

SENATE BILL NO. 17—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 22-384)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: 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; authorizing a regional transportation commission to employ or appoint security officers for certain purposes; revising provisions relating to advisory committees established by regional transportation commissions in certain counties; revising provisions relating to the administration of the Nevada Yellow Dot Program; expanding the transportation projects for which regional transportation commissions in certain counties may provide grants of money; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

- 1 Existing law authorizes a regional transportation commission to provide for and
- 2 maintain such security in operations as is necessary for the protection of persons
- 3 and property under its jurisdiction and control. (NRS 277A.260) **Section 1** of this
- 4 bill authorizes a regional transportation commission to employ or appoint security
- 5 officers in providing for and maintaining such security.
- 6 Existing law requires a regional transportation commission in a county whose
- 7 population is 700,000 or more (currently Clark County) to establish an advisory
- 8 committee to provide information and advice to the regional transportation
- 9 commission regarding benches, shelters and transit stops for passengers of public
- 10 mass transportation in that county. Existing law further: (1) sets forth the required
- 11 membership and terms of the advisory committee; (2) sets forth the manner in
- 12 which vacancies occurring in the membership of the advisory committee must be
- 13 filled; (3) requires the advisory committee to annually elect a chair and vice chair;



14 and (4) requires the advisory committee to meet at least six times annually. (NRS
15 277A.340) **Section 2** of this bill: (1) authorizes, instead of requires, a regional
16 transportation commission to establish an advisory committee; (2) eliminates the
17 required membership and terms of the advisory committee; (3) eliminates the
18 manner in which vacancies in the membership of the advisory committee must be
19 filled; and (4) eliminates the requirements for the advisory committee to annually
20 elect a chair and vice chair and to meet at least six times annually. **Section 5** of this
21 bill provides that, notwithstanding the provisions of **section 2**, if an advisory
22 committee exists in a county whose population is 700,000 or more on July 1, 2023,
23 the respective regional transportation commission shall not eliminate the advisory
24 committee until the terms of all existing members of the advisory committee have
25 expired.

26 Existing law requires a regional transportation commission in a county whose
27 population is 700,000 or more to: (1) establish and administer the Nevada Yellow
28 Dot Program for the purpose of improving traffic safety; and (2) provide at certain
29 locations throughout the State or by mail certain materials for the Program to any
30 person in the State who wishes to participate in the Program. (NRS 277A.347)
31 **Section 3** of this bill instead authorizes such a regional transportation commission
32 to: (1) establish and administer the Program; and (2) provide such materials relating
33 to the Program at certain locations throughout the State or by mail. **Section 3**
34 further authorizes, rather than requires, such a regional transportation commission
35 to: (1) coordinate with each regional transportation commission in this State
36 regarding the design, implementation and funding of the Program; (2) consider
37 materials used by similar programs in other states; and (3) establish and carry out a
38 public information campaign regarding the Program.

39 Existing law authorizes a regional transportation commission to provide grants
40 of money to conduct research for and otherwise develop and implement certain
41 transportation projects that promote innovative transportation and transit
42 technology. (NRS 277A.430) **Section 4** of this bill expands the types of
43 transportation projects for which a regional transportation commission may provide
44 such grants of money to include emerging transportation and transit technologies.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 277A.260 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 277A.260 A commission may:

4 1. Provide for and maintain such security in operations ,
5 *including, without limitation, the employment or appointment of*
6 *security officers*, as is necessary for the protection of persons and
7 property under its jurisdiction and control.

8 2. Employ professional, technical, clerical and other personnel
9 necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

10 3. Establish a fine for a passenger who refuses to pay or
11 otherwise fails to pay the proper fare to ride on the public transit
12 system established and operated by the commission. If the
13 commission establishes such a fine, the commission may establish
14 procedures that provide for the issuance and collection of the fine.



1 **Sec. 2.** NRS 277A.340 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 277A.340 1. In a county whose population is 700,000 or
3 more, the commission ~~[shall]~~ *may* establish an advisory committee
4 to provide information and advice to the commission concerning the
5 construction, installation and maintenance of benches, shelters and
6 transit stops for passengers of public mass transportation in the
7 county. ~~[The membership of the advisory committee must consist~~
8 ~~of:~~

9 ~~—(a) Two members of the general public from each city within the~~
10 ~~county who are appointed by the governing body of that city; and~~

11 ~~—(b) Six members of the general public appointed by the~~
12 ~~commission.~~

13 ~~—2. Each member of the advisory committee serves a term of 1~~
14 ~~year. A member may be reappointed for additional terms of 1 year~~
15 ~~in the same manner as the original appointment.~~

16 ~~—3. A vacancy occurring in the membership of the advisory~~
17 ~~committee must be filled in the same manner as the original~~
18 ~~appointment.~~

19 ~~—4. The advisory committee shall meet at least six times~~
20 ~~annually.~~

21 ~~—5. At its first meeting and annually thereafter, the advisory~~
22 ~~committee shall elect a chair and vice chair from among its~~
23 ~~members.~~

24 ~~—6. Each]~~

25 2. *If an advisory committee is established by the commission*
26 *pursuant to this section, each* member of the advisory committee
27 serves without compensation and is not entitled to receive a per
28 diem allowance or travel expenses.

29 **Sec. 3.** NRS 277A.347 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 277A.347 1. In a county whose population is 700,000 or
31 more, the commission ~~[shall]~~ *may* establish and administer the
32 Nevada Yellow Dot Program for the purpose of improving traffic
33 safety.

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

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

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

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

43 (2) At the main office or any branch office of the Nevada
44 Highway Patrol, the Department of Transportation or other location



1 designated by the commission in a county whose population is
2 700,000 or more; or

3 (3) By mail, upon request.

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

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

- 17 (1) The participant's name;
- 18 (2) A recent photograph of the participant;
- 19 (3) Emergency contact information;
- 20 (4) Any allergies or medical conditions of the participant;
- 21 (5) The name and contact information of the participant's
22 physician and a preferred hospital, if any; and
- 23 (6) Information, if any, regarding the participant's health
24 insurance.

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

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

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

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



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

4 **Sec. 4.** NRS 277A.430 is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 277A.430 A commission may:

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

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

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

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

19 5. Adopt regulations regarding:

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

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

27 **Sec. 5.** 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 277A.340,
28 as amended by section 2 of this act, if an advisory committee exists
29 on July 1, 2023, the respective regional transportation commission
30 shall not eliminate the advisory committee until the terms of all
31 persons who are members of the advisory committee on July 1,
32 2023, have expired pursuant to the provisions of subsection 2 of
33 NRS 277A.340, as that section existed on June 30, 2023.

34 2. As used in this section, “advisory committee” means an
35 advisory committee established by a regional transportation
36 commission in a county whose population is 700,000 or more
37 pursuant to NRS 277A.340, as that section existed on June 30, 2023.

38 **Sec. 6.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2023.

