

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA**

FRIDAY

9:14 A.M.

June 20, 2025

PRESENT:

**Alexis Hill, Chair, Washoe County Commissioner
Devon Reese, Vice Chair, Reno City Council (Via Phone)
Mariluz Garcia, Washoe County Commissioner (Via Phone)
Bill Thomas, RTC Executive Director
Adam Spear, Legal Counsel
Sajid Sulahria, Deputy Director of NDOT (Alternate)**

ABSENT:

**Ed Lawson, Mayor of Sparks
Hillary Schieve, Mayor of Reno
Tracy Larkin Thomason, Director of NDOT**

The regular monthly meeting, held in the 1st Floor Great Room at Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County, Reno, Nevada, was called to order by Chair Hill at 9:14 a.m. A delay occurred due to a medical emergency affecting Commissioner Garcia, who joined via phone. The Board conducted the following business:

Item 1 CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1 Roll Call
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Item 2 PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Hill opened the public comment period.

Juan Martinez, RTC Access rider, reported a negative experience with a taxi driver contracted by RTC and raised safety concerns. He also requested that air conditioning on Access vehicles be operational during summer months.

Dora Martinez, local resident, commented on the lack of route announcements on large buses and the need for consistency in signage and driver awareness. She supported the development of a dedicated Shopper's Route for individuals with disabilities and thanked the Board for improvements at the Route 11 inbound stop at Mae Anne and McCarran. She acknowledged Commissioner Reese for responsiveness to accessibility concerns.

Michael Gawthrop-Hutchins emailed public comment on 6/18/2025. He expressed strong support for RTC's decision to discontinue the purchase of Battery Electric Vehicles (BEVs). He noted negative feedback from passengers, drivers, and mechanics, stating that the buses were uncomfortable and failed to maintain schedules, particularly on the Regional Connector. He advocated for prioritizing dependable and cost-effective vehicles—even diesel if necessary—to enhance service frequency and

reliability. He urged RTC to shift focus from experimental technologies to expanding and improving core transit service to boost ridership and reduce emissions effectively.

Item 3 *APPROVAL OF AGENDA*

Due to quorum constraints, the Board limited the meeting to consent items only and tabled all other agenda items to the July meeting.

On motion of Vice Chair Reese to approve with changes, seconded by Commissioner Garcia, which motion unanimously carried, Chair Hill ordered that this item be approved.

Items 4 *CONSENT ITEMS*

4.1 Minutes

- 4.1.1 Approve the meeting minutes for the 04/18/2025 RTC Board meeting. (For Possible Action)
- 4.1.2 Approve the meeting minutes for the 05/16/2025 RTC Board meeting. (For Possible Action)
- 4.1.3 Approve the meeting minutes for the 05/29/2025 RTC Special Board meeting. (For Possible Action)

4.2. Reports

- 4.2.1 Acknowledge receipt of the monthly Procurement Activity Report. (For Possible Action)
- 4.2.2 Acknowledge receipt of the monthly Planning Activity Report. (For Possible Action)
- 4.2.3 Acknowledge receipt of the monthly Engineering Activity Report. (For Possible Action)
- 4.2.4 Acknowledge receipt of the monthly Public Transportation and Operations Activity Report. (For Possible Action)
- 4.2.5 Acknowledge receipt of the monthly Outreach Report from the Communications staff. (For Possible Action)
- 4.2.6 Acknowledge receipt of the monthly summary report for the Technical, Citizens Multimodal, and Regional Road Impact Fee Advisory Committees. (For Possible Action)

4.3 Planning Department

- 4.3.1 Approve the FY 2026 Shared Work Program with the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (TMRPA). (For Possible Action)
- 4.3.2 Approve funding for Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside projects and programs for the Federal Fiscal Year 2026-2027 award cycle in the amount of \$1,680,884. (For Possible Action)

4.4 Engineering Department

- 4.4.1 Approve Amendment No. 1 to the contract with DOWL, LLC for design services related to the North Valleys North Virginia Street Capacity Project, in an amount not to exceed \$6,101,705.05, for a new total not-to-exceed amount of \$7,611,687.05. (For Possible Action)
- 4.4.2 Approve a Resolution of Condemnation authorizing RTC's legal counsel to commence condemnation proceedings to acquire a temporary construction easement interest on a portion of APN 019-360-13 from GCS Multi LLC, which is needed to construct the Virginia Line Bus Rapid Transit Improvement project. (For Possible Action)
- 4.4.3 Approve a Resolution of Condemnation authorizing RTC's legal counsel to commence condemnation proceedings to acquire a fee simple interest in, and a temporary

construction easement interest on, portions of APN 019-360-15 from Center Line Group LLC-Reno Series, which are needed to construct the Virginia Line Bus Rapid Transit Improvement Project. (For Possible Action)

- 4.4.4 Approve a settlement agreement between RTC, ZRA Enterprises, Ltd., and Robert Allen Pools & Spas, Inc., to resolve any and all litigation and claims related to RTC's acquisition of property for the Mill Street Capacity and Safety Project. (For Possible Action)

4.5 Public Transportation/Operations Department

- 4.5.1 Approve Amendment No. 2 to the contract with Spare Labs, Inc., (Order Form #SL-5055) to add the integration of the Spare AI platform in the amount of \$57,500 through the end of the current contract term of July 31, 2027. (For Possible Action)
- 4.5.2 Approve Amendment No. 2 with Celtis Ventures, Inc. for marketing consulting services for RTC TOPS Program, Phase 3 in the amount of \$500,000, for a new total not-to-exceed amount of \$1,095,000. (For Possible Action)

4.6 Executive, Administrative and Finance Departments

- 4.6.1 Authorize the Executive Director to bind annual insurance coverage effective July 1, 2025, for automobile liability, general liability, public officials' errors and omissions (E&O), property, earthquake/flood, crime, cyber, pollution liability, social engineering, fiduciary liability, employment practices liability, and workers' compensation; and approve the RTC's continued membership in in the Nevada Public Agency Insurance Pool (POOL) and Public Agency Compensation Trust (PACT). (For Possible Action)

On motion of Vice Chair Reese to approve consent items, seconded by Commissioner Garcia, which motion unanimously carried, Chair Hill ordered that these items be approved.

Items 5 and 6 were tabled to the July 2025 meeting due to limited quorum time constraints.

Item 5 DISCUSSION ITEMS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 5.1 Receive a presentation on the Truckee River Path Inventory Study. (Informational Only – No Action Required)
- 5.2 Acknowledge receipt of a report regarding regional road maintenance needs and available funding to perform roadway maintenance activities. (Informational Only – No Action Required)
- 5.3 Acknowledge receipt of the RTC RIDE 5 Year Vehicle Replacement Strategy. (Informational Only – No Action Required)
- 5.4 Acknowledge receipt of the updated RTC Strategic Roadmap for FY 2025-2027 and provide input and direction regarding next steps. (Informational Only – No Action Required)
- 5.5 Approve the RTC Goals for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026). (For Possible Action)

Item 6 REPORTS (Informational Only)

- 6.1 RTC Executive Director Report
- 6.2 RTC Federal Report
- 6.3 NDOT Director Report

Item 7 COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

No announcements or updates were provided by Commissioners

Item 8 PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Hill opened the public comment period. No additional public comment was received.

Item 9 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 a.m.



ALEXIS HILL, Chair
Regional Transportation Commission

****Copies of all presentations are available by contacting Michelle Kraus at mkraus@rtcwashoe.com.**