SENATE BILL NO. 59–COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

(ON BEHALF OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF SOUTHERN NEVADA)

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to regional transportation commissions. (BDR 22-472)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.
Effect on the State Highway Fund: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets **[**~~omitted material~~**]** is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to regional transportation commissions; revising provisions governing the Nevada Yellow Dot Program; revising provisions governing certain grants awarded by a regional transportation commission; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires a regional transportation commission in a county whose population is 700,000 or more (currently Clark County) to establish and administer the Nevada Yellow Dot Program for the purpose of improving traffic safety. Existing law also imposes various requirements on a regional transportation commission relating to the administration of the Program. (NRS 277A.347) **Section 1** of this bill makes the establishment and administration of the Program and the performance of certain related duties by a regional transportation commission discretionary rather than mandatory. Existing law authorizes such a regional transportation commission to award grants of money to conduct research for and otherwise develop and implement certain transportation projects that promote innovative transportation and transit technology. (NRS 277A.410, 277A.430) **Section 2** of this bill expands the types of transportation projects for which such grants may be awarded to include projects that promote emerging transportation and transit technologies.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 277A.347 is hereby amended to read as follows:

277A.347 1. In a county whose population is 700,000 or more, the commission ~~[shall]~~ ***may*** establish and administer the Nevada Yellow Dot Program for the purpose of improving traffic safety.

2. The commission specified in subsection 1 ~~[shall]~~ ***may*** coordinate with each commission in this State regarding the design, implementation and funding of the Program.

3. The Program ~~[must:]~~ ***may:***

(a) Be available to any person in this State who wishes to participate in the Program by obtaining ~~[the]~~ materials ~~[described in paragraphs (b) and (c):]~~ ***for the Program:***

(1) At the main office or any branch office of each commission in this State;

(2) At the main office or any branch office of the Nevada Highway Patrol, the Department of Transportation or other location designated by the commission in a county whose population is 700,000 or more; or

(3) By mail, upon request.

(b) Provide to a participant a distinctive round yellow decal to be placed on a specified location of a vehicle in which the participant is regularly a driver or passenger, to notify first responders that important medical information concerning an occupant of the vehicle may be found in the glove compartment of the vehicle if the occupant is involved in a crash or other emergency.

(c) Provide to a participant a brightly colored and distinctively marked envelope and information card to be completed by the participant and kept in the glove box of a vehicle upon which the decal described in paragraph (b) has been affixed. The information card must include, without limitation, spaces for the participant to include:

(1) The participant's name;

(2) A recent photograph of the participant;

(3) Emergency contact information;

(4) Any allergies or medical conditions of the participant;

(5) The name and contact information of the participant's physician and a preferred hospital, if any; and

(6) Information, if any, regarding the participant's health insurance.

4. In designing materials for the Program, the commission in a county whose population is 700,000 or more ~~[shall]~~ ***may*** consider any materials used by similar programs in other states to ensure, to the extent practicable, uniformity with those materials.

5. In a county whose population is 700,000 or more, the commission ~~[shall]~~ ***may*** establish and carry out a public information campaign to raise public awareness of the Program. In carrying out that campaign, that commission ~~[shall]~~ ***may*** disseminate information concerning the Program to public safety agencies in this State.

6. In a county whose population is 700,000 or more, the commission may apply for and accept any gift, donation, bequest, grant or other source of money to carry out the Program, including, without limitation, any private or corporate sponsorship for the Program.

7. A first responder is not liable for any civil damages as a result of any act or omission taken by the first responder relating to a crash or other emergency, not amounting to gross negligence, including, without limitation, failure to observe a decal, failure or inability to locate an information card, or reliance on incomplete, incorrect or outdated information on an information card.

8. As used in this section, "first responder" means any police, fire or emergency medical personnel acting in the normal course of duty.

Sec. 2. NRS 277A.430 is hereby amended to read as follows:

277A.430 A commission may:

1. Provide grants of money to conduct research for and otherwise develop and implement transportation projects that promote innovative ***and emerging*** transportation and transit ~~[technology,]~~ ***technologies,*** including, without limitation, automated driving systems as defined in NRS 482A.025.

2. Enter into agreements in accordance with 49 U.S.C. § 5315 and any guidelines adopted pursuant thereto.

3. Operate, develop and maintain a high-capacity transit system, to the exclusion of any other publicly owned system of transportation within its area of jurisdiction.

4. Construct high-capacity transit systems in the county or a city within the county which owns a public right-of-way if the county or city within the county approves of such construction.

5. Adopt regulations regarding:

(a) Unauthorized parking of vehicles at a transportation facility within the jurisdiction of the commission, including, without limitation, the imposition of a civil penalty for a violation of such regulations; and

(b) The imposition of fees for the use of the facilities or services of the commission and the use of such fees for the construction or operation of transportation facilities.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2027.

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