

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; 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 requires a regional transportation commission in a county whose  
2 population is 700,000 or more (currently Clark County) to establish an advisory  
3 committee to provide information and advice to the regional transportation  
4 commission regarding benches, shelters and transit stops for passengers of public  
5 mass transportation in that county. Existing law further: (1) sets forth the required  
6 membership and terms of the advisory committee; (2) sets forth the manner in  
7 which vacancies occurring in the membership of the advisory committee must be  
8 filled; (3) requires the advisory committee to annually elect a chair and vice chair;  
9 and (4) requires the advisory committee to meet at least six times annually. (NRS  
10 277A.340) **Section 2** of this bill: (1) requires a regional transportation commission  
11 in a county whose population is 100,000 or more (currently Clark and Washoe  
12 Counties) to establish an advisory committee; (2) revises the required membership  
13 of the advisory committee; (3) eliminates the manner in which vacancies in the  
14 membership of the advisory committee must be filled; (4) eliminates the  
15 requirements for the advisory committee to annually elect a chair and vice chair;  
16 and (5) requires the advisory committee to meet at least four times annually.



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

30 Existing law authorizes a regional transportation commission to provide grants  
 31 of money to conduct research for and otherwise develop and implement certain  
 32 transportation projects that promote innovative transportation and transit  
 33 technology. (NRS 277A.430) **Section 4** of this bill expands the types of  
 34 transportation projects for which a regional transportation commission may provide  
 35 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.** (Deleted by amendment.)  
 2 **Sec. 2.** NRS 277A.340 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
 3 277A.340 1. ~~It~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection*  
 4 *5, in* a county whose population is ~~700,000~~ *100,000* or more, the  
 5 commission shall establish an advisory committee to ~~provide~~ :  
 6 (a) *Provide* information and advice to the commission  
 7 concerning the construction, installation and maintenance of  
 8 benches, shelters and transit stops for passengers of public mass  
 9 transportation in the county ~~;~~ *and*  
 10 (b) *Perform, at the discretion of the commission, any other*  
 11 *duties.*  
 12 *2. The commission shall appoint members to the advisory*  
 13 *committee.* The membership of the advisory committee must consist  
 14 of:  
 15 (a) ~~Two~~ *At least two* members ~~[of the general public from each~~  
 16 ~~city within the county who are appointed by the governing body of~~  
 17 ~~that city;]~~ *who:*  
 18 (1) *Are employees who work on the public transit system in*  
 19 *the county;*  
 20 (2) *Are not in a supervisory position;* and  
 21 (3) *Are recommended by the principal officers of the*  
 22 *employee organization that represents such employees.*  
 23 (b) ~~Six members~~ *At least one member* of the general public .  
 24 ~~[appointed by the commission.~~



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

4 ~~—3. A vacancy occurring in the membership of the advisory~~  
5 ~~committee must be filled in the same manner as the original~~  
6 ~~appointment.]~~

7 *(c) Any other additional members appointed at the discretion*  
8 *of the commission.*

9 ~~[4.]~~ 3. The advisory committee shall meet at least ~~[six]~~ *four*  
10 times annually.

11 ~~[5. At its first meeting and annually thereafter, the advisory~~  
12 ~~committee shall elect a chair and vice chair from among its~~  
13 ~~members.]~~

14 ~~—6.]~~ 4. Each member of the advisory committee serves without  
15 compensation and is not entitled to receive a per diem allowance or  
16 travel expenses.

17 *5. If a commission has established other committees, the*  
18 *commission may assign the duty of an advisory committee to*  
19 *provide information and advice to the commission concerning the*  
20 *construction, installation and maintenance of benches, shelters*  
21 *and transit stops for passengers of public mass transportation in*  
22 *the county to another committee, provided that the membership of*  
23 *the other committee meets the requirements of paragraphs (a) and*  
24 *(b) of subsection 2.*

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

26 277A.347 1. In a county whose population is 700,000 or  
27 more, the commission ~~[shall]~~ *may* establish and administer the  
28 Nevada Yellow Dot Program for the purpose of improving traffic  
29 safety.

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

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

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

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

39 (2) At the main office or any branch office of the Nevada  
40 Highway Patrol, the Department of Transportation or other location  
41 designated by the commission in a county whose population is  
42 700,000 or more; or

43 (3) By mail, upon request.

44 (b) Provide to a participant a distinctive round yellow decal to  
45 be placed on a specified location of a vehicle in which the



1 participant is regularly a driver or passenger, to notify first  
2 responders that important medical information concerning an  
3 occupant of the vehicle may be found in the glove compartment of  
4 the vehicle if the occupant is involved in a crash or other  
5 emergency.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

43 **Sec. 4.** NRS 277A.430 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
44 277A.430 A commission may:



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

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

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

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

14 5. Adopt regulations regarding:

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

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

22 **Sec. 5.** 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 277A.340,  
23 as amended by section 2 of this act, the terms of all persons who are  
24 members of the advisory committee do not expire until those terms  
25 would have expired pursuant to the provisions of subsection 2 of  
26 NRS 277A.340, as that section existed on June 30, 2023.

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

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

