

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA**

FRIDAY

8:31 A.M.

September 18, 2026

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

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. The Board conducted the following business:

Item 1 CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1 Roll Call
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Item 2 PUBLIC COMMENT

Dora Martinez thanked RTC staff for addressing her concerns regarding audible bus announcements, explaining their importance to riders who are blind or visually impaired. She also expressed concern regarding ACCESS/MTM driver compensation and staffing, stating that experienced drivers have left and that some replacement drivers require additional training and patience when assisting individuals with disabilities. She encouraged RTC to review the matter and thanked the Board and staff for their responsiveness to concerns raised by the disability community.

The Board Clerk reported that three emailed public comments had been received, distributed to the Board, and would be made part of the permanent record. Chair Hill requested that staff review traffic recommendations submitted in one of the written comments.

Item 3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Hill requested that the Consent Items be considered before Item 4.

On motion of Commissioner Garcia to approve the agenda as amended to move the Consent Items before Item 4, seconded by Mayor Schieve, which motion unanimously carried, Chair Hill ordered the agenda approved.

Item 4 DISCUSSION ITEMS AND PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Discussion and possible action to consider and interview the following candidates for the RTC Executive Director position: Daniel Gabiou, Dale Keller, Mukesh Kumar; and select the next Executive Director pending negotiation and execution of an employment contract for Board approval. (For Possible Action)

The Board interviewed Executive Director candidates Daniel Gabiou, Dale Keller, and Mukesh Kumar. Each candidate provided introductory remarks regarding professional experience, leadership philosophy, and qualifications for the position and responded to substantially the same questions from Board members.

Following the interviews, Mayor Schieve commended all three candidates and the recruitment process and stated that each candidate provided thoughtful responses.

Vice-Chair Reese also expressed appreciation for the recruitment process and the quality of the candidates and indicated his preference to submit the Board's individual ranking sheets rather than further deliberate.

Board members submitted individual ranking sheets. Legal Counsel Adam Spear announced that the results were unanimous, with each Commissioner selecting Dale Keller as the top choice for RTC Executive Director.

Chair Hill thanked all three candidates for participating in the public recruitment process and noted the support for Mr. Keller expressed by RTC employees and community members.

Mayor Schieve also thanked the other candidates for their participation and encouraged them to remain engaged with opportunities in the region.

On motion of Mayor Schieve to select Dale Keller as RTC Executive Director, pending negotiation and execution of an employment contract for Board approval, seconded by Mayor Lawson, which motion unanimously carried, Chair Hill ordered the item approved.

Items 5 CONSENT ITEMS

5.1 Minutes

- 5.1.1 Approve the meeting minutes for the 8/21/2026 RTC Board meeting. (For Possible Action)

5.2. Planning Department

- 5.2.1 Approve a contract with Parametrix, Inc., for planning services to complete Neighborhood Network Plans 5 & 6, in an amount not-to-exceed \$224,600. (For Possible Action)
- 5.2.2 Approve a contract with Parametrix, Inc., for consulting services on the Silverada-Wedekind-Clear Acre-Sutro and 7th-Kings Row-Keystone Corridor Studies, in an amount not-to-exceed \$399,360. (For Possible Action)
- 5.2.3 Approve a contract with GCW, Inc., for planning services to complete the 4th Street Corridor Study, in an amount not-to-exceed \$149,900. (For Possible Action)

- 5.2.4 Approve the RTC staff-recommended appointments/reappointments to the Citizens Multimodal Advisory Committee (CMAC) with terms through June 2027. (For Possible Action)

5.3 Engineering Department

- 5.3.1 Approve a contract with Lumos and Associates, Inc., for design and engineering during construction services related to the 2027 Preventive Maintenance Project, in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,166,935. (For Possible Action)
- 5.3.2 Approve Amendment No. 2 to the contract with Wood Rodgers, Inc., for additional engineering design and engineering during construction services to extend the scope through final design and construction of the Ninth Street Extension from Evans Avenue to Wells Avenue in connection with the University Area Transportation Project, in the amount of \$1,147,621, for a new total not-to-exceed amount of \$1,806,271. (For Possible Action)

5.4 Public Transportation/Operations Department

- 5.4.1 Approve an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Washoe County Human Services Agency to provide funds for senior/disabled transportation services in the non-urbanized area of Gerlach, in the amount of \$20,000. (For Possible Action)

5.5 Executive, Administrative and Finance Departments

- 5.5.1 Approve a contract with Trifox LLC for wage compliance services related to certified payroll monitoring, prevailing wage and Davis-Bacon Act compliance, and related LCP Tracker administration for the period January 1, 2027 through June 30, 2030, in an amount not-to-exceed \$264,285. (For Possible Action)

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

Item 6 COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

Vice Chair Reese thanked Executive Director Bill Thomas for his service to RTC and for assisting with the leadership transition. He congratulated Mr. Keller and noted the significance of the Board's unanimous selection. Vice Chair Reese also thanked his fellow Commissioners for working collaboratively across jurisdictional boundaries and reaching consensus on the selection.

Chair Hill announced that RTC would hold a special joint meeting with Storey County on September 29, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss transportation alternatives intended to support employees who live in Washoe County and work in the Tahoe-Reno Industrial Center. She stated that the meeting would involve discussion of a regional transportation effort extending across county boundaries.

Item 7 PUBLIC COMMENT

Dora Martinez congratulated Dale Keller on his selection as Executive Director and requested that RTC consider providing free RTC ACCESS transportation during the early voting period for individuals with disabilities and their personal care attendants traveling to voting locations. She

explained that providing the service during early voting could help individuals who require assistance avoid lengthy Election Day waits that may conflict with their attendants' schedules. Chair Hill stated that RTC would follow up regarding the request.

Item 8 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.



ALEXIS HILL, Chair
Regional Transportation Commission

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