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ELKO COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**ELKO COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,
COUNTY OF ELKO, STATE OF NEVADA, REGULAR MEETING TO BE HELD IN
THE ELKO COUNTY COURTHOUSE ROOM 105, 571 IDAHO STREET, ELKO,
NEVADA, BEGINNING AT 10:00 A.M., PACIFIC TIME.**

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

The Regional Transportation Commission, County of Elko, State of Nevada, meet in a regular session on Wednesday, January 4, 2006 in Room 105 of the Elko County Courthouse, 571 Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada beginning at 10:00 A.M. (PST).

Commissioner Members Present: WARREN RUSSELL, Chair
 MIKE FRANZOIA
 CHARLIE MYERS

Others Present:

CASH MINOR	CFO/Ast. Co. Mgr.
MARILYN TIPTON	Deputy County Clerk
CHUCK RICKER	NEAT Bus
JOLENE SUPP	City of Wells, Manager
RUSTY TYBO	City of Wells, Mayor
OTIS TIPTON	County Road Supervisor
CURTIS CALDER	City Of Elko, Mayor
DELMO ANDREOZZI	Elko City Public Works Dir.
KEVIN LEE	NDOT District Engineer
CASEY KELLY	NDOT Traffic Engineer
JIM JEFFRIES	
STEVE BOWERS	Elko School District

BRYCE KIMBER, JR.
WILLIAM KOHBARGER
JOHN CARPENTER
CHRIS JOHNSON

W. Wendover Public Works
City of Carlin, Manager
Assemblyman

The following proceedings were held:

Chairman Russell called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Franzoia led the meeting participants in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

No public comments were submitted at this time.

APPROVAL OF PRECEDING MINUTES:

October 19, 2005 - Regular Meeting

MOTION: Commissioner Myers moved to approve the October 19, 2005 minutes for the regular meeting. Commissioner Franzoia seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

ELECTION:

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair positions for the Calendar Year 2006.

MOTION: Commissioner Franzoia moved to appoint Commissioner Russell as chairman.

Commissioner Russell declined the nomination.

Commissioner Franzoia moved to appoint Commissioner Myers as Chairman. Commissioner Russell seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Chairman Myers assumed control of the meeting.

Commissioner Russell nominated Commissioner Franzoia as Vice-Chairman for 2006. Commissioner Myers seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

ELKO COUNTY REGIONAL STREET AND HIGHWAY FUND:

Cash Minor reviewed the Quarterly Financial Reports relating to the Regional Street and Highway Fund. He pointed out the revenues collected for June, July and August of 05/06 was in the amount of \$330,687.61. He noted the interest income was \$17,635.78, which a portion would be moved back to June of 2005, after the audit. Commissioner Myers inquired what amount might be moved back in June and received the reply of approximately \$12,000.00.

MOTION: Commissioner Russell moved to approve the Quarterly Financial Report. Commissioner Franzioia seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

CITY OF ELKO:

The Board considered a request from the City of Elko for RTC assistance on a "Mill and Overlay" project on Silver Street in the City of Elko.

Delmo Andreozzi, Public Works Director, reviewed their spread sheet on Silver Street which contained three options. He reported that the average traffic count on Silver Street between Fifth and Twelfth Streets was 6,000 vehicles a day. Delmo Andreozzi noted they had an estimate of 1.3 million dollars for reconstruction of that segment if it continued to deteriorate.

He reviewed the three options:

Option 1: Mill and Overlay just in the travel lanes and in the center lane.

Delmo Andreozzi stressed that the street needed more crown and a membrane to seal it from water penetrating the base. The first option was estimated at \$199,306.50 less the City contribution of \$16,560.00 for a request of \$182,746.60. He stated the city forces could perform the utility adjustments, street sweeping, tack coat, traffic control, clean-up and traffic markings. Delmo Andreozzi noted that there would be a lot of traffic control needed for this project so the city envisioned using private contractors to do this project and the City would maintain and control the traffic through this area.

Option 2: Mill and overlay of the full roadway width.

Delmo Andreozzi stated this would mill out the center and put down an overlay on the full road. They estimated the project would cost \$263,166.00 and with the city forces contribution of \$16,560.00 the requested funds would be \$246,606.00. Delmo Andreozzi stated the city forces could facilitate the whole project.

Option 3: Full roadway width overlay with travel lane wedge mill.

Delmo Andreozzi explained that under this option there would be less milling with a wedge mill from travel lane to travel lane. He stated the City would

encourage this option the most. Delmo Andreozzi stated the total estimate was \$210,818.00 less the city contribution of \$16,560.00 which would make the requested funds at an amount of \$194,258.00.

Delmo Andreozzi noted this was one segment of Silver Street and suggested that they may do another segment next year. He felt they could do Silver Street in three segments.

Delmo Andreozzi commented the City of Elko did a mill and fill in the travel lanes near Fifth Street previously, together with some patching. He stated the major problem was the road still held water and it was penetrating the base. He felt they needed to elevate the middle of the road with an overlay.

Delmo Andreozzi noted there was another option which was an overlay such as they did on East Idaho Street several years ago. He stated the disadvantage was it would not clean up or smooth up the road. He commented that they would have to patch before the overlay was applied.

Commissioner Myers asked about the live expectancy if they do just the travel lanes. Delmo Andreozzi replied maybe ten or twenty years. He stated that would depend upon the maintenance efforts put into the project afterwards. Commissioner Myers inquired if the section between Fifth and Twelfth Streets was the worst section of Silver Street. Delmo Andreozzi replied there was another bad section further down but they wanted to look at this as a phase approach because it would be more financially palatable. He stated they could shift the length or distances of the project. Delmo Andreozzi reported that they had more traffic on the segment from Fifth Street to the Mountain City Highway. He noted there was an average of 9,000 vehicles a day on that segment. Commissioner Myers asked if the City would have issues of putting up signs giving the RTC credit if there was RTC funding participation on this project. Commissioner Franzoia did not believe that was an issue and noted that was done in other cities. Commissioner Russell felt there should be a minimum of four signs. Delmo Andreozzi felt that recommendation was appropriate and believed they could use it as a photo opportunity.

Commissioner Russell commented that he had previously objected to declaring regional roadways. However, if there was one highway that may qualify, he felt it was Silver Street. He liked the idea of them cooperating together. Commissioner Russell commented that the County had a real problem with regards to maintenance on their light systems. He felt that there should be a way of working that out in an agreeable manner also. Commissioner Russell would like to see the same type of cooperation in those areas as well to develop a positive attitude between the City and the County.

Commissioner Franzoia noted they could look at that and believed they had previously talked about that signal. He stated the City currently had manpower problems and they were trying to find another engineer. Commissioner Franzoia stated that there were liability issues involved but the City Council could address that.

Delmo Andreozzi noted he could draft an agenda item for the City Council for some type of assistance or they could have a meeting between the two entities.

Commissioner Franzoia commented that previously the intersection of Twelfth Street and Silver Street was terrible and Delmo Andreozzi decided upon another process which was quite cost effective. He stated that the City of Elko was now focusing mostly upon the travel lanes to maximize the minimal funds that were available. Commissioner Russell believed there were cities which had faced litigation because of the pot holes and obstructions in the middle of their roads.

Commissioner Russell inquired if the RTC considered funding part or all of this where would the funding come from. Cash Minor replied the Supplemental Safety Fund which had a current balance of \$666,000.00. Commissioner Myers felt they should look at participation and encouraged RTC signage.

Commissioner Russell questioned whether they had money available to do the entire project rather than a portion. Commissioner Franzoia noted that would be practical so as not to impact the traffic flow.

Cash Minor recommended that on whatever option they choose they should segregate the contingency amount from the amount of the contribution to only, if needed. He suggested they choose their option, less the contingency amount, unless needed.

MOTION: Commissioner Russell moved that they allocate \$263,166.00 less the contingency amount for this project for the City of Elko including adequate signage representing the primary responsibility and funding by the RTC.

Cash Minor suggested he amend his motion to reflect that the City was contributing \$34,326.00 to that amount so the motion amount should be \$246,606.00, less the contingency.

MOTION: Commissioner Russell amended his motion to \$246,606.00 less the contingency of \$34,326.00, unless needed. Commissioner Franzoia seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Franzoia felt the signage should go on each end of the project but past the construction line.

Delmo Andreozzi thanked the Commission for the contribution and felt it would benefit not only the City residents but also benefit Elko County.

TOWN OF JACKPOT:

The Board considered a request from the County of Elko on behalf of the Unincorporated Town of Jackpot for RTC assistance on the NDOT Highway 93 Widening Project in the Town of Jackpot.

Cash Minor noted NDOT was doing a major widening project on Highway 93 through the Town of Jackpot. He stated the Town of Jackpot had signed onto the project for a turning lane in the middle of town. Cash Minor stated when the project started Jackpot's contribution was approximately \$250,000.00 and that amount was now at \$700,000.00. He stated Jackpot was requesting assistance in the amount of \$100,000 to offset the large cost increase. Commissioner Myers asked what had caused the increased costs. Cash Minor replied the whole construction industry was affected which included fuel costs, asphalt costs, etc. He noted that NDOT, the City of Elko and Elko County had experienced these increases. Commissioner Russell inquired about the funding source. Cash Minor replied the supplemental safety fund because it was for turning lanes.

MOTION: Commissioner Franzoia moved to approve the \$100,000 request for the widening project for the Town of Jackpot. Commissioner Russell seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Myers suggested RTC participation signage also on this project.

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

Casey Kelly, Traffic Engineer, submitted written traffic counts from January 2004 up to November 2005. He commented that there was a steady increase up through November of 3% to 5% on the different routes. He stated all of their projects were in winter shut down. Casey Kelly stated they were concentrating on snow removal and minor repairs due to the weather.

Commissioner Myers noted there were some significant decreases. Casey Kelly noted on SR 227 there were huge decreases. However, last year there was 200 a day increase and now they were coming back to normal traffic rates. Commissioner Myers inquired if the highway project on SR 227 was

finished. Casey Kelly stated there would be one more layer of open grade applied, stripping and signage on that project to complete. Commissioner Myers inquired about the time frame. Casey Kelly explained that open grade was temperature critical and should go on quickly. Commissioner Myers asked if that overlay could be scheduled after school was out for the summer.

Kevin Lee, NDOT District Engineer Elko Office, felt they might be able to persuade the contractor to do it in that time frame. He explained that the same contractor had the Elko by-pass project and the Emigrant Pass project to complete next year. Commissioner Myers felt it would be better to apply the open grade after school was out and before school started on the Lamoille Highway. Kevin Lee explained that open grade would be better if it was applied during the heat of the summer. However, he stated there were penalties imposed upon the contractor for any delays that were incurred over the designated amount of work days assigned to that project.

ENTITY PROJECTS REPORTING:

The Board received status reports on entity projects being financed by Regional Street and Highway Fund apportionments.

City of Carlin:

William Kohbarger, City of Carlin, noted all their RTC projects were completed.

City of Elko:

Delmo Andreozzi thanked them for the RTC project coming up on Silver Street and would keep them informed of that project. He reported upon the localized flooding and area cleanups. Delmo Andreozzi stated there had been erosion in some of the developmental areas and they had a partial washout of one street due to the recent storms.

City of Wells:

Jolene Supp, Wells City Manager, reported that the Shoshone Street project was completed and thanked this board and the Elko County Commission for their efforts on that project. She stated they would be continuing in the subdivision area with drainage, curb and gutter next year with existing funds in escrow from those property owners. Jolene Supp inquired if they wanted RTC signage on that street. Commissioner Myers felt that would be appropriate. Jolene Supp stated the improvement to Shoshone Street made a change in the regional traffic and now local folks take that back street to avoid the intersection and all the traffic. She commented that most of the commerce was on the west side of the City so the North bound residents were using Shoshone. She noted

the contractor on that project offered some extra sealant which was applied to Shoshone.

Jolene Supp commented that the Industrial Park was also paved with CDBG funds and they bid that project at the same time to get a more cost effective price on both projects.

Jolene Supp stated this spring they would resurface the airport, the runway and the road to that runway. She hoped NDOT would participate with their aviation funding.

Jolene Supp noted the City of Wells submitted a grant for the entrance road to the Bishop Creek Project. She felt it would regionally affect the Well's community traffic. She appreciated the fact that NDOT had a program tailored for communities of less than 5,000 people.

Commissioner Myers recognized that the Wells Mayor, Rusty Tybo, was present today also.

Commissioner Myers commented that Assemblyman John Carpenter was present today.

City of West Wendover:

Bryce Kimber, Public Works Director, stated they were still waiting for word from the BLM and the Air Force on the US 93A project by Airport Way. He stated they had completed some work on the Florence Way project but they had to wait for the weather to change to finish that project also. Bryce Kimber stated they had adjusted the site utilities in anticipation for the pavement project. He reported they have done some dirt work for the curb and gutters.

Commissioner Myers noted they had been waiting for a long time for some word from the Air Force and asked if it would help to send a letter of support to the Air Force. Bryce Kimber would get the information from Chris Melville as to whom to send the letter to in the Air Force. Commissioner Myers felt they could do the same at the County Commission level.

Bryce Kimber stated he would address the RTC signage issue on that project also.

Town of Jackpot:

Cash Minor noted they had approved the \$100,000 for the widening project in Jackpot.

Spring Creek Association:

No one was present to submit a report.

Elko County School District:

Steve Bowers stated they were nearing completion of the road improvements on Jennings Way. He stated they still have the

signalization/crosswalk issue but that was not expected to be completed until August of 2007.

Elko County:

Otis Tipton noted that they were 60% complete on the design for the Bullion Road Bridge. He stated the Interpretive Center road would be on their list for another year or two because they would pave that after construction of the center. Otis Tipton stated they were in the engineering phase for the recycle in-place/overlay on the Jiggs Highway. He stated the abutments for the Jarbidge bridges were in but they were waiting for the first deck to be delivered. The decks have been delayed due to the weather conditions.

Cash Minor noted there was a grant application going to NDOT for an emergency light at Licht Parkway for emergency access purposes. He stated the estimated cost was \$200,000 and there was a 50% grant match. He believed that there would be a request back to RTC for that grant match. Commissioner Russell noted that in the future, the emergency light may provide infrastructure for a permanent traffic signal at that intersection.

GENERAL DISCUSSION OF ROUTINE RTC ISSUES:

Otis Tipton stated they started receiving calls on Saturday and they worked this last weekend. He reported that there was a flash flood in the Tuscarora area and they lost a section of the road which had an irrigation structure with a cattleguard on top of it. He stated a contractor built that structure in 1995. Otis Tipton stated there would be some changes made as to the structure. He noted they would try to do as much in-house as possible. Otis Tipton requested that Cash schedule a special meeting for a funding request of \$25,000 on this project. He stated they rented additional trucks and an excavator in order to put in a gravel by-pass. Otis Tipton stated the County was doing most of this project in-house but they had to haul gravel from town to that location. He noted that the emergency signal at Licht Parkway could be addressed at the same time. Otis Tipton commented that they had already pulled all their money from the County RTC to do the Jarbidge Bridges. Cash Minor stated they could hold a special meeting on January 18th along with the County Commission meeting date.

Assemblyman John Carpenter commented that the traffic signal at Licht Parkway never seemed to meet the NDOT warrants for a light. He had spoken to people from that area who believed there was a need for a light at that intersection. He believed there would be another warrant study done in May or June. Assemblyman Carpenter noted that NDOT did not want to approve that

traffic signal without the support of a warrant study. Assemblyman John Carpenter was concerned that someone would get badly hurt or killed in that intersection. He commented that there was a lot of traffic there when school was in. Assemblyman John Carpenter stated Kevin Lee had informed him that it may cost over \$400,000 for that traffic signal.

Commissioner Russell stated the design elements for the emergency signalization included infrastructure which would support the placement of a regular traffic light in the future. He believed this was the first step in the right direction. Commissioner Russell did not believe that NDOT would block their progress on this signal.

Assemblyman Carpenter hoped they were successful with getting the grant money and suggested they put in additional funding in order to complete the whole project for a traffic light at that intersection.

Commissioner Myers noted the County Commission would take action on the grant application this afternoon. He stated it would be some time before they knew if the grant was awarded to them. Commissioner Myers agreed with Commissioner Russell that if the County participated on the traffic signal then it may help change NDOT's mind whether to participate. Assemblyman Carpenter asked to be kept informed of the grant application process.

Chairman Myers noted that the next regular quarterly meeting would be held on Wednesday, April 5, 2006 at 10:00 A.M. (Pacific Time). He reminded them that there was a request for a special meeting in the future about the washouts and the Licht Parkway signals. He asked that if there were any other items the Board members wished to be placed on that special meeting agenda; they should give them to Cash Minor.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Commissioner Russell moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Franzoia seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED,
CHARLIE MYERS, Chairman

ATTEST:

MARILYN TIPTON, Deputy Clerk