



Southern Nevada Traffic Study

Appendix O. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

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Appendix P: Public Involvement

Engagement

Public engagement was critical throughout the course of the study to engage the community and to integrate stakeholder and agency input into the study recommendations. In addition to the agency outreach that took place as part of the Steering Committee meetings, several monthly update meetings were held to provide additional coordination with the local agencies. Public involvement for the SNTS included the following efforts:

PUBLIC MEETING BOOTH

SNTS staffed an information booth in conjunction with a public meeting held for the I-515 Restripe Slip Ramp at SR 564 and CC 215 project held on August 22, 2018. This public meeting was selected because it is located in Henderson, close to the PEL corridor areas, and was anticipated to attract many residents and businesses who were concerned about changing access. The team provided open house attendees with information about the study, the Purpose and Need and the PEL area alternatives. The NDOT Project Manager was present to answer questions about the study, informing them specifically of the PEL process and how it would help inform the NEPA process. While comment forms were provided, SNTS did not receive any public comments at the meeting.

Materials provided to meeting attendees included:

- Informational Board
- Flyer
- Comment Forms

WEBSITE

Because the study is of regional importance, SNTS created a study website that could be accessed by anyone in the study area at any time. The website was publicized through links on the NDOT website, in newspaper ads for the restriping project and on the informational board and handouts at the Open House. The website contained further information about the study, the PEL process, PEL alternatives and provided an opportunity for public comments. No comments were received through the website. The website (ndotsnts.com) was designed for ease of use and readability, with graphics, icons, and maps to enhance the information.

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PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL LINKAGES



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PURPOSE AND NEED



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- ✓ Decrease congestion on roads
- ✓ Address safety

COMMENT



We are seeking your feedback on the study *Purpose and Need* and the proposed *PEL Corridor Alternatives*. Please be specific and provide a location. All comments will be public record and will be included in the final study report.

TO MAKE A COMMENT, PLEASE GO TO: NDOTSNTS.COM

BENEFITS

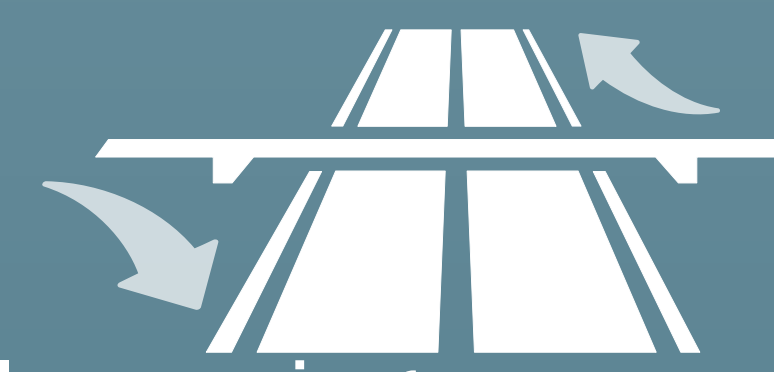
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EMISSIONS
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Ability to compare the benefits of projects on separate corridors

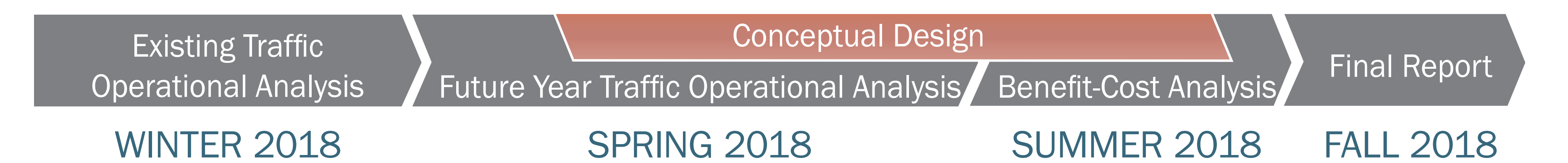
PEL CORRIDOR AND SYSTEM INTERCHANGES



The PEL study is part of a larger traffic study which includes these three areas:

- I-515 from Charleston Boulevard to I-215
- I-215/I-515 system interchange
- I-15/CC-215/I-215 system interchange

LOOKING AHEAD



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Existing traffic operational analysis

WINTER 2018

Conceptual Design

Future year traffic operational analysis

SPRING 2018

Benefit-Cost Analysis

SUMMER 2018

Final Report

FALL 2018



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PEL Corridor Alternatives

- Study Area
- PEL Area

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I-515 ALTERNATIVES UNDER CONSIDERATION

- +1 HOV/GP lane
- Auxiliary lanes in select locations
- Braided ramps in select locations

I-15/I-215/CC-215 ALTERNATIVES UNDER CONSIDERATION

- 2 lane system ramps in select locations
- Braided ramps in select locations

I-515/I-215 ALTERNATIVES UNDER CONSIDERATION

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 lane system ramps	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Braided ramps
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collector distributor road system	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Modified interchange design



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Public Information Meeting

Nevada Department of Transportation

TRANSPORTATION NOTICE: INTERSTATE 515/215 RE-STRIPING PROJECT IN HENDERSON, NV

DATE: Wednesday, August 22, 2018
TIME: 4:00-7:00 p.m. (Presentation 5:30 p.m.)
LOCATION: Henderson Convention Center
200 South Water Street, Henderson, NV, 89009
CONTACT: Jesse Smithson, P.E., NDOT Roadway Design,
1263 South Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89712.
Email: jsmithson@dot.nv.gov



PURPOSE OF MEETING: The Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), will soon re-stripe the I-515 / I-215 interchange. This meeting is to inform the travelling public about project details including how ramp access will be adjusted at the I-515 Auto Show Drive Interchange and the I-215 Gibson Road Interchange and the I-515 / I-215 Interchange.

PROJECT BENEFITS: The goal is to improve safety and mobility for southbound I-515 and westbound I-215 as well as the ramp connecting the two freeways. Southbound I-515 to westbound I-215 ramp has experienced significant congestion. The result has impacted the public's travelling times and has increased the potential for safety concerns. Two merging/weaving areas have also been identified that are contributing to the increased congestion and the increased risk of the traveling public. The first area is on I-515 south, just before the I-215 on-ramp; and the second area is between where the I-215 west ramp merges onto I-215, and the Gibson Road off-ramp. While efforts are being made to establish a larger scale project for the I-515 / I-215 Interchange, this project was identified to address the more immediate congestion and safety concerns.

WHERE YOU COME IN: Please attend at your convenience any time during the meeting hours of 4 to 7 p.m. Project representatives will be on hand to discuss and answer your questions. There will be a brief project presentation at 5:30 p.m., followed by a short question and answer period from the audience. Before and after the presentation, the meeting will be conducted as an open-house format to provide an opportunity to view displays and individually discuss the project with representatives. At the meeting, your comments may be submitted for public record in writing or verbally to a court reporter, who will be available throughout the meeting. In addition to any comments received at the meeting, written or email comments will be accepted through Friday, September 7, 2018. Please email your comments to: jsmithson@dot.nv.gov with a reference to this project in the subject line. You may also mail your comments using the contact information below.

If you cannot attend in person, please join us via Facebook Live at 5:30 p.m. on August 22 to watch the presentation and submit your comments or ask questions. [Facebook.com/NevadaDOT/](https://www.facebook.com/NevadaDOT/)

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION REQUESTS: Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate persons with disabilities desiring to attend the meeting. Requests for auxiliary aids or services to assist individuals with disabilities or limited English proficiency should be made with as much advanced notice as possible to NDOT public hearings officer, Julie Maxey, at 775-888-7171 or email at jmaxey@dot.nv.gov

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Southern Nevada Traffic Study staff will be available to provide additional information on this traffic study and how your input is needed. Please contact Jeff Lerud, (702) 671-8865, or email, jlerud@dot.nv.gov.



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COMMENT FORM

Tell us your thoughts about the project, *Purpose and Need*, or proposed *PEL Corridor Alternatives*. All comments will be recorded and considered in the traffic study. Responses to comments will be posted at the end of the comment period (Sept. 21).

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Comment: _____



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PEL CORRIDOR ALTERNATIVES

Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) is a study process used to identify transportation issues in a specific corridor. This process includes public input and can help determine a range of alternatives.

- I-515 ALTERNATIVES
- I-15/I-215/CC-215 ALTERNATIVES
- I-515/I-215 ALTERNATIVES



(Reserved for pop-up information on each alternative to show map, brainstorm, and benefits)

LOOKING AHEAD



COMMENTS

We are looking for your feedback on the study Purpose and Need and the proposed alternatives in the PEL corridor. Please be specific and provide a location. All comments will be public record and will be included in the final study report.

FIRST NAME:

LAST NAME:

ADDRESS (optional):

EMAIL (optional):

COMMENT:

Submit

