# Appendix A

# Public Information Meeting Summary Reports



# I-15 TROPICANA INTERCHANGE RECONSTRUCTION, HARMON HOV RAMPS, AND HACIENDA HOV RAMPS PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING #1 SUMMARY January 30, 2018

# INTRODUCTION

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), initiated an environmental review for the I-15 Tropicana Interchange Reconstruction project. The project also consists of the addition of HOV ramps at Harmon and Hacienda avenues.

As part of the environmental process, NDOT held a public meeting to solicit input from area businesses and residents. The meeting was held in the presentation room at the Clark County Building Services Center, located at 4701 W. Russell Road in Las Vegas. The meeting was held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. with a formal presentation at 5:30 p.m.

# **PUBLIC NOTIFICATION**

# Intent to Study Letters

In accordance with NEPA, an Intent to Study (ITS) letter was prepared and sent to signal the start of the project. The two-page notification that was sent included the ITS letter on one side and the transportation public notice on the other side. A copy of the mailing is included in Appendix A.

The ITS letter was mailed within the area marked by the following boundaries: Las Vegas Boulevard to the east, Flamingo Road to the north, the Union Pacific Railroad to the east and Sunset Road to the south. A map of this area is included in Appendix A. Based on these boundaries, the ITS letter and the transportation notice were mailed to approximately 3,770 addresses, which included owners and occupants. Additionally, approximately 200 letters were mailed to a list of key stakeholders.

The letters were mailed on January 24, 2018. A copy of the receipt from the United States Postal Service can be found in Appendix A.

Due to unforeseen delays, the ITS letters were mailed later than originally planned. Because of this, additional outreach measures, which are identified below, were taken to ensure that the public was sufficiently notified.

# Newspaper Advertisements

A transportation notice was placed in the Las Vegas Review-Journal on Tuesday, January 16, Monday, January 29 and Tuesday, January 30.

Additionally, online ads were placed on the website for the Spanish El Tiempo Newspaper.- <u>www.eltiempolv.com.</u>

A full-page display ad, ran from Monday, January 29 to Tuesday, January 30. Smaller ads also ran from January 22 to January 29. All ads pointed to a website page, which included a translated version of the transportation public notice.

Samples can be found in Appendix B.

# **Public Notices**

Due to the delay in the mailing of the ITS letter, additional measures were taken to notify the public about the meeting. One such measure was the distribution of a public notice to area businesses and residents. Approximately 500 notices were distributed on January 25 and 26, 2018. When possible, the notice was posted in a prominent location at local businesses. The deadline for written comments was also extended from February 16 to March 6, 2018, due to the mailing delay, and this was announced at the public information meeting.

A copy of this notice is included in Appendix C.

# **Email Distribution**

An email including the ITS letter and Transportation Notice was sent on January 24, 2018, to all stakeholders on the mailing list (approximately 160).

A copy of the email can be found in Appendix D.

# Website

Prior to the January 30, 2018 meeting, the dedicated project website was redesigned and made part of the official NDOT website. Basic project information was included as was information for the public meeting, including a link to the transportation notice.

# Public Relations and Social Media

The NDOT Public Information Office sent out a media advisory promoting the public meeting on January 18, 2018. The advisory was sent out again as a reminder on January 30, 2018. Numerous posts were scheduled on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to promote the meeting as well.

# **PUBLIC MEETING**

About 60 individuals attended the public meeting on January 30. Some individuals did not wish to sign in. Numerous stakeholders attended including representatives from UNLV, McCarran Airport, Panorama Towers and more. Numerous media outlets attended the meeting as well.

All attendees were provided with a meeting packet which included a welcome letter, fact sheet, PowerPoint presentation, presentation boards and comment form.

A formal presentation was made by Project Manager Jeff Lerud, PE, at 5:30 p.m. This was followed by a question and answer session which garnered numerous inquiries from attendees. The presentation and Q & A session were captured by the court reporter and the meeting transcript is included in Appendix E.

The meeting was also broadcast live via Facebook. As of February 2, 2018, the video had been viewed 406 times, with the actual post being viewed 1,282 times. Comments from two individuals were received via the live video.

No formal comments were received at the meeting via the comment box.

# APPENDICES

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# **APPENDIX A**

# Intent to Study Letter & Transportation Notice

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STATE OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 1263 S. Stawart Street Currier City, Nevada 89712

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Intent-to-Study 1-15 Tropicana Interchange Reconstruction, Harmon HOV Ramps, and Haclenda HOV Ramps Clark County, NV.

## To Whom It May Concern:

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Jeffrey Lend Jeff Lerud, PE, NDOT Project Manager



# TRANSPORTATION NOTICE PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING FOR I-15 TROPICANA INTERCHANGE RECONSTRUCTION, HARMON HOV RAMPS, AND HACIENDA HOV RAMPS

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PROJECT BENEFITS: The purpose of the proposed project is to improve traffic operations, capacity, multi-modal access, and safety for current and future traffic and pedestrian needs.

WHEN AND WHERE: Tuesday, January 30, 2018, 4 – 7 p.m., PRESENTATION AT 5:30 p.m. Clark County Development Services Center, 4701 W. Russell Road, Las Vegas.

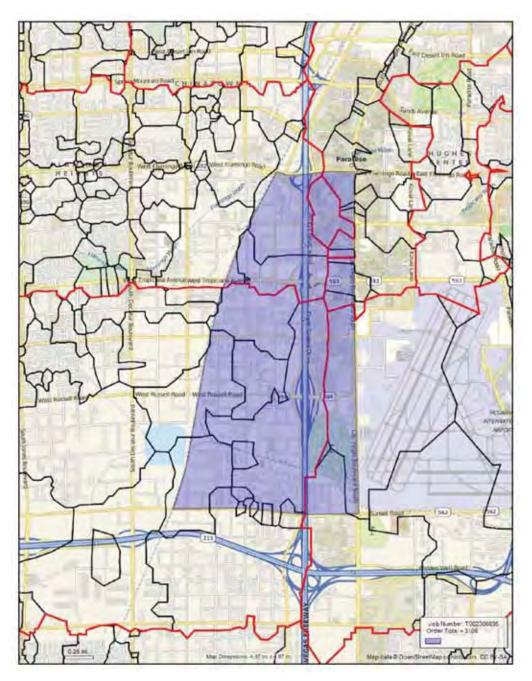
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CONTACT: Jeff Lerud, PE, Project Manager, 123 E. Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89101 or (702) 671-8865

FACEBOOK LIVE: If you cannot attend in person, please join on vin Facebook Live at 5:30 p.m. on January 30th to watch the presentation and submit your comments or questions. Facebook.com/NevadaDOT.

IF RIGHT-OF-WAY IS NEEDED: The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 will govern the acquisition of right-of-way that may be necessary for this project. More detailed information regarding right-of-way can be obtained from the NDOT's Right of Way Division, 1263 S. Stewart St., Carson City, NV 89712, or by calling (775) 888-7480.

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# **USPS Mailing Receipt**

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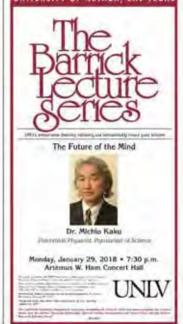
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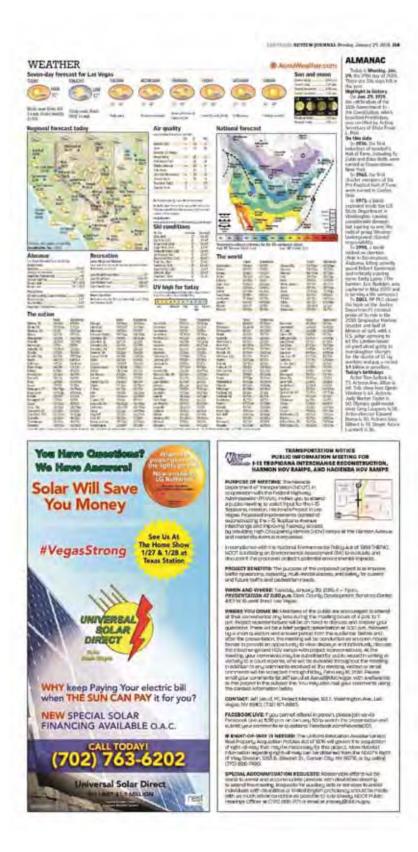
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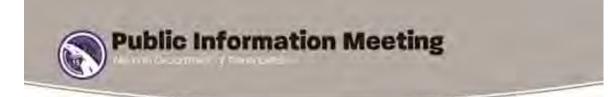


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# **APPENDIX C**

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# I-15 TROPICANA INTERCHANGE RECONSTRUCTION, HARMON HOV RAMPS, HACIENDA HOV RAMPS

DATE:	Tuesday, January 30, 2018
TIME:	4:00-7:00 p.m. (Presentation 5:30 p.m.)
LOCATION:	Clark County Development Services Center 4701 W. Russell Road, Las Vegas, NV 89118
CONTACT:	Jeff Lerud, PE (702) 671-8865, JLerud@dot.nv.gov 123 W. Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89101

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# **APPENDIX D**

# Email blast



January 15, 2018 Intent-to-Study

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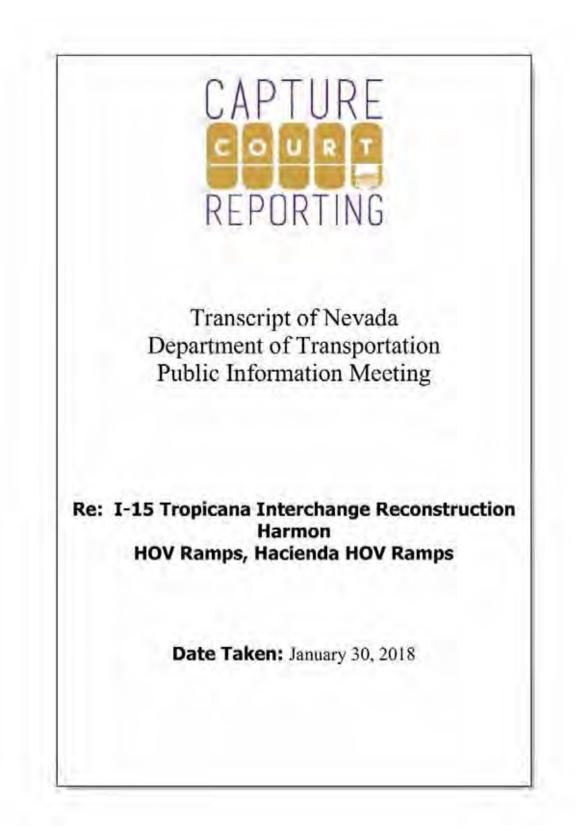












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> Tuesday, January 30, 2018 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Presentation at 5:30 p.m.

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1	LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2018
2	4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.
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4	MS. MAXEY: Good evening. Welcome.
5	Thank you for coming out tonight and joining us
6	to learn about the I-15 Tropicana Interchange
7	Reconstruction Project. We know you are
8	have busy schedules, so thank you for spending
9	a little bit of time with us.
10	Also tonight, we are live on
11	Facebook Live, and so when we get to the
12	question-and-answer session, we're going to be
13	taking some comments and questions from our
14	social media audience as well.
15	So before we get started, my name is
16	Julie Maxey. I'm the public hearings officer
17	for the Nevada Department of Transportation.
18	Also with me tonight is Jeff Lerud, the project
19	manager, and he will introduce some of his team
20	tonight, as well, or you may have already met
21	them, some folks with the nametags around the
22	room.
23	We have a court reporter here tonight,
24	Jennifer, and she is taking down the
25	presentation verbatim. She will also be

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1	recording the question-and-answer session that
2	will follow the presentation.
3	I'd like to ask you to hold your
4	questions or comments until the end of the
5	presentation so that we can get through a
6	completed presentation, and when we do get to
7	that portion, I need to have you state your
8	name clearly for the court reporter and the
9	public record.
10	Please allow three minutes for your
11	question or comment so that we can get to
12	everyone.
13	I'll come out to the audience with the
14	mike because we've got the room set up a little
15	bit differently tonight. I think it's easier
16	if I come to you with the mike.
17	So with that, I'll go ahead and turn
18	it over to Jeff. Thank you.
19	MR. LERUD: Thank you, Julie.
20	Is that too loud?
21	Good evening, everybody. My name is
22	Jeff Lerud. I'm a project manager with the
23	Department of Transportation. I'm here tonight
24	to talk about the environmental process, or
25	NEPA process, for the Tropicana Interchange

Page 6 Reconstruction and the addition of HOV drop 1 2 ramps at the Harmon and Hacienda grade 3 separations. NEPA stands for National Environmental 4 5 Policy Act, and I'll be talking more about that 6 later, then our HOV ramps, that's for two-plus 7 occupants. A good example of that is a car 8 pool. 9 So the following is what I'm going to be sharing tonight with the presentation: The 10 project background, the project goals. I'm 11 going to describe the NEPA process and go over 12 13 the timeline. Then at the end, we'll have it 14 open for questions. 15 So for our project, we have quite a 16 few agency and stakeholders that have been involved so far. As you can see, this list 17 18 right here, it ranges from local agencies to 19 the major casinos, the stadium authority, T-Mobile Arena. Just a lot of major players 20 21 out and around the Tropicana Interchange. 22 This slide here is a picture of our project limits. The limits are on I-15 from 23 Russell Avenue -- excuse me, Russell Road to 24 25 the south, to Flamingo Road to the north,

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1	specifically at the Tropicana Interchange, and
2	on Tropicana from Valley View to the west to
3	Las Vegas Boulevard to the east, and then,
4	again, at the Harmon and Hacienda grade
5	separations.
6	So why is the project needed?
7	Current mobility
8	MS. MAXEY: Excuse me. Plan B.
9	MR. LERUD: How is this?
10	THE AUDIENCE: Better.
11	MR. LERUD: So, why is this project
12	needed? Current mobility of congestion on
13	Tropicana and I-15, crash frequency around the
14	area, and, of course, safety.
15	So as far as congestion is concerned,
16	the Tropicana Interchange has several closely
17	spaced intersections excuse me, closely
18	spaced signals along Tropicana: At the ramp
19	terminals, after the interchange itself, then
20	just to the west at Dean Martin, and then
21	Polaris to the west of that.
22	Tropicana itself does not have enough
23	capacity to adequately serve all the traffic
24	demand in that area. The structure span of
25	Tropicana does not reach over I-15 lengthwise

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1	to accommodate the number of lanes that we
2	actually need on I-15, so we'll be lengthening
3	that bridge on this project as well.
4	And then on I-15. I-15 currently sees
5	some congestion at the collector road on the
6	east side going northbound on I-15, where the
7	ramp where the collector road comes back
8	into I-15 too. That creates a really bad fog
9	light situation. And I drive that area every
10	day, and I cross my fingers that there's not a
11	crash, but there's always a breakdown in
12	traffic for sure.
13	Speaking of that, there is a lot
14	there is a crash frequency around here that
15	we're going to address too. With congestion,
16	crashes increase. For example, that example I
17	just gave you, that I-15 access ramp from the
18	collector road tends to see a lot of congestion
19	at the bottom right there.
20	And then pedestrian safety. When the
21	Tropicana Interchange was first built, it was
22	built in the late '60s, and we only have
23	sidewalk on the south side of the interchange.
24	So with our project, we're going to go in and
25	make sure that we have connectivity with all

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1	the sidewalks and accessibility for pedestrians
2	that go to and from the west side of I-15 to
3	the east side of I-15. We've got T-Mobile on
4	the east side, we've got In-N-Out Burger on the
5	west side, so there's a lot of pedestrian
6	traffic.
7	So the Tropicana Interchange is a
8	popular access location on the south Las Vegas
9	Strip. It provides access to the
10	McCarran Airport, UNLV, major properties
11	surrounding the intersection at Tropicana and
12	Las Vegas Boulevard. And then, of course, the
13	T-Mobile Arena, too, to name a few of the
14	attractions over there.
15	In 2015, the Department finished the
16	Southern Nevada HOV Study Update.
17	The HOV Study identified HOV main
18	lanes and possible HOV interchanges that should
19	be considered to complete the Southern Nevada
20	HOV plan.
21	Two of those interchanges that would
22	directly impact the operations and capacity at
23	Tropicana are the Harmon and Hacienda grade
24	separations.
25	So prior to this project, the I-15

Page 10 south design-build did a major widening on 1 2 I-15. The southern limit was Silverado Ranch, 3 and the northern limit was Tropicana 4 Interchange. 5 Since the northern limit was the 6 interchange itself, there weren't many 7 improvements made to Tropicana at all. 8 So when that project was completed, 9 the Department realized that the Tropicana Interchange would have some operational 10 deficiencies. So to help address these 11 operational deficiencies, the Department went 12 13 out and did the Tropicana Feasibility Study. 14 The feasibility study was finished a couple 15 years ago, and this slide right here depicts 16 the preferred alternative that we're starting to take in to NEPA. 17 18 As you can see, we have T-Mobile Arena 19 up on the upper right-hand side there. You can see In-N-Out Burger on the left-hand side of 20 21 I-15 there. 22 So this alternative keeps the southbound to eastbound flyover. It realigns 23 Dean Martin in order to eliminate the signal 24 25 that is currently existing at Dean Martin, but

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1	it maintains Dean Martin access with these
2	roads that come to and from Tropicana to the
3	north and south of Tropicana.
4	During the feasibility study, we
5	looked at quite a few concepts; 53 in all.
6	We looked at different interchange
7	configurations with different operational
8	characteristics, and we even looked at
9	elevating this slide right here, this picture
10	right here. We looked at elevating the
11	Tropicana through-movement over the ramp
12	terminals to help promote the operations of
13	Tropicana.
14	Ultimately, though, we arrived at this
15	preferred alternative that I just showed you a
16	second ago, and it's going to be taken into the
17	next phase, and that's what we're here for
18	tonight, the NEPA phase.
19	Project goals. So the project goals
20	are to improve the operation and capacity of
21	the Tropicana interchange. And like I said
22	before, this includes the I-15 operations where
23	we don't have enough room excuse me, we
24	don't have Tropicana spanned far enough to get
25	the number of lanes that we really need on $\ensuremath{\texttt{I-15}}$

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1	to make I-15 operate the way we really want it
2	to. Increase of safety for pedestrians and
3	vehicles alike, avoid, minimize or mitigate
4	environmental impacts, minimize the need for
5	additional right-of-way.
6	As you can imagine, in this area,
7	right-of-way is a premium, so it's really in
8	the Department's best interest to keep costs
9	low by avoiding as much right-of-way as
10	possible. Again, we're going to improve access
11	to Tropicana and the south Strip, and then be
12	compatible with the existing transportation
13	plans.
14	So the proposed project that we're
15	preparing this NEPA process for, as shown here,
16	we're going to be doing HOV drop ramps to and
17	from the north at Harmon, HOV drop ramps to and
18	from the south at Hacienda, then we're going to
19	reconstruct the Tropicana Interchange itself.
20	So the NEPA process overview. NEPA,
21	like I said before, stands for National
22	Environmental Policy Act.
23	It requires federal agencies to assess
24	the environmental impacts of a project prior to
25	making decisions.

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1	It establishes a framework for
2	environmental review and ensures public and
3	agency participation in the process. And it's
4	intended to help agencies make decisions and
5	consider environmental consequences to avoid,
6	minimize or mitigate environmental impacts.
7	For our overall project development
8	process, this is what we're looking at. We've
9	already done our preliminary engineering
10	somewhat in the Tropicana Feasibility Study.
11	Now we're in this box right here, the
12	environmental study preliminary engineering.
13	Next step after this is design
14	development, any kind of right-of-way
15	acquisition that we might need to do and
16	permitting. Then after that, we lead into the
17	construction phase right here.
18	The Department is looking at a
19	design-build procurement for this project, and
20	one of the advantages of the design-build
21	procurements is it really brings innovation to
22	the table.
23	The maintenance of traffic alone in
24	this area with all the congestion and all the
25	access that we're going to have to maintain is

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1	going to be a challenge for any contractor or
2	designer, so we're looking at doing a
3	design-build process to help promote that
4	innovation.
5	When the construction is done, we get
6	into the operations and maintenance phase.
7	So what will this NEPA process
8	include? We'll be establishing a purpose and
9	need for the project, we'll be examining a
10	range of alternatives and put forward one or
11	more alternatives, including a no-action
12	alternative for a detailed study.
13	We'll be inventorying existing
14	environmental conditions. We'll describe
15	potential project impacts and how they can be
16	avoided, minimized or mitigated, and then, like
17	we'll be here tonight, we'll be documenting
18	public and agency involvement.
19	Some of the resources and impacts that
20	we consider during the environmental assessment
21	are listed here. I can go over a few of them:
22	Air quality, environmental justice, historic
23	properties, land use, safety, traffic noise,
24	things like that.
25	So we'll be looking at all of this as

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1	part of our environment assessment.
2	This slide here shows our schedule.
3	We're looking at completing the environmental
4	assessment early 2019, and then, hopefully,
5	have a finding of no significant impact, or
6	FONSI, in the middle of 2019. Once we have
7	that FONSI, then we can begin the procurement
8	for the design-build process, and, hopefully,
9	have a contractor out there working as early as
10	2020.
11	So what's next? Obviously, your input
12	is very important to us.
13	We're going to be continuing to do
14	public outreach. Our next meeting is
15	scheduled I don't think we have it dialed in
16	yet. It's going to be in the July/August time
17	frame of this year.
18	In the meantime, we'll be developing
19	alternatives and refining alternatives and
20	continuing our technical studies, and then
21	preparing our environmental assessment.
22	So, as you can see all the boards
23	around the room, please take a moment to review
24	the boards. You can see the concepts that
25	we've come up with thus far. Provide your

Page 16 ideas, concepts, any kind of needs that you 1 2 might need of our improvements. And then you 3 can also follow us on Twitter, Facebook at NevadaDOT.com to get the latest updates of our 4 5 project. With that, I can open it up to any 6 7 questions or comments. 8 MS. MAXEY: We'll go ahead and take 9 some questions from the audience, then we'll switch over and take some comments from our 10 Facebook Live audience as well. 11 Please state your name for the court 12 13 reporter, and about a three-minute time frame. 14 THE SPEAKER: This is Larry Gorton. 15 You mentioned the design-build process, or 16 something. What does that mean, and what are the alternatives to do that? I didn't 17 18 understand what -- I'm kind of new to this, but 19 some kind of a special process that you said 20 promoted innovation, things ... MR. LERUD: So the question is about 21 22 the design-build process. So the design-build process is typically --23 THE SPEAKER: I can't understand what 24 you're saying. Design-build? 25

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1	MR. LERUD: Yes, design-build. So a
2	typical project is you design it, we bid it,
3	and we build it design, bid, build. In a
4	design-build process, we have a design up to,
5	say, 30 percent, and then we go out, and we
6	bring on board a contractor with his design
7	team.
8	So they're actually on the same team,
9	the designer and the contractor. So, say a
10	project typically takes one year to design, and
11	then two years after that to construct. So
12	they take those 30 percent plans, and they
13	start developing them until they get to the
14	point where they can actually fill out certain
15	construction. So now construction starts, and
16	the design continues to finish while the
17	construction is already happening.
18	So if you have a year and two years of
19	construction, now you have six months of
20	design, and then the construction starts, you
21	cut it off, like, six months on that, as an
22	example I gave you. That's the concept.
23	THE SPEAKER: Thank you.
24	MR. LERUD: Sure.
25	MS. MAXEY: Before we move forward, I

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1	want to make sure my court reporter can hear?
2	And you guys in the back can hear; is
3	that correct?
4	Okay, good.
5	THE SPEAKER: Tom D'Antonio. My
6	question is closures. How is that going to
7	affect businesses in the area? We just went
8	through one on Dean Martin, and it was a
9	disaster. How badly is Dean Martin going to
10	get affected on this by Harmon and Tropicana?
11	Is it going to be complete closures, or
12	something they're going to work with the
13	businesses?
14	MR. LERUD: So that's a really good
15	question. Obviously, we don't have our design
16	finished yet. We don't have all that
17	information out, but as part of the design
18	documents, as part of the requirements, we will
19	be working with the locals, with the
20	businesses, and maintain access as best as we
21	can.
22	That's usually part of our
23	requirements for the maintenance of traffic
24	plan.
25	So we're not just going to go block

Page 19 off access. We'll make sure that access is 1 2 continued during the construction. 3 MS. MAXEY: Thank you. THE SPEAKER: You said that. I'll be 4 5 there. MR. LERUD: Okay. 6 7 THE SPEAKER: Hi, there. My name is 8 Ken Smith. I live in the southwest side of the 9 Valley. I had a question about the HOV lanes that are scheduled to be installed in the 10 southern corridor near where this project is 11 going to be take place. 12 13 Do you think it's wise to take away a 14 general purpose lane and create an HOV lane 15 before the freeway is actually widened? So 16 they're doing this big widening project for Neon, and then everything is going to 17 18 bottleneck down here in the southern corridor 19 where there's no widening plan, but then we're 20 going to take away traffic capacity for carpool 21 lane. 22 I'm wondering, what is the percentage of people that actually carpool? Is this going 23 to create, actually, more congestion once you 24 25 implement these HOV lanes in, what, 2019?

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1	MR. LERUD: Yeah, at the end of the
2	project.
3	So I've got a long answer to that, so
4	it's bear with me.
5	So Project Neon when Project Neon
6	is complete, it's going to be connecting the
7	U.S. 95 HOV lane to the express lanes on I-15 $$
8	that we realize today. So the express lanes on
9	I-15, there's two of them. One is going to
10	become an HOV lane, and one is going to become
11	a general purpose lane. So we're actually
12	gaining general purpose capacity, if you will,
13	and we're reducing the express lane down to one
14	HOV lane. So
15	THE SPEAKER: But anybody can use a
16	single occupant can use any of those express
17	lanes; whereas, this, they'll be restricted to
18	two people, plus we'll have an HOV. So, what's
19	the percentage of people that actually are
20	two-people-plus that carpool in Las Vegas right
21	now? Do we have a study on that?
22	MR. LERUD: Yeah, we do have a study.
23	It's called the HOV Study. It actually just
24	got updated in 2015, and I'd have to get back
25	to you on the exact numbers of that, but I

Page 21 think right now we're looking at about 10 to 1 15 percent of the -- not -- that's not the 2 3 demand. 10 to 15 percent of the cars are using those lanes. 4 5 THE SPEAKER: On 95, I think it's 6 right around 700 to 800 cars are using that 7 lane, and then we're projecting on I-15 itself, 8 up to 1500 cars per lane for the HOV lane 9 itself. That's a pretty good number. 1500 is actually capacity, 15- to 1800 10 is capacity for a lane. So what we're trying 11 to do is we're trying to promote reliability 12 13 with that HOV lane and really give the carpoolers the benefit of using that lane. 14 THE SPEAKER: I mean, do you -- you 15 16 mean -- I won't belabor this. I don't know. I just don't think it's worth creating a new 17 18 traffic problem to prematurely connect more HOV 19 miles down the St. Rose Parkway. My opinion, 20 just as a resident, is that it should wait, and 21 that HOV lane should end where Neon ends, and 22 then extend the HOV once the freeway gets widened some future date. I don't understand 23 the big push forward when you got maybe 5 to 24 25 10 percent people carpool, but we're going to

Page 22 reduce 20 percent of the capacity by creating 1 2 that HOV lane. 3 MR. LERUD: Remember, we're actually adding a general purpose lane too. So those 4 5 two express lanes --6 THE SPEAKER: They're all general 7 purpose lanes, though, because anybody can use 8 those five lanes now. Even though they're 9 express, I can use it or a trucker can use it, right? 10 MR. LERUD: Right. Don't get me 11 12 wrong, I'm going to be one of the most 13 disappointed people there are because I get on the St. Rose Parkway, and I don't know if Tom 14 15 is still here. I told him I set my cruise 16 control on 65, and I go all the way through the Spaghetti Bowl to work. So, yeah, the express 17 18 lanes -- losing those are going to affect some 19 single-occupant people; however, the plan has 20 always been in place to be an HOV lane. 21 It's always been in place to be an HOV lane. THE SPEAKER: When the LVCVA funded 22 that lane, I thought it was designed for 23 24 truckers as a bypass lane back in the day. 25 MR. LERUD: I'm not familiar with

Page 23 that. 1 2 THE SPEAKER: The LVCVA originally 3 funded that traffic lane, from what I understand. I've been in this Valley long 4 5 enough to know that, and those express lanes were designed to be a through lane to cut down 6 7 on, you know, people -- traffic for people 8 exiting, for truckers to stay away from all 9 that -- that conflict without entering and exiting Rancho and stuff. Do you know what I'm 10 saying? 11 12 MR. LERUD: Yes, I do. 13 THE SPEAKER: That was the original design why the LVC -- LVCVA funded that fifth 14 15 traffic lane. You may not have been around 16 back then. One last question, and then I'll cede 17 18 the mike. Those HOV exits that you're 19 proposing, Hacienda and Harmon, can those small streets handle that additional traffic? Those 20 21 are pretty small arterials right now. 22 MR. LERUD: Right. So, when we actually did our HOV Study update, we looked at 23 having a full interchange, say, at Hacienda, 24 25 and the demand was way too high to accommodate

Page 24 northbound and southbound traffic, so that's 1 why we have the split, if you will, where 2 Hacienda is on the south end, to and from the 3 south, and Harmon is on the north end, to and 4 5 from the north. So that's why we did it like that, 6 7 because if we just had it located in one 8 location, the demand was too high from all the 9 numbers we were looking at. THE SPEAKER: Got you. That makes 10 11 sense. MS. MAXEY: Before I get to you, do we 12 13 have anyone out there in our social media 14 audience that's got a question or comment? 15 MS. PACKER: We do. MS. MAXEY: Okay. Adrienne is our PIO 16 down here in Las Vegas, she'll be reading that 17 18 comment. 19 MS. PACKER: My name is Adrienne Packer, it's A-D-R-I-E-N-N-E, P-A-C-K-E-R. 20 So we have a comment from 21 22 Dennis Carriger, who is with the homeowners 23 association at Panorama Towers. And he said, Panorama Towers, at this point, has not been 24 25 included in any input. We know many of our

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1	neighbors, in parentheses businesses, that have
2	property in the area, was included in the first
3	round of discussions. We look forward to being
4	included in this process. We have 1200-plus
5	residents in our towers that are very
6	interested in this project because it impacts
7	the quality of our life, traffic and air
8	quality.
9	So Larry just had a comment. I
10	have
11	MR. LERUD: Can I address that
12	comment?
13	So and, team, correct me if I'm
14	wrong, I think that he also sent an e-mail to
15	the team that we responded to, and we're either
16	going to go to, like, a I can't think of the
17	terminology right now.
18	MS. CAMPBELL: Their HOA.
19	MR. LERUD: Their HOA meeting or board
20	of directors meeting.
21	MS. CAMPBELL: A network meeting.
22	MR. LERUD: We do have plans to
23	address them specifically.
24	MS. PACKER: Great. Thank you. One
25	more comment.

Page 26 MS. MAXEY: That's fine. 1 2 MS. PACKER: From Lynette R. What is 3 environmental justice? MR. LERUD: Environmental justice? 4 5 MS. PACKER: Shall we just say we'll 6 get back to her? I'll try to get her to 7 clarify. 8 MR. LERUD: We'll have Chris Young of 9 our environmental section here at NDOT answer 10 that question. MR. YOUNG: Hi. My name is 11 Chris Young. I'm the NDOT environmental 12 13 services manager. Environmental justice refers specifically to a requirement that federal 14 15 agencies, in this case the Federal Highway 16 Administration, consider the impacts of a project to low-income or minority populations. 17 18 So when we do a study, part of our 19 study is to identify the demographics 20 surrounding the project area, and then based on that information, we try to focus outreach to 21 22 them. And we have to address what project impacts may happen, and if we need to develop 23 mitigation, these sorts of things. So without 24 25 getting too much into the weeds of that, that's

Page 27 what environmental justice is. It looks at 1 low-income or minority populations. 2 3 MS. MAXEY: Thank you, Chris. MR. LERUD: Thank you, Lynette R. 4 5 MS. MAXEY: We have a question over 6 here. 7 THE SPEAKER: Thank you. Good 8 evening, my name is David Frommer. 9 Related to the throughput at the Tropicana -- on Tropicana at the I-15 10 interchange, today versus what you are looking 11 to achieve in what might be a preferred 12 13 alternative, or the option you're showing, do you have a sense of the level of service today 14 15 versus what you're trying to achieve for 16 traffic and traffic movements and the throughput of vehicles today versus an improved 17 18 intersection of what you're trying to achieve? MR. LERUD: You know, I don't have 19 that information directly available. I 20 understand that today Tropicana handles about 21 22 240,000 cars, or something like that. We'd have to get back to you. I don't 23 have that information handy right now. 24 25 MR. SJOSTROM: Jack Sjostrom with

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1	CA Group. I can say that when we did the
2	Feasibility Study in 2015, and we came up with
3	the recommended alternative, that we proved
4	that the densities and volumes of the Tropicana
5	Avenue improvements would not be, you know,
6	worse than they would be in a no-build
7	scenario, number one. And number two, and this
8	is back in the 2015 analysis, we met the
9	Department's desired level of densities and
10	delays through the interchange and on
11	Tropicana.
12	That being said, we are now evaluating
13	for a 2040 design year, which is different from
14	what we evaluated in the study. So we are
15	redoing the traffic analysis on we're
16	working with NDOT and their Southern Nevada
17	traffic study group to prepare an overall
18	network map and a very detailed traffic
19	analysis to determine whether or not we have,
20	you know, the benefit that we're looking for,
21	or, you know, if proposed project doesn't, you
22	know, meet the benefit that we're looking for,
23	then we may select a no-build alternative.
24	MS. MAXEY: Thank you, Jeff.
25	THE SPEAKER: Thomas Massey. I didn't

Page 29 hear anything about the coordination with the 1 2 stadium project. 3 What's -- what's being done there to coordinate this with needs for the stadium? 4 5 MR. LERUD: We're definitely 6 coordinating with them. In fact, we just went 7 down to the Stadium Authority this morning and 8 presented what we had. In fact, they're going 9 to get us with the Raiders people to talk with them next. 10 As far as what we're doing 11 specifically for the Raiders stadium, we're 12 13 increasing the mobility in that area. 14 Our project actually came along before 15 the Raiders were ever coming to Las Vegas. The 16 Tropicana Feasibility Study was done in 2015, as well as the Southern Nevada HOV Update, for 17 18 example. 19 So, I think the fact that we're out 20 there, and that we're improving the Tropicana Interchange, and that we're increasing the 21 22 mobility in that whole Strip area, I think it's just going to be a benefit to the Raiders 23 stadium, just kind of as a side benefit. 24 25 We're coordinating with the traffic

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1	engineer that's doing the traffic impact
2	analysis so we get a better understanding of
3	what they're doing and how it impacts our
4	project, and make sure that there's not any
5	conflicts like that, but we're not doing
6	anything specifically for the Raiders.
7	MS. MAXEY: Thank you, Jeff.
8	Do we have anything else, any other
9	questions, comments on our social media site,
10	Adrienne?
11	MS. PACKER: No, not at this moment.
12	MS. MAXEY: Nope, okay.
13	THE SPEAKER: Hello, Jack Asher. I am
14	a resident and property owner in Panorama
15	Towers.
16	I two comments, real quickly. One,
17	I'm pleased to hear improved pedestrian access
18	via Tropicana. As I have understood tonight,
19	there's a lot of planning going into pedestrian
20	access via Hacienda. I hope there is a lot
21	of not a lot, but I hope that pedestrian
22	access along Harmon is not affected. Dennis
23	before said 1200 residents. I think that's
24	more like 1200 units, so it's actually quite a
25	few more residents at times, and that
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1	pedestrian access is valued. That's point one.
2	Point two, kind of to the prior
3	comment also, I just got the mailer on Saturday
4	for this meeting, so I would appreciate it in
5	the future if we can get a little bit more
6	notice. Thank you.
7	MS. MAXEY: Thank you. Chris, did you
8	want to add something?
9	MR. YOUNG: Chris Young, NDOT. Just
10	to let you know, we do realize that the mailers
11	were late in going out. We apologize.
12	The comment the comment closing
13	period is on all the materials is
14	February 16th. We'll keep that open for a
15	couple more weeks because we don't want to
16	prevent anyone not being able to have their say
17	on it. Obviously, we need to close these
18	things up so we can keep moving on. We'll, as
19	an agency, informally keep it open two more
20	weeks. I believe that makes it March 2nd, I
21	think.
22	MS. MAXEY: Either March 2nd or
23	March 6th. I believe it's the 6th.
24	MR. YOUNG: 6th, yeah, I'll trust her.
25	Thanks.
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Page 32 MS. PACKER: Julie. 1 2 MS. MAXEY: Okay. Looks like we've 3 got another comment out on social media. MS. PACKER: Okay. So Dennis Carriger 4 had just a follow-up comment, and he's just 5 confirming that Panorama Towers has 650 units, 6 7 for the record. 8 MS. MAXEY: Thank you for that 9 clarification. Any more questions from the audience? 10 Comments from the audience? No one -- one 11 12 more. 13 THE SPEAKER: Are there any specific 14 effort -- David Frommer. Are there any specific efforts or 15 16 coordination related to public transit coordination for these improvements, be it on 17 18 the HOV lanes or the interchange at Tropicana? MR. LERUD: So, public transit is a 19 component of the HOV. We just received, I 20 think it was today, an e-mail from Clark County 21 asking specifically about their bus turnouts to 22 make sure that they can be accommodated 23 accordingly. So we're coordinating with them, 24 25 and we are looking into that.

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1	I don't have anything beyond that
2	right now.
3	MS. MAXEY: Thank you. Great
4	question.
5	MR. SJOSTROM: I can add to that.
6	Jack Sjostrom, CA Group.
7	The Southern Nevada Regional
8	Transportation Commission is a stakeholder and
9	member of the TAC, the Technical Advisory
10	Committee, for the project. So we coordinate
11	with them on a monthly basis right now, and
12	we're working with them on just what's in the
13	RTP, evaluating our projects, making sure that
14	funding is in place, and that process is
15	ongoing as we develop our project.
16	And so to answer your question, are we
17	coordinating with them, yes, absolutely. And
18	their involvement and their opinions are
19	paramount to the design that we're developing.
20	So thank you.
21	MS. MAXEY: And, Jack, the RTP is?
22	MR. SJOSTROM: The Regional
23	Transportation Plan.
24	MS. MAXEY: Thank you.
25	THE SPEAKER: Just wondered

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1	Larry Gorton, second time. The cost of this
2	project and how you're paying for it.
3	MR. LERUD: Our current cost estimate
4	has the Tropicana Reconstruction Act right
5	around 165 million, and then the drop ramps at
6	Harmon and Hacienda combined, about 30,
7	32 million. So the overall program is about
8	200 million.
9	Right now, we have the funding
10	identified for the drop ramps. I understand
11	that the RTP, the Regional Transportation Plan,
12	is being updated to include the funding for the
13	Tropicana Interchange. It's still in draft
14	form, and so that's not solidified yet, but
15	everything
16	MS. REPORTER: I'm sorry, I didn't
17	hear that.
18	But everything?
19	MR. LERUD: I'm sorry?
20	MS. REPORTER: You said, everything
21	something is going to be approved.
22	MR. LERUD: I think I said it appears
23	that everything is moving forward to be
24	approved.
25	MS. MAXEY: Thank you, Jennifer.

Page 35 THE SPEAKER: I have another question. 1 Is this 2020 timeline for breaking ground, has 2 3 that been the schedule all along, or is this accelerated because of the Raiders stadium? 4 MR. LERUD: It's pretty much been --5 6 it's just kind of falling in line with the way 7 our process is going right now. 8 I'm sure I'll probably be getting 9 phone calls, and we'll probably be asked to accelerate it right now. 2020 is just kind 10 of -- if everything goes smoothly right now 11 with our environmental assessment, that's the 12 soonest we can get out there. 13 14 If it can be expedited, it remains to 15 be seen yet. 16 THE SPEAKER: Is the funding available to expedite it or not? 17 18 MR. LERUD: Like I was just telling this gentleman, we still don't have the 19 20 Tropicana Interchange funding fully identified 21 yet. 22 THE SPEAKER: The governor mentioned 23 something about maybe accelerating projects at the I-15 corridor because of the Raiders 24 25 stadium. Is that -- I mean, I heard something

Page 36 about that. I don't know much about it. 1 Is there any validity to some of the comments he 2 made about that? 3 MR. LERUD: Yeah. For example, when 4 5 our environmental process is completed, and we bring a design builder on board, one of the 6 7 options they could do is to build Hacienda 8 first. If they build Hacienda first, I don't 9 know the construction time frame of that, but there's a good chance they can stay out in 10 front of the Raiders if they chose to do 11 something like that. 12 13 Then there's actually an advantage to 14 doing the drop ramps first because then they can alleviate the traffic somewhat on 15 16 Tropicana, and then they can go and do Tropicana as one big project. There would be 17 18 some added benefits to phasing it that way. 19 Right now we're not directing the 20 contractor -- the contractor to do something 21 like that, but that's a little over a year 22 away, and it's very likely it could happen. MS. REPORTER: Sir, can I have your 23 24 name again? Your name? 25 THE SPEAKER: Oh, I'm sorry,

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1	Ken Smith. I'm a Southwest Valley resident.
2	MS. MAXEY: I'm sorry, sir.
3	THE SPEAKER: Try and make your way.
4	Thank you. My name is Bob Swan, and
5	I'm a resident Panorama Towers.
6	You have a deadline up there,
7	February the 16th. Are you going to have
8	meetings with the HOAs prior to that, or are we
9	out of the loop if we don't respond in some way
10	by February the 16th
11	MR. LERUD: Well, first of all
12	THE SPEAKER: or before that?
13	MR. LERUD: We're extending that
14	deadline. I think we said March 6th.
15	MR. YOUNG: 6th, yeah.
16	MR. LERUD: I don't know where we're
17	at as far as meeting with the HOA or Panorama
18	yet.
19	MS. MOYA: It's scheduled for
20	February. He'll give us a date.
21	THE SPEAKER: It is in the works?
22	MR. LERUD: Yeah.
23	THE SPEAKER: We have a lot of
24	problems there. You're talking about an
25	off-ramp on Harmon. It dead-ends two blocks to

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1	the west. It's going to be a heck of a problem
2	for us traffic-wise if that's not done and
3	completed by another entity, which, evidently,
4	you haven't messed with, and you guys don't
5	have any hand-holding on it yet. And that's
6	one of my biggest concerns. And I'm sure that
7	other folks in Panorama have other concerns
8	also.
9	I just want to make sure we're going
10	to stay in the loop, we don't lose any
11	deadlines by not understanding what's going on.
12	So we have until March 6th?
13	MR. LERUD: That's the comment period
14	for this. We're going to have another public
15	meeting July, August. We don't have that date
16	exact yet, but we'll be reaching out to
17	Panorama, to all the stakeholders. So we'll be
18	getting all that input, and we'll be taking
19	that into account.
20	THE SPEAKER: Thank you.
21	MS. MAXEY: Thank you, Lucie.
22	That was Lucie Moya.
23	Anything else on social media?
24	MS. PACKER: All is quiet on the
25	Facebook front.

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1	MS. MAXEY: Okay. Good. With that,
2	we'll go ahead and close our comment period.
3	I'd like to remind everybody we have
4	handouts at the table as you came in. There is
5	a comment sheet on the back of that.
6	Either fill that out tonight or take
7	it home with you.
8	We have a court reporter here tonight.
9	She will be here until 7:00 o'clock to take
10	your comments down verbally, if you would
11	rather do that.
12	And if you'd like to visit the website
13	for the project, go to Nevada.com
14	NevadaDOT.com, excuse me, and go to our
15	projects and studies, and updates will be kept
16	there on our website.
17	Thank you again for coming out
18	tonight.
19	Oh, yes, there you go. It's also in
20	your handout.
21	(Whereupon, these were all the
22	proceedings had at this time.)
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Page 40 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE 1 2 STATE OF NEVADA ) ) ss 3 COUNTY OF CLARK ) 4 I, JENNIFER M. DALY, a duly commissioned 5 and licensed Court Reporter, Clark County, State of Nevada, do hereby certify: That I reported the 6 7 Nevada Department of Transportation Public Information Meeting commencing on January 30, 2018, 8 9 at the hour of 4:00 p.m. I further certify that I am not a 10 relative or employee of an attorney or counsel of 11 12 any of the parties, nor a relative or employee of an attorney or counsel involved in said action, nor a 13 person financially interested in the action. 14 IN WITNESS HEREOF, I have hereunto set 15 16 my hand, in my office, in the County of Clark, State of Nevada, this 21st day of February, 2018. 17 18 JENNIFER M. DALY, CRR, RPR, CCR CSR 19 CSR No. 766 20 21 22 23 24 25

# **APPENDIX F**

Comments received through end of extended public comment period – March 2, 2018

# Jerry Fox, Jan. 16, 2018

Greetings...public comment for the I-15 Tropicana project:

Comment: any future construction in this area needs to address the transition from Eastbound I-215 to Northbound I-15.

The area of 215/15 was altered a few years ago. Most of the changes resulted in improved traffic flow and is appreciated. However, the transition from Eastbound 215 to Northbound 15 was negatively impacted. The transition now features a very long (in time and distance) approach on a feeder/frontage system culminating with a single-lane merge onto I-15.

The current configuration results in delays and stopped traffic on the feeder road, because:

\* Cars must line up on the feeder road because the single-lane merge is not adequate to handle the traffic;

\* Other cars use the right lanes of the feeder road to drive around the traffic and then dangerously merge in at the last second;

\* The I-15 does not feature a dedicated lane to accept the merge.

These conditions exist even in moderate traffic. During heavy traffic, the situation is practically unbearable. This situation will only grow worse with rapid residential and commercial growth in the southwest area of the Las Vegas valley, where the population uses the 215 to access the 15.

Any future construction should address this as follows:

- \* Any merge from 215 to 15 should start with a 2-lane ramp;
- \* The configuration should be designed to minimize last-second, dangerous merges;

\* If possible, the I-15 should accept the merge into a dedicated lane.

Thanks,

Jerry Fox

### Dennis Kariger, Jan. 28, 2018

Hello- I am the President of the Panorama Towers HOA, our residential buildings towers are located at 4525 and <u>4575 Dean Martin Drive</u>- we border Harmon Ave to the north of our 4525 Dean Martin Drive residential tower.

We need to know how our property will be affected- we are in the study zone but have not been included in the process for public input or notices sent to any of our residences.

Can we have someone reach out to us to find out how this will impact our 1,200 residents?

Thank you for your time and consideration-

Dennis Kariger, DCAL Board President Panorama Towers Condominium Unit Owners' Association, Inc.

# Chris Hardin, Jan. 30, 2018

Mr. Lerud,

My name is Chris Hardin and I own a condo at the Panorama Towers which overlooks the stadium site and project area. Attached is a picture taken from my living window which shows the stadium site less than 1 mile away. I am unable to attend the Public Information Meeting tonite for the Tropicana, Harmon and Hacienda development.

Several thousand people live within a mile or two of the stadium. This number will increase in the years ahead. Due to this, I am requesting that walking paths, bicycling paths and copious amount of green space be installed in the project area. For example. stairs should lead down from the Harmon overpass to the sidewalks below. Same for the Tropicana overpass with regard to access to the arena. Also, lighting and noise pollution from the stadium should be kept to a minimum. I also strongly recommend that Harmon be extended past the rail road tracks so that it provides direct access to the western part of the valley. This will ease congestion on Flamingo and Tropicana. Traffic is bad after major arena events such as hockey.

Several years ago, I lived at Veer Towers at City Center. Parking was so poor my friends could not visit me on the week-end because the underground garage was full (it was too small). More recently, the arena was built without sufficient parking. MGM quickly realized their mistake, which was obvious to everyone else, and built a new parking garage. In spite of all this, walking and bicycling infrastructure near the Strip remains minimal.

Las Vegas will not be a world-class city if it simply plops down concrete and steel projects with no regard for the human factor.

Can you please ensure that the stadium and related infrastructure projects are harmonious to the thousands of people who live in the area?

Respectfully, Chris Hardin



# Lucien Privee Jr., Feb. 2, 2018

Been a resident for many years and drive from ANN rd. to Russell rd. These HOV lanes are an outdated concept and quite frankly are a waste. I don't see anyone but the idiots breaking the law by being in the lane with no passengers. I see maybe 1 or two cops a week patrolling and they should be ticketing the offenders of the HOV laws. I have been driving since I was 15. I do not have any tickets as of today and I am now 64 YRs old.

The only driving accident I have been involved with was on the I15 around Spring Mountain Rd. exit. I had a woman cut me off from the outside lane while she was trying and finally got into the HOV lane but stopped directly in front of my path causing me to have to slam on my brakes. Unfortunately because the guy behind was tailgating he hit me.

HOV lanes should be re-converted to total use and not used as HOV lanes. They are a waste of tax dollars and they impede traffic. Instead the DOT should be looking towards light rail systems to help keep traffic flowing now that we will have the raiders stadium placed in a totally wrong place. The stadium should have been placed outside the city to prevent what happened when NBA weekend was here. That stadium is going to cause unbearable traffic jams. So if you don't put HOV ramps at Tropicana Ave you should use light rail as I mentioned before.

Because the city of Las Vegas has had their heads in the sand for so many years, we built a really nice mono-rail but it is virtually useless at moving masses of people short distances. The big error here was And is the really bad mistake of letting the casinos direct where its route ultimately ended up. You see the monorail should of at least ran from the airport and now should run airport-<<<stadium->>downtown with bus terminals with lots of parking interconnecting. To think this HOV ramp is going to help the congestion is just a pipe dream. If we are to be a truly a world class tourist destination, then we need a world class blended public transportation system that supports growth. HOV lanes are not the answer. Another problem is all the traffic lights are not synchronized throughout LV. I would suggest you not do what is proposed and I do not support the plans. We need to do better than this.

# Mark Van Dyne, Feb. 9, 2018

Hello Mr. Lerud. I own a condo at The Martin condos. We frequently use the sidewalk along the north side of Harmon Drive to walk to the Strip. Currently, there is no barrier wall that protects pedestrians from the oncoming traffic. Harmon already gets a high volume ot taxi, Uber, Lyft and resort shuttles looking to avoid the Strip traffic to utiiilze DEan Martin Dr as an alternative. So, I have two questions. Given the proposed HOV ramp/lane that looks like it will terminate at the north side of Harmon, will you keep Harmon open to pedestrian traffic so that we will still be able to walk from The Martin to The Strip? My second question is assuming that pedestrian traffic will remain allowed, would NDOT consider installing a barrier wall along the sidewalk to further protect pedestrians given the additional amount of traffic that is likely to now occur on Harmon due to the HOV ramp?

# Paul Bradley, Feb. 11, 2018

Hi,

Regarding your study on the Tropicana and Harmon road renovation project study, the proposal creates a new access link in the center of the Harmon avenue bridge. However, their is currently a pedestrian walkway from The Martin condo across the Harmon bridge with access to the Bellagio and Aria. Will this proposal eliminate the pedestrian bridge accessfor Martin residents? If so, what is the alternative pedestrian access being considered.

Thanks for your assistance with my inquiry.

# Jeff Eagle, Feb. 12, 2018

I live in Panorama Towers and have a question regarding the the pedestrian walkway on Harmon that allows us to walk over to the strip. The HOV Harmon ramp proposal that I was just looking at appears to possibly eliminate the walkway. I assume they will need to have a some kind of light at the new intersection the will be created. So maybe there will be a cross walk there, but just wanted to confirm if the walkway over Harmon was going to stay or not. Please let me know if you can.

### Inanc Bardakcioglu, Feb. 16, 2018

my family and me live at "The Martin", 4471 Dean Martin Drive.

We have studied the current plans for the construction at the I-15, right next to our home.

While we welcome any developments on the city and highway infrastructure, we strongly oppose any construction on the Harmon Avenue bridge. We have talked to several of our neighbors and they share our opinion.

There are reasons for our opposition to an hov ramp on Harmon, one of the most important is, that this is the only bridge across the I 15, that is heavily used by pedestrians. While you have the Strip on one side of the highway, the other side is flanked by three high rise residential buildings, The Martin and both Panorama Towers. You don't have this high density residential area on Hacienda, Tropicana or any other bridge over the I 15.

I think it is a mistake to divert all highway traffic though in between those buildings, especially when the new stadium will be bulit, this would lead to disastrous traffic situations for the residents of these buildings.

Our suggestion is, that both HOV ramps should be build on Hacienda, that a new concept for connecting the highway with the new stadium should be worked on.

Besides that, further pedestrian trafic on Harmon would slow down traffic on the ramp, not allowing any further pedestrians on Harmon would lead to outrage among all homeowners, those appartements were advertised as Condos within walking distance to the strip.

And last but not least would a ramp on harmon mean more noise and higher pollution levels for us residents, especially when we sit in our garden, around the pool, right next to the street.

So we kindly ask you to retain from the current plans for the highway construction.

### Sandy Irish, Feb. 20, 2018

What will the Harmon overpass look like for pedestrians? Will it be safer than it is now? We use it all the time.



# I-15 TROPICANA PROJECT PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING #2 SUMMARY May 2, 2019

# INTRODUCTION

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is undergoing an environmental review for the I-15 Tropicana project.

As part of the environmental process, NDOT held a second public meeting to solicit input from area businesses and residents, and to provide information on the changes made to the project since the first public meeting, which was held on January 30, 2018. The meeting was held at the Hampton Inn Events Center, located at 4975 S. Dean Martin Drive in Las Vegas. The meeting took place from 4 to 7 p.m. with a formal presentation at 5:30 p.m.

# **PUBLIC NOTIFICATION**

# Postcard

A 5" x 7" postcard was prepared and sent to area businesses and residents. The postcard included pertinent meeting information in both English and Spanish. A copy of the postcard is included in Appendix A.

The postcard was mailed within the area marked by the following boundaries: Las Vegas Boulevard to the east, Flamingo Road to the north, the Union Pacific Railroad to the east and Sunset Road to the south. A map of this area is included in Appendix A. Based on these boundaries, the postcard was mailed to approximately 4,077 addresses, which included owners and occupants, as well as a list of key stakeholders that were provided to the mail house.

The postcards were mailed on April 15, 2019. A copy of the receipt from the United States Postal Service can be found in Appendix A.

# Newspaper Advertisements

A 1/4<sup>th</sup> page transportation notice was placed in the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* on Thursday, April 18, Wednesday, May 1 and Thursday, May 2. The notice was also placed in the Spanish *El Tiempo* newspaper on Wednesday, May 1.

Additionally, online ads were placed on the websites for both the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, reviewjournal.com and the *El Tiempo*, eltiempolv.com between April 18, 2019 and May 2, 2019. The ads were various sizes and provided 75,000 digital impressions.

All digital ads pointed to a website page, which included the public notice, in both English and Spanish.

Copies of the 1/4<sup>th</sup> page ads as well as digital ad samples can be found in Appendix B.

# **Email Distribution**

An email containing public meeting information was sent on April 19, 2019, to 344 stakeholders. A second reminder email was sent on May 1, 2019.

A copy of the email can be found in Appendix C.

# Website

Prior to the May 2, 2019 meeting, information, including public meeting information and the postcard, were posted on the project website – www.I-15Tropicana.org. Additionally, project information was updated to reflect changes made to the scope of the project since the first public meeting, which was held on January 30, 2018.

# **Public Relations and Social Media**

The NDOT Public Information Office sent out a media advisory promoting the public meeting on April 26, 2019. Information was posted on the agency's social media channels including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to promote the meeting as well.

# **PUBLIC MEETING**

Approximately 60 individuals attended the public meeting on May 2, 2019. Some individuals did not wish to sign in. Numerous stakeholders attended including representatives from the Hampton Inn, Penn Gaming, Panorama Towers, The Martin and more. Media outlets, including the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, KTNV Channel 13 (ABC), and 8 News Now (CBS), attended the meeting as well. A copy of the sign-in sheet is provided in Appendix D. All attendees were provided with a meeting packet which included a welcome letter, fact sheet, PowerPoint presentation, presentation boards and comment form. A set of large presentation boards were available for review, as was two large video screens with the project simulation.

A formal presentation was made by Project Manager Jeff Lerud, PE, at 5:30 p.m. This was followed by a question and answer session. Only one public comment was made during the question and answer session. The presentation and Q & A session were captured by a court reporter and the meeting transcript is included in Appendix D.

Two comments were received at the meeting via the comment box. These are provided in Appendix E.

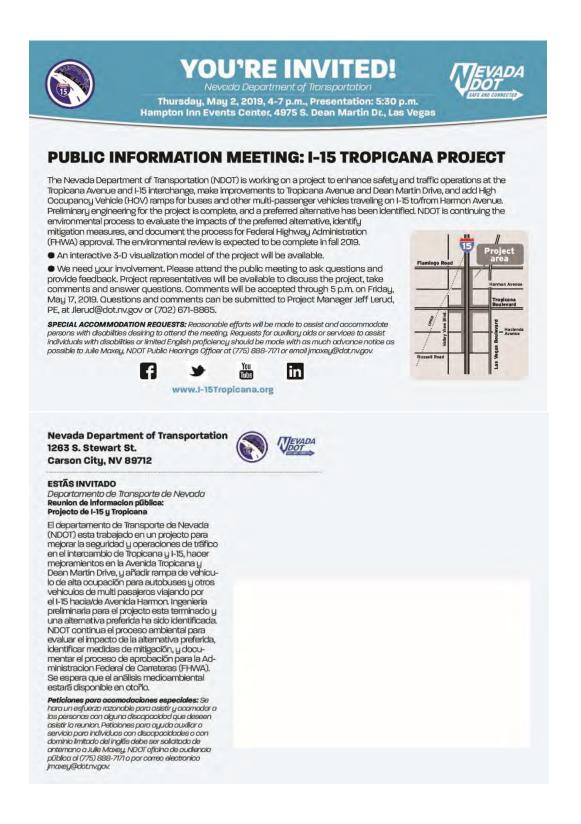
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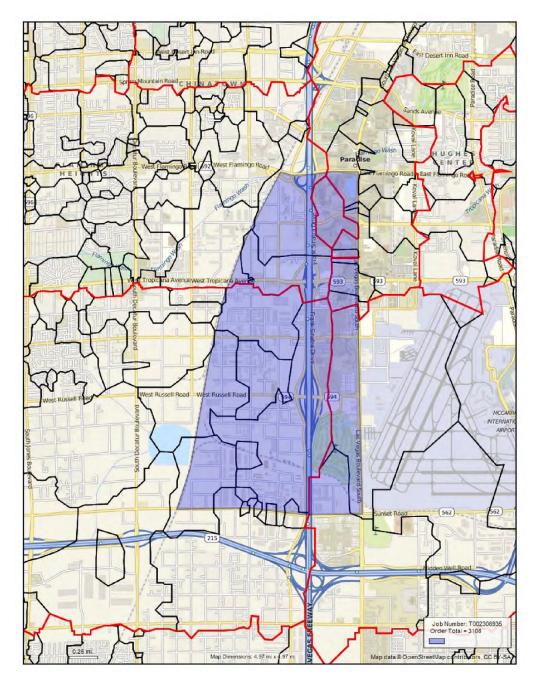
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# Postcard



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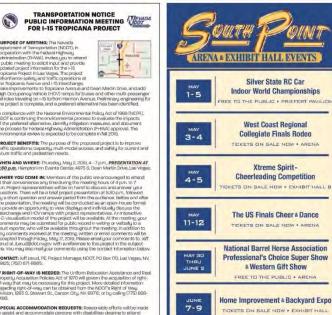
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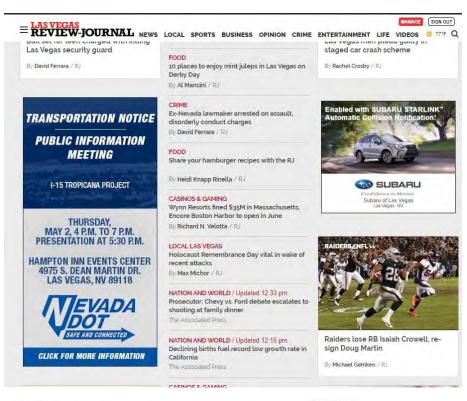
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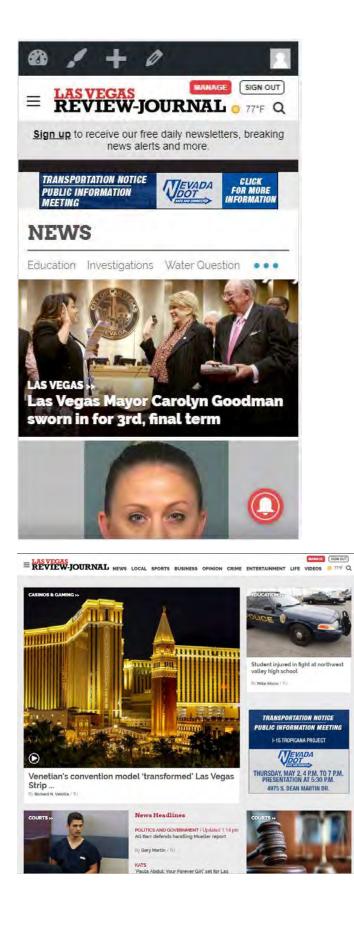


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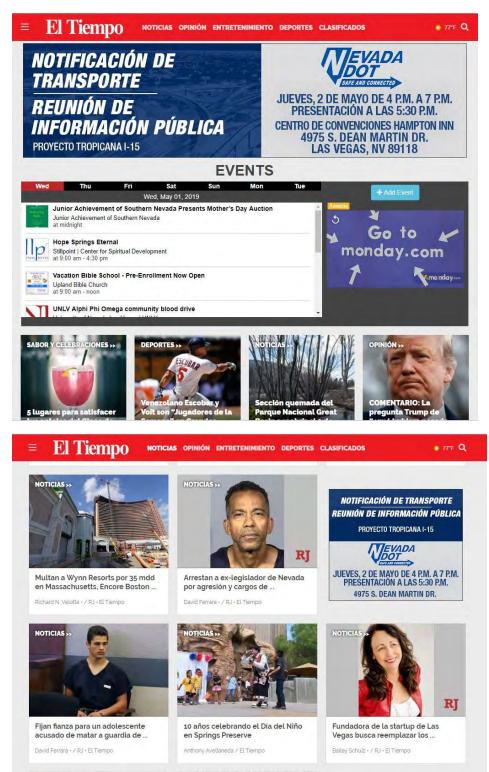


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# **APPENDIX C**

Email blast – April 19, 2019 & May 1, 2019



## YOU'RE INVITED! I-15 TROPICANA PROJECT PUBLIC MEETING MAY 2, 2019

The Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), invites you to attend a public meeting to solicit input and provide updated project information for the I-15 Tropicana project in Las Vegas. The project will enhance safety and traffic operations at the Tropicana Avenue and I-15 interchange, make improvements to Tropicana Avenue and Dean Martin Drive, and add High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) ramps for buses and other multi-passenger vehicles traveling on I-15 to/from Harmon Avenue. Preliminary engineering of the project is complete, and a preferred alternative has been identified.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), NDOT is continuing the environmental process to evaluate the impacts of the preferred alternative, identify mitigation measures, and document the process for FHWA approval. The environmental review is expected to be complete in fall 2019.



**PROJECT BENEFITS:** The purpose of the proposed project is to improve traffic operations, capacity, multi-modal access, and safety for current and future traffic and pedestrian needs.

WHEN AND WHERE: <u>Thursday, May 2, 2019, 4-7 p.m., PRESENTATION AT</u> <u>5:30 p.m.</u> Hampton Inn Events Center, 4975 S. Dean Martin Drive, Las Vegas WHERE YOU COME IN: Members of the public are encouraged to attend at their convenience any time during the meeting hours of 4 p.m. 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 interchange and HOV ramps with project representatives. An interactive 3-D visualization model of the project will be available. At the meeting, your comments may be submitted for public meeting 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 to Jeff Lerud at JLerud@dot.nv.gov with a reference to this project in the subject line. You may also mail your comments using the contact information below.

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**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 advance notice as possible to Julie Maxey, NDOT Public Hearings Officer at (775) 888-7171 or email at jmaxey@dot.nv.gov.





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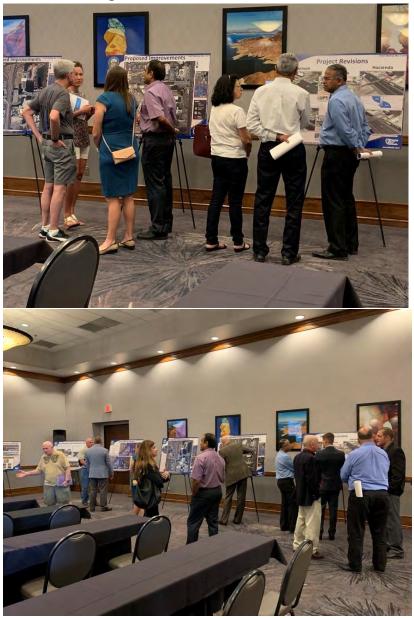
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2	held at Hampton Inn Event Center, located at 4975 Dean Martin Drive,
3	Las Vegas, Nevada, on Thursday, May 2, 2019, at 4:00 p.m., before
4	Mickey Marez, Certified Court Reporter, in and for the State of Nevada
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7	NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:
8	JULIE MAXEY
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2	identification.)
3	COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING
4	JULIE MAXEY: Good evening. We have a couple
5	of minutes we're going to go ahead and start our
6	presentation. I think some of you can finish up your
7	conversations, and find a seat, and we'll get started.
8	Thank you.
9	Well, once again, good evening. Thank you
10	for coming out tonight. We know everybody's got busy
11	schedules, but we appreciate you coming out for the
12	I-15 Tropicana Project. And the project has changed a
13	little bit. So this is going to be a community update
14	for the project.
15	My name is Julie Maxey, I'm the public
16	hearings officer for the Nevada Department of
17	Transportation. With us tonight is Jeff Lerud, he is a
18	project manager working on this project.
19	In a few minutes he'll introduce a few of his
20	team members. I would like to recognize a few people
21	we have in the audience tonight. We have some members
22	of the stakeholders here tonight. So thank you for
23	attending.
24	And we've got some displays around the room
25	as well. And then from Civil Effects, they have

Page 5 brought in our visualization here. If you've had a 1 2 chance to look at those -- please do if you haven't. 3 We have -- representing us from our right-of-way team over here tonight if you have any 4 5 questions. 6 We also have two court reporters here 7 tonight. We have Mickey over here and Karen. They'll 8 be taking down the presentation verbatim and the Q&A. 9 Karen will also be here tonight throughout the whole meeting to take down any open-comment you 10 would like to come up and say to her during our 11 open-house, which after the presentation, Q&A, we will 12 13 turn the meeting back to an open-house format. 14 Before we get started, I would like to ask 15 you to please hold your comments and questions until after we get through the presentation. And after the 16 presentation, I need to have you state your name for 17 18 the public record. And with that, I'll go ahead and hand it over 19 20 to Jeff. JEFF LERUD: Thanks, Julie. 21 22 Hi, everybody. I'm Jeff Lerud, I'm a project 23 manager with the Nevada Department of Transportation. 24 I'm here to talk to you about the I-15 -- the I-15 Tropicana Interchange Project. We're in the NEPA 25

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1	Page 6 process. And I'll explain more about that.
2	But before I get too far into it, joining me
3	tonight is the consulting NDOT team. And if you guys
4	could just stand up and wave, I'd appreciate it.
5	These folks will be around the room at the
6	boards and the simulation monitors to answer any
7	questions that you might have after the presentation.
8	So what to expect tonight; these are some of
9	the discussion topics that I am going to cover tonight.
10	The project overview, goals, the NEPA process, project
11	update, next steps, and then we'll have a question and
12	answer at the end.
13	So as part of the process, there's quite a
14	few agencies and stakeholders that are participating
15	with us in this process. And hopefully you can see
16	them up there. I don't want to read through them, but
17	I'll give you a couple minutes to read through them
18	briefly.
19	So our project location is on I-15. Our
20	northern limit on I-15 is Flamingo road and our
21	southern limit is Russell Russell Road. And it's
22	right on Tropicana Avenue it's a reconstruction of
23	Tropicana Avenue. And then our limits on Tropicana
24	itself are to the West Valley View and to the
25	East Las Vegas Boulevard.

1	Page 7 So why is this project needed? Congestion,
2	high crash frequency, and pedestrian connectivity.
3	Today, Tropicana backs up pretty significantly. We
4	have an intersection at Dean Martin space really
5	close a signalized intersection. So there's really
6	close based intersections that are signalized.
7	On I-15 itself we have a high crash
8	frequency. And one of the reasons we have that is we
9	have a volume right at right at Tropicana.
10	When we did the I-15 South design build,
11	Tropicana was our northern limit. So we had to draw a
12	line in the sand somewhere and so that was our northern
13	limit.
14	And as a result, we don't have all the lanes
15	that we need to get through there. When Tropicana is
16	reconstructed, we're actually going to lengthen the
17	bridge over I-15 that we can come back someday and add
18	lanes on I-15 just for passing needs.
19	And then the pedestrian connectivity; right
20	now we only have a sidewalk on one side of the
21	structure on Tropicana. We're going to build a
22	sidewalk on both sides of Tropicana and connect it all
23	the way down to matching at Las Vegas Boulevard and
24	then to the west over to to Dean Martin. So we'll
25	have really good access for pedestrians in the future.

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1	So our project goals: We want to improve the
2	operation capacity in Tropicana and the interchange,
3	obviously. We're going to be doing that by adding one
4	lane in each direction for the through-lanes.
5	And then wherever there's major limits for
6	left-turn lanes or right-turn lanes, we're going to try
7	and maximize those with triple lefts or triple rights.
8	We want to increase the safety for people and
9	pedestrians. Like I said a moment ago, we're going to
10	have really good connectivity with the sidewalks over
11	Tropicana so you can get to either side of the I-15
12	relatively easy.
13	We want to avoid, minimize, and mitigate any
14	kind of environment that we come back up against. And
15	then really minimize the need for additional
16	right-of-way right-of-ways in this area because it's
17	a premium. It's really we are really going to try
18	and minimize that the best we can. And then we want to
19	include access to Tropicana and The Strip.
20	So NEPA we're in the NEPA process. NEPA
21	stands for National Environmental Policy Act. And what
22	it is it's a law requiring federal agencies to
23	assess the environmental effects of a proposed project
24	prior to making decisions.
25	It establishes a framework for environmental

Page 9 review and ensures public and agency. Public 1 2 participation by being here tonight. 3 It also is a process that is intended to help agencies make decisions that consider environmental 4 5 consequences and avoid, minimize, and mitigate those 6 environmental impacts. 7 So, this is our second public meeting. We had a public meeting back on January 30th of 2018. I 8 don't know if some of you folks were here or not, but 9 this is our second one to date. 10 So, as far as the environmental assessment 11 12 that we are striving for, these are some of the 13 resources and impacts that we are considering and 14 looking at. All these are being looked at pretty 15 thoroughly. But really we're focusing on safety and 16 socioeconomic considerations as far, like, the 17 18 pedestrian connectivity and making it safer for vehicles and pedestrians. 19 20 This is our project development process 21 slide. So we've already been through the preliminary 22 project development and planning when we did the 23 Tropicana feasibility study. And that was completed in 24 2015. 25 Now we're in the environmental studies and

1	Page 10 preliminary engineering stage. We hope to be done with
2	this by the end of the year and then we'll get into our
3	next steps of design development, acquiring
4	right-of-way, and then eventually moving on to
5	constructing our project, and then shipping into an
6	operations and maintenance activity.
7	So this this is some of the things that I
8	was talking about last January of 2018, our previously
9	proposed project.
10	So what we had originally was an HOV off-ramp
11	at Hacienda, to and from the south. We had an HOV
12	drop-ramp at Harmon, to and from the north.
13	We eliminated the signal at the intersection
14	of Dean Martin and Tropicana. And I think that's
15	pretty much it.
16	And then everything else was about the same
17	as far as triple left-turns, triple right-turns, and an
18	additional third lane in each direction.
19	But what's changed? We've made some HOV
20	adjustments. So when we did our original public
21	outreach. We went out and talked to some of the
22	stakeholders and some of the local residents, things
23	like that.
24	And what some of the feedback that we got
25	was there was some concerns about on Hacienda there

Page 11 were concerns of the HOV traffic being introduced to 1 2 Hacienda and turning towards The Strip. 3 And if you guys are familiar with it, the Mandalay Bay has -- it covers over Hacienda. So cars 4 will be driving from daylight into a shaded area. And 5 there were some concerns about pedestrians there. So 6 7 we looked at that. 8 At Harmon Avenue, there was some -- we went and met with the Panorama Towers and Martin. And all 9 those folks had concerns about walking from their 10 properties over to The Strip. 11 There's a sidewalk on the north side of that 12 13 structure and what we were proposing to do was to bring 14 an HOV drop-ramp on the north side. 15 As a result, that would have broken up the sidewalk and then they would have had to cross at the 16 signalized intersection and the crosswalk with all that 17 18 additional traffic. Once we heard these concerns, we went back to 19 20 the drawing board and we reevaluated our HOV plan. The results of that are we eliminated the offramps at 21 22 Hacienda. So there's no longer any offramps at 23 Hacienda. 24 And then at Harmon, we actually took the 25 offramps and put them to the south side. So, now to

Page 12 get off at Harmon, you go to northbound to get off or 1 2 you head southbound and come on the I-15. So to and 3 from the south. And what the benefit of that is -- is to stay 4 5 away from that sidewalk, there's no longer going to be a break in that sidewalk. So the folks on the west 6 7 side of the I-15 will be able to access the strip on 8 the sidewalk. 9 That is just a straight shot. You won't have to go with the signal. So we think we came up with 10 11 some pretty good improvements to address those 12 concerns. 13 Also, right here, this is a -- an example of 14 the simulation of the proposed project. I don't think 15 it works. All right. So that's just looking down at 16 Tropicana. And in the background -- or in the room 17 18 over here, we have Wayne and Sands. And if you do have any questions, we can take 19 20 you over there and we can zoom in on specific areas 21 that are appropriate for you or to address your 22 concerns. 23 And to really -- if you haven't seen the simulation that -- they showed the existing, the showed 24 the proposed, you can see the Raiders' stadium. And 25

1	Page 13 then they can also toggle on and off traffic the
2	existing traffic, the future traffic, and then the
3	future traffic with the proposed improvements. It's
4	really slick if you haven't seen it yet.
5	So here we are right now, our second public
6	meeting. Moving forward, we are going to be completing
7	an environmental assessment, having a public review,
8	and ultimately a public hearing this Fall of 2019 with
9	the idea that we will be submitting to FONSI for
10	approval in the Winter of 2019. About the November
11	time frame is what we are shooting for.
12	And then we're hoping to get our finding of
13	no significant impact for FONSI. And once we get that,
14	we can begin our next stages of going into the
15	right-of-way acquisition process following into
16	construction.
17	So we need your help. Please review the
18	concepts around the room and discuss with the project
19	experts that are hanging out by the boards and the
20	simulation monitors.
21	And provide your feedback on some of the
22	proposals that we have got. We got some comment parts
23	that you can write on and submit them. I think you can
24	take a look at it after this is completed.
25	And then you can follow us on Twitter,

Page 14 Facebook, or on our home link wage at 1 2 www.nevadadot.com. 3 And then, please, if you do have any comments, please submit them by May 17th so we can get 4 5 them all incorporated and addressed. So now let's do the open-comment period. 6 7 JULIE MAXEY: Thanks, Jeff. 8 So what I want to have you do is step up to 9 the mic. If you want to make a comment, please state your name prior to making your comment or asking your 10 questions. Once again, we are recording this verbatim 11 12 for the public record. 13 So with that, my name is Julie Maxey, 14 Public Hearings Officer and we will open it up for 15 comments and questions for the I-15 Tropicana Project. JEFF LERUD: You guys are easy. 16 17 PUBLIC COMMENT 18 >>: My name is Peter Georgier and I'm one of the residents at Dean Martin. 19 20 I just wanted to know regarding that overpass at Harmon, will there be a possibility of installing 21 22 something like a shade for the pedestrians crossing 23 from Dean Martin or the Panorama Towers to City Center? 24 JEFF LERUD: You know, that is definitely something we can look into. Right now, I don't know if 25

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     you were at the last meeting.
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              >>: I was there.
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              JEFF LERUD: Oh, okay.
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     Harmon, speeding and stuff. So we are looking at
     putting a barrier there.
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              >>: That's perfect.
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              JEFF LERUD: So that's definitely something I
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     would take a look at.
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     proposal. If something that happens or some -- some
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     up.
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              JEFF LERUD: Okay. Thank you.
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              >>: Thank you.
              JULIE MAXEY: Wow. Okay. No one else?
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     Q&A for this portion of the presentation. We will be
    here until 7:00 p.m. tonight.
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     packet that you got when you came in, there is a
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     comment sheet. But there's also several other ways
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    that you can interact with us and leave us your
     comments and questions. The comment period is open
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     until May 17th.
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1	Page 16 So once again, we are going to be here until
2	7:00. So please take advantage of our displays and
3	talk to our staff. Thank you.
4	JEFF LERUD: Thank you, everyone.
5	JULIE MAXEY: Oh, and one more thing: Lost
6	and found, we have a cell phone. So if you're missing
7	your cell phone, please see the girls at the sign-in
8	table.
9	JEFF LERUD: Thank you.
10	(Presentation concluded at 5:41 PM.)
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## Colleen Franken, Panorama Towers Owner, April 23, 2019

Hello,

We are the owners of a unit at Tower 2 of Panorama Towers. Questions:

1. Will we be prevented from being able to walk across the Harmon Street bridge from Panorama on Harmon to City Center?

2. Will we be affected in any way whatsoever?

3. Will this bridge/walk be made safer so that the pedestrians will be protected from speeding vehicles or drunk drivers along the bridge?

4. Is there anything else we need to know about the construction such as where the ramp will be and how long it will take?

Thank you for your time.