

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**Seventy-Seventh Session
June 3, 2013**

The Committee on Transportation was called to order by Chairman Richard Carrillo at 3:58 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 2013, in Room 3143 of the Legislative Building, 401 S. Carson St., Carson City, NV. Copies of the minutes, including the Agenda ([Exhibit A](#)), the Attendance Roster ([Exhibit B](#)), and other substantive exhibits, are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and on the Nevada Legislature's website at nelis.leg.state.nv.us/77th2013. In addition, copies of the audio record may be purchased through the Legislative Counsel Bureau's Publications Office (email: publications@lcb.state.nv.us; telephone: 775-684-6835).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Assemblyman Richard Carrillo, Chairman
Assemblyman Joseph M. Hogan, Vice Chairman
Assemblyman Paul Anderson
Assemblyman David P. Bobzien
Assemblywoman Maggie Carlton
Assemblyman John Hambrick
Assemblyman Cresent Hardy
Assemblyman James W. Healey
Assemblywoman Ellen B. Spiegel
Assemblyman Michael Sprinkle
Assemblywoman Heidi Swank
Assemblyman Jim Wheeler
Assemblywoman Melissa Woodbury

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Assemblywoman Lucy Flores (excused)

GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:

Senator Mark A. Manendo, Clark County Senatorial District No. 21



STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vance Hughey, Committee Policy Analyst
Sean McCoy, Committee Policy Analyst
Jacque Lethbridge, Committee Secretary
Olivia Lloyd, Committee Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brian McAnallen, representing Las Vegas Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce
Rudy Malfabon, P.E., Director, Department of Transportation
Chris Ferrari, representing the Las Vegas Chapter, The Associated General Contractors of America
Kristina L. Swallow, P.E., Engineering Program Manager, Department of Public Works, City of Las Vegas

Chairman Carrillo:

[Roll was taken. Committee protocol and rules were explained.] We are going to open the hearing on Senate Bill 322 (2nd Reprint).

Senate Bill 322 (2nd Reprint): Revises provisions concerning the membership of the Board of Directors of the Department of Transportation. (BDR 35-1075)

Senator Mark A. Manendo, Clark County Senatorial District No. 21:

There has been a lot of media attention on changing the Department of Transportation Board. We have talked about it in a southern Nevada caucus as one of our priorities, and we have received some information from interested groups on this. As Nevada continues to grow, we need to revise and reform the way we govern the Department of Transportation (NDOT). The state is simply too big to continue administering its surface transportation as it did when Nevada was among the least populated places in the United States. [Continued to read from written testimony ([Exhibit C](#)).]

Southern Nevada would like more of a voice in transportation issues and projects. Federal funding for transportation is allocated to states on a population formula. It is not too much to ask that those funds be distributed along a federal formula, just as other states reallocate those dollars within their borders. Representing my constituents in southern Nevada, we would like to get one additional voice.

Assemblyman Sprinkle:

You want one added voice. This looks like it is changing it to an 11-member board.

Senator Manendo:

The Board stays the same with seven members. We are taking off the Attorney General.

Chairman Carrillo:

Are there any questions from Committee members? [There were none.]

Brian McAnallen, representing Las Vegas Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce:

You may have heard from us, as well as other voices in southern Nevada, but we are in support of S.B. 322 (R2) . We appreciate the efforts of the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Transportation. We would encourage this Committee to pass this bill as amended, increasing a voice for southern Nevada on transportation issues.

The chamber has had a long history of fighting for infrastructure projects in southern Nevada. We would like to see more federal dollars coming into our state. We realize that only 65 percent of every dollar we send back to Washington, D.C., returns to Nevada. It is important to increase that number. Because of the lesser amount we receive, it is even more important we provide due diligence on where those dollars are allocated and spent. About 17 percent of all dollars that come into Nevada from the federal government are for transportation projects. We are uniquely concerned about that particular issue. That is separate from the state dollars that are allocated within the state. From a southern perspective, as the heavier population area in Nevada, we would appreciate another voice on these issues.

We are trying to build Interstate 11, which will connect Phoenix, Arizona and Las Vegas, the two largest metropolitan areas in the United States that are not directly connected by an interstate. We have the federal designation, so it is time we move ahead and continue to build that project. We also have numerous other projects that need to be addressed.

We think the Transportation Board has done a good job at fighting and driving dollars in this state, but another voice will help us in the south.

Chairman Carrillo:

Are there any questions from Committee members? [There were none.]

Senator Manendo:

I want to say thank you. The Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce has been out front and leading the way on this. I cannot thank them enough for all they have done. Assemblyman Hardy has worked on so many issues. Working with him on southern Nevada issues has been a pleasure.

Chairman Carrillo:

Thank you. Is there anyone in Carson City or Las Vegas wishing to testify in support of S.B. 322 (R2).

Rudy Malfabon, P.E., Director, Department of Transportation:

I am here to testify in support of S.B. 322 (R2) as amended. We appreciate the collaboration that took place on this bill to provide more representation for southern Nevada on the Transportation Board. The Attorney General assigns a chief deputy attorney general to NDOT, along with seven deputy attorneys general. They Attorney General felt that legal issues are adequately addressed through the provision of this staff to NDOT and the Transportation Board. With the removal of the Attorney General, another member is being added for southern Nevada.

Chris Ferrari, representing the Las Vegas Chapter, The Associated General Contractors of America:

The Associated General Contractors of Las Vegas represents more than 650 contractors, professional firms, and suppliers. We would like to thank the Governor's office, Assemblyman Hardy, and Senator Manendo. For all of the reasons Mr. McAnallen conveyed, we are in support of S.B. 322 (R2) as amended. This, in combination with something that Assemblyman Hardy worked on last evening pertaining to fuel tax indexing in Clark County, means that Clark County is going to benefit from what is happening in this session in terms of infrastructure and things moving forward on construction projects.

Kristina L. Swallow, P.E., Engineering Program Manager, Department of Public Works, City of Las Vegas:

We support S.B. 322 (R2).

Chairman Carrillo:

Is there anyone else in Carson City or Las Vegas wishing to testify in support of S.B. 322 (R2)? [There was no one.] Is there anyone in Carson City or Las Vegas wishing to testify in opposition to S.B. 322 (R2)? [There was no one.] Is there anyone in Carson City or Las Vegas wishing to testify in neutral for S.B. 322 (R2)? [There was no one.]

Senator Manendo:

I want to say thank you to the NDOT director and the Governor's office for working on this bill.

Chairman Carrillo:

We will close the hearing on S.B. 322 (R2). We will open a work session on S.B. 322 (R2).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SPIEGEL MOVED TO DO PASS
SENATE BILL 322 (R2).

ASSEMBLYMAN HEALEY SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED.

Chairman Carrillo:

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblywoman Swank. Is there any public comment? [There was none.]

The meeting recessed at the call of the chairman [at 4:16 pm.].

[The meeting reconvened behind the bar of the Assembly at 11:55 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 2013. The meeting adjourned at 11:56 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 2013.]

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Jacque Lethbridge
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Assemblyman Richard Carrillo, Chairman

DATE: _____

EXHIBITS

Committee Name: Committee on Transportation

Date: June 3, 2013

Time of Meeting: 3:58 p.m.

Bill	Exhibit	Witness / Agency	Description
	A		Agenda
	B		Attendance Roster
S.B. 322 (R2)	C	Senator Mark A. Manendo, Clark County Senatorial District No. 21	Written testimony