

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
CITIZENS MULTIMODAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 5, 2026**

CMAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Panah Stauffer (Vice Chair)
Juan Martinez

Sue-Ting Chene
Damien Cole

CMAC MEMBERS ABSENT

Michael Lansborough
Kelly Orr

Sierra Henderson

RTC STAFF

Marquis Williams
Graham Dollarhide
Shay League

Alex Cruz
Sai Sun
Lolita Davis

CMAC GUESTS

Doralee Martinez
Phil Corbitt
Justin Haghighi

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1. ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

The Citizens Multimodal Advisory Committee (CMAC) meeting was conducted as a Zoom Meeting. The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Marquis Williams.

2. VERBAL INSTRUCTIONS REQUIRED BY ASSEMBLY BILL 219 (2023)

RTC staff read the instructions required for participating via Zoom and participating via telephone.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Damien commented on a public walkway that extends from University Way to Lake Street. He researched the walkway and found that it was built by the city and funded by the taxpayers in 1972 and had been established through an agreement with property owners. This agreement was binding on current and future landowners.

Damien stated he shared this information with various city officials. Damien stated he identified code violations related to an adjacent AT&T walkway that had been built in 1971. The gates and fences there are required to remain open to serve as a transportation corridor for the Truckee River Path. The city has the authority to remove obstructions and treat them as nuisances, similar to obstructions on public sidewalks.

Panah commented on CMAC recruitment and requested that a public notice regarding recruitment opportunities be made available and shared with the committee. She emphasized that publicly posting the notice would promote transparency, broaden outreach, and support the integrity of the committee.

Doralee Martinez asked RTC staff if a Bill Draft Request exist for the upcoming legislative session, it be included on the agenda for the next meeting and shared with the committee so that members could be informed.

4. APPROVE THE JUNE 3, 2026, AND JULY 1, 2026, MEETING MINUTES (*For Possible Action*)

The CMAC June 3, 2026, and July 1, 2026, meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

5. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS.

ITEM 5.1: PROVIDE INFORMATION, AND ADVICE, REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF BENCHES, SHELTERS AND TRANSIT STOPS FOR RTC PASSENGERS.

Sai Sun, RTC Sr. Transit Planner, gave a presentation on the construction, installation and maintenance of benches, shelters and transit stops for RTC passengers.

Damien asked whether the proposed bus stop improvements were being coordinated with the Neighborhood Network Plans and noted concerns regarding pedestrian and bicycle connectivity to the bus stops, particularly in the McCarran area, where surrounding development and existing infrastructure presented connectivity challenges. Sai Sun, RTC Sr. Transit Planner, clarified that the proposed improvements were limited to existing bus stops and concrete pads.

Damien commented on bicycle and pedestrian access in the area saying he previously contacted Reno Public Works regarding discrepancies with existing bicycle lanes and signage, he stated that some bicycle lane signs had subsequently been removed because the lanes were reportedly not recognized as official bicycle lanes. He further expressed concern that the separated bicycle path on the east side of McCarran, combined with the lack of pedestrian crossings, created difficulties for bicyclists and pedestrians attempting to access the bus stops from surrounding residential areas. Damien emphasized the importance of coordinating bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure with transit access and asked whether future planning could address safe and direct connections to the bus stops from surrounding areas.

Alex Cruz, RTC Sr. Transit Planner with RTC, clarified the Neighborhood Network Plan (NNP), which focus on specific corridors and areas, is currently being worked on. Alex explained that RTC staff participates in planning discussions to ensure coordination with transit services and bus stops are considered as part of the planning process. Alex could not confirm during the meeting whether McCarran was included as a specific project or corridor within the Neighborhood Network Plan but noted that RTC staff would continue to monitor the area. Alex explained that the plan would focus on selected corridors rather than improvements to every roadway within a neighborhood. Marquis Williams, RTC Sr. Planner acknowledged that McCarran and the connectivity issues is included in the plan, not in the near future but further out in the plan.

Panah suggested that RTC consider opportunities to develop partnerships with private landowners, particularly shopping center owners, to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety. She noted that several large shopping centers in Reno were not pedestrian-friendly despite being frequently used by pedestrians and bicyclists. Panah suggested that relatively simple improvements could help people safely navigate large parking lots and access shopping centers from locations other than designated ADA-accessible entrances.

Panah also asked Sai to clarify the endpoints of the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) improvements along Virginia Street. Sai responded that the BRT improvements were part of an RTC engineering project and stated that project information was available on the RTC website. <https://rtcwashoe.com/project/virginia-line-brt-improvements/>

ITEM 5.2: PROVIDE INFORMATION, AND ADVICE, REGARDING MODIFICATIONS TO RTC ACCESS AS PART OF THE MOVE MORE WITH RTC PLAN (FORMERLY TOPS).

Alex Cruz, RTC Sr. Transit Planner, gave a presentation on the modifications to RTC ACCESS as part of the Move More with RTC plan (formerly TOPS).

Juan Martinez asked how RTC ACCESS clients would be notified that they would be able to ride RTC RIDE free of charge. Alex Cruz, RTC Sr. Transit Planner, responded that ACCESS clients will see notices on ACCESS buses and receive notifications through RTC Connect. Alex stated that the notification plan had not yet been finalized but, pending approval, RTC would have more than a month to inform clients. He added that RTC planned to begin sharing the information as soon as possible through multiple communication methods to ensure broad awareness.

6. RTC STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marquis Williams, RTC Sr. Transportation Planner, provided an update on committee recruitment and stated that RTC was continuing its efforts to recruit additional members to fully staff the committee. He noted that the committee's policies and procedures established a membership range of 8 to 15 members and that the committee currently had approximately 6 or 7 members. RTC was therefore seeking to recruit at least two additional members.

Marquis Williams provided an update on upcoming RTC planning studies. He stated that Neighborhood Network Plans for Damonte Ranch and West Reno were moving forward, with a consultant selected and negotiations underway. The projects were anticipated to begin in October. Marquis also noted that a Fourth Street study in Sparks and several other planning studies were forthcoming.

Marquis stated that RTC anticipated conducting an updated River Path study within the next several years. The study would examine future improvements, establish standards, and promote consistency along the path. He noted that the study could provide an opportunity to address concerns previously raised regarding the AT&T property. Damien stated that the AT&T agreement contained a two-year “use-it-or-lose-it” provision related to the closure of the fence. He noted that the fence on the Schenk property had reportedly been installed approximately six months earlier, leaving approximately a year and a half to address the issue. Marquis acknowledged the concern.

Panah asked how RTC planned to publicize the upcoming Neighborhood Network Plan development process. Marquis explained that RTC had previously used social media, email press releases, presentations to CMAC, and outreach through CMAC members, the Technical Advisory Committee, and city staff. He stated that RTC was also considering mailers for the upcoming plans to reach residents directly and encourage participation in community surveys. He emphasized RTC’s goal of maintaining a transparent planning process and avoiding surprises for residents, council members, and city staff.

Marquis added that RTC planned to coordinate with homeowners associations in the Damonte Ranch area and increase outreach through local elementary, middle, and high schools by working with school principals and their networks.

Panah recommended expanding outreach through the area’s master and sub-homeowners associations, noting that HOAs could distribute information through email blasts at little or no cost. She also recommended utilizing the South Valleys Library through its bulletin boards, newsletter, event calendar, and other communication channels to promote public meetings, surveys, and opportunities for community feedback. She suggested distributing flyers at neighborhood businesses and other prominent locations. She also recommended using online platforms such as Nextdoor and Reddit, where appropriate, and noted that CMAC members could assist with sharing information through their networks.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dora Martinez commented on the accessibility of RTC bus stop platforms in relation to newer buses. She noted that individuals who use wheelchairs, walkers, white canes, and other mobility aids may have different accessibility needs and experiences.

Alex Cruz clarified that the issue involved several Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) stops that had originally been constructed for buses with a different ride height. He explained that approximately seven or eight BRT platforms required modifications to lower the sidewalk platforms by several inches so that ramps on the current buses could deploy properly.

Alex stated that the issue was limited to those particular BRT stops and that modifications had already been completed at some locations. He added that RTC would continue to consider ADA accessibility as part of future projects affecting bus stops, including larger projects along Fourth and Fifth Streets.

Dora encouraged RTC to engage members of the disability community when evaluating or modifying bus stop platforms. She offered the assistance of Reno Advisory Accessibility Board members and others with lived experience to test the platforms and ensure they were not only ADA compliant but also practical and accessible for users with varying mobility and visual accessibility needs.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6.18 p.m.