

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

A meeting of the Regional Transportation Commission was held on July 16, 2020, at 8:00 a.m. in White Pine County Library Conference Room, 950 Campton Street, Ely, Nevada.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Wayne Cameron, Chairman
Richard Howe, WPC Commission
Jim Alworth, City of Ely

ALSO PRESENT:

Mike Cracraft, City of Ely
BJ Almberg, Basin Engineering
George Chachas
Naomi Harris, Recording Secretary

ABSENT:

Bill Calderwood, WPC Public Works Director
Mike Sturgeon, City of Ely
Steve Baer, NDOT

Wayne Cameron called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m.

***COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (3 Minute Time Limit):** - George Chachas started the meeting off by saying that the City and RTC is doing a regrind project on a section of Avenue D between The Prospector and Wheeler Machinery, along with an oil stabilization to prep for a chip overlay. The whole project needs to be done under a general improvement district. Not all of the road was paved. It was a dirt road. There is no curb, no gutter, no sidewalk or ADA compliance. Traffic in that area is too heavy for just a chip overlay. It appears they're doing a sweetheart project. They need to adhere to City standards, which have not been changed. This patch job is not going to get it. They need to do things right - one time.

He wants to remind them that the curb and gutter has not been put in on the Mill Street chip overlay project. The one thing that is going to ruin that project. They can't override City regulations.

On the corner of Campton and Great Basin, the Copper Queen continues to drain its parking lot run-off on the sidewalk, which is illegal. In the wintertime it freezes and creates a slipping hazard. It's alongside a State Highway and it hasn't been addressed as of yet. Also the Campton access needs to be widened to City standards. It was improperly narrowed and never approved by the City Council. He wants to remind them that the City sued him for putting curb and gutter and sidewalk on Avenue G and he followed their directions. That road is considerably wider. He wants to caution them about selective enforcement and discrimination.

George also wanted to remind them that Carol McKenzie has yet to correct the ADA non-compliant sidewalk she put outside of her fence line. She needs to address that. She is on the Planning Commission and creates rules and regulations for everybody and yet it doesn't pertain to her. She needs a lesson.

There is no ADA access on the corner of Avenue C and 11th Street nor 13th Street and Avenue M. They were both RTC projects and were done improperly. There is no ADA access.

Nothing has been done on 7th Street at the railroad crossing across from the old grade school. They have taken away the access. He can't do any maintenance work along the fence line. They're putting the handicapped out into the street. It was a poor job and it was a Federal project. The railroad needs to address that. He is not going to let this one go.

On an earlier subject they talked about the median on 15th Street but he has not seen or heard anything since then. That street is going to be narrowed once the median goes in. There is no sidewalk for the pedestrians to walk on and it needs to be addressed. He has not seen anyone put it on any of their agendas yet. This topic goes back to August 15, 2019.

DISCUSSION – CURRENT NDOT PROJECTS - Wayne Cameron asked BJ Alberg if NDOT is starting the project this Monday and if it is anticipated to last 2 years.

BJ said yes, that is the intent. This summer and next summer are the construction seasons. Richard Howe asked if they are going to work in the winter. BJ said he believes they will shut down around November and come back in the spring.

DISCUSSION – CURRENT CITY OF ELY PROJECTS - Mike Cracraft said the City of Ely will be doing a chipseal at the end of the month on Mill Street and Belfort Avenue. They are going to start doing some cold patch overlays on 10th Street, 11th Street and Ely Avenue with the plan of doing a chipseal over the top of them. Mike Cracraft and BJ Alberg met with Steve Baer and Eric Trujillo (NDOT) and that was their recommendation.

George Chachas asked exactly where on Ely Avenue Mike is talking about. BJ said it is between Center Street and North Street by the Central Ely School. Mike said they will try to do some overlays on the streets by the DEN school also. It will be during the slurry seal in September. BJ said the intention is to try to get this slurry seal project going in September if weather holds for both the City and the County as joint projects.

George Chachas asked if they are planning on doing anything behind the Four Sevens Motel going towards the Renaissance Village. Mike Cracraft said he'll have to look at that. George said he would like to look at it also. Mike agreed.

DISCUSSION – CURRENT COUNTY PROJECTS - Naomi Harris said the County is starting the chipseal project in Lund on Monday. They will save enough oil for the City to use on Belfort Avenue and Mill Street. They did the first treatment of oil stabilization on Oxborrow and Mitchell. BJ Alberg clarified the location to be off of McGill Highway by Club 50 when George Chachas asked.

DISCUSSION – SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING – Next meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

***APPROVAL OF RTC MINUTES (04/14/2020)** – Jim Alworth made a motion to approve the 04/14/2020 meeting minutes. Richard Howe seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (3 Minute Time Limit) – George Chachas said before the road project begins on Great Basin Blvd. proper access must be addressed coming off of Clark Street, Campton Street, Avenue I, Avenue K and Avenue L. They do not meet minimum City standards and they need to be addressed now. He wants to know what they're going to do. Some of those roads were narrowed without any approval from the City Council.

Keith Carson has yet to fulfill his RTC agreement in regards to the paving of Orson and Ruby. He has not finished the valley gutter nor curb and gutter. He has a trailer park where he is putting in modular homes which is not allowed. It's a trailer park. This guy has got to be reined in. We have rules and regulations that pertain to everybody and that includes him. He made an agreement with this Board that he would put in the valley gutter if they paved that street. They paved that street but he reneged on his part.

He said they talked about additional monies for roads earlier. Mr. Howe has not put anything on the agenda in regards to taxation on electric cars or contacting the State to see if they will do something about it. More electric cars equals less gas tax. That needs to be addressed now.

He wants to remind them that Avenue A is a private road. The City and County are doing a SNPLMA project there. They can't do that.

Lastly, they need to look at the egress/ingress on Avenue D (near the Holiday Inn). It's much too narrow. It's creating a hazard. People have run over the stop sign 4-5 times. They have pushed the boulder onto the sidewalk and a person with a wheelchair cannot get past that. George presented a picture of the stop sign leaning and a large rock on the sidewalk and asked for it be put into the record. Continuing on with Avenue D issues he stated that it was narrowed down way too much and that the curb and gutter should be 5 feet from the fence line of the Vancamp Junk Yard, not 11 feet. He understands the City of Ely paid \$16,000 for that curb and gutter on the north side and that money needs to come back. Mr. Vancamp needs to pay that, not the taxpayers.

Wayne Cameron adjourned the meeting at 8:22 a.m.