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II. APPROVAL OF PRECEDING MINUTES:

January 7, 2015 - Regular Meeting

MOTION: Commissioner Eklund moved to approve the January 7, 2015 meeting minutes. Commissioner Andreozzi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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III. ELKO COUNTY REGIONAL STREET AND HIGHWAY FUND:

Review of Quarterly Financial Reports relating to Regional Street and Highway fund.

Cash Minor stated on page 3 there was a historical review of the revenue. He noted as of to-date they have collected almost \$1.6 million dollars and they have allocated \$48,000 of interest into the supplemental fund for safety projects. Cash Minor commented on page 5 shows the entity allocations. He noted West Wendover would be making a request for their allocation which was \$362,808 available for road projects.

MOTION: Commissioner Eklund moved that they accept the quarterly financial report relating to the Regional Street and Highway Fund. Commissioner Andreozzi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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IV. CITY OF WEST WENDOVER

Discussion and consideration of authorization for the City of West Wendover to utilize its current and future appropriations of RTC funding for the next ten years for Phase Two of the Florence Way Street Improvement Project.

Bryce Kimber stated their request was for their allocation to be applied to the second phase of relocation of Florence Way. He stated the project starts at Camper Drive and goes west to Mesa Street. He displayed a map of the project. Bryce Kimber stated the road would be moved south of the Union Pacific Railroad tracks. Bryce Kimber stated phase three will be in conjunction with the building of the new elementary school by the Elko County School District. He noted there would be an extension of Florence Way to provide access to the new school.

Chairman Rice inquired if they move Florence Way south towards the tracks would it go around a warehouse facility.

Bryce Kimber replied yes it would follow the Union Pacific railway.

Chairman Rice noted that would open up property to the east for future

development.

Bryce Kimber informed them the school district had purchased most of that ground from the storage units up to Florence Way. He had previously sent the engineer's cost estimate and pictures of the new profile for Florence Way. Bryce Kimber noted there was a grant from Federal Highway and they have entered into a medium term obligation with their financial advisers from Nevada State Bank in the amount of \$1.8 million dollars. He commented they had requested their RTC allocation of the \$362,808. Bryce Kimber stated they have applied for a CDBG funding for \$350,000. He stated the City would like to utilize their RTC funding of \$362,808 and their next year's RTC allocation of approximately \$170,000 to \$180,000 for this year. He would like to get the allocation so they could start the design of the road and use their future RTC allocation to help pay back the medium term obligation. Bryce Kimber stated if they do receive the CDBG funding then there was the possibility of doing 3 alternative projects. He reported project 1 was their preferred project, the widening of a portion of Wendover Boulevard. He stated there was a chance that they could get a couple of retail businesses in that area so they may use their RTC funding for some other road projects.

Commissioner Andreozzi understood it was a ten year project and inquired if they had an alternate funding source if they did not get the CDBG grant or if RTC funding was insufficient to cover costs.

Bryce Kimber stated yes it was not obligated by their financing it was just shown as a revenue stream to help pay back the medium term obligation.

Chairman Rice clarified the request was for the RTC allocation of \$362,808 to the City of West Wendover for this project and the remaining appropriation for the FY 2015 in the approximate value of \$170,000 to \$180,000 to be used for the design of the project. He understood they would designate their subsequent RTC allocations for West Wendover for the next 10 years to help pay for the mid-term obligation.

Cash Minor clarified that the West Wendover allocation this year would be approximately \$180,000 to \$185,000.

Bryce Kimber stated Florence Way was originally a trail to an existing batch plant and they paved it. He noted this would provide access to the new school.

Commissioner Eklund voiced concern if they don't receive the CDBG funding.

Bryce Kimber stated they could do the project without the CDBG funding. He stated if they receive the CDBG funding they could perform the alternate

projects.

Commissioner Eklund inquired where they would get the funding if they did not have the CDBG funding.

Bryce Kimber noted they had outlined their funding sources in documentation sent to the Commission.

Chairman Rice clarified the CDBG project was to be used as an alternate project. He noted their request today would help fund the Florence Way project and the other funding would fund the West Wendover Boulevard or Mesa Street projects.

Bryce Kimber stated they may have to use some of the RTC funding to fund those projects.

Commissioner Andreozzi inquired if their rights of way were secured.

Bryce Kimber stated the City secured the rights of way when the school proposed their project. He noted one of the rights of way was along the public works right of way so they cut that property in half and sold some of that property.

Commissioner Eklund inquired if they were involving any private properties.

Bryce Kimber replied not any more they had bought the property.

MOTION: Commissioner Eklund moved to authorize the City of West Wendover to utilize its current and future appropriations of RTC funding for the next ten years for Phase Two of the Florence Way Street Improvement Project. Commissioner Andreozzi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Bryce Kimber requested a copy of the minutes be e-mailed to him.

Chairman Rice stated they would not be approved in July but they could mail him a draft copy.

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V. NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

Update reporting as may be available relating to traffic counts, projects, and other matters of interest.

Boyd Ratliff, NDOT District III Traffic Engineer, gave an update on the Dunphy project from Emigrant into Lander County which would be completed within fourteen working days or less days. He stated the Carlin tunnel project was complete except for a small punch list. Boyd Ratliff noted pedestrians and bicyclists on I-80 now have a by-pass around the tunnels through the canyon (the detour road) for safety issues. He stated there were regulatory signs that state bicyclists and pedestrians were not to take the tunnels because of safety issues.

He stated NDOT would finish that portion of the project. Boyd Ratliff stated east bound bicyclists could go through tunnel but they have a hiccup on the west bound side. He noted there was a barrier they would have to lift their bicycle over. Boyd Ratliff stated there were new projects on US Highway 93 south of Wells from Warm Springs to Currie. He stated there would be a passing lane and safety shoulders similar to what was at Currie to Lage. He stated there was a project to be advertised on US. Highway 93 North of Wells for a wildlife undercrossing which should be completed this calendar year. Boyd Ratliff stated the Wells by-pass would be advertised this summer and construction should be from the end of the concrete section through the Moor hills of resurfacing and bridge work. He stated the City of Elko's urban project would be going at night and they were working with Dennis Strickland on that. Boyd Ratliff reported NDOT hired a consultant to do a road safety assessment on the Lamoille Highway from the junction of SR 228 Jiggs highway all the way to its end. He stated they received input from representatives of the Sheriff's Department, Nevada Highway Patrol, Terry Lister (Elko County Road Supervisor), the School District and the Spring Creek Association when they did the assessment to determine safety improvements on that highway because of the large volume of traffic. He stated they discussed, during the road safety assessment, the development of the Big W Ranch. He noted Ken Krater plans on doing the roundabout at the intersection of Boyd-Kennedy and Lamoille Highway.

Commissioner Eklund commented about the accident west of I-80 west of Battle Mountain and offered condolences on behalf of the County Commission and on behalf of this Board for the loss of their employees.

Boyd Ratliff stated it was unfortunate and believed it was preventable. He stated the investigation was not complete. He stated there had been construction worker's fatalities and motor bike fatalities over the last couple of years.

Chairman Rice commended NDOT on the appearance at the Carlin tunnels project and noted the lighting was better. He inquired if they get off at the Fire Science Academy to get onto the bicycle path through the canyon.

Boyd Ratliff stated there was a regulatory sign at the east Carlin interchange where bicyclists and pedestrians must exit on SR221 and they travel through the canyon.

Chairman Rice inquired how they get back to the eastbound lane.

Boyd Ratliff stated the bike path was paved under the bridges and it comes back up on the other lane.

Boyd Ratliff reported NDOT had to complete the project because people were making the hairpin turn behind the guard rail where the bicyclists would come out going east bound and traveling through the canyon. He would have to prevent the vehicles from traveling the canyon due to safety issues with the pedestrians and bicyclists. He stated it must be locals who were aware of the access. He stated there would be a cattleguard installed and they may put in a retaining wall.

Randy Brown commented Boyd had referred to the Ruby Vista Ranch development in Spring Creek. He voiced concern with Maverick developing on the corner adjacent to the proposed roundabout. He inquired how that would work with a retail development on the corner adjacent to the roundabout and if they had considered that.

Boyd Ratliff stated they were aware of the Maverick's construction in that location. He stated they would have to consider that and in the development of that intersection. He commented it raises a lot of concern with pedestrians crossing there with the roundabout at that location. Boyd Ratliff understood they have an engineer on board. He understood Spring Creek was a closed campus but he believed teenagers would go to the Maverick.

Randy Brown voiced concern with logistics of having Maverick adjacent to the roundabout and causing more traffic flows.

Boyd Ratliff acknowledged the Maverick would generate more volume of traffic and they had concerns with that in the development of the roundabout. He stated NDOT would have to look at Maverick's access whether it may be off Boyd-Kennedy or upon Lamoille Highway.

Randy Brown believed Maverick would have to have two points of access. He voiced concern that they would be entering into a roundabout in either direction from Boyd-Kennedy or SR 277. He asked if the intersection would warrant a roundabout at that time.

Boyd Ratliff stated how many trips that would generate and the amount of traffic would have to be considered because there was a certain amount of traffic where a roundabout would no longer work with the radius they had considered.

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VI. ENTITY PROJECTS REPORTS:

Report on status of entity projects financed by Regional Street and Highway Fund apportionments.

A. City of Carlin:

Carlos Esparza stated there was nothing to report.

B. City of Elko

Dennis Strickland, Public Works Director, reported that the Errecart traffic signal was complete. He thanked the RTC for cooperating with the City to get that project accomplished. Dennis Strickland commented the City of Elko was attempting to acquire the right of way for the Silver Street extension to Manzanita Lane from the Union Pacific Railroad. He stated when that right of way was acquired they would start laying the foundation for that road which would be a great amenity to the city and regionally.

C. **City of Wells**

No report was submitted.

D. **City of West Wendover**

Bryce Kimber stated he had nothing further to report.

E. **Town of Jackpot**

No report was submitted.

F. **Spring Creek Association**

No report was submitted.

G. **Elko County School District**

No report was submitted.

H. **GET MY Ride (formerly Elko Area Transit System)**

Abigail Wheeler, Elko County Transit Coordinator, stated the donated Utah Transportation Authority busses have arrived. She stated their bus routes were outlined and Jeff Secord at the Assessor's Office was mapping those routes and stops. She the brochures, policies and procedures were in process. Abigail Wheeler stated there passenger numbers were increasing and they were maxed out for the demand response service. She believed the fixed routes would alleviate the demand response service and be more open to the public. She stated their aging and disability funding gave them a good report and NDOT did their onsite review then offered them for federal review because of the good job they were doing. Abigail Wheeler stated at the Commission meeting she would be requesting their annual funding for purchase of radio upgrades and bus stop signs. She had met with Curtis Calder who asked that they assist with the homeless camp because it was located between two sets of railroad rails so they may have a pick up and deliver twice a day.

Chairman Rice stated it was good for management and visibility at that property and would be helpful to the whole operation.

Abigail Wheeler said there would be a bridge created as a pedestrian overpass for safety. She noted the access would be in front of the police station.

Commissioner Eklund inquired how many buses did they get donated.

Abbigail Wheelers replied UTA donated three full size buses with two passenger doors and the paratransit came with ten seats but they gave them more seats to be installed.

Commissioner Eklund inquired how many buses they had purchased.

Abbigail Wheeler stated three were being purchased from NDOT and those were being built.

Commissioner Eklund inquired if that brought them up to the total of 11 buses that they wanted.

Abbigail Wheeler stated they would probably cycle two buses out and noted the 2007 had more maintenance.

Commissioner Eklund commended her upon the service provided for the Veterans in Carlin.

I. Elko County

Terry Lister, Road Supervisor, reported due to the abnormal drought they have roads deteriorating. He stated they would start their mag projects tomorrow. Terry Lister stated in July they would go out to bid for a chip seal on Kittridge and Coal Mine roads. He stated they have had a failure on the Jiggs Highway and they would remove 1,100 foot of asphalt and replace it so they would be going out to bid for that.

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VII. GENERAL DISCUSSION OF ROUTINE RTC ISSUES:

No comments were submitted.

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VIII. JULY 2015 RTC MEETING:

Chairman Rice commented the next regularly scheduled RTC Meeting was scheduled for July 8, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

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IX. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

No public comments were submitted.

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X. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Commissioner Eklund moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Andrezzi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Rice

adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

APPROVED,

JOHN PATRICK RICE, Chairman

ATTEST:

MARILYN TIPTON, Deputy Clerk