

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

A meeting of the Regional Transportation Commission was held on August 9, 2018, 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

ALSO PRESENT:

Martin Troutt, White Pine County Road Dept.
Steve Baer, NDOT Representative (8:04 a.m.)
Russ Merritt, City of Ely
Naomi Harris, Recording Secretary

ABSENT WERE:

Jolene Gardner, City of Ely
Desiree Barnson, Representing Ely Bus
Bill Calderwood, WPC Public Works Director
BJ Almberg, Basin Engineering

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

***COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (3 Minute Time Limit): - none**

DISCUSSION – UPDATES FROM NDOT – Steve Baer said their big project through Ely is still on schedule. Estimates are coming in a lot higher than projected but everything is still moving forward. Because of the size of the project, they may be dividing the main project into some separate projects. For example, the 3R portion of the project which goes from the edge of Ely to the Ruth turnoff. That will probably be a separate project but will be bid at the same time. The original project estimate was approximately \$30 million. The latest estimates show it could cost an upwards of \$50 million when it's all said and done. They are trying to get some points of where they can split things up if that was a factor and that's one of the reasons they are talking about breaking the 3R portion of the project out. But everything seems to be coming together. They are tightening up specifications and finalizing everything as they approach the final stretch of bid preparation.

Richard Howe asked when the project will go out to bid. Steve Baer said it will go out to bid around November-December with construction kick-off in the spring.

Richard Howe asked if the \$50 million includes the storm drain down in Central Ely. Steve Baer said absolutely. The entire storm drain system is ± \$15 million. The roadway reconstruction is ± \$15 million and the lighting, IPS and all of that is ± \$10 million. But they are moving forward still and things are starting to fall into place.

DISCUSSION – CURRENT CITY OF ELY PROJECTS – Russ Merritt said at the moment the City is concentrating on maintenance, durapatching, etc. until he can get up to speed on other projects.

Wayne Cameron asked what the next phase is for the Murry Street project. Russ said this is his first week so he has yet to get into the details of the next phase but he will find out for the next meeting. Wayne Cameron said he has been asked by some residents who live on the street. Richard Howe said he wants it done by winter.

DISCUSSION – CITY OF ELY - FUNDS USED FOR LIGHTING – Russ Merritt said as far as he knows they haven't used any funds for lighting yet but again, he has not been brought up to speed. He will find out. Wayne Cameron said the way he reads the RTC funding guidelines, the funds can be used for lighting, artificial lighting and lighting equipment. He don't think it's been done in the past but it is allowable. Richard Howe said Russ is just coming on board so they shouldn't get into anything until Russ is on his feet. Everything can be put on the next agenda to give him time to get up to speed.

DISCUSSION – CURRENT COUNTY PROJECTS – Martin Troutt said the second process has been completed on Georgetown Ranch Road. Their intentions were to put three oil stabilizations on it before they chipsealed it. After meeting with Steve Baer and Eric Trujillo with NDOT it was decided to skip the third stabilization treatment and chipseal after the second. That process is complete. The State assisted the County with the chipseal. They will be doing a final sweep today and then Monday morning they have oil coming in and they will be putting a fog seal on it. They will see how it lasts through the winter. He is very confident at the moment that it is going to be a good project.

The first treatment of Poleline Road is holding up pretty well. On Monday they will start the second treatment on 212N. After that they may do another treatment before fall. Scheduling of the distributor truck will be a determining factor, which has been the hardest process for these projects.

Martin went on to say that the RTC distributor truck has been specified and is out to bid. It's due to be awarded at the August 22, 2018 County Commission meeting.

Richard Howe asked what the lead time is for the distributor truck after placing the order. Martin Troutt said the build time is estimated at 3 months.

Richard Howe also asked if the base they used on 212N is the same material they used on Georgetown Ranch Road. Martin said yes.

Wayne Cameron thanked Martin Troutt, Bill Calderwood and the Road Department for mowing weeds along the Ruth Highway. He then inquired about striping the Ruth Highway. Martin said NDOT is going to assist with the striping and it is on their schedule. Wayne Cameron asked if it would be completed this year. Martin said he thinks it will be done soon but it depends on NDOT's schedule.

DISCUSSION/ACTION/POSSIBLE APPROVAL – TO HOLD RTC MEETINGS BI-MONTHLY UNLESS OTHERWISE SCHEDULED – Richard Howe said the Board discussed this last month when Jolene Gardner was present and Wayne Cameron was absent. He said it seems there is not enough material to talk about to warrant a meeting every single month. He added that it was the general consensus at the last meeting to hold the meeting bi-monthly. Jolene Gardner was on board last meeting along with BJ Alberg and Bill Calderwood. It seems to be the logical thing to do. Wayne Cameron asked if the ordinance is will have to be changed. Richard Howe said he will take it to the DA and find out. He said they can make a motion pending approval of the DA. Richard Howe made a motion to hold RTC meetings bi-monthly unless otherwise scheduled (pending DA approval). Wayne Cameron seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

DISCUSSION – SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING – The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. in the White Pine County Library conference room.

***APPROVAL OF RTC MINUTES (05/17/18)** – Richard Howe made a motion to approve the 05/17/18 meeting minutes. Wayne Cameron seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (3 Minute Time Limit) – none.

Wayne Cameron adjourned the meeting at 8:15 a.m.

