



CORRIDOR PLAN

*Southern US 95 and US 93
landscape and aesthetics corridor plan*



INCLUDES US 95 SOUTH FROM RAILROAD PASS TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE LINE, US 93 TO HOOVER DAM AND US 95 NORTH OF I-215 TO THE CLARK COUNTY LINE WEST OF INDIAN SPRINGS

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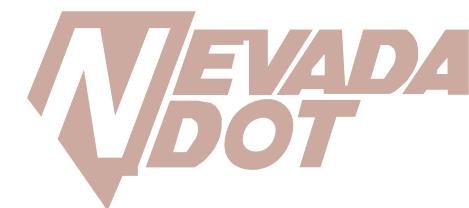
MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR OF NEVADA

On June 6, 2002, the Nevada Department of Transportation adopted as policy, *“Pattern and Palette of Place: A Landscape and Aesthetics Master Plan for the Nevada State Highway System.”* The second phase of planning is complete. The Landscape and Aesthetics Corridor Plan represents a significant step forward for the Landscape and Aesthetics program created by the Master Plan because it involves local public agencies and citizens in the planning process. Now, Nevada’s highways truly represent the State and its people. The Corridor Plan will be the primary management tool for use in guiding funding allocations, promoting appropriate aesthetic design, and providing for the incorporation of highway elements that uniquely express Nevada’s landscape, communities, and cities, as well as its people. The State considers this Corridor Plan to be a major accomplishment for the future of Nevada highways.



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Landscape and aesthetics are an integral part of the design in building and retrofitting our highway system. This Landscape and Aesthetics Corridor Plan for US 95 and US 93 in Southern Nevada helps realize our vision for the future appearance of our highways. The plan will provide the guidance for our own design teams, and it will help Nevada’s citizens participate in formulating context-sensitive solutions for today’s transportation needs. Together, we will ensure our highways reflect Nevada’s distinctive heritage, landscape, and culture.



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This Corridor Plan has been reviewed by the following groups and agencies. Endorsement means agreeing in principle with the opportunities and recommendations identified within agency jurisdiction:

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Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada
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USER'S GUIDE

- Refer to the section beginning on page 1.3 to understand **Softscape and Hardscape Types and Treatments**
- Refer to the Introduction and Section One of Chapter Two beginning on page 2.1 to understand how the corridor is organized into **Highway Zones**
- Refer to Chapter Two, Sections Two through Four beginning on page 2.12 to understand the theme and design objectives for each **Landscape Design Segment**
- Refer to pages 2.20, 2.21, 2.30, 2.31, 2.38, and 2.39 for **Design Interpretation**
- Refer to Chapter Three beginning on page 3.1 for specific **Design Guidelines**
- Refer to page 3.23 to view the base and accent **Color Palettes**
- Refer to pages 3.42, 3.44, 3.45, and 3.46 to view the **Plant Palettes** for each Softscape Type
- Refer to Chapter Four beginning on page 4.1 for the description of **Funding and Costs**
- Refer to the section beginning on page 4.17 for **Project Priorities**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This plan establishes the vision for the landscape and aesthetics of the Southern US 95 and US 93 corridor. The vision synthesizes historic, current, and future conditions into a comprehensive guide to improve the visual appearance of the highway corridors through communities, rural landscapes, and scenic environments.

The first chapter of this report provides an introduction to the NDOT Landscape and Aesthetics program. It describes 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: Mountain Desert

Vista, Destiny of the West, and Mojave Desert Vista. A description of the theme, design objectives and examples of the appropriate design aesthetic are presented for each segment. Additionally, maps and sections of the landscape design segments provide detail regarding the location of specific projects and the desired level 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 included 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 ongoing project maintenance. These estimates will inform NDOT in the decision-making process and help influence budget allocations for the landscape and aesthetics highway improvements.

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