henderson as Vice Chair. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### **Agenda Item 7: Consent Items: a. 2016 CBER Long-Term Population Forecast**

A motion was made by Nancy Amundsen to approve the consent item. The motion was approved unanimously

**Agenda Item 8: Receive an update on 2017-2040 Regional Transportation Plan “Access 2040”**

Craig Raborn, Manager of Planning at the Regional Transportation Commission for Southern Nevada and the Project Manager of the Regional Transportation Plan, presented the federally required planning document that lays out transportation investments and policies and strategies for a 20-year period. The plan is intended to implement the latest policies the RTC has adopted. The RTC coordinated a committee called TRAC (Transportation Resource Advisory Committee) that operated on addressing transportation issues, streets and highways roads issues, and funding for the time period of January to July. Now they are in a phase of working on a transit policy.

From January to July 2016, the RTC of Southern Nevada conducted an online survey of our region’s transportation priorities. Participants ranked priorities, selected trade-off preferences, and identified broad investment strategies. As a result of the survey, none of the potential transportation related priorities really had a low ranking among the public. The two dominant priorities were increasing safety and managing congestion. Based on the survey results, we developed a vision statement that the transportation system of Southern Nevada will enhance and balance our defining regional characteristics of a strong and vibrant economy, diverse and welcoming quality of life, and valuable, natural and infrastructural resources. With that vision, it led to 3 overarching goals: to strengthen the regional economic competitiveness, maintain and enhance quality of life for Southern Nevadans, and ensure sustainable use of infrastructure and resources. These goals lead to 10 strategies, 4 primary strategies: Increase Safety, Manage Congestion, Enhance Multimodal Conductivity, and Maintain Current Infrastructure. Each has their own indicators to track them. The 6 secondary strategies are: Improve Access to Essential Services, Provide an Accountable and Transparent Planning Process, Enhance Freight Movement, Improve Public Health Related to Transportation, Conserve and Protect Natural Resources, and Use Innovative Planning to Address Emerging Technologies and Trends.

One thing that is wanted with this plan is to emphasize how we are trying to reinforce what other local agencies are doing. RTC went through all of the jurisdictions to identify how this plan’s goals and strategies align with what the local agencies are doing. No conflicts were identified. Some goals and strategies were directly related and others were more indirect, but still existed. More data from different entities was used to show population growth and employment growth.

The conclusion from the investment program was that Access 2040 has identified less spending than what the anticipated revenue is. Another thing done was to identify how the projects address localized regional interests, for mobility and accessibility interest.

No questions or comments were made by the committee.

Motion to accept the report and forward to the Board was made by Nancy Amundsen. Motion approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 9: Receive an update from Southern Nevada Strong**

Rae Lathrop, Manager of Regional Planning, oversees the Southern Nevada Strong department at the RTC. She provided an update as far as the regular activity that they’ve incurred since RTC became the implementation office. She also provided a few highlights from 2016 since the department has been fully staffed. Specifically mentioned were workgroups around transit oriented development and a workgroup around regional grand capacity strategy development. In 2015, RTC received a Technical Assistance Grant in which they used to research transit oriented development and infill strategies here in Las Vegas. The first event was a peer exchange - focused on some best practices from some of their mentor communities. The next event that was in April of 2016 they pulled together planners of the community to talk about infill strategies along Maryland Pkwy specifically. Then in November the grant was used to pull their private

sector developers into a conversation around impediments or challenges to transit oriented development and talk really about market and demands for that type of construction. In January that conversation will be continued where they will also be bringing in Executive Director of Mile High Connects in Denver to talk a little bit more about transit oriented development along the rail in Denver and how it has really been a boon to their economy, as well as different aspects of that development have considered for affordable housing and some development that is imperative to the quality of life to Denver as well.

A team was built to serve SNS, and they have been devoted to supporting their partners and local initiatives. They have updated their website, started a quarterly newsletter, and have been keeping their social media active in order to start engaging in the community at a higher level to obtain as much public input as they can.

No comments or questions were presented by the committee. Andy Belanger motioned for approval. Motion approved unanimously.

#### **Agenda Item 10: Discussion of the 2017 Master Meeting Schedule**

Mario Bermudez with Clark County presented the schedule and recommended that the calendar be accepted as is with the understanding that the Technical Committee's meetings are based upon what the Coalition Board does. In the past couple of years, the Coalition Board has met on a quarterly basis. If the Coalition Board determines to not meet in February or March, then those Technical Committee meetings will be canceled and resumed in April.

Motion made by Nancy Amundsen for approval. Motion approved unanimously.

#### **Agenda Item 11: Discussion of the Regional Trails Signage Guidance Project Service Agreement**

Johanna Murphy with the City of North Las Vegas and also the chair of the Regional Open Space and Trails working group presented the Regional Trails Signage Guidance Project. The Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition approved five projects with a budget totaling \$40,000 for fiscal year 2016/2017. One of those five projects was the Regional Trail Guidance Project. The Regional Open Space and Trails working group has been working for the past two years on the development of regional trail signage guidance through the assistance with the Health District and a CDC grant. The grant has covered the cost of the ROST facilitation for the past couple of years. It also helped them inventory the existing signs throughout the valley, plus evaluate the types of signs, the types of information that has been messaged in the past, and identified a lot of inconsistencies throughout the trails and even throughout phases as the trails were developed. The SNRPC funds will help create a final document which will include guidance regarding typical sign elements including types of signs, locations of signs, types of messaging to include, but it will also come up with a process to help us select destinations to highlight along the trails. It will also include a process on how to prioritize wayfinding along the trails as funding becomes available, as there are hundreds of miles of trails that already exist and their signage and wayfinding can definitely be enhanced. ROST wanted to make sure the guidance helped everybody figure out which were the priority routes as funding becomes available to help subsidize what already exist. It will include recommendation regarding maintenance, operations, how often signs should be replaced, etc. The SNRPC portion of the project totals \$17,500.

Marc Jordan motioned to approve the service agreement. Motion was approved unanimously and forwarded to the Coalition Board.

#### **Agenda Item 12: Set the Coalition Board Agenda for the January 24, 2017 meeting**

All items previously recommended shall be moved forward to the Coalition Board meeting.

#### **Agenda Item 13: Set the next date and location of the SNRPC Technical Committee meeting**

The next date and location of the SNRPC Technical Committee is tentatively scheduled for Thursday,

February 2, 2017, at 4:00 p.m., in the Clark County Commission Chambers.

**Agenda Item 13: Public Comment**

No public comment was made.

**Agenda Item 14: Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.