



**South Truckee Meadows/Washoe Valley Citizen Advisory Board**  
**Minutes of the regular meeting of the South Truckee Meadows/Washoe Valley Citizen**  
**Advisory Board held on June 6, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. at South Valleys Library**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/ DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** - Robert Dunbar, Marge Frandsen, Brad Stanley, David Snelgrove and were present. Wes Mewes was absent.

Quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - The pledge of allegiance was recited.
- 3. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** – Comment heard under this item will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the agenda. The Citizen Advisory Board will also hear public comments during individual action items, with comment limited to three minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the Board as a whole. (non-action item)  
Carter Conway introduced himself as running for Justice of Peace. He discussed the matters he covers and his experience. He expressed he would be available in the back of the room for further discussion.

Emily Stapleton introduced herself and provided info about sustainability and what the county is doing to counteract emissions with the Community Climate Action Plan to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. She provided the details about the upcoming listening sessions and urged people to take the climate survey.

- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Meeting minutes for April 4, 2024, were approved.
- 5. PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATES** – A Washoe County Sheriff's Deputy and/or Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District may be available to provide a general community update on public safety (non-action item)  
Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) Truckee Meadows Fire Captain Joe Schum provided some statistics for May:

**Total Calls:** 265

**Fire Incidents:** 8 (including a confirmed brush fire)

**Medical Calls:** 160

**Motor Vehicle Crashes:** 11

**Hazardous Materials/Situations:** 8

**Good Intent/False Calls:** 70

He advised fire season is starting early, with restrictions starting July 4<sup>th</sup>. He advised the Truckee River is around 54°F, which can cause hypothermia and cold injuries even on hot days. The river's flow is about 1000 CFS, making it quite dangerous. Always wear flotation devices and exercise caution.

The Sheriff's office wasn't available, so the meeting went to RTC, and came back to WCSO.

Washoe County Sheriffs Office (WCSO): Captain Amelia Galicia shared some updates.

**Dispatch Calls:** Both dispatched and self-initiated calls for service are trending upwards for Q4 2023 compared to the three-year average.

**Reasons:** Increased staffing leads to more self-initiated activity; growing housing developments contribute to higher dispatch call volume.

- **Crime Reduction Efforts:**

**Burglaries:** Includes commercial, residential, and vehicle burglaries.

**Aggravated Assaults:** Includes domestic batteries and firearm-related assaults.

**DUI Enforcement:** Increased focus to reduce traffic fatalities.

**DUI Arrests:** Increase in DUI arrests is seen as positive, helping to reduce traffic fatalities.

**Jail Statistics:** Average daily jail population for May 2023 was 1053, down from over 1200 in previous years.

**Length of Stay:** Average stay is 26.5 days, slightly lower than in previous years.

- **South Truckee Meadows Specifics:**

Consistent crime rates with some reductions in property damage, vandalism, disorderly conduct, robberies, thefts, and larcenies.

- **Target Shooting Regulations - Law Requirements:**

**Shotguns:** Must be 1000 feet away from any residence.

**Rifles and Handguns:** Must be 5000 feet away from any residence.

**Clarification:** Distance regulations apply regardless of area congestion.

## 5. RTC PROJECT UPDATE OVERVIEW -

- **Geiger Grade and Toll Road Realignment:**

The plan involves realigning Geiger Grade and Toll Road, extending it across to Hwy 395 South. This realignment aims to reduce congestion at the roundabout near the Summit Mall by directing traffic more efficiently.

- **Mount Rose Highway Improvements:**

This project covers the area from the Veterans Pkwy roundabout to Douglas Ford Drive. The highway is segmented into urban, suburban, and rural zones, each with different dynamics. Focus areas include reducing speeding (noted as significantly higher than posted limits) and improving safety. The plan also includes a multi-use path to enhance bike and pedestrian access.

- **Funding and Expenditures:**

**Revenues:** \$220 million for the fiscal year.

**Fuel Tax:** Accounts for about half of the revenue.

**Sales Tax:** Provides 22% of the revenue.

**Federal Funding:** Contributes approximately 20%.

**Other Sources:** Includes passenger fees from NDOT and additional sources.

**Expenditures:**

**Transit:** 33% of the budget, funded by sales tax.

**New Roadway Projects:** Nearly 30% of funding.

**Multimodal Projects and Road Preservation:** 27% dedicated to maintaining and improving roads.

**Debt:** 9.3% of the budget allocated to paying down debt.

**Operating Costs:** Covers remaining expenditures.

There were questions about safety on Mt Rose Hwy and Callahan Rd. RTC stated they are working closely with NDOT to address this, but the specifics were not provided.

Funding was discussed and RTC stated they are tailoring the future projects to address the growing needs of the local community.

A question was asked about where budget and project details can be seen, and they were directed to the RTC website.

Truck restrictions were questioned on Gieger Grade, and the response was City of Reno is supposed to be managing this.

6. **SIERRA REFLECTIONS UPDATES** – Team present to provide updates include Dave Snelgrove from CFA Bowman, Caitlin Jelly from UES, Melissa Ruth from Callandar and Associates, and Ken Crater from Crater Consulting Group. They discussed the mercury testing results, traffic considerations, trail opportunities, and what changes have been made in the last release of the presentation and the next steps for the project. The discussion centered on planning a neighborhood open house, scheduled for a Friday evening. The organizers are working on logistics and aim to have maps available for attendees to review and share comments. They hope to submit plans by August 8, with a fallback option for September 9. The project involves a common open space development, with an anticipated 54-55% of the area designated as open space, likely increasing due to environmental considerations. The conversation included an apology for the length of the presentation, emphasizing the desire for community feedback. They hope to submit this by September 9<sup>th</sup> for review.
7. **WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS AND RESOURCES** – Brett Taylor, Wildfire Urban Interface Coordinator, Truckee Meadows Fire & Rescue, provided information to residents about resources available to Washoe County residents in case of wildfire and introduced the Hazard Mitigation Plan survey. He discussed defensible space being the best bet in protection from fire and suggested signing up for Code Red and using perimetermap.com to stay updated on fire information. He suggested making a go-kit and checking with the Red Cross for ideas about what to include and evacuating when advised rather than waiting until the last minute.
8. **NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING HUB STANDING AGENDA ITEM** – Sally Johnston, Washoe County Liaison (non-action item) Ms. Johnston was unable to load her presentation.
9. **COMMISSIONER AND BOARD MEMBER ITEMS** — This item is limited to announcements and/or requests for future agenda items by CAB members and potential general announcements from the county commissioner and county manager. (non-action item)  
No board member comments, announcements or updates.
10. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** – Comment heard under this item will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the agenda. The public is encouraged to submit a “Request to Speak” form to the Board chairman. Comments are to be addressed to the Board as a whole. (non-action item)  
David Snellgrove announced that he was not going to re-apply when his term ended at the end of the month. No other public comment.
11. **ADJOURNMENT** - Robert suggested they adjourn as there was no other business. Marge seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.