

# REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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A meeting of the Regional Transportation Commission was held on June 21, 2018, at 8:00 a.m. in White Pine County Library Conference Room, 950 Campton Street, Ely, Nevada.

**THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:**

Richard Howe, WPC Commission  
Jolene Gardner, City of Ely

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Bill Calderwood, WPC Public Works Director  
BJ Almberg, Basin Engineering  
George Chachas  
Naomi Harris, Recording Secretary

**ABSENT WERE:**

Wayne Cameron, Chairman  
Dave Berky, City of Ely  
Desiree Barnson, Representing Ely Bus  
Steve Baer, NDOT Representative

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Wayne Cameron called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

**\*COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (3 Minute Time Limit):**

George Chachas is still waiting for information he has asked for numerous times.

Reading from previous minutes:

“George went on to say that to date there has been nothing reported on road access concerns regarding Park Avenue, Campton Street, Avenue I, Avenue K and Avenue L where they intersect onto Great Basin Boulevard.”

George has seen the State engineers or crew walking up and down the street the last couple of days. He has not heard in any meetings where they are addressing his concerns listed above. There is a minimum street width that needs to be addressed when they access a Federal Highway. That means 93, 50 and 6.

The City sued George when he put in new curb and gutter on Avenue G and Great Basin. He did what they told him to do, which was follow the State curb or State corner. Yet those other intersections don't even meet the width that he did. He said they can't discriminate. If they're going to do a new project, it has to be up to code. In particular, Great Basin and Campton. That street is very busy.

He said he called Jolene Gardner when the racers were here in May. There were semis parked on the right side of the road and people coming off of Great Basin were driving into oncoming traffic. That's a dangerous situation. That road, by City code, has to be 55 ft. or 50 ft. wide. Yet it's down to 40+ ft. It was never narrowed by City action. And if it was, he would like to know the date, time, who approved it, who applied for the permit and who was notified. He has property there and was never notified. Jolene Gardner asked for verification of location. George again said Campton and Great Basin at the corner of the Copper Queen. He added that if the street downtown is narrowed, Campton Street traffic is going to double from people who are trying to get away from a narrow 2-way street.

George added that, for the record, he wants 4 lanes downtown, not 2 lanes. Where there is no traffic, there is no business.

Nothing has been mentioned in regards to an overhead pedestrian walk-way in the area of Great Basin Blvd. and Veteran's Blvd. There is still a lack of signage noting the locations of schools and children traffic. It's the heaviest congested area in the community and they are going to make it worse. The reason the school was removed from the downtown area was because of truck traffic, yet it gets moved up on the highway and then a truck stop gets put in on top of that.

In closing, George reiterated he wants 4 lanes downtown.

Richard Howe called the 3 minute time limit.

#### **DISCUSSION – UPDATES FROM NDOT – none**

**DISCUSSION – CURRENT CITY OF ELY PROJECTS** – BJ Alberg said the City of Ely's portion of sealing the streets was cancelled. The City was piggybacking on Clark County's bid. When the Contractor provided the numbers they were about 40% higher than the price of the project in Las Vegas. BJ said Dave Berky asked for justification for the increase but never received any back-up from the Contractor to justify the increase. BJ said he and Dave Berky both understand that there is an upcharge for mobilization/demobilization of equipment but they thought 40% was excessive and not acceptable. He said with the new fiscal year coming up and the new equipment RTC is purchasing, they felt those funds would be more beneficial used for buying supplies for that piece of equipment. Obviously they feel bad that the project didn't get completed but they didn't feel like they could justify the additional cost.

Richard Howe asked what project BJ was talking about. BJ said they were going to microseal some streets in the Murry Canyon area. Richard Howe asked if it was from the "Y" down to First Street. BJ responded yes. Richard Howe said he spoke to Dave Berky about that alternate street going up Mill Street. He asked if that will be put on the back burner also. BJ responded yes.

**DISCUSSION – CURRENT COUNTY PROJECTS** – Bill Calderwood said the prior Road Superintendent requested a microseal be applied in Lund. Bill Calderwood came before the Board at the last RTC meeting and requested a rejuvenating oil be applied in lieu of the microseal in Lund, Preston and the Preston Loop. The Board approved the change and that project has now been completed.

In addition, they completed 1st West in Lund and added some drainage also. They also applied soil stabilization oil, the same process used on Georgetown Ranch Road. A portion of the Preston Loop is NDOT's. The County used a rejuvenating oil for that and in exchange, NDOT did all of the centerline striping for the County in Preston.

In addition, as indicated on the priority list brought before the Board, the County planned on doing small portions of Baker and the Baker Cutoff. They have also been completed. NDOT also tabbed and striped the Baker Cutoff centerline.

Georgetown Ranch Road was the next priority. It has gone through the second phase of adding soil stabilization oil and it was sealed this morning. It should be open to the public in a couple of hours.

By the end of the day today, Poleline Road and 212 will be have their first round of soil stabilization oil applied, the same process Georgetown Ranch Road received last year. Those are two roads in the Lackawanna area that will be completed today. In July/August they will be moving on to 283 North, Oxborrow and Mitchell.

Richard Howe complimented the Road Department on Georgetown Ranch Road. Bill Calderwood said prior to treatment, the Road Department was watering/grading/compacting that road about every 4 weeks. The road would unravel, especially on the turn, within a week. The grader has only been on that road one and a half times after the first stabilization application was completed last August. He does not anticipate it will have to be graded again until the next application. BJ Almberg asked when that will be. Bill said they would like to complete it in August but they are working on a potential project with the mine for road work on WP03. That project will dictate when they can do the next application on Georgetown Ranch Road. If they don't get to it, it's going to be solid all winter anyway.

BJ Almberg added that prior to the County laying down the oil stabilization treatment on Georgetown Ranch Road, the City landfill was also watering the road to keep the dust down.

Bill Calderwood said he is sure some of these roads will fail in some parts because it is not asphalt. It's for dust control and for hardening the road. But overall he couldn't be happier with the projects. They're solid and the public seems to like them. It was well worth the effort and gamble.

**DISCUSSION – SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING** – There was discussion on how often the Board should meet. Jolene Gardner made a motion to approve skipping the July 2018 meeting. Richard Howe seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved. The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, August 9, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. in the White Pine County Library conference room.

**\*APPROVAL OF RTC MINUTES (05/17/18)** – Since Jolene Gardner was absent from the May 17, 2018 meeting and Wayne Cameron is absent today, the item was tabled.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (3 Minute Time Limit)**

George Chachas wanted to reiterate that he wants the RTC Board to collect the \$19,000 back from the Tour and Rec Board. They have \$1.5 million coming in and that \$19,000 would be better used in Central Ely. They are in dire need of repairs down there.

In regards to Keith Carson living up to his agreement to finish the valley gutter on Ruby and Orson, it still has not been done. It was an RTC contract. Mr. Carson needs to comply with the contract, with the agreement and with City code. George gave the Board a copy of the City code in regards to curb and gutter. He wants it to be part of the record. He also handed out a memo dated June 26, 1991, when George became Mayor, about the importance of handicapped access on all corners per City policy. It isn't being done on RTC projects, let alone City projects.

He went on to say there still is no ADA access on the corners of 11th Street and Avenue C. Also Avenue M and 13th Street going out to Magic Carpet. He said the projects should only have to be done once, not 2 and 3 times. He said they are not in compliance with the law, yet they hit the public for not being up to code and violating the law. Either you have rules or you don't. He added that he gets hammered with those rules more than anyone else and he is fed up.

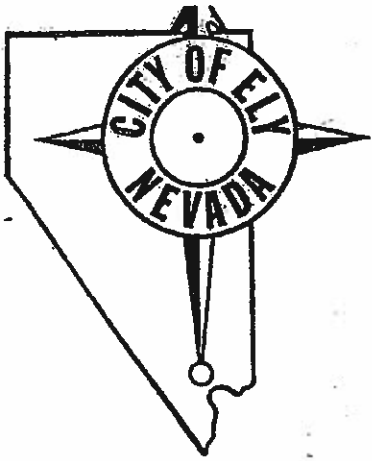
George Chachas said he wants more clarification in regards to the \$38,000 wanted for repairing the street lights in the City of Ely. He doesn't understand. He chastised the Mayor for failure to keep up with the street lights. He is not sure what the whole problem is but he wants it on record. Before the Board gives them any money, he wants to know what the real problem is.

George Chachas said the NDOT representative has not been to many RTC meetings but he is still more responsive than his predecessor was.

After the last RTC meeting George went up to the crossing at 7th Street by the old school. NDOT was there and did a partial repair. It was in compliance with ADA and George was very happy with the work. He was very unhappy, however, that they could not extend it another 40 feet. He told Jolene Gardner that it is the responsibility of the City of Ely. They had 490 linear feet of piping that came out of the Murry Street project. They could have used that pipe for another 40-50 feet, got rid of the riprap and made a walk-way for people so they are not put out in the street. He wants to emphasize that it's a Federal project and it is not in compliance with the law.

BJ Almberg asked George if he was referring to what the City did for Public Transit (referring to the lights). Jolene Gardner asked if it's for the LED lights in the housing area. George said he is not sure, that's why he wants clarification. George said it looks like a ghetto around town. He said he gets off of work late and there are street lights out all around town.

Wayne Cameron adjourned the meeting at 8:21 a.m.



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 26, 1991

TO: CITY COUNCIL  
CITY ENGINEER  
BUILDING INSPECTOR  
WORKING SUPERVISOR  
CITY ATTORNEY

FROM: MAYOR CHACHAS *A.C.C.*

RE: HANDI-CAP ACCESS ON ALL CURB AND GUTTERS LOCATED ON CORNER LOTS

In the past it has been the policy of City of Ely to require curb and gutter handi-cap access on all corner lots. I am requesting that the city require and re-establish this policy for uniformity throughout the city. This will be complied with whether there are sidewalks or not on corner lot property, thereby alleviating any discrepancies which could occur.

more than three and one-half feet (3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ') high within twenty five feet (25') of the intersection of any two (2) street curb lines; provided, however, that shade trees of sufficient height to permit sight distance one street to the other under the lowest branches of foliage thereof, may be permitted and maintained. (Ord. 410, 8-25-1986)

**12-11-6: WATER SUPPLY AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL FACILITIES:**

- A. **Required:** It shall be unlawful to locate, erect or construct any building or any lot without provision for approved water supply and sewage disposal facilities. Wherever an existing water and/or sewer main is accessible, connections shall be made with such mains, in every other case, individual water supply and sewage disposal facilities meeting the requirements of the health department agency, shall be installed under its supervision.
- B. **Certificate Of Approval:** A certificate of approval of the proposed method of water supply and sanitary disposal of wastes shall be obtained from the health department agency prior to the filing of the application for a building permit, and such certificate shall accompany each such application. (Ord. 410, 8-25-1986)

**12-11-7: CURBS AND GUTTERS:**

- A. All new construction as determined by the Ely building inspector shall be required to install curbs and gutters as required by the applicable building codes.
- B. In the event the new construction is being constructed on a street or roadway that is currently paved, the owner/builder, developer or contractor shall fill in the pavement from the newly installed curb and gutter to the existing pavement of the roadway. (Ord. 627, 8-14-2008)