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**I. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

No public comment was submitted.

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**II. APPROVAL OF PRECEDING MINUTES:**

April 3, 2013 - Regular Meeting

**MOTION: Commissioner Williams moved to approve the April 3, 2013 meeting minutes. Commissioner Rice 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.

Chairman Myers commented there was no report prepared at this time.

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**IV. GET MY RIDE – ELKO AREA TRANSIT SERVICE:**

A. Update status on transit including grant awards and donations to the Elko Area Transit Service.

Abigail Wheeler stated they had received two grants. One was from Union Pacific for \$5,000 and the other was from Wal-Mart for \$250.00. She noted in November 2012 they went to half the hours due to funding changes and they consolidated their services. She reported they transported the same amount of riders this time of year as they did last year at half the hours and their on-time performance had increased to 92 percent. She commented their goal was 10,000 riders under the Aging and Disability Grant and from November to June they recorded approximately 9,600 riders transported. Abigail Wheeler believed if they had captured all of their rider numbers from July to October it would have been the 10,000 riders. Abigail Wheeler stated they hoped to get a new contract in 2015 that would allow them to add another route to Spring Creek with four dedicated times for pickups. She noted their biggest request was to bring in seniors to Elko daily. She stated they would limit the ridership to Ryndon and Osino to Wednesdays only. Abigail Wheeler stated they would try to reduce the barriers of ridership to make it easier to use the service. She stated they would add same day service in October. She was working with marketing and partnering agencies currently.

B. Presentation of the new name and logo for the service.

Abigail Wheeler reported they had collected suggestions from the public and the committee reviewed the suggestions. The committee chose the name and finalized the artwork for the new log (Greater Elko Transit) – GET My Ride.

She noted it stayed with the western theme.

C. Discussion and consideration of a funding request for \$25,000 for the transit service.

Abigail Wheeler explained the request for the \$25,000 was for the match to the FTA grants.

Commissioner Myers stated this was an annual request and it was the same amount from the RTC. He suggested they consider raising that amount eventually because it was a service to the public. He stated at one time they talked about raising the amount to \$50,000 but he did not think it passed the board that year.

Cash Minor clarified last year they had paid \$50,000 which covered two fiscal years at \$25,000 per year. He noted when they discussed raising it to an annual contribution of \$50,000 it did not go anywhere.

Commissioner Myers noted there would be a cost for the new logos and they were talking about a new Spring Creek route with more frequent trips and Ryndon and Osino would go to two days a week. He stated they have decreased their hours from 50 to 25 hours per day due to funding issues.

Abigail Wheeler stated they would increase the hours per day to approximately 30 hours but moving the money and getting a new contract it should not impact the budget.

Commissioner Rice noted it was on the agenda at \$25,000 but inquired if they could add \$5,000 for the new marketing aspect which may result in more riders helping them to become more self-supportive.

Robert Stokes recommended that they give direction to staff to take a look at that.

Commissioner Rice asked if that was something the County Commission would consider.

Commissioner Myers stated they could not act upon RTC funds without consent of the County Commission. He stated they could put in the motion to approve the \$25,000 with having staff look at another \$5,000.

**MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved to approve the request for \$25,000 for the transit service for GET My Ride for FY 2013-2014 and direct staff to research the feasibility of an additional \$5,000 that could be used in the rebranding effort that they could consider at their next quarterly meeting. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion.**

Commissioner Williams suggested this amount should be increased to take

care of the needs in Elko County.

Commissioner Myers suggested this be discussed in October when Cash Minor has had time to prepare the financials for their review. He requested it to be placed upon the October agenda.

Commissioner Rice stated in looking at future funding, in conjunction with staff, if they could bring information in with regards to what funding needs they may need within the next four to five years. He stated they might not be able to double it in a single fiscal year but they could ramp up incrementally which would give the County time to prepare for that fiscal impact.

**The motion was passed unanimously.**

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**V. CITY OF CARLIN:**

Discussion and consideration of request for funds set aside by the RTC for the City of Carlin for use in the 2013-2014 fiscal year for overlay and seal projects on portions of Camp, Cedar, Hamilton and Main Streets. The request includes a current balance of \$148,938 plus an additional \$21,062 for the 2013-2014 funding amount for a total of \$170,000.

Carlos Esparza stated they had been saving their RTC funding for a larger project and the total cost of this project would be \$400,000.

Commissioner Myers had spoken to Cash Minor and the funding was available.

Commissioner Rice commended them on their actions to save money.

**MOTION: Commissioner Williams moved to direct staff to allocate the funds set aside by the RTC for the City of Carlin for use in the 2013-2014 fiscal year for overlay and seal projects on portions of Camp, Cedar, Hamilton and Main Streets in the total amount of \$170,000. Commissioner Rice seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

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**VI. ELKO COUNTY:**

**RTC Safety Fund Request: Street Signs**

A. Discussion and consideration of a request to reimburse Elko County for the cost of traffic studies performed by Paul W. Solaegui on Last Chance Road and Bullion Road in the amount of \$8,800.

B. Discussion and consideration to purchase traffic control signs recommended by the Last Chance Road and Bullion Road traffic studies for \$2,500 using available RTC Safety Funds.

Randy Brown stated this was for the traffic studies where they had problems with the traffic speeds. He stated the project was approved by the County Commission and they asked for reimbursement from the RTC because they were both regional roads.

Commissioner Myers noted the traffic speeds were higher than seven miles per hour over the speed limit because he resided in the area and was very knowledgeable of the traffic speeds.

Otis Tipton stated they had to go through a traffic engineer for the study. He clarified they were requesting this funding from the safety funds and not from the entity allocation.

Commissioner Williams noted the survey did state a few were traveling at higher speeds but 85% were traveling at 7 mph over the speed limit.

Randy Brown stated the findings were based upon an eight hour survey at both locations. He noted this survey was taken past where most of the residents reside and where the new housing was going in.

Dennis Strickland stated as a member of the Road Services Advisory Committee he voted against the traffic study costs. He did not believe there was good data in the report. He had spoken to another firm that conducted these types of studies. He was afraid they would see speeds that need to be higher in that 85% percentile than the posted speed limit. Dennis Strickland agreed an hour survey and a fifty vehicle count was not representative of the actual conditions. He stated a person was cited on Stitzel doing 65 mph in a 25 mph. Dennis Strickland did not feel they received good data for the funding they spent on the report.

Randy Brown stated the staff recommendation was to leave it at 25 mph, place more signs in the Bullion Road area, and to place a stop sign at the intersection of Staker-Parson's road and Last Chance. He stated they were not looking at raising the speed limits.

Commissioner Williams noted there was the possibility of the Sheriff placing radar speed signs in the areas. He noted the increase of the Sheriff's Office presence slows the traffic speed down on those roads. Commissioner Williams commented there were some commercial issues on that road. He noted funding appropriated for the study was limited so that might be the result of the lack of data.

Commissioner Rice questioned reducing the funding for the study to one-half due to lack of data.

Randy Brown stated the report was based upon the one hour survey but he

knew the traffic engineer was present for eight hours. He noted they laid out the specifications and the traffic engineer performed those services.

**MOTION: Commissioner Williams moved to approve the request to reimburse Elko County for the cost of traffic studies performed by Paul W. Solaegui on Last Chance Road and Bullion Road in the amount of \$8,800 and approve the purchase of traffic control signs recommended for the Last Chance Road and Bullion Road traffic studies in the amount of \$2,500 using available RTC Safety Funds. Commissioner Rice seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

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## **VII. NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:**

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

Michael Murphy, NDOT Assistant District Engineer, stated generally the I-80 traffic counts remained the same but SR 225/Mountain City Highway had increased its count by 100 vehicles (25%) last month. He reported Lamoille Highway had a .09% traffic reduction.

Commissioner Myers inquired about the Carlin tunnels.

Michael Murphy stated they were at \$165 million dollars' worth of work by the two crews. He noted a Reno crew was covering the job west of the tunnels. They would begin widening the road at Curry, put some shoulders in, put in passing lanes in a section between Curry and Lage's and do some safety shoulders from Lage's to Warm Springs. Michael Murphy reported the *Elko urban job* was from Khourys to SR 225 and was scheduled to go to bid but may be built next year. He reported the work on the tunnels was ahead of schedule and the concrete had been taken out. Michael Murphy stated the contractor and NDOT worked together in the design stages to reduce costs of the project.

Commissioner Williams inquired about an alternate route from Elko to Spring Creek.

Michael Murphy stated they had trouble trying to maintain the current system and that four lane highway was not at capacity. He commented the State's funding amount had not changed since 1992. Michael Murphy stated NDOT now was supporting NHP and DMV and the gas tax was not increasing. He stated their budgets were flat. He noted other locations had the same problems.

Commissioner Rice stated a severe accident or emergency upon that road caused problems. He noted there was a bottleneck at the approach to the City.

Michael Murphy stated they were fortunate to have so many projects going now within the County.

Commissioner Rice inquired about the project from Lone Mountain Station to Taylor Canyon.

Michael Murphy replied that was a chip-seal project because the gold mine had opened a new source and the road was not designed for that traffic weight.

Commissioner Rice inquired if the hauling permits would provide funding for that project.

Michael Murphy stated diesel and gas tax was the funding source. He stated those roads were originally county roads and the state assumed them in the 1950's and 1960's and there were no engineered bases on those roads.

Commissioner Rice stated when that type of development goes on they should look at developer impact fees to address impacts to the roads within the county. He noted the pipeline trucks did more damage to the roads than what their permits covered and the traffic increased. Commissioner Rice commented the mine trucks were impacting the roads but they were not covering the cost of the infrastructure.

Commissioner Murphy stated there was no funding to rebuild State Route 226.

Commissioner Rice noted a lot of the counties had impacts with development. He stated White Pine County had imposed developer impact fees to cover their infrastructure.

Commissioner Williams had heard there were safety issues at Midas and there was shoulder work but there was also an increased amount of traffic and speed due to the mines.

Michael Murphy stated the Cortez Mine traffic had impacted the Beowawe and Crescent Valley road to where it was reverting back to gravel. He stated they had a long term project scheduled in that area so they could rebuild the road. He commented getting funding for rural country roads that dead end was extremely difficult. Michael Murphy stated their operations and services this year would be cut. Michael Murphy noted he was \$40,000 over budget on the chip seal projects already.

Commissioner Williams stated he and Cash Minor had met with Newmont Mine this morning and believed with the falling gold prices if the mines were impacted with additional road fees, the mines may leave the state.

Michael Murphy stated in the past Cortez Mine had worked with them and their heavy traffic was scheduled later in the day rather than in middle of the heat

in the day. He stated NDOT were attempting to coordinate with the business.

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## **VIII. 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 were no other projects planned other than the one previously discussed.

### **B. City of Elko:**

Dennis Strickland reported they were 95% complete with their design on the west Idaho Street curb, gutter, sidewalk and street lighting project. He stated they would bid late this fall or earlier in the spring to get infrastructure in before NDOT's project. He said they would be starting their annual maintenance projects in two or three weeks.

Commissioner Myers inquired about the Errecart extension project because he understood a school would be going up in that area.

Dennis Strickland stated there was a lack of funding for that project. He noted they had their RTC apportionment already allocated.

Commissioner Williams inquired how long the work would take on the Mountain City Highway.

Michael Murphy stated the road work may be in the season of 2014 but depending upon the weather it may go into 2015 and they may have utility issues.

### **C. City of Wells:**

No report was submitted.

### **D. City of West Wendover:**

No report submitted.

### **E. Town of Jackpot:**

No report was submitted.

### **F. Spring Creek Association:**

Mary Winter, SCA President, submitted a written report. She stated on August 5 they would begin their major road projects. They looked at Spring Valley Parkway and would crack seal it before they do a chip seal.

Commissioner Myers inquired about an increase in costs.

Mary Winter commented some of their costs had decreased. She noted the road edges were a maintenance issue with service trucks pulling off the road and breaking down the road edges.

### **G. Elko County School District:**

Bill Micheli, School District Transportation Director, stated there was

nothing to report at this time.

**H. Elko Area Transit System:**

Cash Minor stated Abby Wheeler, EATS Coordinator, did not have anything further to report and had departed from the meeting room.

**I. Elko County:**

Otis Tipton reported the bids were opened and NDOT awarded the bid to Gerber Construction from Utah on the Mary's River Bridge under the Federal Highway Bridge Replacement Program. He noted they were proceeding with the permitting for the Pole Creek Bridge. He stated this afternoon the Commission may be authorizing them to have a selection committee who would decide upon the engineering firms for their Boyd-Kennedy and Cotton Wood bridges. Otis Tipton reported that the mag and lig projects were almost completed for the year.

Commissioner Williams inquired when the additional gas tax funding would come in.

Cash Minor stated they would see a little this year but most of that funding would come in next year.

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**IX. General discussion of routine RTC issues** for information and/or administrative direction purposes.

No discussion was held.

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**X. OCTOBER 2013 RTC MEETING:**

The next scheduled RTC Meeting will be October 2, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

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**XI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

No public comment was submitted.

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**XII. ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Myers adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

APPROVED,

CHARLIE MYERS, Chairman

ATTEST:

MARILYN TIPTON, Deputy Clerk