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RECOMMENDED STRATEGIC ACTIONS

Resolution of the Transportation Resource Advisory Committee (TRAC) to Recommend Strategic Actions for Strengthening Southern Nevada's Transportation Infrastructure and Transit Systems
** DRAFT **

Whereas, Southern Nevada is experiencing ongoing growth, both in population and economic activity, intensifying demands on its transportation network and transit systems. With a projected population nearing 3 million by 2050, the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) must establish a comprehensive, resilient infrastructure that ensures equitable access, environmental sustainability and economic competitiveness;

Whereas, the current transportation funding structure, primarily reliant on fuel taxes for roadway construction and sales tax for transit services, have proven insufficient to address the current and increasing needs of our community. Without sustainable funding, roadway construction and maintenance activities will be significantly reduced while the RTC faces potential transit service reductions due to budget limitations;

Whereas, a need exists for equitable roadway funding contributions from all vehicle types, including electric vehicles and hybrids, which contribute to road usage but not proportionally to maintenance and construction costs. TRAC acknowledges that implementing a road usage or parity fee system for electric and hybrid vehicles would enhance fiscal sustainability and equity in infrastructure funding;

Whereas, establishing and maintaining stable, adequate and predictable revenue streams for transportation is essential to meet current needs and ensure foundational mobility for Southern Nevada's residents. Without a baseline revenue solution, RTC's ability to sustain existing service levels is at risk;

Resolved, that TRAC, committed to advancing Southern Nevada's mobility, accessibility and economic vitality, recommends the following actions:

1. Extension of Fuel Revenue Indexing (FRI)
TRAC endorses RTC's pursuit of a legislative extension of FRI during the 2025 session. This extension is crucial for alleviating a growing shortfall in unfunded roadway maintenance needs. Securing this extension will provide near-term fiscal stability, enabling RTC to strategically address other pressing transportation funding needs, such as public transit.

2. Support for Equitable Electric and Hybrid Vehicle Fees
TRAC supports the State of Nevada Department of Transportation's (NDOT) efforts to establish a parity fee system that ensures electric and hybrid vehicles contribute fairly to roadway upkeep. Such a system should also address revenue distribution mechanics equitably, aligning with RTC's longer-term funding model and identified funding needs. TRAC recommends a collaborative approach with NDOT to implement this parity framework during the 2025 legislative session.

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3. COORDINATE & COMMUNICATE TO ADDRESS IMPACT OF ROADWAY CONSTRUCTION

At any given time, there may be hundreds of active work zones and corresponding lane restrictions from roadway projects, work by utilities and off-site improvements by private development within the public right of way. While TRAC understands the importance of continuing to invest in our transportation infrastructure, and roadway construction represents an important part of that investment, the significant number and management of work zones simultaneously occurring throughout the urbanized area can have a negative impact on residents and businesses. TRAC recommends that the RTC continue to coordinate with local entities and utilities on roadway construction schedules and communicate real-time traffic and transit alerts, weekly construction and event updates, and longer-term project information on its Seeing Orange website.

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4. DEVELOPMENT OF A BASELINE REVENUE SOURCE FOR PUBLIC TRANSIT

Recognizing that sustainable transit funding is foundational to regional mobility, TRAC supports RTC's development of an additional funding source with a nexus to public transit including, but not limited to, an alternative conveyance fee for Transportation Network Companies. This revenue structure could materially support public transit, addressing current budget shortfalls and enabling future development of transit networks. TRAC recommends RTC explore potential funding options and present the RTC's revenue model to the Legislature once fully developed and explore potential expansions drawing on successful models from other states. This should be expedited to avoid service impacts.

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5. SEPARATION OF BASELINE AND ASPIRATIONAL FUNDING NEEDS

TRAC emphasizes the importance of distinguishing between funding needed for current transit operations and funding needed for future mobility improvement projects. This separation, assuming baseline funding needs are met and current service levels can be maintained, will ensure that future initiatives or revenue sources focus solely on expanding mobility options, avoiding the burden of covering operational deficits. By maintaining a clear separation, communication with stakeholders and the public remains straightforward, and resource allocation becomes more transparent.

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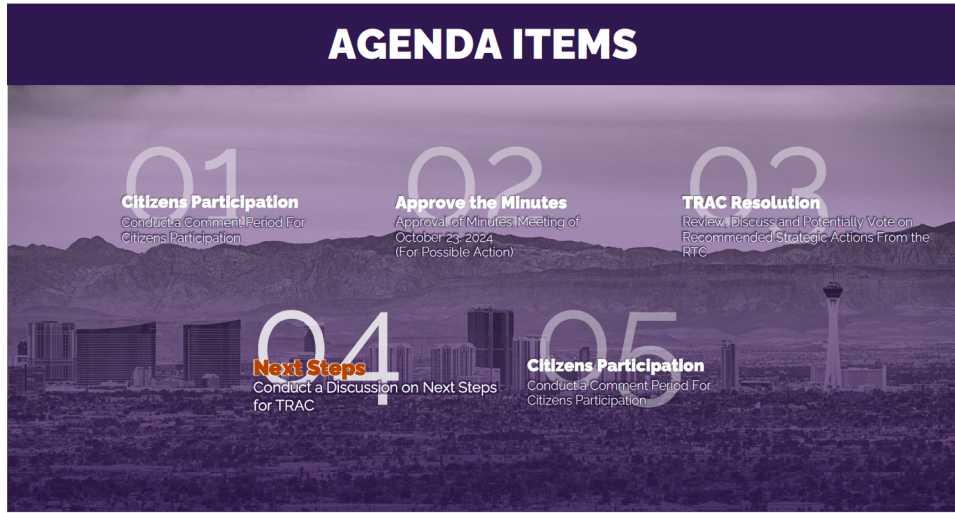
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ADDITIONAL MEETING

(If Needed)

- Tuesday, December 3, 2024, 1:30 p.m.
- Location: RTC Admin Building



Upcoming Events

- **Legislative Bus Tour**
- **Transportation Day**

TRAC Reconvening

- Post Legislative Session
- Topics:
 - Legislative Session Recap
 - Aspirational Projects

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