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A regular meeting of the Carson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization was scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14, 2014 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson James Mallery
Vice Chairperson Ray Fierro
Member Brad Bonkowski
Member Jon Erb
Member John McKenna
Member Robert McQueary
Member James Smolenski
Ex-Officio Member Jason Van Havel

STAFF: Andy Burnham, Deputy Public Works Director
Patrick Pittenger, Transportation Manager
Daniel Doenges, Senior Transportation Planner
Joseph Ward, Senior Deputy District Attorney
Kathleen King, Deputy Clerk / Recording Secretary

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A. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM (4:29:08) - Chairperson Mallery called the meeting to order at 4:29 p.m. Roll was called; a quorum was present.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT (4:30:13) - Chairperson Mallery entertained public comment. Mr. Pittenger introduced Federal Highway Administration Nevada Division Planning and Research Manager Christina Leach. (4:31:25) Ms. Leach thanked the CAMPO members for their service and advised of her intent to regularly attend their meetings. Chairperson Mallery welcomed Ms. Leach and entertained additional public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

C. POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES (4:31:54) - In response to a question, Ms. King explained that there was no CAMPO meeting in March.

D. AGENDA MANAGEMENT NOTICE (4:32:02) - Chairperson Mallery entertained modifications to the agenda; however, none were forthcoming.

E. DISCLOSURES (4:32:06) - Chairperson Mallery entertained disclosures; however, none were forthcoming.

F. PUBLIC MEETING ITEMS:

F-1. INFORMATION ON U.S. HIGHWAY 50 IN CARSON CITY AND LYON COUNTY, INCLUDING A PROJECT TO BEGIN IN LATE MAY 2014 AND A PROPOSED TRAFFIC SIGNAL IN DAYTON (4:32:12) - Chairperson Mallery introduced this item. Mr. Pittenger provided background information, and introduced NDOT Senior Road Designer Steve Bird. Mr. Bird reviewed details of the Highway 50 improvement project, and responded to questions of clarification.

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Chairperson Mallery entertained public comment. (4:40:38) Carson City Health and Human Services Department Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety and Access Coordinator Cortney Bloomer inquired as to the method by which perpetuating bicycle access from Lyon County into Carson City will be handled at the point where the additional acceleration and deceleration lanes are being added. Mr. Bird explained that a five-foot bicycle lane will be constructed. Ms. Bloomer advised of having been involved in the road safety audit which evaluated Highway 50 last October, and inquired as to whether additional corridor lighting will be added as part of the project. Mr. Bird advised that additional lighting was considered and, “unfortunately it's just become very expensive due to the fact that there's no service to the immediate area.”

Chairperson Mallery requested Ex-Officio Member Van Havel to discuss the traffic signal proposed for the intersection of Highway 50 and Fortune Drive. Mr. Van Havel advised that “at this point, the CVS, which is a potential development ... in the area is not in yet and the traffic volumes and velocities ... appear to be stable. ... there's been an extensive crash analysis ... in the area within the last year to try to determine if it's a hot spot, relatively speaking, across the state and it was not determined to be a hot spot. There was a traffic signal warrant study in, roughly, June of 2012 and, at that point, the traffic signal was not warranted. And, simply from NDOT's standpoint, from a liability standpoint, NDOT cannot install a traffic signal unless the warrants are met. Once the warrants are met, then a signal could be installed. So, as we have additional developments in the area, it's a permit condition for the developer to conduct a traffic study in the area and, with the additional traffic volumes, then we'll re-evaluate the warrant study and take a look to see if it's appropriate for a potential signal at that time.”

Vice Chairperson Fierro related information conveyed by Lyon County Public Works Department Director Mike Workman and Central Lyon County Fire Chief John Gillenwater regarding the volume of traffic accidents adjacent to the Smith's shopping center. Vice Chairperson Fierro expressed concern over a disconnect between NDOT's Zero Fatalities campaign and the seeming lack of concern over the volume of accidents adjacent to the Smith's shopping center in Dayton. Ex-Officio Member Van Havel acknowledged that “any life is too many ... to lose ... on any section of Nevada roads. The goal of the department is zero fatalities and, with the resources that we have, the analysis that we're performing, we're trying to implement those resources most effectively and efficiently ... around the state. And, at this point, the analysis of the area, as far as the warrants for the signal ..., it's not warranted at this time.” Ex-Officio Member Van Havel assured the CAMPO members that the issue “is of grave concern to the department and, so stretching our resources thin around the state, we're doing the best we can.”

Chairperson Mallery entertained additional CAMPO member questions or comments and, when none were forthcoming, public comments. (4:47:07) Mr. Bird advised that NDOT staff has evaluated the Highway 50 and Fortune Drive intersection as well as the entire corridor, starting from Flowery to Fortune. “Not only are we trying to meld just the isolated issue with Fortune [Drive], we're trying to look at the bigger picture and that includes Smith's, Flowery Drive, Pine Cone, and how all that should flow together.” Mr. Bird further advised that NDOT staff has met with Lyon County representative to develop a conceptual plan for the area. “... unfortunately, it always comes back to money. There's no money to do the job. ... NDOT has taken a look at it and tried to develop some long-term solutions to that area.” Mr. Bird offered to make the conceptual plan available for review by any interested citizen.

(4:48:21) Bill Miles introduced himself as “the lead developer out at Highway 50 / Fortune and sold the property to CVS Pharmacy.” He expressed appreciation to Ex-Officio Member Van Havel and Mr. Bird for their comments, but requested them to keep in mind that there are members of the community and community organizations which are “willing to pay for the light without any costs out of NDOT's pocket whatsoever.” He introduced Lyon County Manager Jeff Page, Central Lyon County Fire Chief John

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Gillenwater, Lyon County School Board President John Stevens, and Carson-Tahoe Regional Medical Center Representative Rebecca Benaire. “With that said and your goal of zero fatalities on Nevada highways, you have a mechanism immediately available to you to control and slow traffic down in an area where there's been article after article after article in the local papers about problems on Highway 50 and fatalities. And, again, this is without any cost to NDOT that we are offering to put the signal in. ... In this case, this is ... a common sense situation where ... it's very reasonable that we're ready to hang those traffic signals on Highway 50 right now and be in 100 percent compliance with all NDOT's rules, regulations, etc., with the exception of, maybe, the warrants.” In response to a question, Mr. Miles provided background information on the CVS Pharmacy development. Member Bonkowski advised that 100 acres of residentially-zoned property adjacent to Fortune Drive is currently in escrow with a home developer who plans to construct 400 homes, all of which will egress onto Fortune Drive. Mr. Miles acknowledged the possibility of being “a little early based on warrants. At a point in time, there will be a signal needed at that intersection. It's at no cost to NDOT and we might as well get people familiar with it now, particularly ... based on the [zero fatalities] policy ...”

(4:53:19) Lyon County Commissioner Bob Hastings expressed appreciation for warrants, but advised he has “yet to have one citizen in Dayton say, 'Don't put a light in ...' Every time somebody gets hurt, every time somebody gets killed out there, we are inundated. As Mr. Miles said, we have the option there to put that light in. It's there, it's at no cost, it's what the citizens want, it's not going to create a problem.” Mr. Hastings advised that he lives in the neighborhood that exits onto Fortune Drive, and discussed the associated difficulties. He reiterated appreciation for the warrants, but expressed concern over the number of future accidents which will take place before a light is warranted to be installed. He invited the CAMPO members to a meeting scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on June 5th at Sutro Elementary School, where Mr. Bird will be providing a presentation. Mr. Hastings noted that “part of the problem is misinformation. ... Mr. Bird, as well as members of the Lyon County Sheriff's Department, members of the roads department will be in attendance.” Mr. Hastings expressed the understanding that the warrants study was conducted in June 2012, “not long after school was out for the summer. There is a major elementary school four blocks from that intersection that the school buses come in and out of Highway 50 each and every day.” He expressed the belief that there are 600 kids in that school, and the opinion that “if those studies were done when those school kids were not in session, that's a problem.”

(4:56:47) Lyon County Manager Jeff Page provided background information on his career in Lyon County, and discussed difficulties associated with the commute from Carson City to Dayton. He expressed concern that the lack of traffic controls along the Carson City to Dayton route has a negative affect on drivers. “... right now, it's wide open.” He expressed additional concern over the proposed residential development in the Fortune Drive area and the corresponding increase in traffic. He reiterated that “the traffic light is already paid for,” and expressed understanding for NDOT's warrants system. He advised that in the last ten years he's “lost two friends on that highway ...; two employees critically injured in the last ten years on that highway.” He advised that the “issue at hand, today, is safety of the traveling public up and down Highway 50. ... We've already paid our money, Chief Gillenwater's paid his money, Bill's paid his money, Carson-Tahoe's paid [their] money. We're willing to put it up. Let's get it done.” Mr. Page advised of having talked with the Lyon County Sheriff earlier in the afternoon, and conveyed the sheriff's support for installing a traffic signal at the intersection of Highway 50 and Fortune Drive.

(5:00:46) Lyon County School Board Member John Stevens thanked the CAMPO “for the efforts and changes you've made to Moundhouse. Our near-miss occurrences with the school buses has dropped tremendously. It is a much safer route now to transport students, 26 to 30 per bus ... and we're having a much safer time accessing the residential area and then, again, accessing Highway 50. Mr. Stevens advised

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of having lived in Dayton for 53 years, and discussed concern over “access to the residential area and the two schools, Sutro at Fortune and Riverview past Riverboat. Any break in the flow of that traffic would give people an access to the residential area on [Highway] 50.” Mr. Stevens offered to supply statistical information on the number of students transported, the number of buses on the road, the amount of access to and from Highway 50, in support of the requested traffic signal.

(5:02:49) Central Lyon County Fire Chief John Gillenwater discussed the importance of “having a control point for us and school buses ...,” and reviewed the number of trips from the fire station on an annual basis. He noted that “we're the organization that takes care of the people that don't meet the warrant.” He suggested that the “area [considered] the bad part probably goes much further down the road than Fortune [Drive.] That control point would ripple through the county in both directions on Highway 50, including the Smith's, down to Flowery, but probably down to Segale and that's where we just had the double fatality. It's going to help slow that traffic down just a little bit further down the road.” He requested the CAMPO to “look ... beyond the warrants and be ... proactive rather than always having to be ... reactive ...”

Chairperson Mallery entertained additional public comments and, when none were forthcoming, CAMPO member questions or comments. Member McKenna requested staff to agendize a resolution for the next meeting. Mr. Bird advised of having been informed that the 45 mile per hour speed limit would be “pushed further to the east. ... So, for a short term fix, that will be happening ... in the next couple weeks.” Mr. Bird responded to questions regarding recent traffic studies, and discussion followed. Chairperson Mallery entertained additional questions or comments; however, none were forthcoming.

F-2. POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2015 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (“UPWP”) (5:13:05) - Chairperson Mallery introduced this item, and Mr. Doenges reviewed the agenda materials. Chairperson Mallery entertained public comment and, when none was forthcoming, a motion. **Vice Chairperson Fierro moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2015 Unified Planning Work Program, as presented. Member Bonkowski seconded the motion.** Chairperson Mallery entertained discussion on the motion and, when none was forthcoming, called for a vote.

RESULT:	Approved [7-0]
MOVER:	Vice Chair Ray Fierro
SECOND:	Member Brad Bonkowski
AYES:	Vice Chair Fierro, Members Bonkowski, Erb, McKenna, McQueary, Smolenski, Chair Mallery
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

G. INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

G-1. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (5:14:43) - Chairperson Mallery introduced this item, and Mr. Pittenger reviewed the tentative agenda for the June CAMPO meeting. Chairperson Mallery entertained requests for additional future agenda items; however, none were forthcoming.

H. CAMPO MEMBER COMMENTS (5:15:42) - Ex-Officio Member Van Havel advised that Tom Greco will represent NDOT at the Lyon County meeting of NDOT's annual county tour.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT (5:16:13) - Chairperson Mallery entertained public comment; however, none was forthcoming.

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J. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (5:16:40) - Member Smolenski moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:16 p.m. Member Bonkowski seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The Minutes of the May 14, 2014 Carson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting are so approved this 9th day of July, 2014.

JAMES MALLERY, Chair