



CORRIDOR PLAN

*US 93, East US 6, and East US 50
landscape and aesthetics corridor plan*



INCLUDES US 93 FROM I-15 NORTH TO THE IDAHO STATE LINE AT JACKPOT, US 6 FROM WARM SPRINGS EAST TO THE UTAH STATE LINE, US 50 FROM NEW PASS SUMMIT EAST TO THE UTAH STATE LINE, AND ALT 93

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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF NDOT

NDOT has made the commitment that landscaping and aesthetics are an important component when designing and constructing projects to ensure our highway system is an integral part of the community. This Landscape and Aesthetics Corridor Plan for US 93, East US 6, and East US 50 helps realize our vision for the future of our highways. The plan will provide the guidance for our design teams, and help Nevada's citizens participate in formulating context-sensitive solutions for our transportation needs. Together, we will ensure our highways reflect Nevada's distinctive heritage, landscape, and culture.



ENDORSEMENT

The Corridor Plan has been provided for review by the following groups and agencies. Endorsement means agreeing in principle with the identified opportunities and recommendations identified within agency jurisdiction.

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- Austin Chamber of Commerce
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- City of Ely
- City of Wells
- City of West Wendover
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- Clark County Public Works Department
- Confederate Tribe of Goshute Association
- Coyote Springs Development
- Da Ka Doiyabe RC&D
- Duckwater Indian Reservation
- Eastern Nevada Landscape Coalition
- Eastern Nevada Lincoln Highway Association
- Elko County
- Ely Shoshone Indian Reservation
- Ely State Museum
- Ely Tree Board
- Eureka County
- Eureka County Economic Development
- Federal Highway Administration
- Great Basin Heritage Area Partnership
- Great Basin National Heritage Route
- Great Basin National Park
- High Desert Research Conservation and Development Council
- Historical Society of Austin
- Lander County
- Lincoln County
- Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce
- Lincoln County Public Roads Department
- Lincoln County Regional Development Authority
- Lincoln County Water Board

- Moapa Band of Paiutes
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Nevada Arts Council
- Nevada Commission on Tourism
- Nevada Department of Transportation
- Nevada Division of Forestry
- Nevada Division of State Parks (including Eastern Region)
- Nevada Division of Wildlife, Eastern and Southern Regions
- Nevada Land Conservancy
- Nevada State Historic Preservation Office
- Nye County
- Nye County Natural Resources Office
- Pahranagat National Wildlife Refuge
- Panaca Town Advisory Board
- Pardee Homes
- Pioche Town Advisory Board
- Sierra Club, Great Basin Chapter
- South Fork Band Council
- South Fork Band Te-Moak Tribe
- Town of Jackpot
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- Town of Ruth
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Forest Service
- Wells Band Council
- Wendover Air Force Auxiliary Field
- White Pine County
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- White Pine County Tourism and Recreation Board
- White Pine Public Museum
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- Refer to the section beginning on page 1.5 to understand **softscape and hardscape types and treatments**.
- Refer to the Introduction and Section One beginning on page 2.1 to understand how the corridor is organized into **highway zones**.
- Refer to Sections A1-D3 beginning on page 2.17 for the design theme and design objectives related to each landscape design segment.
- Refer to pages 2.23, 2.28, 2.34 and 2.43 for **design interpretation**.
- Refer to the section beginning on page 3.2 for **design guidelines**.
- Refer to the section beginning on page 3.21 for **color palette** information.
- Refer to pages 3.35-3.43 for **plant palettes** associated with each softscape treatment type.
- Refer to the section beginning on page 4.14 for the **description of funding opportunities**.
- Refer to the section beginning on page 4.16 for **project priorities**.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This plan establishes the vision for the landscape and aesthetics of the US 93, East US 6, and East US 50 corridor. The vision synthesizes historic, current, and future conditions into a comprehensive guide to improve the visual appearance of these highway corridors as they pass through communities, rural landscapes, and scenic environments.

Chapter One provides an introduction to the NDOT Landscape and Aesthetics program. It outlines the mechanism by which corridor design will be managed, a description of programs and elements that influence highway aesthetics, and a summary of background information gathered and analyzed.

Chapter Two describes the process through which sections of the highway were categorized into highway zones and divided into distinct landscape design segments: Hidden Gems, Silver State Passage, Pony Express Passage, and Cowboy Range.

Examples of appropriate design ideas, a theme description, and design objectives are given for each segment. Maps and sections provide additional detail regarding the location of specific projects and desired levels of aesthetic treatment.

Chapter Three begins by outlining an approach to the design process. This process highlights the necessity of integrating landscape and aesthetics at the beginning of every project. Design guidelines are also included in the third chapter to provide the framework for improving the aesthetics of existing, new, and retrofit highway projects. They are written statements of recommended methods to meet the segment's design objectives. The guidelines, accompanied by concept diagrams, sketches, or photographs, demonstrate ways in which to achieve the design intent.

Chapter Four summarizes the cost implications associated with the improvements proposed by this Corridor Plan. Cost estimates are included for both preliminary project budgeting as well as on-

going project maintenance. These estimates will inform NDOT during the decision-making process, and help influence budget allocations for the landscape and aesthetics highway improvements.

The appendices provide information that will help readers understand the technical information presented in the document.

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