

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA**

**MONDAY**

**9:00 A.M.**

**May 18, 2026**

**PRESENT:**

**Alexis Hill, Chair, Washoe County Commissioner  
Devon Reese, Vice Chair, Reno City Council  
Ed Lawson, Mayor of Sparks  
Hillary Schieve, Mayor of Reno  
Bill Thomas, RTC Executive Director  
Adam Spear, Legal Counsel**

**ABSENT:**

**Mariluz Garcia, Washoe County Commissioner  
Tracy Larkin Thomason, Director of NDOT**

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A special meeting to approve the FY27 RTC Final Budget was held in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Great Room at Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County, Reno, Nevada. Board members present attended via Zoom, and the meeting was called to order by Chair Hill. 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. There was no public comment.

***Items 3     PUBLIC HEARING***

- 3.1 Conduct a public hearing on the FY 2027 RTC Final Budget; approve a recommendation from the Executive Director regarding an employee cost-of-living adjustment and performance-based salary increases to be included in the budget; approve the FY 2027 RTC Final Budget. (For Possible Action)**
  - a. Staff Presentation**
  - b. Public Hearing**
  - c. Action**

Christian Schonlau, RTC Director of Finance and CFO, presented the FY27 RTC Final Budget. He reviewed the budget development process, noting that the tentative budget had been submitted to and approved by the Nevada Department of Taxation without required revisions. Mr. Schonlau highlighted the agency's major revenue sources, including federal funding, sales tax, and fuel tax revenues, and discussed planned investments in transportation infrastructure, transit operations,

vehicle replacements, safety improvements, planning initiatives, and technology modernization projects.

Mr. Schonlau reported that the FY27 budget is balanced and that RTC remains in a strong financial position despite projected modest declines in sales tax revenues and flat fuel tax revenues. He also noted that RTC expects to invest more than \$283 million in transportation projects during the fiscal year.

Bill Thomas, Executive Director, commented that public transportation operating costs continue to increase significantly and emphasized the importance of monitoring those expenses in future budget cycles.

Chair Hill acknowledged the Board's ongoing efforts to identify additional revenue sources to support long-term financial stability and thanked staff for their work on the budget.

Chair Hill opened the public hearing for public comment. There was no public comment.

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

***Item 4            COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES***

No Commissioner announcements were made.

***Item 5            PUBLIC COMMENT***

Chair Hill opened the public comment period. There was no public comment.

***Item 6            ADJOURNMENT***

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 a.m.



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ALEXIS HILL, Chair  
Regional Transportation Commission

**\*\*Copies of all presentations are available by contacting Michelle Kraus at [mkraus@rtcwashoe.com](mailto:mkraus@rtcwashoe.com).**