# Landscape & Aesthetics Corridor Plan Endorsement





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# **Purpose of Briefing**

- Present a summary of the themes, opportunities, and design guidelines of the Corridor Plan to agencies and organizations
- Obtain endorsement of the Corridor Plan from your respective agency or organization

### **Endorsement Means...**

 Agree in principle with the landscape and aesthetic opportunities identified within your jurisdiction; including the design objectives and guidelines



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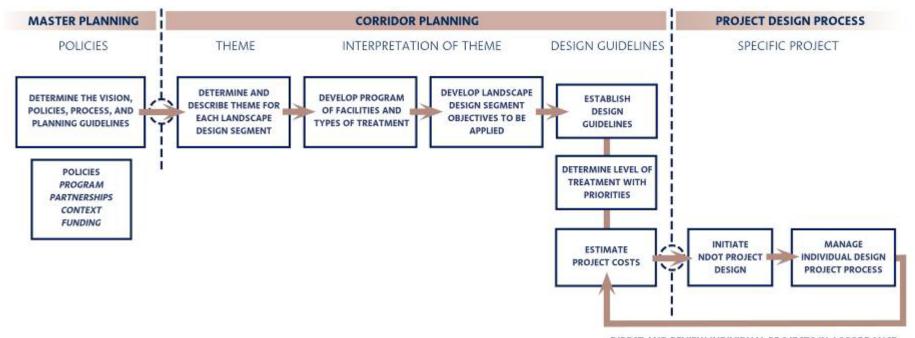
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# **Purpose of Corridor Plans**

- Provides a design management tool for NDOT and creates a new method for NDOT to approach projects
- Sets the context for future projects and provides design themes and levels of treatment for each corridor
- Establishes specific, prioritized opportunities for improvements
- Provides guidelines for materials and plant palettes, highway structures, construction practices, and maintenance practices
- Provides planning level cost goals
- Involves government agencies, organizations, and public in the planning process



### What do the Corridor Plans Include?

## Elements of Landscape & Aesthetics

- Levels of Landscape Types and Treatments
- Nevada Place Name Sign Program
- Road Services
- Native Wildflowers
- Invasive and Noxious Weed Control
- Outdoor Advertising
- Scenic Highway Designation

# • Landscape Design Segments Central US 95, West US 6, and West US 50 Corridor

- Mohave Desert Vista
- Silver Legends
- Great Basin Oasis
- Pony Express Passage
- Design Guidelines
- Priority Projects



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# **Levels of Landscape Treatment**

## **Softscape Types and Hardscape Types**

- Defined by a hierarchy of treatment levels
- Used separately or in combination to establish design character within the corridor



Example of ground treatment





Examples of regionally adapted treatment



Example of focal treatment

GROUND TREATMENT

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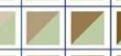


STRUCTURES AND HARDSCAPE

TYPES AND TREATMENTS











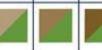














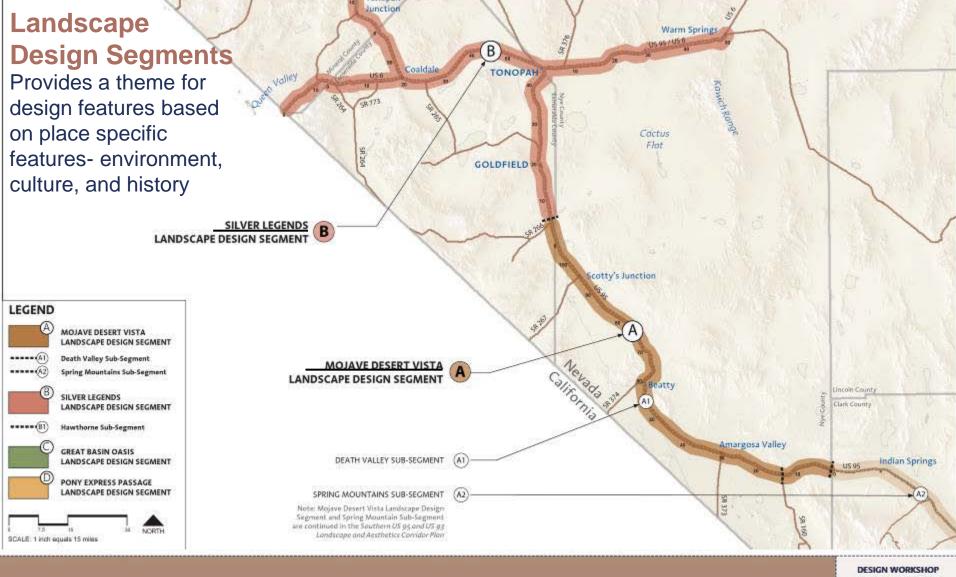
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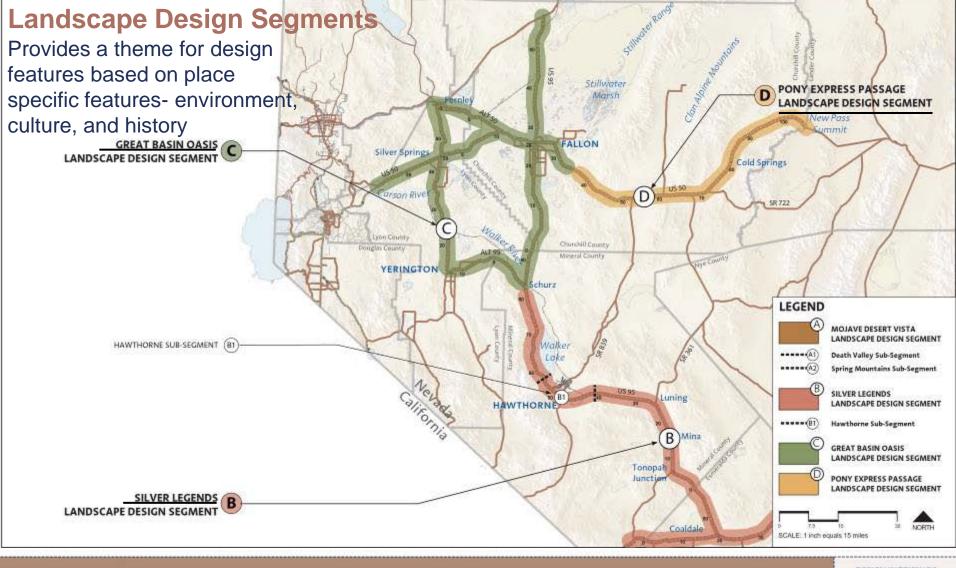
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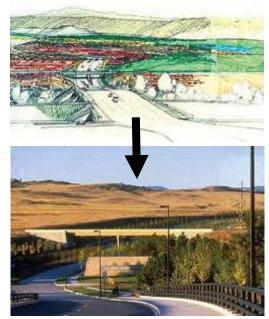
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# **Design Guidelines**

- Provide a framework for improving landscape and aesthetics.
- Provide recommendations as to how projects may be designed to meet the objectives of each Landscape Design Segment.
- Three categories:
  - Design Process Guidelines
    - Integrate landscape and aesthetics at the onset of planning, design, and engineering of all highway projects.
  - Community and Urban Context Guidelines
    - Improvement projects are initiated and advanced by the community. NDOT understands the need for flexibility within communities to allow them to achieve their vision.
  - Highway Facilities Guidelines
    - Primarily NDOT's responsibilities





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# **Design Guidelines**

## **Highway Facilities Guidelines**

### Primarily NDOT's responsibilities, including:

- Welcome Centers and Non-interstate Statewide Gateways
- Rest Areas, Viewpoints, and Pull-offs
- Transportation Art and Signage
- Color Palette Applications
- Roadway Design, Medians, and Pedestrian Crossings
- Non-motorized Transportation Systems
- Bridges
- Noise Reduction and Walls
- Concrete Barriers and Guard Rails
- Lighting and Fencing
- Grading and Retaining Walls
- Rock Cut and Excavation
- Drainage and Erosion Control
- Water Harvesting and Irrigation
- Softscape Types and Treatments
- Wildlife Crossings and Protection
- Construction Practices
- Maintenance Facilities and Practices
- Sustainable Highway Environments



Use a uniform, consistent color palette.

Pony Express Passage

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# **Priority Projects**

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- Priority levels assigned to projects within each Landscape Design Segment
  - High priority projects are highly visible and immediately contribute significant visual quality, or they are projects that are already in progress
- Flexibility allows for projects designated with a lower priority to become a higher priority if a community wants to move forward with their own funding commitment





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# **Implementation**

## **Potential Funding Opportunities**

Counties, cities, agencies, and other organizations should be familiar with the corridor plan in order to create partnerships that achieve a community's vision and goals. Partnerships are also important if communities desire higher levels of landscape treatment than the level provided through NDOT's normal financial responsibility.

- Capacity Improvements and New Construction

   up to 3% of the total project construction cost
   may be allocated for landscape and aesthetics
- Community Projects within the Right-of-way

   matching funds program provides funds up to
   50% of the cost for specific projects
   up to \$2 million per year; \$500,000 max. and
   \$50,000 min.



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### **Endorsement**

- Agree in principle with the landscape and aesthetic opportunities identified within your jurisdiction; including the design objectives and guidelines.
- Agree in principle to work in partnership with NDOT to develop a highway system that reflects the land and people of Nevada. The Corridor Plan is not a financially constraining document. It establishes the vision for landscape and aesthetics for Nevada's state-managed highways.
- Support the vision that highways should be aesthetically pleasing, as well as safe and cost effective.
- Endorse the Corridor Plan as a management tool for integrating landscape and aesthetics into all aspects of the planning, design, construction, operations, and maintenance of state-managed highways in Nevada.
- Provide NDOT with signed letter verifying that your agency or organization voted to endorse the Landscape and Aesthetics Corridor Plan prepared by the Nevada Department of Transportation for the Central US 95, West US 6, and West US 50 corridor.



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## Schedule

December 2006 Corridor Plans completed.

Feb-March 2007 Agencies and organizations provide endorsement letters to NDOT

April 2007 STTAC endorses corridor plans

April 2007 Director of NDOT approves Corridor Plans

April 2007 Corridor Plans go into effect



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