

# Appendix L

## Public Comments



Dorothy Carlo Jan 25, 2012

Mr. Cooke,

We desperately need to have the USA Parkway completed immediately, not in 5 years.

Grocery stores, hardware stores, medical clinics and many other amenities are way to far away. Many of us in Silver Springs live on a limited income but we spend way to much for gas. You have to have a car out here - another expense.

A local super market would be great - not that terrible market in downtown Silver Springs.

I am embarrassed to say I am from Silver Springs.

Dorothy Carlo

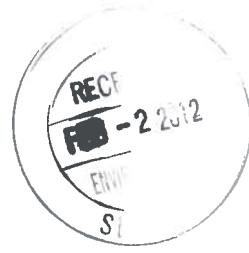
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Steve Cooke  
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Steve Cooke

I have lived in Stagecoach going on 20 yrs. I have worked in Reno for the passed 3 yrs.

The I-80 to Highway 50 connection, would be a convenient, but also seems to be a necessity for a way to and from Reno.

Thanks

Randy Salzwimmer

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January 17, 2012

Steve M. Cooke, P.E.  
Chief Environmental Services Division  
Nevada Department of Transportation  
1263 South Stewart Street  
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RE: USA Parkway Project  
Project ID: 73708

Dear Mr. Cooke,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the USA Parkway in Lyon and Story counties. ERGS, Inc. maintains significant land holdings in Silver Springs – approximately 1700 acres, most of which is concentrated near and adjacent to the Silver Springs airport – and will be directly and positively impacted by the completion of the project.

At this point, ERGS has just three comments about the project:

- **SUPPORT for PROJECT.** ERGS, Inc. supports the project and urges Lyon County and the State of Nevada to complete USA Parkway in the soonest possible time frame. The principals of ERGS believe that the USA Parkway, once complete, will have a positive impact, both economic and social, on central Lyon County.
- **Proposed Alignment (Opal Avenue).** ERGS supports the Proposed Alignment where the Parkway will intersect Highway 50 at Opal Avenue. The proposed alignment is a better fit with the overall community plan adopted by both the Silver Springs Town Board and the Silver Springs business community.
- **FLOOD CONTROL.** ERGS would support the addition of flood control elements to the USA Parkway. The project could be constructed to provide a certain level of flood protection from storm water originating in the higher ground north and west of the project, which has caused flooding in Silver Springs from time to time. Elevated roadways could capture storm water runoff, thus creating opportunities for retention and ground water recharge.

ERGS, Inc. is strongly supportive of this long-awaited project. We stand ready and willing to participate and assist in any way possible. Please do not hesitate to contact should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

George F. Peek  
President

Gregory F. Peek  
Vice President

January 17, 2012

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**RE: USA Parkway Project, from I-80 to US 50**

We request that the USA Parkway extension to Silver Springs be approved and that the bid process be moved up to earlier than the proposed 2016 bid date.

My husband and I moved to Silver Springs in April 2001. When we were looking at property out here in December 2000 one of the selling points was the promise that USA Parkway would be completed to Silver Springs in 4-5 years. It has now been 11 years and still we have no road.

We currently are employed in Reno since our work schedules do not coincide we each commute 60 miles each way, five days a week, to our individual places of employment. If we were able to commute to work via the proposed USA Parkway we would each be able to shave approximately 30 miles off our daily round trip commutes (approximately 15 miles each way). This would mean quite a cost savings to us. In addition to the miles we would save, we anticipate a time savings as well, since we will not be required to slow down to 25 mph as we go through Fernley.

We are sure that we are not the only Silver Springs residents who would see this cost/time benefit. On our daily commutes we see the same vehicles making the same trip, so we know that there are a lot of us who would use USA Parkway.

As far as Silver Springs, I cannot see that extending USA Parkway would be anything but a good thing for our struggling community. It would make it a more attractive place for people and businesses to relocate to. It would serve as an alternate route for commuters. Those of us who shop in Fernley will still continue to do so, but we would not be creating wear and tear on their streets when all we are doing is passing through on our way to work. In addition, the cost savings we realize would likely find its way into local merchants. Win/Win!

Thank you,

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# USA Parkway Meeting

To Whom It May Concern:

We are sending this email because we will not be able to attend the meeting today in Silver Springs concerning the USA Parkway project.

I'm a 32 y/o Silver Springs resident, and I've lived here for 22 years. I grew up here, and now we have chosen to have my family be raised here. I have chosen to marry a woman who has teenage children that we've raised since they were elementary school age.

Choosing to keep our family in Silver Springs has been a tough decision. I know from growing up here, that there is a very few things that kids and teens can do as far as entertainment and employment. This goes for most adults as well. I feel that due to the low economic attraction, Silver Springs is far behind where it should and could be as far as development and economy.

My wife, children, and I all feel that USA Parkway being extended to Hwy 50 is vital for this area and town to compete much less survive.

We recently on Jan 6-7, 2012 took a trip to Wendover and Ely to support the high school basketball team. These are places that we've never visited previously. We drove the entire way up I-80 and came back through Hwy 50. My wife and I were very surprised to see these other townships (cities) that had comparable sized high schools to be SO, SO far economically ahead of Silver Springs. We are referring to Lovelock, Battle Mountain, Ely, Wendover, Eureka, and even little ol' Austin. We thought to ourselves. WHY and HOW?

We understand that some of these towns are located on I-80 and others are county seats, and others are the only town within 100 miles. That still didn't make it right in our minds. Just because there are other towns and cities that are 15 min to 1 hr away from Silver Springs doesn't make it right or fair to the residents and the children that they've chosen to raise in Silver Springs.

We cannot understand why we've continuously heard rumors (some very grounded) of grocery stores, 24 hr gas stations, and fast food restaurants all wanting to build in Silver Springs, yet they ALWAYS get rejected or they back out. We know a great deal of this has to do with infrastructure of the town. You see, we have 2 major trucking routes (hwy 50, hwy 95A), a rail system, an excellent airport, a central location, a city water and sewer, and PLENTY of land. Everything is set to grow, but why hasn't it? We feel USA Parkway is the key to finally opening the door for Silver Springs to be the town that it should've been years and years ago.

There are many residents that don't want the town to grow. I feel that they don't understand economics. You see, Lyon county has the highest rate of unemployment in Nevada and one of the lowest land values as well. If we had a third major thoroughfare, connecting us to near Reno, there would be no doubt plenty of employment opportunities with construction first off. Secondly, the USA Parkway would bring industry to Silver Springs. We've been told numerous times that UPS would like to put a hub near our airport due to its location and accessibility as well as having a pretty direct route to Reno International if needed. Many industries have attempted to build in our area and only a couple have survived. I feel this is due to the rise in fuel cost and the construction industry collapse. By building USA Parkway, at least temporarily, these two issues can be dealt with.

Once the road is built, it will give industries the tools they need to succeed. Once the industry is here, it

will create jobs. Once there are jobs, people want to spend money, which would cry out for commercial businesses to be created, which would then create more businesses and more jobs. This would allow teens to have somewhere to work or some place to be entertained rather than getting into trouble or drugs.

I (Robert) spoke with a close friend of mine last night. He has also lived in Silver Springs his entire life. He is a pretty successful individual. He's married with a 2 y/o and a 2nd baby on the way. He told me that he does not want his children growing up in Silver Springs because there is too much negative influence on the children and teens due to not having anything to do except for getting into trouble or drugs and alcohol. He said he was thinking of moving closer to Carson or Reno. We don't blame him. The problem is this: He owns his home and land which creates tax money. Each resident that Silver Springs loses to other towns/cities just keeps sinking us more and more.

We have to find a way to save this town. If all of our young people and younger adults refuse to live in a place that creates financial mediocrity and a negative environment to raise children, the population will consist only of residents that cannot afford anything extra due to being on fixed incomes. That will create less commercial business, causing the few that are left in the town to sell off or close. Several already have. Which then leads to having no tax money which then will cause the infrastructure that we do have to fall apart.

We understand the point of those few commercial businesses that are left. I (Robert) have been involved with assisting Pizza Factory, and my wife and I (and quite a few residents) are well-acquainted with Jeff who owns Village Market. We do NOT want to see these businesses hurt in any way. If we keep the town the way it is, unfortunately, they are destined to failure simply because the environment of the town. If we promote USA parkway, these two small business owners (who both live in the Reno area) now have a shorter drive from home to work and healthy competition. I have yet to meet a business owner who is not up for healthy competition. If I owned one of these businesses or yet, any business, I would rather compete and give my all than to watch my business and financial investment slowly decay and rot forcing me into moving my business or bankruptcy because the environment, population income, over-all economy, and non-growth attitude set this town on a crash course for economic failure.

PLEASE we are pleading for you complete USA to Hwy 50 for our town, our residents, and most importantly our children and their children.

Thank You,  
Robert and Lucy Hembrough

TO: NDOT  
REF: USA PARKWAY

1-17-2012

I believe that the extension of the USA Parkway to HWY 50 in Lyon County will only benefit both Storey County and Lyon County. I might add that the Reno Sparks communities would benefit as well.

This roadway will open up many job opportunities to citizens of Lyon County. The Silver Springs and Stagecoach communities might see an immediate effect as they would become just a few miles away from a large employer base at the Industrial Park in Storey County.

I believe that the housing market in Lyon County would benefit as well. Fernley started out as a bedroom community for the Reno-Sparks area due to its close proximity and affordable housing. This roadway would place the Silver Springs community a similar distance from the Reno Sparks community as Fernley.

Better access to Reno and Sparks will definitely make it easier for Lyon County residents to shop, work and take advantage of the amenities that are available in the Reno and Sparks communities. Easier access saves people time and money.

The Industrial Park might wish to take advantage of the close proximity to the Silver Springs Airport. Business flights could gain easier access to the Industrial Park. Required emergency shipments might be quicker than going to the Reno Airport.

Lake Lahontan would become more accessible to those folks, from Reno and Sparks who wish to partake of the recreational opportunities that exist at the lake. At present they have to go to Fernley, then head south. In the summer I see a steady stream of boaters coming down 50A.

Trucking costs should decrease as the mileage from the Industrial Park to 95A will decrease.

One point that I would like to make is that the State might be wise to consider future use of the Ramsey Cutoff as a continuation of the Parkway. This would create another decrease in costs of transportation by having vehicles bypass the four corners area of Silver Springs. This roadway would have to be widened and would necessitate condemnation of property along the north side of Ramsey Weeks. If this is something that NDOT might consider, now is a good time to start buying up property. There are presently approximately 10 residents, on the north side of Ramsey Weeks. Twenty years from now, there will probably be a much greater number of residents. Also, land is cheaper at this time. Naturally, the folks along Ramsey Weeks may not share my view.

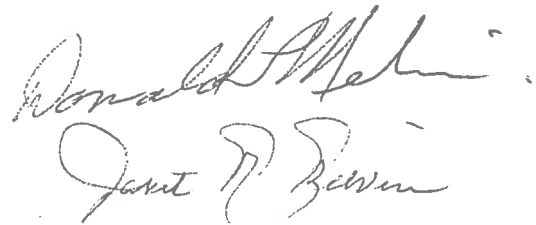
We are happy to see that NDOT is actually making progress on this project. The opportunities and advantages that this project will bring to Lyon County greatly outweigh any disadvantages associated with progress.



We obviously are highly in favor of this project and anticipate its rapid completion (before we die!). Medical access is a major concern – and will be enhanced by this positive project!!

Thank you SO much for your intervention and participation in this project. If we left it up to Lyon County we would all be dead before any progress was made.

Don and Jan Melvin  
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Silver Springs, Nv.  
577-2523



Handwritten signatures of Don and Jan Melvin. The signature for Don Melvin is written above the signature for Jan Melvin.

My name is Al J. Penaluna, a resident of Silver Springs, Nv..

The reason I am not at this meeting is that I work the swing shift as a security officer at a large plant in the Tahoe Reno industrial center.

One reason I took this job is that at the time I needed the work but also the U.S.A. Parkway was under construction and I was told it would be completed within the next year or two. That was four and a half years ago. I drove from Silver Springs to Sparks, Nv. for twenty one years and am now tired of driving long distance, and, so was very much hoping the U.S.A. Parkway would go through. At present the sixty five mile round trip is eating up my finances in gas and vehicular maintenance.

I have heard that if this road goes through it may be a toll road. That is O.K. with me but a suggestion - Give those who work in the TRI area a break with say, a window sticker and reduced rate as they will drive this road four to six days a week. All other non-commercial traffic a regular price. If instead no toll, but rather a slight increase in county tax for road maintenance is also O.K.....but not both!!

This road would be very good for many all around. It would give a short cut (so-to-speak) for those in the Silver Springs/Stagecoach areas a way to get to Reno/Sparks for shopping instead of going to Carson or Fallon only.

For example, my wife often visits people in the Reno area hospitals including the Veterans Hospital and did so spending much on gas and driving time this last year.

It would also be a great advantage for emergency use, getting emergency person/s to Reno hospitals without the use of the very expensive Care Flight that can otherwise be used for the more out laying areas where it would be needed much more.

What about Commercial use? Would it not be advantageous for UPS and FEDEX (as examples) to deliver here (Silver Springs areas) faster to keep the cost of gas/maintenance down thereby keeping the cost of shipping down?

Of course there is also Trucking. Now this is another matter as I am not sure if I want hordes of big rigs rumbling through my quiet little town. But on the other hand it would help the business I work at (and many others), as many of the trucks that go to and come from many business's in TRI, carry loads to and from south Cal. This in turn keeps the business I work for open, thereby keeping me in work.

As for the two alternate routes on the attached map, the one in the middle of the map, which ever one goes around the "Knoll" is the easiest is O.K. with me. If going the longer way around the knoll is softer earth making it quicker that would be good. As for the route onto Opal Ave, I have a problem with that. I went to Opal Ave. and drove from there with my odometer set to zero. From that point to the Weeks cut off it is just 1.1 (one point one) miles. That was just about long enough for my old truck, from a dead stop to make the speed limit to the weeks cut off. What I am saying is that I cannot see the big trucks getting up to the full speed limit from Opal to Weeks cut off. This would impede traffic, would it not? Also the mere act of pulling a big truck onto Hwy 50, making a right turn, as slow as they are, would also impede traffic and then again when they slow down and make their left hand turn onto the Weeks cut off impede traffic in the on coming east bound lane. Even if a large left hand turn where to be put there it would still be a problem, and what about the extra expense in putting something like that in. Even if they are turning onto the Hwy left going into town crossing the Hwy would impede traffic

without extra warning signs/lights. The way I see it bringing out the U.S.A. Parkway right to the Weeks cut off would be the better solution. Then trucks would just drive straight across the Hwy and impede traffic only once instead of three times.

I just caught the TV news that gas prices my well go to, if not at least close to \$5.00 (five) dollars a gallon this year. As I do not earn much money as security officer this would be devastating to my wife and I. It is obvious the advantage of completing the U.S.A. Parkway would be not only to me, but to the many many others that live in this, the Silver Springs/Stagecoach areas.

I find very little against not completing this road and much to finish and open it.

Sincerely,

Al Penaluna  
3609 Ardmore St.  
Silver Springs, Nv. 89429  
Home phone 775-577-9194

Signature

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Al Penaluna".



To whom it may concern

1/30/12

I have lived in the silver Springs / Stagecoach area for 19 years and have had to travel Many miles to get any where were there is reasonable area's to shop for reasonable priced items, For everyday needs, let alone just to get to work. Putting in USA Parkway was a light at the end of the tunnel . Now it is a huge question as to weather or not we will have any help in this extra trying time , with gas prices as they are and food cost and even an alternative rout to come home if tragic should strike. We were promised a reasonable Rout to reach necessary every day life with greater ease and as usual outer area's have been left out. So either this Highway gets finished or I as many around me will be forced to move closer to our jobs and resources and start funding other counties.

Sincerely, Diana Davis  
Lyon County Voter and 19 year resident

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February 3, 2012

Steve M Cooke Chief Environmental Services Division NDOT  
1263 South Stewart Street  
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Subject: USA Parkway Project and potential expropriation of needed property

Dear NDOT,

First I want to state that I attended the information meeting on January 17, 2012 held at the Silver Springs Senior Center, my perception of the meeting was that it was presented in a very high level overview and dealt with generalities, and very little detail was available to those most probably impacted. I asked many written questions on the cards provided, but my perception of the answers were ones of generalities. I had hoped that at the meeting would have provided much more clarity and that the meeting also provided handouts for specific contacts of responsible entities for all the aspects of the project and we were able to get firm commitments, instead of generalities and I also want NDOT to know that there are several of us that will most likely be imminently adversely impacted if the USA Parkway project is completed as depicted or indicated in the flyer mailed to the residents of Silver Springs and the primary path of the roadway is used. The simple truth of the impact is twofold;

1. In the financial aspect of our investment, and
2. In the esthetics and environmental aspect of our retirement home.

In our particular case the two potential financial outcomes are;

1. In the case where the primary roadway path is in fact used by NDOT to complete the USA Parkway project and our property is expropriated, we would undoubtedly see a drastically reduced real estate value directly related to the acceleration of the appraised value in a known down real estate market, and furthermore (most economists are still predicting that for Nevada there is still no end in sight of the tumbling real estate market and in the event that NDOT would force acquisition of our property we would experience a financial loss directly attributable to the actions of NDOT and choice of the roadway path). In our particular case where we purchased our property more recently at the height of the real estate boom, we paid much a higher price than those residents who have been in the Silver Springs community, I do know that most of my immediate neighbors have been residents since the early 1990's when Real Estate prices were similar to those in the very recent past after the crash of the market.

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Ezio A. Moresi

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2. On the other hand (this is and has been our plan ) to peacefully continue to live out our retirement years On our property in our peaceful environment , and god willing in 10 or more years we would realize the regaining of our financial investment .

In the case of our immediate environment and the esthetics of our surroundings ;

We know that the introduction of a roadway of any size can directly and adversely affect the peace and tranquility of the nearby surroundings and domain. We believe that this would lead to an element of undesirability and therefore adversely impact our immediate domain and value of our property further.

There are many other nearby routes that can be used to enjoin the USA Parkway roadway into the current highway 50 that can clearly have less impact to the current population of mostly senior citizens of Silver Springs along the projected roadway path, just to name one we have looked at the following street/roads that is presently established as follows: Ramsey/Weeks we followed the roadway to the top of the Ramsey peaks and ( from a non expert observation we immediately saw the potential benefit of using that particular road), This is our preliminary observation. We want to reserve the right to additional comments and suggestions as the project evolves.

Summation: Although we see some benefit of the USA Parkway project for our community we believe that there are many other alternative existing roads that have not been considered and should be considered as possible locations where the USA Parkway roadway can enjoin Highway 50. Before a decision is made, we believe that a roadway that serves two communities is much more beneficial, and also think that the USA Parkway should intersect Highway 50 at a point where it also serves both of the communities of Stagecoach as well as Silver Springs, also without much research we have seen several locations where the USA Parkway can possibly enjoin onto Highway 50 much closer to the midpoint between the community of Stagecoach and Silver Springs, in discussing this with our neighbors we think that the open minded panel entrusted to render the roadway path decision would render a more appropriate decision that would be in every ones best interest if these additional possibilities are explored. Lastly when the decision is made as to what roadway path will be used, we are requiring that there be responsible accountability, and that every person or entity adversely impacted by the decision rendered by the panel be completely and unconditionally reimbursed in accordance to the supporting documentation presented by those negatively impacted.

Sincerely, Ezio A. Moresi and Gale M. Moresi

*Ezio A. Moresi* 2-3-2012  
*Gale M. Moresi* 2-3-2012

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Street

City, State, Zip

Do you wish to speak during the comment period following the presentation? Please check one.

Yes

No

Comment (Print):

I WANT TO COMMEND YOU ON YOUR USA PARKWAY PROJECT PRESENTATION AT SILVER SPRING ON 1-17-12. LYON COUNTY SHOWED US NOTHING ON THE PROJECT FOR TEN YEARS. AT LEAST NOW SINCE N-DOT TOOK OVER YOU HAVE A PLAN AND A SCHEDULE. OVER

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT.  
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.



Name (Print):

HARDCASTLE Michael  
Last First

Address (Print):

P.O. Box 254 SS, NV 89429  
Street City, State, Zip

Do you wish to speak during the comment period following the presentation? Please check one.

Yes

No

Comment (Print):

Get it Done A.S.A.P  
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Name (Print):

Watts Calvin  
Last First

Address (Print):

3095 Swadberry St Silver Springs, NV 89429  
Street City, State, Zip

Do you wish to speak during the comment period following the presentation? Please check one.

Yes

No

Comment (Print):

I welcome the Hwy access to USA Park way,  
Get it Going! The work shud have been done last year!  
I do not welcome some Private Parties that want to  
Make the Silver Springs Air Port a Regional UPS/Fedex Hub



Name (Print):

HARDCASTLE

RICHARD

Last

First

Address (Print):

3910 Cherry St

Silver Springs NV. 894

Street

City, State, Zip

Do you wish to speak during the comment period following the presentation? Please check one.

Yes

No

Comment (Print):

Complete this project as quickly  
as possible.

Name (Print):

G Ruffin

VINCENT

Last

First

Address (Print):

3725 Technology

Reno NV 89521

Street

City, State, Zip

Do you wish to speak during the comment period following the presentation? Please check one.

Yes

No

Comment (Print):

THE GREAT PROJECT EVERYBODY  
LOVES IT. PLEASE HURRY

PLEASE START FINAL DESIGN.

Name (Print):

BENNETT Kay  
Last First

Address (Print):

P.O. Box 311, Silver Springs, NV 89429  
Street City, State, Zip

Do you wish to speak during the comment period following the presentation? Please check one.

Yes

No

Comment (Print):

Extremely important project for the  
future economic development  
of our entire region

Name (Print):

WOZNIAK STEPHANIE  
Last First

Address (Print):

3807 Deodar St. SILVER SPRINGS, NV 8942  
Street City, State, Zip

Do you wish to speak during the comment period following the presentation? Please check one.

Yes  No

Comment (Print):

The timely completion of this project is important for all of the residents of Silver Springs and equally if not more important for the economic recovery & future of the Region.

Name (Print):

Baringer Theo

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Address (Print):

8150 Cheyenne Trail Stagecoach, NV

Street

City, State, Zip

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Do you wish to speak during the comment period following the presentation? Please check one.

Yes

No

Comment (Print):

I am a father of 2 young children whom I want to raise in a nice rural country type community - BUT it is a task to pay the gas I

have to pay to commute to Reno where the jobs are - The USA Parkway would be so helpful to myself and other young families just trying to make it in the current bad economy - Please hurry - Thank You

Name (Print):

~~Ann~~ Easley Margot  
Last <sup>First</sup> Slapcoach, resident

Address (Print):

PO Box 1956 Dayton, NV 89403  
Street City, State, Zip

Do you wish to speak during the comment period following the presentation? Please check one.

Yes

No

Comment (Print):

Why can't you design the road during  
the 2 year time frame of the Environ-  
mental Assessment and thereby  
shorten the 5 year time for completion  
over

to 3 years ?

Name (Print):

EASLEY NORRIS  
Last Stagecoach. med. <sup>First</sup> acct

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PO Box 1956 Dayton, NV 89403  
Street City, State, Zip

Do you wish to speak during the comment period following the presentation? Please check one.

Yes

No

Comment (Print):

With gas prices going to increase in 2012 and the fact that the majority of Silver Springs Stagecoach residents commute to Reno for work - we need

this USA PARKWAY project finished ASAP - not 5 years from now -



CONTACT  
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# PUBLIC COMMENT FORM

USA Parkway Project Public Information Meeting  
 Tuesday, January 17, 2012, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
 Silver Springs Community Center, Silver Springs, NV

Your comments are important in the development of successful transportation solutions for our communities. Please help us by completing this comment form and providing your feedback on the USA Parkway Project.

What opportunities and/or concerns can you identify for the USA Parkway Project?

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MORE BUSINESS INTEREST IN THIS AREA - WHICH IS GREATLY NEEDED. WE HAVE NO HOSPITAL, NO GROCERY STORE, NO BANK, NO RESTAURANTS EXCEPT IN CASINOS -

What transportation issues and opportunities most affect you with regards to a proposed link between I-80 and US 50?

CLOSER DISTANCE TO MEDICAL FACILITIES. CLOSER TO EMPLOYMENT - LYON CO HAS VERY HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT. CLOSER TO SPARKS + RENO FOR JOBS WOULD BE GREAT FOR THE AREA.

What environmental and community impacts should NDOT consider?

HOPEFULLY WOULD BRING BUSINESSES HERE - WHICH WOULD BRING PEOPLE. WE HAVE LOTS OF BARE LAND FOR PEOPLE AND BUSINESS. A SHAME TO BE SO ISOLATED NEITHER WILL COME HERE NOW!

General Comments:

THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN STALLED LONG ENOUGH - TIME TO GET RID OF THOSE PEOPLE IN LYON COUNTY WHO ARE HOLDING UP PROGRESS! WE NEED THIS! PLUS THE LONGER THEY STALL THE HIGHER THE COST TO FINISH.

Contact Information (Optional):

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 Address:  
 Phone:  
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CONTACT  
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What opportunities and/or concerns can you identify for the USA Parkway Project?

Job opportunities closer. Shorter distance to Reno and Sparks

What transportation issues and opportunities most affect you with regards to a proposed link between I-80 and US 50?

Will be wonderful to have development here. I see great opportunity for growth here.

What environmental and community impacts should NDOT consider?

Will encourage growth and hopefully home sales and home values.

General Comments:

CANT AFFORD TO NOT DO THIS - EVEN MORE people will leave and that means more empty houses AND less tax revenue.

Contact Information (Optional):

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CUT DOWN ON DRIVE TIME TO RENO

What transportation issues and opportunities most affect you with regards to a proposed link between I-80 and US 50?

NO NEGATIVES - ALL POSITIVE

What environmental and community impacts should NDOT consider?

Will BEING MORE BUSINESS here - More people therefore more TAX REVENUE FOR THE STATE AND LYON COUNTY

General Comments:

THIS AREA REALLY NEEDS THIS - WE HAVE TERRIBLE UNEMPLOYMENT IN LYON CO. AT LEAST WE WILL BE CLOSER TO JOBS.

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*Positives - quicker route to Reno - will help economy grow in Silver Springs -*

What transportation issues and opportunities most affect you with regards to a proposed link between I-80 and US 50?

*Possible Public Transportation from SS to Reno/Sparks*

What environmental and community impacts should NDOT consider?

General Comments:

*It's about time this area is "allowed" to grow up -*

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Being able to get to Reno for essentials that aren't available in our area would be nice. Also less time to get to and fro.

What transportation issues and opportunities most affect you with regards to a proposed link between I-80 and US 50?

less gas would be used and better jobs opportunity.

What environmental and community impacts should NDOT consider?

ease of access to the area for jobs and more traffic for tourism to the reservoir is a plus.

General Comments:

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Closer to Reno - easier to get to City. More jobs  
Could create more revenue

What transportation issues and opportunities most affect you with regards to a proposed link between I-80 and US 50?

Less traffic - less Accidents

What environmental and community impacts should NDOT consider?

The road should be maintain for the drivers to  
and fro.

General Comments:

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More jobs, more money for the town of Silver Springs  
Closer to hospitals. More opportunities for growth  
Less fuel to use

What transportation issues and opportunities most affect you with regards to a proposed link between I-80 and US 50?

Needs to maintain the roads. Especially during weather conditions

What environmental and community impacts should NDOT consider?

Green effect. Put solar lights to save energy.

General Comments:

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What opportunities and/or concerns can you identify for the USA Parkway Project?

All good things will come from this highway  
I don't really have concerns.

What transportation issues and opportunities most affect you with regards to a proposed link between I-80 and US 50?

~~make trips to doctor and shopping~~  
FASTER COMMUTE TO RENO FOR MEDICAL AND SHOPPING

What environmental and community impacts should NDOT consider?

will help community to grow.

General Comments:

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What opportunities and/or concerns can you identify for the USA Parkway Project?

I can't see any negatives about it at all. We need to bring in the money needed for our trucks that come through and also have to truck stop build which will give us a big more off state Business/Banks etc into our area.

What transportation issues and opportunities most affect you with regards to a proposed link between I-80 and US 50?

Make trips to Doc's and shopping because you (Lyon County) will not let or approve for the town for growth. Which you as a County will also benefit if we had Banks, Groceries Stores, etc other Business to this would bring more money for the County.

What environmental and community impacts should NDOT consider?

None !!! would

General Comments:

I feel this would be a great town, if Lyon County start to care about the town and see the potential and jobs money and this would give the people pride in there town also !!!

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What opportunities and/or concerns can you identify for the USA Parkway Project?

THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS AREA WOULD BE NUMEROUS. RESIDENTS WOULD BE SO MUCH CLOSER TO SPARKS AND RENO, EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES, ALSO CLOSER MEDICAL, DENTAL AND HOSPITALS.

What transportation issues and opportunities most affect you with regards to a proposed link between I-80 and US 50?

MANY OF THE CITIZENS OF THIS AREA ARE VETERANS AND GO TO THE VETS HOSPITAL IN RENO - THE COST AND TIME WOULD BE GREATLY REDUCED FOR THEM. ALL OF US WOULD HAVE MORE OPPORTUNITIES - I SEE NO NEG. FACTOR HERE.

What environmental and community impacts should NDOT consider?

MAYBE WE COULD FINALLY GET SOME GROWTH HERE. MAYBE OUR HOME VALUE WOULD INCREASE BACK TO WHAT WE PAID FOR THEM. WE REALLY NEED THIS HERE NOW MORE THAN EVER.

General Comments:

I UNDERSTAND THE ROAD IS ALREADY PAID FOR. IF WE WAIT TO BUILD IT NOW - IT WILL COST MORE THE LONGER WE WAIT. ALSO BELIEVE IT WILL ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO BRING BUSINESSES HERE - WHICH WILL BRING IN REVENUE

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What opportunities and/or concerns can you identify for the USA Parkway Project?

It would help make Silver Springs a viable city, not an embarrassment. The USA Parkway would open up Silver Springs to new businesses, there are more jobs. Perhaps people could be proud of their city.

What transportation issues and opportunities most affect you with regards to a proposed link between I-80 and US 50?

There are no drawbacks. Think of the gas and wear and tear on your car you would save.

What environmental and community impacts should NDOT consider?

The community impact is positive. I am not aware of any negative environmental impact.

General Comments:

I just moved to Silver Springs. All the neighbors tell me how backward Lyon County is and not forward thinking. Lyon county reminds me of the 60's. A lot has changed in the rest of the world.

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What opportunities and/or concerns can you identify for the USA Parkway Project?

Opportunity: Closer to Reno hospitals - many veterans live here that use Reno's VA Enhance potential for people to be able to commute to Reno for work

What transportation issues and opportunities most affect you with regards to a proposed link between I-80 and US 50?

Decrease in time, miles and gas costs in getting to Reno with the Parkway completed

What environmental and community impacts should NDOT consider?

Possibly bring more businesses into Silver Springs, become a link between traffic coming into I80 enroute to points south - opportunities for motel, restaurants, etc.

General Comments:

I see only positives for the USA Parkway to be completed

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What opportunities and/or concerns can you identify for the USA Parkway Project?

great opportunity for economic development in Lyon Co  
a benefit for people who commute between Lyon Co  
and Reno/Sparks - save gas, less pollution

What transportation issues and opportunities most affect you with regards to a proposed link between I-80 and US 50?

I live in Dayton, if commute could ease along 395  
by an alternate route via USA Pkway perhaps home sales  
would pick up in West Central Lyon Co which would attract  
more business development there

What environmental and community impacts should NDOT consider?

Impacts upon people living in the "study area" just  
north of Hwy 50/Opal - see reverse

General Comments:

Suggest that notices be sent to PO Boxes in  
Silver Springs since the above mentioned people  
do not get home delivery - get their direct ~~input~~ input  
or Drive out that canyon and talk to them

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What opportunities and/or concerns can you identify for the USA Parkway Project?

The increase in connectivity among different countries not just for government employees but also private citizens; Silver Springs is the center of Lyon County and a necessary crossing point for others.

What transportation issues and opportunities most affect you with regards to a proposed link between I-80 and US 50?

Thank you for this project. Our area needs the traffic, the convenience to become connected to the rest of our community & the development that the accessibility will bring. Also our residents need help w/ reduction of gas mileage.

What environmental and community impacts should NDOT consider?

Please provide green, sustainable and ecological improvements to adjacent highway & set-backs. Please mark tourist attraction & signage for Lake Lahontan. We much support & encourage this project as our community needs it very much.

General Comments:

Please invest a marginal amount in the beautification of Silver Springs & highway development areas adjacent. If possible provide ecological & sustainable improvements.

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What opportunities and/or concerns can you identify for the USA Parkway Project?

Quicker Commute to Reno

What transportation issues and opportunities most affect you with regards to a proposed link between I-80 and US 50?

What effect on the Ramsey Wash Cutoff if none, what effect on the intersection of Hwy 50 and 95 A "Roundabout"

What environmental and community impacts should NDOT consider?

Please the Horses

General Comments:

Get a bigger room, or reservations for each session  
Thank you

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What opportunities and/or concerns can you identify for the USA Parkway Project?

creates growth jobs, save Silver Springs from becoming a ghost town

What transportation issues and opportunities most affect you with regards to a proposed link between I-80 and US 50?

Will save on cost of fuel for commuting save many miles from Reno to Springs

What environmental and community impacts should NDOT consider?

industry

General Comments:

Been saying for 20 yrs this Hwy is coming thru. We need it desperately on SS. will be off the map need growth for ~~the~~ Kids and Taxes economic

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What transportation issues and opportunities most affect you with regards to a proposed link between I-80 and US 50?

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What environmental and community impacts should NDOT consider?

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General Comments:

The sooner the better!  
get it Done!

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What opportunities and/or concerns can you identify for the USA Parkway Project?

*The town will grow.*

What transportation issues and opportunities most affect you with regards to a proposed link between I-80 and US 50?

*See doc + shop in Reno*

What environmental and community impacts should NDOT consider?

General Comments:

*The need it to grow + need bussiness*

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Horse Traffic, fence the Road. Cow Traffic. Ranches have been leeching of of the US Tax payers for 80 years to long. Get the cows out!

What transportation issues and opportunities most affect you with regards to a proposed link between I-80 and US 50?

slightly easier access to Reno.

What environmental and community impacts should NDOT consider?

Silver Spring is somewhat isolated because of distance from Reno & Carson.

General Comments:

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What opportunities and/or concerns can you identify for the USA Parkway Project?

Opportunities for employment at the Parkway for Silver Springs residents.

What transportation issues and opportunities most affect you with regards to a proposed link between I-80 and US 50?

Reduce cost of gas and travel time to Reno.

What environmental and community impacts should NDOT consider?

afford Silver Springs to obtain needed services, ↑ Employment

General Comments:

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What opportunities and/or concerns can you identify for the USA Parkway Project?

*It would save money being business to Silver Springs which we need. Just get off the lot and get that road done*

What transportation issues and opportunities most affect you with regards to a proposed link between I-80 and US 50?

*We need to be able to get to Reno-Sparks hrs etc faster with less expense gas etc. We can't even cross silver people and our cars*

What environmental and community impacts should NDOT consider?

*Less the emission from cars etc to go into the air + environment*

General Comments:

*We need that road its long past time. We've been here 10 yrs + you people are still dragging your feet. Its past time to get that road built*

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Less miles to be traveled in the area less space used less fuel & emissions in the air.

What transportation issues and opportunities most affect you with regards to a proposed link between I-80 and US 50?

Less gas (fuel) to travel in the area less travel for goods to be used to travel

What environmental and community impacts should NDOT consider?

Re-placed money that was allocated for this sport by County Commissioner on something else

General Comments:

Stop studying it & get it build

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What opportunities and/or concerns can you identify for the USA Parkway Project?

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What transportation issues and opportunities most affect you with regards to a proposed link between I-80 and US 50?

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What environmental and community impacts should NDOT consider?

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General Comments:

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What opportunities and/or concerns can you identify for the USA Parkway Project?

Economic Development, access to employment, access to Reno/Sparks commerce, access to air freight, distribution from Silver Springs Airport.

What transportation issues and opportunities most affect you with regards to a proposed link between I-80 and US 50?

Business aviation / ~~air~~ freight distribution from Silver Springs Airport will be enabled

What environmental and community impacts should NDOT consider?

Savings of gas mileage, time + pollution Ramsey Canyon  
 Floods plain / fl drainage issues from ~~the~~

General Comments:

Wonderful effort, keep it up! Please expedite the process if at all possible

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What opportunities and/or concerns can you identify for the USA Parkway Project?

Open Silver Springs, a Stagecoach  
so we can expand commercially  
& economically -

What transportation issues and opportunities most affect you with regards to a proposed link between I-80 and US 50?

save time & fuel money going  
to Reno.

What environmental and community impacts should NDOT consider?

None "Just get it Done"

General Comments:

Why are we starting over now!!  
If you paid attention to the people this  
would have been completed 10 years ago  
Forget the proposed roundabout on 50

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What opportunities and/or concerns can you identify for the USA Parkway Project?

Opening USA Parkway would make Reno more accessible for everyone in the Dayton, Stagecoach, Silver Springs and Yerington Area. Also would save time and fuel for people traveling from Reno to Las Vegas.

What transportation issues and opportunities most affect you with regards to a proposed link between I-80 and US 50?

I have no issues with the USA Parkway Project. I think there are opportunities for growth in the areas listed above, which would increase the taxes & income for Lyon County and the State.

What environmental and community impacts should NDOT consider?

We need to be more concerned about our communities and less concerned about the environmental impact which really wants to stop all growth and as a result limits income for the State.

General Comments:

We have veterans who live in Lyon County who need to go to the VA Hospital in Reno. The USA Parkway would help the Veterans who have served to protect our State and Country.

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By finishing USA Parkway to Silver Springs it will bring more jobs more housing more businesses to Lyon County more jobs growth more taxes for Lyon County

What transportation issues and opportunities most affect you with regards to a proposed link between I-80 and US 50?

Saving Gas and wear and tear on Vehicles. Save time going to Reno from Silver Springs and Yerington and South of Yerington and Fallon. It need to start before four years OK

What environmental and community impacts should NDOT consider?

Very little what did Story County environmental metals have on the environment OK when they worked on the road OK there more benefits to it then Not

General Comments:

If we don't get going on the USA Parkway it could make Silver Springs and Yerington a lot less profitable community in the future. I lived here for 13 years and the USA Parkway was to be

Contact Information (Optional)

Name: Howard Scott

Address: 6810 Redwood St Silver Springs NV 89429

Phone: 775 297 1973

E-mail: None yet

At the meeting in Jan they said 4 years to start. It need to start before four years OK

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years



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# PUBLIC COMMENT FORM



**USA Parkway Project Public Information Meeting**  
Tuesday, January 17, 2012, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
Silver Springs Community Center, Silver Springs, NV

Your comments are important in the development of successful transportation solutions for our communities. Please help us by completing this comment form and providing your feedback on the USA Parkway Project.

What opportunities and/or concerns can you identify for the USA Parkway Project?

IT WOULD OPEN UP THE AREA FOR BED ROOM COMMUNITIES FOR THE RENO, SPARKS AREA

What transportation issues and opportunities most affect you with regards to a proposed link between I-80 and US 50?

I'M A UTABAN + GO TO THEVA. RENO IT WOULD SHORTEN RESPONSE TIME TO VA + OTHER HOSPITALS AS WELL A FIRE MUTUAL AID BOTH DIRECTIONS, MOST OF WORKING PEOPLE WORK TRANSPORTATION JOB + BRING TRUCKS INTO AREA, AN MOST HAVE TO ACCESS I-80

What environmental and community impacts should NDOT consider?

IF NDOT CONSIDER FUEL CONSUMPTION OVER FUEL TAXES THE SAVINGS WOULD BE IN MILLIONS DUE TIME, MOST TRUCKERS LEAVE RIGS IN OTHER AREAS TO SAVE DIESEL THAN DRIVE GAS VEHICLES HOME, + THE SAVINGS IN DIESEL FOR THE STATE OF NV.

General Comments:

THE USA ROAD WOULD IMPROVE ENVIRONMENTAL FROM LESS FUEL CONSUMED, HELP COMMERCIAL COST BY SHORTING ROUTES + HELP GENERAL ECONOMY BY BRING MORE MONEY INTO AREA.

Contact Information (Optional):

Name: Sandy Rogers

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SILVER SPRINGS NV. 89429

Phone: 775-577-2604

E-mail:

**From:** [Young, Christopher E](#)  
**To:** [Bassett-Hales, Jennifer B.](#)  
**Subject:** Morris USA parkway project  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 18, 2012 10:20:58 AM

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**From:** Cash Morris [<mailto:cashdmorris@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 11, 2012 1:01 PM  
**To:** Information DL  
**Subject:** Fwd: USA parkway project

**PLEASE BUILD THIS ROAD!**

This would be a major boost to the area, it would increase the areas desirability ten fold. it would help people who are looking for work be more apt to consider staying and commuting (as there are no jobs in Lyon county, ESPECIALLY the silver springs stagecoach area) I drive to Reno for work every single day and damn near daily I ask myself why I just don't move out of Lyon county, this would be such a big help in that aspect. Heck the new road and business and community tie might actually convince a grocery store to open in the area. As it sits EVERYONE out here has to drive 20-30 minutes each way just for a loaf of bread!

Please do the community, the county, and the people a HUGE favor and get this project under way ASAP.

Thank You,  
CD Morris

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**Bassett-Hales, Jennifer B.**

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**From:** Wilson, Donald E <ewilson@dot.state.nv.us>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 19, 2012 12:23 PM  
**To:** Cooke, Steve; Rodriguez, Pedro  
**Subject:** FW: USA Parkway Comment

-----Original Message-----

From: J M HAGEDORN [<mailto:hagies4@msn.com>]  
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2012 10:39 AM  
To: Information DL  
Subject: USA Parkway Comment

Dear Sirs:

Here is my comment re: the USA Parkway extension (SR 439) to US50.

Please proceed ASAP to complete this project. It will add many jobs to the Silver Springs area, reduce truck traffic from congested SR 427 and US50A in Fernley, and improve goods delivery service. My only concern is the intersection (Four Corners) at Silver Springs and the new one created by SR439 at US50. A light or LARGE (to allow oversize loads) round-a-bout should be installed to handle the increased traffic at these intersections. Where will SR 439 enter US 50? If not in the planning, there should be a light or round-a-bout there. A 3-way or single stop without control will be too dangerous there. Will truck traffic be allowed down the Ramsey Weeks Bypass Road? Will SR 439 be fenced on both sides to prevent crashes between vehicles and horses/livestock? If not, please fence it!!

Sincerely,

Jeff Hagedorn  
Dayton,NV

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**From:** [Young, Christopher E](#)  
**To:** [Bassett-Hales, Jennifer B.](#)  
**Subject:** Julie Grutzmacher Comment USA Parkway Project  
**Date:** Monday, February 06, 2012 3:10:52 PM

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For your records

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**From:** Cooke, Steve M  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2012 1:14 PM  
**To:** Young, Christopher E  
**Subject:** FW: USA Parkway Project

FYI.

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**From:** Wilson, Donald E  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2012 12:27 PM  
**To:** Cooke, Steve M; Rodriguez, Pedro  
**Subject:** FW: USA Parkway Project

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**From:** Julie [<mailto:jag1235@hdiss.net>]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 04, 2012 7:45 AM  
**To:** Undisclosed-Recipient;  
**Subject:** USA Parkway Project

Dear Sir:

Wouldn't it make more sense to maybe have the road come out where you would not bother already established homes. There is wide open land between Topaz and Rocky Road that wouldn't bother anyone's homes and would probably be cheaper and easier to establish the right-of-ways that will be needed. It is already hard enough to get onto Hwy 50 from Ramsey Weeks cutoff with all the traffic around the school so if it was either directly across from there where lights or a round about could be

it seems that traffic could be controlled better than having so many roads all leading to Hwy 50 in such a short distant.

Thank you for letting everyone have a input on the project.

Julie Grutzmacher

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## **Bassett-Hales, Jennifer B.**

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**From:** Rodriguez, Pedro <PRodriguez@dot.state.nv.us>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 03, 2012 1:11 PM  
**To:** Thens, Angela S.  
**Subject:** FW: USA Parkway Completion

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kay Bennett [<mailto:kay@silverspringsairport.com>]  
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2012 11:15 AM  
To: Martinovich, Susan G; Taylor, Dennis D; Rodriguez, Pedro  
Subject: USA Parkway Completion

Dear Susan,

A belated, but no less sincere, appreciation for the NDOT efforts on completion of the USA Parkway to Highway #50 in Silver Springs. The presentation given by Mr. Rodriguez and your staff in Silver Springs on January 17th was terrific. I am sure you know by now that more than 200 people attended. Only complaint I heard was "why is it taking so long?"

We want to add our voice of support to those many people who believe that completion of the USA will have a huge economic impact to our entire region in the form of access to employment and opening of commerce to the Reno and Sparks area. It goes without saying, the economic impact and access for business aviation on the Silver Springs Airport will be significant. Toward that end, we are working with Lyon County and FAA on funding of a new Master Plan for the Silver Springs Airport that will reflect that impact for the next 15 years.

Hale and I appreciate your ongoing support for our efforts here on the Silver Springs Airport and offer our assistance in whatever way possible in moving the USA Parkway project forward.

Best wishes to you and yours.  
Kay and Hale Bennett

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**From:** Rodriguez, Pedro <PRodriguez@dot.state.nv.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 07, 2012 8:00 AM  
**To:** Thens, Angela S.  
**Cc:** Gant, Bryan  
**Subject:** FW: USA PARKWAY, PUBLIC COMMENTS

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**From:** Cooke, Steve M  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2012 7:04 AM  
**To:** Young, Christopher E  
**Cc:** Rodriguez, Pedro  
**Subject:** FW: USA PARKWAY, PUBLIC COMMENTS

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**From:** [wolfladyjj@aol.com](mailto:wolfladyjj@aol.com) [<mailto:wolfladyjj@aol.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 03, 2012 9:28 PM  
**To:** Cooke, Steve M  
**Subject:** USA PARKWAY, PUBLIC COMMENTS

Although this is late, but still Feb 3rd, I'd like to present some of my ideas on the Parkway discussion. I shall be brief because I have a very sick husband to take care of and my time is limited. some of my thoughts include: Instead of building the road over the mountain, drill a tunnel through it. The truckers that may use the road would be more likely to do so, if they do not have to stop to put chains on the tires for a few miles, then stop again to take them off. The mining industry may be able to help with their drilling machinery. Another idea. A new product of glass roadway material is available and uses solar heat to keep the highway dry. I would have to search for more info, but did see an article about it, I think it was in Germany. Another idea. If the roadway went through the mountain, continue it above ground so that the wild horses and other wildlife are not interfered with. Also, since a overpass is due to be made to route the traffic, the road would already be off the ground, maybe causing less expense. The route down Opal to 50 could continue to Ramsey Weeks to meet up with 95A. Another idea. The completion of the Parkway would allow faster transport of military vehicles from Hawthorne to go to Reno if necessary. Another idea. The road would knock off a lot of mileage for the Silver Springs community in route to Reno. With less mileage, less gas used, more money available to the person that has to drive. This savings could then be used to pay down bills, or whatever to make the quality of life better for them. Also, with less mileage driven, people in accidents or very sick would be able to get to a hospital in less time to be treated faster and possibly save their lives. As for community resources. 1. It makes business attraction more viable for Silver Springs, 2. It would increase the value of the property in SS, increase taxes to the county resulting in better maintenance of the roads and other needs, etc.

I have not had the time to think about this too much, but can offer my ideas at a later date if possible.

Cordially,  
Jean Javier  
Silver Springs resident

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**From:** Rodriguez, Pedro <PRodriguez@dot.state.nv.us>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 03, 2012 1:09 PM  
**To:** Thens, Angela S.  
**Cc:** Gant, Bryan  
**Subject:** FW: USA Parkway Project

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From: Wilson, Donald E  
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2012 12:01 PM  
To: Cooke, Steve M; Rodriguez, Pedro  
Subject: FW: USA Parkway Project

-----Original Message-----

From: mick berthelsen [<mailto:dotmick1@yahoo.com>]  
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2012 11:50 AM  
To: Information DL  
Cc: home  
Subject: USA Parkway Project

Pedro Rodriguez,

This project must be completed much sooner than the 2017 estimated date. The needs of the people of Silver Springs and Stagecoach to use this shortcut to Reno and the Tahoe Industrial Park for jobs mandate this to be done ASAP. I would like to submit the following suggestions to speed the process and save money at the same time.

1. Have the enviromental study be done by students at UNR. I bet they could complete it in one semester.
2. Have the engineering done at the same time at UNR with approval of an approved engineering agency
3. Submit this plan now to the FEDS. I bet the actual construction could begin this year.
4. I don't think it would take more than a year to complete 8 1/2 miles of the project. I was born in the Chicago area. They completed the tri-state tollway in six months linking Wisconsin and Indiana. If necessary charge a minor toll on the road to be cleared when government spending is available.

We have the best surfaced roads in the US and NVDOT should be proud of

them. Lets keep this up with this construction. After all it was promised 8 years ago.

Mick Berthelsen  
4835 Skyline Drive  
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**From:** Wilson, Donald E <ewilson@dot.state.nv.us>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 20, 2012 1:46 PM  
**To:** Cooke, Steve; Rodriguez, Pedro  
**Subject:** FW: USA Parkway meeting in Silver Springs

-----Original Message-----

From: [johncj@expressemail.net](mailto:johncj@expressemail.net) [<mailto:johncj@expressemail.net>]  
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2012 6:03 PM  
To: Information DL  
Subject: USA Parkway meeting in Silver Springs

Due to illness, we were unable to attend the USA Parkway meeting in Silver Springs. Therefore we would like to express our view as to how important we feel this highway needs to be completed. For us Reno is 50 miles away and to have this access opened would be a big relief. This would mean we would not have to travel the USA95 as it is a dangerous highway, especially during the winter. We personally have avoided two head on collisions and have been run off the road. It would make an additional route to travel in the event of road closures due to weather, accidents or fire. There has been times when USA95 was closed due to weather or accidents we had to go through Fernley via US95 and to US50 to double back to Silver Springs, a two hour detour, just to get home. At least we would have a safer and faster alternate route as it would not be as steep or windy and the over all driving would be less dangerous. We would welcome the USA Parkway to be completed through to Hwy 50.

Thank you for your consideration.

John and CJ Ainsworth  
PO Box 528  
Silver Springs, NV 89429  
CJ cell: 775-750-4251  
John cell: 775-225-6116

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**From:** Wilson, Donald E <ewilson@dot.state.nv.us>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 18, 2012 8:50 AM  
**To:** Cooke, Steve; Rodriguez, Pedro  
**Subject:** FW: USA Parkway Extension

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**From:** gretchen fine [<mailto:gfinemurray@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 18, 2012 8:49 AM  
**To:** Information DL  
**Subject:** USA Parkway Extension

Hello!

Both my husband Robert Murray and my brother Ben Klinefelter were at last night's meeting in Silver Springs to show their support for the speediest possible completion of the USA Parkway Extension. ONLY because I am taking care of my mother in San Diego who has stage 3 Pancreatic Cancer did I not attend. We all heartily endorse the completion of USA Parkway.

We think that such completion will not only help our own community develop, but also help the state of Nevada since Silver Springs is so uniquely situated as a crossroads with multiple transportation opportunities for businesses already in place and with so much potential for those to come: an airport, railway, and a whole lot of truckers who live here. Of course, the immediate access from Silver Springs, where the extension would deadend, to highways 50 and 95, is a big plus, and to be able to get to Reno [or to 80] in half an hour after the completion would bring in more people to our town. It would make Silver Springs a Reno suburb, a happy circumstance for those who now must risk blizzards and winds and driving rains to get their shopping done, in the hour and 20 minutes it now takes to get to Reno. It would give the whole state of Nevada a new area with huge potential expansion since the exporting infrastructure is ALMOST in place, minus only the expansion.

By the way, the US Department of Agriculture defines our community as a 'food desert' because there is no food shopping, and forces many folk to shop at the local convenience store for dollar-an-apple [no lie] supplies. I am part of the brand new Silver Stage Food Co-op, which serves both Silver Springs and Stagecoach, and can assure you that access to Reno means savings in ways you perhaps have not had mentioned to you.

Finally, the completion would make us not only a bedroom community to Reno and aid in stable economic growth that would sustain our community, but also make us a very attractive community to bring business to. As our Chamber of Commerce states, we are "in the middle of everywhere" and just need that extension completed to perfect us!

PS/I just read this to my mother, who has lived with us for months at a time in Silver Springs; she said I was way too longwinded. I suggested many might just write a couple of lines of support and I wanted to expand my support. Well, she snorted, she'd be one of the short ones and all she would say is, Bring on the road; we are tired of being a one stoplight town!

Please add our support for the extension of USA Parkway to Silver Springs!!!

Thank you,  
Gretchen Fine Murray  
and Nibby Klinefelter

**From:** [Bassett-Hales, Jennifer B.](mailto:Jennifer.Bassett-Hales@jacobs.com)  
**To:** [Anderson, Seth W.](mailto:Seth.W.Anderson@dot.state.nv.us)  
**Subject:** FW: USA Parkway  
**Date:** Monday, January 30, 2012 9:34:57 AM

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**Jennifer Bassett-Hales | Jacobs | Environmental Planner | cell phone:801.205.1561 | direct line:801.349.3252 | main line:801.355.1112 | fax:801.355.3990 | [jennifer.hales@jacobs.com](mailto:jennifer.hales@jacobs.com) |**

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**From:** Young, Christopher E [mailto:CYoung@dot.state.nv.us]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 27, 2012 4:49 PM  
**To:** Bassett-Hales, Jennifer B.  
**Subject:** FW: USA Parkway

For your records

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**From:** Cooke, Steve M  
**Sent:** Friday, January 27, 2012 12:48 PM  
**To:** Young, Christopher E  
**Cc:** Rodriguez, Pedro  
**Subject:** FW: USA Parkway

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**From:** C. KaniaLahar [mailto:cmkania@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 27, 2012 11:29 AM  
**To:** Cooke, Steve M  
**Subject:** USA Parkway

I am encouraging you to please help with building the USA Parkway.  
It will decrease our driving time to Reno and maybe encourage companies to move to this area  
and help with the economy.

Sincerely,  
Charlene Lahar  
Fernley,NV

**From:** [Bassett-Hales, Jennifer B.](#)  
**To:** [Anderson, Seth W.](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Kocur Comment USA PKWY  
**Date:** Monday, January 30, 2012 9:47:54 AM

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**To:** Bassett-Hales, Jennifer B. <Jennifer.Hales@jacobs.com>  
**Cc:** Rodriguez, Pedro <prodriguez@dot.state.nv.us>  
**Subject:** Kocur Comment USA PKWY

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**From:** Cooke, Steve M  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 25, 2012 4:02 PM  
**To:** Young, Christopher E  
**Subject:** FW: USA PKWY

FYI, see below.

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**From:** Ruth Anne Kocour [<mailto:ruthanne@775.net>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 25, 2012 3:16 PM  
**To:** Cooke, Steve M  
**Subject:** USA PKWY

Please do get the USA PKWY completed, and other roads desperately needed in Storey county, so that area can become more viable! Much of Storey County is attractive but considered remote (despite its close proximity to Reno) due to lack of adequate infrastructure and services.

*Ruth Anne Kocour*  
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[www.literati.net](http://www.literati.net)

**From:** [Bassett-Hales, Jennifer B.](#)  
**To:** [Anderson, Seth W.](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Mary Crawford Comment USA Parkway  
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Subject: Mary Crawford Comment USA Parkway

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-----Original Message-----

From: Cooke, Steve M  
Sent: Wednesday, February 01, 2012 7:34 AM  
To: Young, Christopher E  
Cc: Rodriguez, Pedro  
Subject: FW: USA Parkway

Another comment on USA Parkway.

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From: mary crawford [<mailto:bajagal@gmail.com>]  
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2012 9:35 PM  
To: Cooke, Steve M  
Subject:

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To: Mr. Steve Cooke  
NDOT  
From: Mary Crawford  
RE: USA Parkway

Dear Mr. Cooke,



Please add my voice to the list of people needing the completion of the USA Parkway from the Tahoe Reno Industrial Center to Silver Springs. I own property in the TriCenter and also in Silver Springs.

I purchased both properties with the idea that Silver Springs would be a viable, thriving community aided in great part by the proposed highway. Silver Springs, Fernley, Stagecoach, TriCenter, and the surrounding areas will all benefit financially and environmentally if the new highway is approved and completed.

Thank you,

Mary Crawford

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**From:** [Young, Christopher E](#)  
**To:** [Bassett-Hales, Jennifer B.](#)  
**Subject:** Eckes public comment USA Parkway Project SR 439  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 18, 2012 10:20:18 AM

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**From:** Sue Eckes [<mailto:seckes@fbnn.org>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 11, 2012 2:55 PM  
**To:** Information DL  
**Subject:** public comment USA Parkway Project SR 439

Steve M Cooke, P.E.  
Chief, Environmental Services Division  
Nevada Dept of Transportation  
1263 S. Stewart St  
Carson City NV 89712

Dear Mr. Cooke:

This letter is written in support of the proposed USA Parkway Project, a north-south link between Interstate 80 and US Route 50 in Storey and Lyon counties.

Having this connection between I-80 and US 50 will provide a significant advantage to people traveling in Lyon and Storey counties. It will also enhance economic development in these two counties.

From the standpoint of a non-profit business headquartered on USA Parkway (one which serves an 80,000 sq. mi. region, including 13 counties of Nevada), having this connector highway will help us get our product (food for the hungry) and our services (food assistance program outreach) to people in need and to the agencies with whom we partner in Lyon and Storey counties, as well as other counties in Nevada.

Please approve the USA Parkway Project.

Sincerely,

*Sue*  
Susan Hanigan Eckes

Director, Child Nutrition Programs  
Food Bank of Northern Nevada  
550 Italy Dr., McCarran, NV 89434  
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**Subject:** FW: USA Parkway  
**Date:** Friday, February 24, 2012 2:54:14 PM

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**Sent:** Friday, February 24, 2012 2:52 PM  
**To:** Bassett-Hales, Jennifer B.  
**Subject:** FW: USA Parkway

One more for the record.

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**From:** Cooke, Steve M  
**Sent:** Friday, February 24, 2012 1:09 PM  
**To:** Young, Christopher E  
**Cc:** Rodriguez, Pedro  
**Subject:** FW: USA Parkway

Chris,

FYI.

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**From:** James Barlow [mailto:garfield@3gmotor.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 24, 2012 10:04 AM  
**To:** Cooke, Steve M  
**Subject:** USA Parkway

As a Struggling, Small Business Owner and long time resident of Silver Springs, I believe serious consideration for completing the USA Parkway project is vital to the growth of our community, the lightened burden to our residents, and the increased revenue it will bring to

the area.

It is long overdue and way beyond the projected timeline, residents were given for the completion of the project. Many current residents invested in the area in hopes for promised potential of new businesses and jobs, in the area. Everyday that passes without this potential growth, is increasingly cutting at the lifeline of the community and the economy as a whole.

Potential increased Tourism and Events that can be generated and promoted should also be considered in the priority of completing the project, in an efficient and timely matter, relevant to the survival of the community. Our small, yet close and family oriented community has so much to offer the Northern Nevada area, however, the distance and time traveled to our community from outer lying areas is continually restricting the involvement and participation from other communities, hence also restricting outside funding, investments, businesses and resources, to better our community. It has been overly stated how badly the community needs a Local Grocery store, a Bank, and many other vital business that otherwise are taken for granted in larger communities, cities and towns.

We have the entire Pony Express and Fort Churchill Sites to offer has part of our natural history.

We have Lake Lahontan, that offers a variety of venues, throughout the summer and many holiday occasions, open to the public.

We have Home Grown Businesses, and the dedication from each to promote our Yearly Founders Day Parade.

We have a Fully functional Air Field, capable of sustaining large Air Craft, as well as the Yearly Fly In, event which is increasingly growing in participation.

These are just a few of the many attractions, the community depends on for local funding and economy function and survive-ability.

We have many current and a few new business owners, that are depending on that Highway to be completed to reduce cost of transporting and receiving goods and materials. It needs to be demanded that someone start coming up with Real answers and Real Solutions to Fulfilling a promise that was made over 6 years ago. There is no time like the present. If I do not gain an increase in business from use of this Highway, I will surely lose my business soon. The quote, "Build It And They Will Come", is very much a very accurate and fitting quote to be used, in the necessity of this situation being resolved.

Thank you for your time in this matter.

James Barlow  
4110 Deodar Street  
Silver Springs, NV. 89429

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**From:** Young, Christopher E [CYoung@dot.state.nv.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 18, 2012 10:55 AM  
**To:** Bassett-Hales, Jennifer B.  
**Subject:** Givens USA Parkway Project from I-80 to US-50

For your records.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Cooke, Steve M  
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2012 1:06 PM  
To: Young, Christopher E  
Cc: Rodriguez, Pedro  
Subject: FW: USA Parkway Project from I-80 to US-50

One more comment.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Wilson, Donald E  
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2012 10:07 AM  
To: Cooke, Steve M; Rodriguez, Pedro  
Subject: FW: USA Parkway Project from I-80 to US-50

-----Original Message-----

From: Mike Givens [<mailto:mgivens@dis-inc.com>]  
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2012 10:05 AM  
To: Information DL  
Subject: USA Parkway Project from I-80 to US-50

I am definitely in favor of completing this project. I have worked in the Tahoe Reno Industrial Center since the Spring of 2008. All of this time I have commuted from Carson Valley, south of Carson City. I could save considerable commute time if this road was punched through and eliminate the potential of driving hazards through Washoe Valley and Reno.

Thanks

Mike Givens

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**From:** [Young, Christopher E](#)  
**To:** [Bassett-Hales, Jennifer B.](#)  
**Subject:** FW: USA Parkway  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 10, 2012 9:08:25 AM

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**From:** Cooke, Steve M  
**Sent:** Monday, January 09, 2012 10:37 AM  
**To:** Young, Christopher E  
**Cc:** Rodriguez, Pedro  
**Subject:** FW: USA Parkway

Chris,

Here's another USA Parkway comment.

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**From:** Wilson, Donald E  
**Sent:** Monday, January 09, 2012 10:08 AM  
**To:** Cooke, Steve M  
**Subject:** FW: USA Parkway

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**From:** Mark Hanger [<mailto:rightwall@hsne50.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 09, 2012 10:06 AM  
**To:** Information DL; Juanita Hanger  
**Subject:** USA Parkway

Steve Cooke;

In response to your letter dated December 22, 2011 regarding the USA Parkway proposed highway.

This highway is vital to the growth of Nevada and to help continue the economic recovery of this area in particular Lyon County that has been hit so hard during this recession. More businesses will relocate to the USA Parkway because of the reduced driving costs



associated with shipping due to a more direct link to a highway headed to Las Vegas. There is also a paved, large airport already in Silver Springs that can accommodate freight carriers. This would also create a much shorter distance to the Reno/Sparks area from Silver Springs, which would attract more people wanting to live outside of Reno/Sparks but also wanting a lessened commute. This would create a need for more housing in Silver Springs thus creating jobs and also all the support businesses that would come into the area as a result of an increased population.

I see reduced driving time to link Las Vegas so it would improve air quality and see no issues regarding noise, safety, or the other concerns mentioned in your letter.

The only wildlife issues I see are the wild horse herds in the area. As long as the normal precautions are taken to protect the animals and drivers, I don't see this as any more of any issue than anywhere else in the area.

Thank you,

For any further comment or response I can be contacted at 775 530-9824 or [rightwall@hsne50.com](mailto:rightwall@hsne50.com)

Mark S. Hanger

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**From:** [Young, Christopher E](#)  
**To:** [Bassett-Hales, Jennifer B.](#)  
**Subject:** FW: USA Parkway extension  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 10, 2012 9:06:39 AM

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From: Cooke, Steve M  
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2012 1:55 PM  
To: Young, Christopher E  
Cc: Rodriguez, Pedro  
Subject: FW: USA Parkway extension

Chris,

Here are more public comments.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Wilson, Donald E  
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2012 1:20 PM  
To: Cooke, Steve M  
Subject: FW: USA Parkway extension

-----Original Message-----

From: Ion & dottie rhodes [<mailto:helives7@hotmail.com>]  
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2012 12:26 PM  
To: Information DL  
Subject: USA Parkway extension

Hello,

WE live in Stagecoach, Nv.

WE believe that it is necessary for the completion of USA Parkway.

Driving to Reno-Sparks as of now is a long drive.

It would open up our area to access to & from Reno- Sparks area....

Maybe, have a small tax of some sort to raise the money needed to finish the extension ?

Thank You,

Lon Rhodes

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**From:** [Young, Christopher E](#)  
**To:** [Bassett-Hales, Jennifer B.](#)  
**Subject:** Crowley USA Parkway  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 18, 2012 10:22:44 AM

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One more.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Cooke, Steve M  
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2012 1:19 PM  
To: Young, Christopher E  
Subject: FW: USA Parkway

Chris,

Here's another USA Parkway comment. It looks like wild horses will be one of many issues folks will be concerned with.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Wilson, Donald E  
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2012 12:27 PM  
To: Cooke, Steve M; Rodriguez, Pedro  
Subject: FW: USA Parkway

-----Original Message-----

From: Michael Crowley [<mailto:fwdquestinc@yahoo.com>]  
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2012 12:20 PM  
To: Information DL  
Subject: USA Parkway

I am looking forward to the completion of the connector from I-80 to Silver Springs.

I do have a concern about biological and environmental disruption in that area. For instance wild horse herds ranging over the area. Did DOT study the migration patterns of wildlife?

If there is no problem there I approve of this project.

Mike Crowley

Silver Springs  
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**From:** Young, Christopher E [CYoung@dot.state.nv.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 18, 2012 11:00 AM  
**To:** Bassett-Hales, Jennifer B.  
**Subject:** OKeefe USA PARKWAY PROJECT

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**From:** Cooke, Steve M  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 17, 2012 7:53 AM  
**To:** Rodriguez, Pedro  
**Cc:** Wilson, Donald E; Young, Christopher E  
**Subject:** FW: USA PARKWAY PROJECT

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**From:** Wilson, Donald E  
**Sent:** ~~Tuesday, January 17, 2012 7:31 AM~~  
**To:** Cooke, Steve M; Rodriguez, Pedro  
**Subject:** FW: USA PARKWAY PROJECT

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**From:** Dennis O'Keefe [<mailto:dennis.okeefe@ggpetroleum.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 16, 2012 3:32 PM  
**To:** Information DL  
**Subject:** USA PARKWAY PROJECT

Mr. Cooke:

Golden Gate SET Retail of Nevada, LLC operates a Truckstop located at 500 USA Parkway. We would like to show our strong support for the extension of USA Parkway to

Highway 50. This new road would allow easier access to new and returning customers.

The completion of the USA Parkway to Highway 50 link would great improve access to the Truckstop and surrounding businesses.

Golden Gate S.E.T. Retail of Nevada, LLC strongly supports this project.

Best regards,

Dennis O'Keefe  
Golden Gate SET Retail of Nevada, LLC

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Tuesday, January 17, 2012  
3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Silver Springs Community Center  
2945 Ft. Churchill Road  
Silver Springs, Nevada

USA Parkway Project  
I-80 to U.S. 50 in  
Storey and Lyon Counties

REPORTED BY: SHANNON L. TAYLOR, CCR, CSR, RMR  
Nevada CCR #322

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1 SILVER SPRINGS, NEVADA, TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2012

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3 (At 3:25 p.m., the following announcement was  
4 made.)

5 MS. MAXEY: Good evening and good afternoon.  
6 Welcome.

7 I know we advertised that we were going to do  
8 one presentation at 5:00 o'clock. But we've already got  
9 quite a group here. The meeting has not even started  
10 yet. So we have decided to do two presentations. We  
11 will do one in about 10 minutes. The presentations will  
12 be identical. The only thing that might be a little bit  
13 different is some of the comments and questions that we  
14 might gather from the audience after we do the  
15 presentation.

16 So in about 10 minutes, I just want everybody  
17 to know, we are going to start the first formal  
18 presentation. Afterwards, we will do a quick Q and A.  
19 During the Q and A, question and answer, session, I do  
20 need to have you state your name for our court reporter  
21 here today, who is taking down your comments, questions  
22 and the presentation verbatim.

23 So in about 10 minutes, we'll go ahead and move  
24 forward with the first presentation.

25 And thank you for coming out this afternoon.

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2 (At 3:34 p.m., the first presentation began, as  
3 follows.)

4 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okay. I know we have still  
5 have a few people coming in. But as they're coming in,  
6 like we said earlier, and it's about the same at the  
7 entrance there, we're going to go ahead and give you two  
8 presentations because of the size of the room and the  
9 interest in the project. So we'll go ahead and give you  
10 a formal presentation now, and another one will be given  
11 at about 5:00 or 5:30.

12 Welcome. My name is Pedro Rodriguez. I'm with  
13 the Nevada Department of Transportation's Project  
14 Management Division.

15 If you're here today, it's because you're here  
16 to find out more about the USA Parkway Project. This  
17 would be our first, or the Nevada Department of  
18 Transportation's first public information meeting on the  
19 project. So if you're not here for that, you're in the  
20 wrong room.

21 Just a couple of things. If you have not had a  
22 chance to fill out a comment card or a question that you  
23 would like addressed after the presentation, go ahead  
24 and fill out one of those cards. And we have some  
25 representatives walking around with those, with those

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1 cards. But we'll go ahead and address your question as  
2 best as -- as efficiently as possible.

3 A court reporter is here and available to take  
4 your comments today. You can either do it publicly, or  
5 from now until the end of our public information meeting  
6 you can go up to her and give your comment privately.  
7 Or you can even e-mail us your comments today and send  
8 it by fax or e-mail them to info@dot.state.nv.us.  
9 Please make reference to the USA Parkway Project if you  
10 are you going to send us any questions or comments. It  
11 helps us keep those comments in order.

12 Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on  
13 Friday, February 3rd.

14 So, let's talk a little bit more about the  
15 project. The USA Parkway Project is located -- a  
16 portion of the USA Parkway Project has already been  
17 constructed by Interstate 80. The yellow box you see  
18 here is a study area that the Nevada Department of  
19 Transportation is considering looking at to evaluate  
20 impacts to the environment.

21 Five and a half miles of USA Park -- of USA  
22 Parkway roadway has already been constructed within  
23 Storey County. Up to here (indicating). From here to  
24 here, another four and a half miles has been graded to  
25 the Lyon County, Storey County line.

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1           We still have an additional 8.6 miles to  
2 connect into U.S. 50. So here's 80. Here's USA  
3 Parkway. These represent different alignments being  
4 considered for the USA Parkway extension to U.S. 50.  
5 U.S. 95A is located here, and Reno is over here.

6           So this project, as I've heard and have been  
7 here, it has been in the works for a little over 10  
8 years. Many of you have been involved possibly in some  
9 stakeholder meetings that the Tahoe Reno Industrial  
10 Center has held, as well as you maybe have attended  
11 public meetings in regards to the project.

12           Since then, the Nevada Department of  
13 Transportation has agreed to take a fresh look at the  
14 project. Over the last year and a half, we've  
15 initiated -- well, we would initiate with any project  
16 that was being considered for improvements. NDOT is  
17 taking a preliminary design and environmental process to  
18 consider the transportation solutions to improve  
19 connectivity between I-80 and 50. Basically, NDOT is  
20 Nevada, and we have processes we need to follow to make  
21 this project happen. The first process is the  
22 environmental process, which takes about two years. And  
23 we'll go into that a little bit more, in a little bit  
24 more.

25           Now, that's not to say that the previous public

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1 information meetings and input all you guys may have  
2 already taken part in with the Tahoe Reno Industrial  
3 Center will not be considered. It will be considered by  
4 the Nevada Department of Transportation. However, we  
5 need to consider all alternatives at this point,  
6 regardless of what meetings have already been held.

7 The project, as it stands now, the construction  
8 of the project is not -- the funding for it has not been  
9 identified.

10 One of the things we have to do, as I mentioned  
11 earlier, when we're considering a project, is we have to  
12 go through what's known as the environmental process.  
13 This process is, basically, a disclosure policy  
14 instituted by the -- by the federal government. And  
15 these requirements need to be met to disclose all  
16 impacts to the project itself.

17 So one of the reasons for this environmental  
18 assessment is to satisfy the requirements of this  
19 disclosure policy or the Nevada Environmental Policy  
20 Act.

21 Another purpose of the environmental assessment  
22 is to identify the transportation problems and needs in  
23 the study area. We also need to evaluate alternate  
24 transportation solutions to improve connectivity between  
25 80 and U.S. 50, and to evaluate and document impacts and  
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1 maintain a transportation link between I-80 and U.S. 50.

2 And as I mentioned before, the project is not  
3 federally funded. The construction of the project is  
4 not yet federally funded.

5 And that's where you guys come into play. The  
6 purpose with NDOT implementing this environmental  
7 process is we need to take into account all impacts to  
8 the environment, as well as public input, on issues,  
9 concerns that we would need to address when going  
10 through, when instituting the design and construction of  
11 a new roadway.

12 What we're looking for is to -- one of the  
13 things we need to do is we need to provide you with a  
14 general overview of what the study process is, as well  
15 as seek your input regarding the purpose and the need  
16 for the project, any potential alternatives you think we  
17 need to consider, and any other issues and concerns you  
18 may have. Your input is going to help us refine what  
19 the alternatives are, as well as what those purpose and  
20 needs are.

21 There's a few agencies involved with this  
22 project. At the top we have the Federal Highway  
23 Administration, who is acting as the lead federal  
24 agency, overseeing that this environmental process is  
25 done correctly, the Nevada Department of Transportation,  
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1 who is acting as the lead state agency, in coordination  
2 with the Bureau of Land Management, acting as a  
3 cooperation agency, as well as any local agencies, with  
4 the assistance of Jacobs.

5 VOICES FROM AUDIENCE: Who's Jacobs? What is  
6 Jacobs? What's Jacobs?

7 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Jacobs Engineering is the  
8 consultant procured by the Nevada Department of  
9 Transportation to help us with the design and getting  
10 through this environmental process.

11 VOICE FROM AUDIENCE: So they're the engineers  
12 you've hired?

13 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

14 This process, as I mentioned earlier, is a  
15 process -- well, with any project we have, we have three  
16 processes. The first process is the environmental  
17 stage. Once we're through the environmental stage, we  
18 go into the design and the construction.

19 This environmental phase of the project  
20 requires us develop, to develop a purpose and need, to  
21 scope out, collect information and data for the project.  
22 And this is where we are right now, scoping, holding  
23 public information meetings, refining what our purpose  
24 and needs are, based on your input.

25 We then proceed into an evaluation of the

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1 different alignments and alternatives. That is then  
2 assessed in an environmental assessment, at which point  
3 it then goes to the Federal Highway Administration,  
4 where we would seek decision documents.

5       Once that's completed, we go into design. And  
6 we're anticipating, at this time we're anticipating a  
7 design to take approximately two years, to 20 -- to  
8 2015. And then construction can take up to another two  
9 years, taking us to 2017. So the earliest any of you  
10 would be driving on the new USA Parkway would be 2017.

11       MAN FROM AUDIENCE: This place is going to be a  
12 ghost town before then.

13       MR. RODRIGUEZ: Here are some of the  
14 preliminary purpose and needs we've outlined. They are:

15       To provide a new north-south transportation  
16 link between I-80 and U.S. 50 that will enhance local  
17 and regional access and mobility; to provide an  
18 alternate/redundant vehicle route in case of an  
19 emergency or construction on I-80, U.S. 50 and U.S. 95.

20       Currently, there is no detour route along this  
21 section of 80. With the introduction of the USA  
22 Parkway, we'll now have the ability to detour traffic to  
23 U.S. 95 or from U.S. 95, vice versa.

24       Another purpose and need we've identified is to  
25 support planned land uses and economic development. And

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1 improve efficiency of freight movement from areas east  
2 of Reno to points south.

3 As I mentioned before, we're still -- we're  
4 still in the process of preparing a preliminary design  
5 identifying what the different alternatives are for the  
6 alignment. But just to step back a little bit more,  
7 there's a lot that goes into play in regards to where  
8 the roadway can go, will eventually go.

9 We need to consider different constraints,  
10 different items that -- that tell us what would be the  
11 most feasible alternative to go. One of those things is  
12 your input. Another item is design standards that need  
13 to be met, terrain and topography, the lay of the land,  
14 the existing roadway network and how the new roadway  
15 will tie into that network, land status and any  
16 minimization to landowners, impacts to landowners, the  
17 environmental and human impacts, cultural services, as  
18 well as public input and comment.

19 One other alternative we will be considering is  
20 we will be considering a no-build alternative, and that  
21 is what -- evaluating the assessment of the  
22 environmental impacts to the community should no USA  
23 Parkway roadway be built.

24 So we are seeking your input. You guys know  
25 your community best. You guys can offer us with

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1 information that we may have missed. You guys know the  
2 issues at play here. We need you to help us identify or  
3 refine, excuse me, to refine what the purpose and need  
4 are for the project, what other alternative solutions  
5 and alignments we will need to consider, and any other  
6 potential issues that we need to discuss within that  
7 study area.

8 And with that, we'll open it up to questions.  
9 I'm going to go ahead and read some of the questions  
10 we've already received. But, and we'll -- is there  
11 anybody collecting the comment cards?

12 Okay. We'll then open up the questions to you  
13 guys. And here's how we need you to -- to ask your  
14 question. We don't have the cordless microphone working  
15 right now. So we can't -- if you guys can't -- the  
16 microphone can't reach you, could you come up, state  
17 your name, who you're with, and ask your questions. And  
18 this is to get everything on record with the court  
19 reporter.

20 The first question we received was from  
21 Mr. Ezio Moresi. And he's with -- a resident of Silver  
22 Springs. He asked: My neighbors and I are requesting  
23 actual disclosures of the meeting -- meetings related to  
24 this project to all negatively impacted individuals or  
25 entity. Can we have NDOT commit to this request? If

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1 not, why not?

2 VOICE FROM AUDIENCE: Hold the mic a little  
3 closer, please.

4 VOICE FROM AUDIENCE: Or turn up the volume,  
5 would you, at least. We can hardly hear you.

6 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okay. Let me go ahead and  
7 reread that, then.

8 Ezio Moresi asked: My neighbors and I are  
9 requesting actual disclosures of the meetings related to  
10 the project to all negatively impacted individuals or  
11 entity. Can we have NDOT commit to this request? If  
12 not, why not?

13 At this time, we don't know who the owners are  
14 being impacted. We can't say whether or not they're  
15 being impacted positively or negatively, either. As I  
16 mentioned before, the alignments that we are showing  
17 here are example potential alignments.

18 When the alignment -- once we -- by the end of  
19 this two-year process, we'll know where the alignment in  
20 the roadway is going to go. When we know that, owners  
21 that are impacted by the alignment, as well as  
22 surrounding neighbors, will be contacted.

23 Nothing of that nature has been brought up in  
24 the meetings. So I -- you know, however, any  
25 information we have in regards to the meeting is also --

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1 will also be posted on the website at Nevada Department  
2 of Transportation.

3 Can it be disclosed, can the meeting  
4 information be disclosed?

5 It's a public project. There's no reason why  
6 we wouldn't disclose any information to you, especially  
7 if you're being impacted.

8 Next question, from a Mr. William Zonne  
9 ("Zone").

10 MR. ZONNE: Zonne ("Zone-ee").

11 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Zonne.

12 MR. ZONNE: Let me clarify, because I just got  
13 here. My question is, you've got the primary -- you  
14 have the primary road coming down as Topaz, I mean as  
15 Opal. You have the alternative as Topaz. My question  
16 would be, there's an intersect road that comes in,  
17 that's Ruby, that comes right into Ramsey-Weeks. Why  
18 are we not using that as an alternative? They don't  
19 have any homes on it, where Topaz has homes, and so does  
20 Opal. And for the homeowners there, when you come down  
21 Ruby, I think there's one home. I don't know if it's  
22 political because of business or whatever. But be as it  
23 may, there's no homes on Ruby. It would be a direct  
24 line right into Ramsey-Weeks.

25 WOMAN FROM AUDIENCE: No, it wouldn't. Sorry.

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1 But Ruby does --

2 MS. MAXEY: One at a time, please. We have a  
3 court reporter here.

4 MR. RODRIGUEZ: And, Mr. Zonne, thank you for  
5 bringing that up. I forgot to mention that in our  
6 public meeting.

7 Many of you received the fliers in regards to  
8 the public meeting, what time it was going to be held.  
9 And included with the flyer, or maybe you saw it on the  
10 website, was a map showing the potential alternatives.  
11 Those maps, that map was labeled one of the alternatives  
12 being proposed. And then a different shaded color  
13 alignment was labeled as an alternative.

14 That flyer was incorrect. That proposed  
15 alignment is not the proposed alignment. That is an  
16 alternative conceptual alignment that we are  
17 considering. So we don't know if it's going to go  
18 through there.

19 So your comment now in regards to the impacts  
20 it would have on the public is being noted.

21 Does that help answer your question for now?

22 MR. ZONNE: So there's other alternatives is  
23 what you're saying?

24 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes, there are other  
25 alternatives right now. We are still in the process of

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1 defining what the alternatives are. We can't define  
2 what the alternative is without getting your input  
3 first. That's what, that's what this process is.

4 MR. ZONNE: What kind of duration time are we  
5 talking about before it's finally decided or passed?

6 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Two years. We will know at the  
7 end of two years where this roadway is, where the  
8 alignment for the roadway is going to go.

9 MR. ZONNE: And what would that be dependent  
10 on?

11 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I covered all -- I covered a  
12 few things of what that will be dependent on. And I  
13 apologize for that. I might not have been clear in my  
14 presentation.

15 But a lot of things need to go into play in  
16 considering where this, where the alignment is going to  
17 go. That's are we following the design standards  
18 required by AASHTO, the federal government? Is this  
19 road safe? The terrain and topography of the land. You  
20 know, it's not necessarily ideal to stick a roadway  
21 through a mountain. You know, we want to go around  
22 those if we can. The existing roadway network and how  
23 the other roadways in the area are. And how this  
24 roadway will connect into that network. Environmental  
25 impacts, land uses, how owners are being impacted,

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1 cultural resources, and your input.

2 MR. ZONNE: Good enough. Thank you.

3 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Does that help?

4 MR. ZONNE: Yes.

5 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Next question, from Betty  
6 Retzer. The comment just reads: Wild horses versus  
7 parkway, other wildlife.

8 Betty, do you want to clarify?

9 Oh. I apologize. We --

10 MS. RETZER: No, I'll just come up here, then.

11 I was just curious. Since there are a lot of  
12 wild animals out there, wild horses especially, what is  
13 being done about that? Basically, what -- you know, the  
14 concerns are that the horses are going to be hit on the  
15 highway that -- and when it gets widened, and so on and  
16 so forth, or the antelope or anything else that's out  
17 there. So I'm concerned about that.

18 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Betty.

19 We do need to consider the wild horses. In  
20 fact, we had a meeting this morning with the Bureau of  
21 Land Management to discuss and disclose what horses --

22 WOMAN FROM AUDIENCE: We can't hear you.

23 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Sorry about that.

24 We do need to take that into consideration.

25 And as part of this environmental process, we need to

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1 determine and assess what impacts this roadway is going  
2 to have to the wild horses. But as far as what's going  
3 to happen to them right now, can we at this point  
4 identify -- we're not going to hit them, if that's what  
5 you're worried about.

6 MR. GANT: For the record, Bryan Gant, Jacobs  
7 Engineering.

8 I understand the concern, having worked out  
9 here before with wild horses and the proximity to them.  
10 And I know there's already issues on U.S. 50. Keeping  
11 that in mind as we evaluate alternatives, we'd like some  
12 feedback on what we can do to help minimize the  
13 potential for impacts and strikes along the roadway.

14 You know, for instance, I understand that there  
15 are certain watering locations and trails that the  
16 horses tend to prefer. We're going to need some help  
17 locating those and see what we can do to help minimize  
18 impacts. We could also consider things in the long run,  
19 such as animal crossings, to avoid those type of  
20 impacts.

21 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Does that help you, Ms. Retzer?

22 MS. RETZER: Thank you.

23 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Next question, from Ezio

24 Moresi: The actual disclosure are requested in writing  
25 to impacted individuals or entities. Can we count on

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1 NDOT to agree to provide the minutes?

2 WOMAN FROM AUDIENCE: It's the same.

3 MR. RODRIGUEZ: It's the same question.

4 WOMAN FROM AUDIENCE: Yeah, it's the same.

5 MR. MORESI: Those questions are all along the  
6 same line. Some of us just moved into the area. I'm --  
7 do you want --

8 MS. MAXEY: Sir, can you state your name,  
9 please.

10 MR. MORESI: Yes. I'll come up.

11 Hi. I'm Ezio Moresi. And I recently moved  
12 into Silver Springs. And my concern is I bought high,  
13 and now property's low. And if -- you know, it's just  
14 like everybody else. You know, what happens to us guys  
15 that had bought high and are going to be impacted by  
16 NDOT's proposed alignment? That's what is my question.

17 WOMAN FROM AUDIENCE: Are you a developer?

18 MR. MORESI: No, I'm not. I'm just a private  
19 citizen.

20 WOMAN FROM AUDIENCE: Just want to find out?

21 MR. MORESI: Yeah.

22 So the question is, how are we going to be  
23 taken care of? Can we, can we count on NDOT to take  
24 care of us? Probably not.

25 MR. RODRIGUEZ: And we believe that

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1 Mr. Moresi's question is a valid question. Which is why  
2 we brought representatives from our right-of way  
3 division to answer questions on how you would be  
4 impacted when the alignments are identified, if you're  
5 impacted.

6 We have right-of-way agents in the back. I  
7 don't -- can you guys raise your hands? Or maybe  
8 they're outside the room. Oh.

9 Carrie Byron and Bill Ray are here to answer  
10 any questions you'll have on that in regards to how the  
11 process works and how you -- how impacted owners will be  
12 compensated, et cetera. We'll bring her in to show you  
13 her face, so you guys know who you can go to.

14 Carrie? Carrie?

15 She's kind of stuck out there. I guess, this  
16 meeting was hotter than we expected.

17 So if you guys have any questions, you guys  
18 can --

19 MR. HOOVER: I'll address it to some degree.

20 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okay.

21 MR. HOOVER: For the record.

22 MR. RODRIGUEZ: And, then, state your name.

23 MR. HOOVER: Okay. Jerry Hoover, Assistant  
24 Chief, Right-of-Way Division for NDOT.

25 WOMAN FROM AUDIENCE: We can't hear you.

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1 MR. HOOVER: Jerry Hoover, Right-of-Way  
2 Division for NDOT. I'm the Assistant Chief for the  
3 Right-of-Way Division.

4 We understand that the property values have  
5 declined in some areas. And we're fully aware of that.  
6 And what the Federal Highway Administration has allowed  
7 us to do with -- there are certain guidelines that we  
8 have to follow.

9 We have to, we have to pay fair market value.  
10 And we have an appraisal process. We have a review  
11 appraisal process that we go through. And if a person  
12 is still upside down after that appraisal process goes  
13 through, then sometimes what we'll do is we'll make an  
14 administrative settlement for the difference. But we  
15 cannot pay more than what the fair market value is for  
16 the property without going through the process that the  
17 feds review.

18 So, hopefully, that will understand your  
19 question, or to some degree.

20 MR. MORESI: I have a question. My name's  
21 Ezio. And it would seem a little bit unfair to deal  
22 that way. Because if you don't force us to sell our  
23 property, we could hold on to it, like what my plan is,  
24 and perhaps in the future the property values will go  
25 back up to where we paid for.

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1 WOMAN FROM AUDIENCE: You're right.

2 MR. EZIO: To a certain amount and level. So  
3 that would be unfair, if you force us to sell now or if  
4 you overtake the property.

5 MR. HOOVER: And that, that is taken into  
6 consideration throughout the whole process. That is,  
7 that is taken into consideration. And we have, we have  
8 a very extensive staff that looks at all those aspects  
9 as well.

10 MR. MORESI: Okay.

11 MR. RODRIGUEZ: And, again, we might be a  
12 little bit preliminary, because we don't really know  
13 which owners are being impacted. But these are good  
14 questions to ask.

15 I saw another hand in the back.

16 MR. BOOTH: My name is Darryl Booth. We live  
17 directly off of Opal. I'm probably loud enough, so I  
18 don't need the mic.

19 WOMAN FROM AUDIENCE: Yes.

20 MR. RODRIGUEZ: You said your name is Darryl,  
21 Darryl Booth?

22 MR. BOOTH: It's Darryl Booth.

23 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Darryl Booth?

24 MR. BOOTH: Yeah. We live directly in line  
25 with this. In other words, you guys would probably end

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1 up either having to buy some of my property or affecting  
2 at least where my home is now. I'm on -- I'm right --  
3 we're right on Opal.

4 So, and my question is, when's this -- I mean  
5 this is, realistically, not looking to probably happen  
6 in the next three or four years, correct?

7 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Correct. Before we can  
8 identify, before we can identify any funding for the  
9 project, we need to get through this environmental  
10 process. If we don't get through this process, we  
11 cannot use any federal dollars for any part of the  
12 construction of USA Parkway. So we're still two years  
13 out before we even know where the alignment's going to  
14 go in.

15 MR. BOOTH: And then, I mean, so,  
16 realistically, it could be easily four to six years?

17 MR. RODRIGUEZ: For?

18 MR. BOOTH: For the project to even start?

19 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I'll be --

20 MR. BOOTH: And as long as it takes Nevada to  
21 finish the road.

22 MR. RODRIGUEZ: The environmental process will  
23 take about two years, to 2013, at which point we will  
24 then initiate final design of the project, once funding  
25 is identified for the construction. So if funding's

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1 identified for the construction, we can look at somebody  
2 sticking a shovel in the ground at about 20 -- early  
3 2015.

4 MR. BOOTH: Okay.

5 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Is there anybody else that has  
6 any other questions?

7 MS. EASLEY: Margot Easley. I just want to  
8 clarify something.

9 MR. RODRIGUEZ: You said your name was Margot  
10 Easy?

11 MS. EASLEY: No, not Easy. Although...

12 No. It's Easley.

13 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Margot Easley?

14 MR. EASLEY: Yes. I just want to clarify  
15 something. Now, when you say the roadway, you are  
16 talking about the 11 point something miles that has to  
17 be finished. You're not talking about from Storey  
18 County -- you're not talking from going from the USA  
19 Parkway, starting all over again. Is that correct? Or  
20 are you talking about you're going to start all over  
21 again, not even taking into account what's been done?

22 MR. RODRIGUEZ: We are taking into account what  
23 has been already built.

24 MS. EASLEY: Okay.

25 MR. RODRIGUEZ: We still need to do a study

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1 area with -- within that -- or excuse me. That roadway  
2 falls within the study area that we need to look at.  
3 But when we say the USA Parkway Project, we're looking  
4 at construction there to there (indicating).

5 MS. EASLEY: But what you have written down  
6 comes to 11 point something, when you add it up?

7 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

8 MS. EASLEY: So we're talking about 11 point  
9 something miles that has to be finished, everything done  
10 to -- that's it. Right?

11 MR. RODRIGUEZ: What do you mean by everything  
12 has to be finished?

13 MS. EASLEY: No. It's just that 11 point  
14 something miles is what we're talking about when you say  
15 the roadway?

16 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Oh, yeah. The entire -- oh, I  
17 see what you're saying.

18 MS. EASLEY: See what I'm trying to find out?  
19 Yes.

20 MR. RODRIGUEZ: We're not going to end the road  
21 as soon as we reach that 11 point two or three or six  
22 miles. We're going to connect it into 50. So the  
23 entire, the entire, the entire connection from 80 to 50.

24 MR. EGAN: Richard Egan, Realty World. When  
25 that road reaches 50, will it also be coordinated with

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1 the four-lane extension on 50?

2 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes. This project is in  
3 coordination with the U.S. 50 widening project.

4 MR. EGAN: Next question. Will Ramsey-Weeks be  
5 extended to four-lane?

6 MR. RODRIGUEZ: We're -- we haven't had any  
7 talks about Ramsey-Weeks being widened.

8 MR. EGAN: But it seems to me it wouldn't be  
9 able to handle, Ramsey-Weeks cutoff, the heavy traffic  
10 that's going to come that way.

11 MAN FROM AUDIENCE: It has a 10,000-pound  
12 limit.

13 MR. EGAN: Would that also be four-lane?

14 MR. RODRIGUEZ: At this time, we're not  
15 considering widening Ramsey-Weeks.

16 MR. EGAN: And the impact it would have on the  
17 people owning property. Thank you.

18 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you for coming.

19 Let me read a couple of questions I have. Then  
20 I'll go ahead and turn it to more questions from the  
21 audience.

22 Carolyn Leer had a question in regards to --

23 MS. LEER: Same thing.

24 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Will trucks be allowed to  
25 travel on Weeks cutoff from USA Parkway?

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1           Again, I don't -- Oh. Bryan.

2           MAN FROM AUDIENCE: Beef it up.

3           MR. GANT: Again, Bryan Gant, Jacobs  
4 Engineering.

5           For right now, we can't technically answer that  
6 question, because we don't know where USA Parkway's  
7 tying in. There's multiple locations on the table. We  
8 are aware that the county does not allow trucks on  
9 Ramsey-Weeks. And if that were to continue to be the  
10 case, when the road is opened, then trucks will have to  
11 be routed along roads that they are allowed to, they are  
12 allowed to drive on.

13           MR. RODRIGUEZ: Next question, from Leslie  
14 Sexton: Who will maintain the road? NDOT or county?  
15 Who will patrol the road? NHP or county sheriff?

16           MAN FROM AUDIENCE: Probably both.

17           MR. RODRIGUEZ: One of the benefits of the  
18 Nevada Department of Transportation taking on the  
19 project, even though it's been in the works for 10  
20 years, is that the Nevada Department of Transportation  
21 is considering taking ownership of the road, which would  
22 mean that they would make it a state route, as well as  
23 maintain it.

24           And, so, hence the long process. We need to,  
25 we need to follow this process.

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1           Who will patrol the road? NHP or county  
2 sheriff?

3           Does one omit the other from patrolling? I  
4 guess, I don't understand the question. I'm not sure  
5 how to answer that.

6           Questions?

7           MS. WHITE: Hi. My name is Christy White, and  
8 I work at Golden Gate Petroleum on USA Parkway. And I  
9 just want to express our need for it out there, for us  
10 single moms and working parents. I've been traveling to  
11 Fernley and to Reno for eight years now, when I first  
12 moved to Silver Springs, because it is the only work  
13 that I can find that would support my family and still  
14 live in a nice rural community. My need is great. And  
15 it would cut my travel time in half.

16           So the need for it is greatly out there.

17           MAN FROM AUDIENCE: Hear, hear.

18           MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you for coming.

19           (There was clapping from the audience.)

20           MR. RODRIGUEZ: Questions, comments?

21           MAN FROM AUDIENCE: Build the road.

22           MS. WOZNIAK: Hi, and thank you for finally  
23 coming out to speak with us on this subject. My name is  
24 Stephanie Wozniak. I'm a homeowner here. I own a small  
25 business. And I'm wondering if there's any way possible

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1 that some time can be shaved off of this five more, six  
2 more years thing. And I understand, you know, it takes  
3 time to do all this stuff. But we've all, many people  
4 here, bought their property, being told, "Oh, that  
5 road's going to be finished any minute now," and our  
6 property is going to increase in value.

7 We're suffering close to 80 percent loss of our  
8 property values. And, I think, being in a location that  
9 is like a potential hub for northern Nevada business,  
10 that it's critical that this move ahead as swiftly as  
11 possible and that there can be no possible question that  
12 we don't need this roadway. You said it yourself.  
13 There's lots of reasons. This lady that just spoke up,  
14 I think, all of us are here for the very thing that  
15 you're speaking about.

16 But if we could shave that down a little bit  
17 and maybe put a rush on there, that would be wonderful.  
18 Thank you.

19 (There was clapping from the audience.)

20 MR. RODRIGUEZ: And, and believe us, we -- we  
21 definitely hear this comment a lot. You know, when --  
22 why does it take so long? Why can't it be done faster?  
23 Why can't -- maybe to exaggerate it a little bit more,  
24 why can't we just take people's homes and put a roadway  
25 right through it? We need studies to be -- to take into

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1           consideration.

2           I will say this. These are the general time  
3 frames that we tell everybody when we're going through  
4 this process. The environmental process takes two  
5 years. Design can take up to two years. Construction  
6 can take -- construction for this size of project can  
7 take up to two years. So I'm giving you the worst-case  
8 scenario. That's not to say that the potential for  
9 decreasing the time frame isn't there. It is. And with  
10 this much support, who knows what will happen.

11           MS. LE SAGE: Why didn't this process start  
12 when they started the road?

13           MR. RODRIGUEZ: What's your name?

14           VOICE FROM AUDIENCE: Yeah, 10 years ago.

15           MS. LE SAGE: Barbara Le Sage.

16           MR. RODRIGUEZ: Barbara Sage?

17           MS. LE SAGE: Le Sage.

18           MR. RODRIGUEZ: And you were asking why didn't  
19 this process start?

20           MS. LE SAGE: Yeah, why didn't they take into  
21 consideration Silver Springs when we all first learned  
22 about the road and started driving up there? And, oh,  
23 it's going to be right in Silver Springs. And then we  
24 hear they were going to Fernley, or they were going to  
25 cut Silver Springs out, and so on. Why is, why is it

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1 taking so long to get to the homeowners here in Silver  
2 Springs?

3 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Her question is why is this  
4 process taking so long? Why wasn't this process  
5 initiated a while ago?

6 Well, the Nevada Department of Transportation  
7 has been involved over the last year and a half.  
8 They've been through communications with the Tahoe Reno  
9 Industrial Center to put this roadway through. Before  
10 NDOT's involvement, the Tahoe Reno Industrial Center is  
11 the one who built the existing USA Parkway portion on --  
12 within their private land.

13 So I'm not exactly sure how to answer your  
14 question.

15 MAN FROM AUDIENCE: I can answer that.

16 MR. RODRIGUEZ: But regardless of what has  
17 happened in the past, again, we are looking at the  
18 alternatives now and proceeding with it.

19 MAN FROM AUDIENCE: If you held that microphone  
20 a little closer to your mouth, we might hear you back  
21 here.

22 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

23 MS. JEICAN: Okay. This portion between here  
24 and --

25 MS. MAXEY: Please state your name.

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1 MS. JEICAN: Oh. Beverly Jeican.

2 MS. MAXEY: Thank you.

3 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Beverly Jenkin.

4 MS. JEICAN: Jeican.

5 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Jeican.

6 MS. JEICAN: The portion to -- that's already  
7 paved and to the county line, that's ready to be paved,  
8 right? Didn't you say it was graded and --

9 MAN FROM AUDIENCE: Four point some miles.

10 MS. JEICAN: Yeah.

11 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Four and a half miles has been  
12 graded. It has been graded by the Tahoe Reno Industrial  
13 Center, who had the project before, before NDOT got  
14 involved. It has been graded. That's not to say we  
15 cannot look at the different alternatives.

16 MS. JEICAN: They didn't do it to standards?

17 MR. RODRIGUEZ: We need to verify that. That's  
18 why we're going through this process.

19 MS. JEICAN: And so, basically, that shouldn't  
20 take that long if it is up to standards, to actually get  
21 it paved.

22 Also, we heard, living here, is that Lyon  
23 County was stopping it because they don't want -- you  
24 know, the developers of the road said, "We'll build the  
25 road, but we want Lyon County to maintain it." And Lyon

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1 County didn't want to do that. Have you ever heard  
2 that?

3 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Again, I'm not sure I could  
4 talk intelligently about what those communications were  
5 and what was agreed on before. I can only --

6 MS. JEICAN: Do we have anybody, Lyon County  
7 Commission?

8 MAN FROM AUDIENCE: Yes, just Storey.

9 MS. JEICAN: Huh?

10 MAN FROM AUDIENCE: Storey.

11 MS. JEICAN: Do we have anybody from Lyon  
12 County here?

13 VOICES FROM AUDIENCE: Yeah. Yeah. Yeah, a  
14 lot.

15 MS. JEICAN: Can they say anything to tell us  
16 anything about it?

17 MR. RODRIGUEZ: They can talk about is it as  
18 far as what may have happened in the past. But the  
19 county doesn't represent the Nevada Department of  
20 Transportation.

21 MS. JEICAN: But I mean did they put a -- are  
22 they the ones that have been putting the kibosh on it?

23 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I don't know that. And, again,  
24 I can't, I can't talk intelligently about that. But as  
25 I mentioned, with the Nevada Department of

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1           Transportation involved, we would be the ones taking the  
2           ownership, maintaining it, et cetera.

3           At this point, I guess, rather than talking  
4           more about what has happened in the past, and we'd like  
5           to hear any comments you have as far as issues we might  
6           have been missing, I'd like to consider us looking at  
7           what the future holds and how fast we can get this out  
8           there.

9           I think, I saw your hand, sir.

10           MR. HOLLER: Yeah, you all know me. I'm Bill  
11           Holler. And, I think, the road will be a great thing  
12           myself.

13           WOMAN FROM AUDIENCE: Yes.

14           MR. HOLLER: You know, we all need jobs. Got  
15           18 percent unemployment out here, probably worse. And,  
16           I think, we need this road. And we don't need it in  
17           five, six, 10 years. You know, 395 took over 40 years  
18           to build, and it ain't done yet.

19           I'm telling you just the way it is, you know,  
20           you people. You know, I don't know why the man that  
21           built the whole damn thing don't finish the road  
22           himself. I think, it would be very beneficial to him.

23           WOMAN FROM AUDIENCE: It would be faster.

24           MR. HOLLER: You know, and we need this. We  
25           really do. And I thank you that. Give 'em hell.

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1 (There was clapping from the audience.)

2 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

3 The gentleman in the back.

4 MR. EGAN: Richard Egan again, Realty World.

5 The proposed status of the roundabout at intersection of  
6 95 and 50, is this in conjunction with this, or is that  
7 in the future?

8 MR. RODRIGUEZ: That's not --

9 MR. EGAN: I've got a map. Someone sent me a  
10 map of a roundabout.

11 MR. RODRIGUEZ: That roundabout is not in  
12 conjunction specifically with the extension of the USA  
13 Parkway Project. We are analyzing traffic and studies  
14 for that, but it's not, it's not a part of the USA  
15 Parkway Project.

16 MR. EGAN: Okay. Okay. But is there a  
17 proposed roundabout in the future?

18 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Again, I can't, I can't talk  
19 intelligently about that.

20 Steve, would you know anything about a  
21 roundabout?

22 MR. COOKE: It's just an alternative. That's  
23 just merely an alternative. There's no study. There's  
24 no study.

25 MR. EGAN: Okay. Thank you.

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1           MR. RODRIGUEZ: We have time for two more  
2           questions, at which point we're going to go ahead and  
3           turn it back into the open format, so you guys can go  
4           ahead and approach the exhibits and look for one of us  
5           with a name tag to ask us questions about the project.  
6           We're here to address your questions.

7           I think -- yeah?

8           MS. VAN DALINDA: Amy Van Dalinda. I just want  
9           to state that this road is the lifeline to Silver  
10          Springs. Without that, we're not going to see a grocery  
11          store here, we're not going to see a bank, we're not  
12          going to see anything. We need this road so that Silver  
13          Springs can survive. People from here work in Reno.  
14          And they really need this road. Otherwise, Silver  
15          Springs is going to...

16          MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you for your comment.  
17          One more question. I think, I saw yours.

18          MR. WILLHOIT: My name is Tom Willhoit.

19          MR. RODRIGUEZ: Tom?

20          MR. WILLHOIT: Willhoit.

21          MR. RODRIGUEZ: Willhoit.

22          MR. WILLHOIT: Anybody that's going to put in a  
23          commercial building in this town knows that Lyon County  
24          does not --

25          VOICE FROM AUDIENCE: Can't hear you, Tom.

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1 objected from day one to dumping traffic opposite the  
2 school at Topaz. If, however -- there is another road  
3 that comes down off of Topaz and starts at Topaz, runs  
4 parallel to the Highway 50 and dumps into Highway 50 at  
5 Opal and Highway 50, because of the curve in the road.  
6 That road is Twain Avenue. There's only two houses on  
7 Twain Avenue. But if that were the route, it would be a  
8 lot shorter than the alternative route that they showed  
9 on that map. Because you would come down around the  
10 cemetery and hit the Topaz and then continue across  
11 Topaz on Twain Avenue. And it dumps right into 50 at  
12 the end of Twain.

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14 (At 4:57 p.m., the following announcement was  
15 made.)

16 MS. MAXEY: Good evening. Thank you for coming  
17 out tonight. In a few minutes we're going to go ahead  
18 and start our presentation. My name is Julie Maxey. I  
19 am the Public Hearings Officer for the Nevada Department  
20 of Transportation. We'll give you a few minutes to  
21 finish up your conversations, and then we will go ahead  
22 with our presentation.

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1           (At 5:00 p.m., the second presentation began,  
2           as follows.)

3           MS. MAXEY: Good evening. Thank you for coming  
4           out tonight. I'd like to state here my name is Julie  
5           Maxey. I am the Public Hearings Officer for the Nevada  
6           Department of Transportation. With me tonight is Pedro  
7           Rodriguez. He's the Project Manager for the USA Parkway  
8           Project.

9           After the presentation that he's going to give  
10          tonight, we will do a short question and answer session.  
11          If you would state your name prior to stating your  
12          question or making your comment. We have a court  
13          reporter here tonight who is taking down the  
14          presentation and your comments and questions verbatim.

15          Please allow three minutes per guest for your  
16          question or comment, to allow everyone to have a chance  
17          to make a comment. Pedro has collected a few comment  
18          cards as well that you may have filled out, and he will  
19          read those first prior to taking comments from the  
20          audience.

21          With that, I'll go ahead and hand it over to  
22          Pedro.

23          MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thanks, Julie.

24          And thank you, everybody, for coming out this  
25          evening to talk about this project.

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1           Just to reiterate a few things that Julie  
2 already covered, we have the court reporter here. If  
3 you guys want to make a comment, please come up, grab  
4 the microphone, state your name, or state it loud enough  
5 for her to be able to capture that. If you want to make  
6 a comment privately, you can go up to her and make a  
7 comment to her any time after this presentation.

8           We'll be receiving comments via fax, mail or  
9 e-mail to info@dot.state.nv.us. We'll need to have you  
10 guys reference the USA Parkway Project if you send in  
11 any comments or questions regarding that, to help us  
12 keep those questions straight with other projects.

13           And we need to have your questions or comments  
14 by 5:00 p.m. Friday, February 3rd.

15           Welcome.

16           The USA Parkway Project is a project that -- I  
17 guess, it's been in the works for a little while. And  
18 we'll go into that in a second. This project is a link  
19 between 80 to U.S. 50, crossing Storey County and Lyon  
20 County.

21           A portion of the USA Parkway Project was  
22 developed and constructed by the Tahoe Reno Industrial  
23 Center. About five and a half miles of that was  
24 constructed. An additional four and a half miles was  
25 graded to the Lyon County/Storey County line. And we

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1 have an additional 8 point -- approximately 8.6 miles to  
2 get to the U.S. 50, Highway U.S. 50.

3 As I mentioned before, this project has been  
4 going on for a little over 10 years. Previously, the  
5 project was being developed, constructed by the private  
6 developer, who was, who is the Tahoe Reno Industrial  
7 Center. And TRIC had been in communications with the  
8 public and has held stakeholder meetings in regards to  
9 that project.

10 Since then, over the past year and a half, the  
11 Nevada Department of Transportation has agreed to take a  
12 fresh look at the project and has agreed and has  
13 initiated a preliminary design and environmental process  
14 to consider solutions to make that connection.

15 That's not to say that NDOT is not going to  
16 take the previous comments that have been made on the  
17 project and meetings into consideration. NDOT is still  
18 going to consider everything that was discussed before.  
19 But because we're involved now and going through this  
20 environmental process, we need to account for any other  
21 alternatives and all feasible -- we're considering all  
22 reasonable and feasible alternatives.

23 The project is currently not funded, federally  
24 funded for construction.

25 The purpose of this environmental assessment is

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1 for us to satisfy the requirements of the National  
2 Environmental Policy Act, or a disclosure act, for us to  
3 identify all impacts to the environment, to identify the  
4 transportation problems and needs within that study  
5 area, to evaluate alternatives, transportation solutions  
6 to improve conductivity between I-80 and U.S. 50, and to  
7 evaluate and document impacts of implementing a  
8 transportation link between those two major routes.

9 This assessment, we need to go through this assessment  
10 for funds to be identified and applied to the project.

11 The purpose of this meeting, as part of this  
12 environmental process, is for us to gather -- is for us  
13 to provide you guys with information on how this study  
14 process works, as well as to get input from you in  
15 regards to what the purpose and need is for the project,  
16 what potential alternatives are available for the  
17 project, what community issues and concerns you guys  
18 have that we need to consider for the project. Your  
19 input is going to help us refine what those purpose and  
20 needs are, as well as refine the alternatives within  
21 that study area.

22 There are several agencies involved in this  
23 process. We have the Federal Highway Administration,  
24 who is acting as the lead agency, overseeing that this  
25 process is done in accordance with the federal

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1 government, and the Nevada Department of Transportation,  
2 acting as the lead state agency, in coordination with  
3 the Bureau of Land Management, acting as a cooperating  
4 agency, as well as various local and state agencies, in  
5 coordination with our consultant or the engineer on the  
6 project, Jacobs.

7 This process, this environmental process can  
8 take up to two years. Once we're completed with this  
9 process, the project can then proceed into a final  
10 design, which can take up to another two years, at which  
11 point, if federal funding, or funding is identified for  
12 the construction of the project, we can then jump into  
13 construction, which can take another two years. So the  
14 earliest we would be looking at driving on the new USA  
15 Parkway is 2017.

16 MAN FROM AUDIENCE: What a joke.

17 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Right now, we are in -- we are  
18 here in the preliminary process. We've identified  
19 purposes and needs for the project, and we are here  
20 holding public information meetings and gathering  
21 information and to get your input and help us refine  
22 what the purposes and needs are for the project, at  
23 which point we would then jump into identifying and  
24 evaluating the alternatives, different alignments for  
25 the project. We would then put together an

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1 environmental assessment, turn it over to the FHWA and  
2 BLM to review and receive a decision document by  
3 approximately 2013.

4 These are the -- these are the standard ranges  
5 for this size of a project. The environmental process  
6 takes approximately two years. The design for this size  
7 of project takes approximately up to two years, at which  
8 point the construction can take up to two years. That's  
9 not to say that we don't know if it can be done quicker.  
10 There's always a potential for a project to be completed  
11 faster. But what I'm here to relate to you is that  
12 these are the standard ranges that this project can  
13 potentially take.

14 As I mentioned before, we need to refine our  
15 purpose and needs. We need to identify this on this  
16 part of this environmental process.

17 And here are some of the purpose and needs that  
18 we've come up with: To provide a new north-south  
19 transportation link between I-80 and U.S. 50 that will  
20 enhance local and regional access and mobility; to  
21 provide an alternative/redundant vehicle route in case  
22 of an emergency or construction on I-80, U.S. 50 or  
23 U.S. 95A; to support the planned land uses and economic  
24 development; and to improve efficiency of freight  
25 movement from areas east of Reno to points south.

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1           And your input today will help us refine these.

2           Fliers went out and information went out in  
3 regards to this public information meeting. Along with  
4 those fliers, we sent out maps that depicted alternative  
5 routes that the Nevada Department of Transportation is  
6 considering. Those alternative -- what was depicted on  
7 the flyer is -- I think, it had a proposed alignment.  
8 And then we had it in a different color, the alternative  
9 alignment. That flyer was incorrect.

10           Both of those routes, as well as others, are  
11 the conceptual alternative alignments. We are in the  
12 process right now of looking at what alternatives we  
13 have. None of those are the proposed alignment. We  
14 don't know what those, what the final alignment is right  
15 now. We need to get your input before we can determine  
16 what that's actually going to be. We need to take a lot  
17 into consideration in determining where the final  
18 alignment is going to go.

19           Here, these are some of the other things we  
20 need into take into consideration before we can  
21 determine where that final alignment will go. We need  
22 to make sure that the alignments, or the alternatives  
23 consider the design standards that all roadway projects  
24 in this state or in the U.S. need to follow. The  
25 alternatives need to consider the terrain and

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1 topography, the existing roadway network and how this  
2 new roadway would tie into that, into the -- into the  
3 roadway network, where this is going to tie into the  
4 existing roadways, land status and minimizing impacts to  
5 landowners, environmental and human impacts, cultural  
6 resources, as well as receiving your public comments and  
7 input.

8       So you guys have a part to play in us  
9 determining where these alignments are going to go in, a  
10 huge part.

11       We are seeking your input. You guys are the  
12 ones who know your community the best. We need your  
13 input, as I mentioned before, in regards to defining  
14 what the purposes and needs are for the project, what  
15 different alternatives and solutions, excuse me, what  
16 different alternative solutions and alignments we need  
17 to be considering, as well as what potential issues  
18 there are in the study area.

19       And with that, I'll go ahead and I'll --

20       MS. FLYNN: Oh. I missed --

21       MR. RODRIGUEZ: Oh. Go ahead.

22       MS. FLYNN: I missed writing down one of the  
23 e-mails. Sorry.

24       MR. RODRIGUEZ: And with that, I'll go ahead  
25 and start with the questions I have at hand.

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1           This question is from Ms. Barbara Barros: How  
2           can our struggling families afford the present expense  
3           of driving to Reno for \$8 per hour job? 50 miles each  
4           way equals a hundred miles or about \$20 for one-fourth  
5           tank of gas. Not counting one-hour drive going and one  
6           hour returning home. We need to open a highway soon so  
7           businesses can come closer to our community. We need  
8           jobs in our area.

9           Thank you, Ms. Barros, for that comment.

10          Next question or comment is from Steven Gamsby:  
11          What is the law about cows on the road, and if you hit  
12          one, who is at fault?

13          That's a good question. I'm not sure I can  
14          answer that one in the meeting.

15          WOMAN FROM AUDIENCE: We have open range laws.

16          MR. RODRIGUEZ: Mary, can you? Or Jennifer?

17          MS. MARY PETERS: I would only be guessing at  
18          this point. But I assuming, if it's open range, that  
19          the driver would probably take some blame on that. But  
20          don't quote me. I'm not familiar with what the law is.

21          MAN FROM AUDIENCE: I mean open range is, if  
22          you hit the cow, it's yours, you don't have to buy it.

23          MR. RODRIGUEZ: The next question is from  
24          Barbara Le Sage: Silver Springs has long been treated  
25          as second-class citizens. The promise of businesses

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1       flourishing, having real shopping in area, health cares.  
2       Instead, businesses and residents have left their homes.  
3       Businesses. NDOT holds our future in their power. For  
4       God's sake, move on up with this project or we will  
5       become a ghost town.

6               (There was clapping from the audience.)

7       Thank you, Barbara.

8       Is there anybody else who has any questions or  
9       comments? And I'm going to ask you to come up and speak  
10      into the microphone, state your name, and then pose your  
11      question.

12             MR. BELL: I don't need that. I'm Ron Bell,  
13      Silver Springs Chamber of Commerce. Can you hear me all  
14      right?

15             VOICES FROM AUDIENCE: Oh, yeah. Yeah.

16             MR. BELL: Right now, if we have a fifth grader  
17      in our schools right now, they're not going to have a  
18      job. There is no way they'll have a job in here with  
19      this time line.

20             We was told a year and a half ago that that  
21      environmental study was supposed to be started. We've  
22      had meetings with the Governor at the county line, with  
23      all the commissioners and all the rest of the stuff, and  
24      agreed to move forward.

25             Do you want me to slow up?

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1 THE REPORTER: You're fine. Go ahead.

2 MR. BELL: And, but, you know, what's really  
3 pathetic right now is that the way the economy is, we  
4 have to have that in here, and it needs to be sooner  
5 than '17. And that, I believe, everybody in this room  
6 believes in. And that's what we do.

7 MAN FROM AUDIENCE: Hear, hear.

8 MR. BELL: This whole linchpin for the economic  
9 development of this area is strictly here. Tom Grady  
10 said on a radio show one day that it's not only Silver  
11 Springs, it's all of Lyon County, southern Lyon County.

12 Everyone in here needs this transportation  
13 link, and we need it now. Thank you.

14 MAN FROM AUDIENCE: Last year.

15 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you for your comments.

16 (There was clapping from the audience.)

17 MR. LE SAGE: I got a voice as loud as Ron.

18 MR. BELL: I doubt it.

19 MR. LE SAGE: Yeah, my name's Frank Le Sage.

20 And I've lived here since the '70s.

21 This is a good project. But the question I  
22 want to ask, I notice that it started out with Storey  
23 County, and I know that -- I was wondering, is the  
24 reason why Lyon County is having so much trouble is  
25 because it was a Storey County project? I know that

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1       you're having problems with someone blocking the  
2       freeway, because he wants a lot of money, and, also, the  
3       BLM, because you got to go through that -- what is it  
4       called, "LAP-au"?

5             But is there a way to expedite this? Can't you  
6       go around the guy that wants a million bucks for his  
7       property and go through the mountain? It would cost you  
8       less money if you go through the mountain than to pay  
9       him the million.

10            MR. RODRIGUEZ: At this time, we're not really  
11       getting any negative feedback from the community as far  
12       as making this project happen. We don't have a  
13       million-dollar guy that's telling us, "You have to go  
14       through our property," or anything like that. And I --  
15       and, also, I can't necessarily talk as intelligently  
16       about what has happened in the past.

17            As far as expediting the project, it's a hot  
18       project. NDOT is not considering this as just any old  
19       project. It is very sensitive. We have our tough guys  
20       on it. We have the consultant working full-time on it.  
21       So we are trying to get through this as fast as  
22       possible.

23            And I know I mentioned that in the  
24       presentation, but these are our general time frames.  
25       This is what the environmental process typically takes.

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1 This is what a design can take for this size of a  
2 project. This is what the construction can take. I'm  
3 not saying that this is how long it's going to take.  
4 I'm just saying this is, these are the time frames I'm  
5 required to tell you.

6 MR. LE SAGE: Oh, okay.

7 MS. FLYNN: I'm Sherry Flynn. I'd like to know  
8 if this environmental study has been started, and when  
9 was it started?

10 MR. RODRIGUEZ: The environmental study, as far  
11 as NDOT has been involved, started -- six months ago?

12 MR. GANT: September.

13 MR. RODRIGUEZ: September.

14 I think, I saw your hand.

15 MR. WATTS: Callen Watts. I'm here in Silver  
16 Springs as well. I hope have a got as large a voice as  
17 the two previous gentlemen.

18 I understand that there's an environmental  
19 study. I understand there's an environmental study  
20 that's already been done, it's been completed. And my  
21 question is -- that's a rumor. But I understand, if the  
22 BLM was involved in that study or a study, would that  
23 include down to the Lyon County line only in Storey  
24 County, or did they already do it all the way to 50?

25 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I'm not sure if a study has

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1 already been conducted. If BLM did conduct a study, my  
2 understanding is they would be conducting a study for  
3 any acquisitions to the right-of-way within their  
4 property.

5 MR. WATTS: That would include permits and any  
6 equipments for the gradings and et cetera. If it's been  
7 graded, BLM should have already given some kind of a  
8 permit. Unless every bit of it's private property. And  
9 then you still have to have environmental permits.

10 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I'd like to indicate, again,  
11 I'm not -- and I don't know if we have anybody from the  
12 BLM here to talk intelligently about that.

13 MR. WATTS: Okay. There's a --

14 MS. JENNIFER BASSETT: What's done so far has  
15 been on private property.

16 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Did you hear that? Everything  
17 that has been done so far has been done on private  
18 property.

19 MR. WATTS: Even if it's on private property,  
20 you still have environmental impacts and environmental  
21 permits. That's just about every county, state in the  
22 country. But why would it not, why would it not -- an  
23 environmental study, if there's one out there, why would  
24 it not be used?

25 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Because NDOT is now involved

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1 with the process -- and I'd like for us to focus more on  
2 what's happening from this point forward and how we  
3 could get this process faster, how we could construct it  
4 maybe, I guess, faster. I'd like to focus on what's  
5 happening from here on forward. I can't talk  
6 intelligently about what has happened in the past. I  
7 hadn't been involved, and neither has NDOT to the  
8 extent.

9 With NDOT taking on the process, we need to  
10 start, we need to start with the process. We need to go  
11 through the entire process. I'm not sure if we can  
12 utilize what has been done before. We can definitely  
13 take it into consideration. And it is being taken into  
14 consideration.

15 MR. YOUNG: Excuse me. For the record, Chris  
16 Young, NDOT Environmental Services.

17 Just to clarify the fact that the federal  
18 government or any federal agency's involvement, that's  
19 only when their money or land is involved. All the work  
20 that had been done previously for this project has been  
21 done on private land and without government  
22 authorizations or funding so far.

23 But with that said, we're not disregarding any  
24 of this previous work. Whatever we can use in this  
25 current study, we're pulling it forward, we're taking a

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1 look at it, reevaluating, make sure, making sure it's  
2 fresh. So.

3 But as far as addressing that, that issue about  
4 all this, this previous work that's been done, it's been  
5 done without a federal involvement so far. So.

6 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

7 MS. SNEDEKER: My name is -- I am Carissa  
8 Snedeker. I live in Silver Springs. Am I loud enough?

9 Okay. I want to just second what everyone else  
10 said. My husband and I drive every day to Reno. We see  
11 the same vehicles, the same bumper stickers, same  
12 everything. Every day we do it. And I know that it  
13 would save us a lot of money and time to do it.

14 My question to you is, how do we, how do we,  
15 how -- I mean I'm taking your word that you want to move  
16 this as quickly as possible. That's a given. But how  
17 do we -- what can we do, as a community, to help you to  
18 push this forward? Because 2017, that's a long way  
19 away. I'll be close to retirement at that point. Some  
20 people already will be retired. So like his fifth  
21 grader won't even get a job.

22 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I will add, before I turn it  
23 over to Bryan here, I will add, one of the things you  
24 can you do, you're doing it right now. You're providing  
25 us with input. You're providing us with the issues and

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1 things we need to consider as a part of this alignment.  
2 You're helping us identify the things we need to look at  
3 when considering the design, or excuse me, the  
4 preliminary, the alignments of the project. So thank  
5 you for that.

6 As far as what else you can do...

7 MR. GANT: For the record, Bryan Gant, Jacobs.

8 I was going to reiterate that same point. You  
9 know, clearly, there's a large upswell of support in  
10 this community. That goes a long, long way.

11 The other thing I would suggest is get in  
12 contact with your electeds, particularly on the federal  
13 level. The fact of the matter is, we can try to  
14 accelerate this process as fast as we can. The  
15 project's not funded for construction. Until there's  
16 dollars for construction, there's not going to be a  
17 road. And we're going to need some help at the federal  
18 level to, most likely, make that happen.

19 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Sir.

20 MR. HUBBELL: I'm just -- how long have you  
21 been with NDOT?

22 MR. RODRIGUEZ: July.

23 MS. MAXEY: State your name.

24 MR. HUBBELL: The name is John Hubbell. I've  
25 been around here for years and years and years, coming

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1 and going through here, since '60. I've been involved  
2 in the Stagecoach area for quite some time.

3 And I'm a little confused with what Chris said  
4 and you've said here, because this project started a  
5 long, long time ago.

6 And back in 2002, Chris, I happened to get on  
7 the Stagecoach advisory board. And I -- somebody clued  
8 me in on this project. And I went and saw Senator Joe  
9 Dini, and he sent me over to an engineering firm in  
10 Sparks or Reno. And as an advisory board member, I was  
11 bringing it back to our advisory board to see what  
12 support we had in Stagecoach, 2002. My understanding,  
13 the packet that was given to me had all of the roadway,  
14 all the engineering, and an environmental assessment was  
15 done. And Joe Dini at that time had secured \$25 million  
16 in federal funding for the project. Then the money went  
17 somewhere, didn't get in the final budget.

18 But this seems like we're just going over again  
19 what was done 2000, 2002. Does anybody know where any  
20 of these studies are at and what firm had this? Because  
21 I had all the paperwork. When I got off the advisory  
22 board, I gave it to the chairman after that. And he was  
23 supposed to continue on with it.

24 So this stuff, I saw all this stuff.

25 Everything they talk about was done. But NDOT wasn't

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1 involved. You guys weren't involved.

2 So what's going on? Why are we doing it all  
3 over again?

4 MR. YOUNG: Well, I'll say this once again.  
5 For this project, there has not been a federal  
6 environmental document done.

7 MR. HUBBELL: Well, somebody did some --

8 MR. YOUNG: There has not. The engineering  
9 firm you're speaking of, they did contact BLM at some  
10 point in the past, maybe about -- maybe five, six years  
11 ago, to try and get -- for that little BLM portion that  
12 may be involved in the project, to try and get a permit  
13 going on that. But, again, that's as far as it ever  
14 went.

15 And as far as funding goes, there's not been  
16 any funding identified for this project up until the  
17 point now we're --

18 MR. HUBBELL: It's taken out --

19 MR. YOUNG: Well, and, again, there may have  
20 been promises and things made, but as far as I'm aware,  
21 there were no line items or any -- anything in any  
22 budget to -- how it works is -- I'll even back up.

23 This project needs to be on a transportation  
24 plan. This project is not currently on a transportation  
25 plan. No project in the state of Nevada -- in the state

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1 of Nevada -- I'm from here. I was born here. No  
2 project in the state of Nevada can be funded unless it's  
3 on a transportation plan, the state, either the  
4 statewide one or for a regional or an RTC type thing.

5 MR. HUBBELL: Wasn't this on the state plan  
6 back in 2000?

7 MR. YOUNG: But that doesn't count. It needs  
8 to be on the statewide, the state transportation  
9 improvement plan.

10 MR. HUBBELL: That's right. But you guys  
11 change that plan all the time.

12 MR. YOUNG: To my knowledge, this project, this  
13 is the first time this project has made it into NDOT's  
14 realm of influence. And that's why we're here tonight.  
15 And that's why we're again asking you people to tell us  
16 what we need to hear.

17 You've told the county what they needed to  
18 hear. You may have told a developer what they needed to  
19 hear. We don't want to hear that secondhand from the  
20 county or the developer. We want to hear firsthand  
21 information, because NDOT's in this project now, and  
22 we're going to do it right, and we're going to try to  
23 get it out the door as soon as we can.

24 MAN FROM AUDIENCE: Sweet.

25 MR. RODRIGUEZ: And I know a lot of you are

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1 having some of those same questions or thoughts probably  
2 running through your head. Again, let me reiterate it.  
3 We're involved now. The Nevada Department of  
4 Transportation is involved now. So this isn't going to  
5 be -- well, actually, I don't even know what has  
6 happened in the past, and I don't want to even talk  
7 about it.

8 I'd like to focus on what's happening from here  
9 on out. The federal government, the Federal Highway  
10 Administration is involved. The Nevada Department of  
11 Transportation is involved. BLM is involved. This is  
12 serious.

13 What has happened in the past, I don't know.  
14 We can't talk about it intelligently. We don't know  
15 where the \$25 million went. We don't know where the  
16 \$30 million went. We just know what's going to happen  
17 from here forward. We need funding identified for the  
18 project. As it stands now, with the range, we're  
19 looking at 2017 for a roadway to be built.

20 MAN FROM AUDIENCE: Too many cooks spoil the  
21 broth.

22 MR. SALLAZ: My name's Joe Sallaz. And I've  
23 been here about eight years.

24 Anyways, I don't know if this occurred to  
25 anybody. But the fact that a private entity has already

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1       either constructed or prepared more than half of the  
2       road, I mean what better pitch do you need to the -- to  
3       NDOT to get this thing moving? You've already got a  
4       purpose and need. Are you going to tell me the  
5       environmental impact from, you know, the 10 miles they  
6       did to the next eight and a half is any different?

7           MAN FROM AUDIENCE: It's in a different county.

8           WOMAN FROM AUDIENCE: The horses will get out  
9       of the way.

10          MR. RODRIGUEZ: What the developer does on  
11       their private property NDOT can't answer or comment on.  
12       We don't know what they did. We don't know if that  
13       grading --

14          MR. SALLAZ: Oh, you guys know what they did by  
15       now, though.

16          MR. RODRIGUEZ: We --

17          MR. SALLAZ: I mean you had to have at least  
18       looked at -- looked at what they have done already to  
19       even consider this.

20          MR. RODRIGUEZ: Before NDOT can take ownership  
21       of this roadway, we need to consider what has been done.  
22       And as part of this process here, we are actually scoped  
23       out to take a look at what they did, evaluate what the  
24       design -- what design was taken, look at the  
25       different -- see if the standards were applied.

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1           So we are still in that process of determining  
2           what has been done and whether or not it meets federal  
3           requirements.

4           Just this --

5           MS. BENNETT: Me?

6           MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

7           MS. BENNETT: Kay Bennett from the Silver  
8           Springs airport.

9           About two months ago, Lyon County awarded a  
10          contract to study, to do a flood control study of the  
11          Ramsey Canyon watershed to Manhard Construction. A, are  
12          you aware of that study going on? And are the results  
13          of that study going to be used and incorporated into the  
14          design of the project?

15          MR. RODRIGUEZ: We are aware that, yes, Manhard  
16          Consulting, through -- was the successful winner of that  
17          RFP.

18          MS. BENNETT: That's right.

19          MR. RODRIGUEZ: And Jacobs Engineering has a  
20          sub with Rogers, who is doing the drainage study, or  
21          reviewing the drainage information that we have out  
22          there on the project. We are aware of that. We are  
23          taking it into consideration.

24          MS. BENNETT: Okay. And how will we know that  
25          the -- that those studies will be incorporated, or the

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1 results of that or recommendations that come up out of  
2 that, be incorporated with the NDOT plans for design?

3 MR. RODRIGUEZ: How would --

4 MS. BENNETT: How do we keep track of that?

5 MR. RODRIGUEZ: How would you keep track of it?

6 You can --

7 MS. BENNETT: M-hm (affirmative).

8 MR. RODRIGUEZ: You can contact me to verify  
9 that we are keeping track of it. But I can tell you  
10 now, as project manager of the project, we are  
11 coordinating with them, and we are taking that design  
12 into account.

13 MS. BENNETT: Thank you.

14 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Sir.

15 MR. STARKEY: I'm Don Starkey, from Don's RV  
16 and Mini Storage.

17 Why couldn't they split this in two and have  
18 two or three companies working, one from one end and one  
19 from the other, and meet in the middle?

20 MR. RODRIGUEZ: You mean physically, as part of  
21 the construction, why can't one person construct from  
22 the south and one person construct from the ends, from  
23 the north?

24 MAN FROM AUDIENCE: Turn the lights back on.

25 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I don't know how to answer

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1 that. Regardless of whether -- or who would be  
2 constructing it, we still need to go through this  
3 process to identify impacts. I think --

4 MR. STARKEY: And it cuts the construction down  
5 half, one-half of the last two years.

6 MR. RODRIGUEZ: It can. It can, I guess.

7 MR. STARKEY: And up where it meets 95, have an  
8 off-ramp to 95 and an on-ramp to the freeway.

9 MR. RODRIGUEZ: That's a good point. Thank  
10 you.

11 I saw a hand. Sir.

12 MR. KLINEFELTER: My name is Ben Klinefelter.  
13 So, it seems like there's no one -- who's in charge of  
14 spearheading the road on this side? Did the guy on the  
15 other side give up or?

16 MR. RODRIGUEZ: No. One of the benefits of  
17 NDOT now being involved with the process --

18 MR. KLINEFELTER: You were just now invited?

19 MR. RODRIGUEZ: As far as I've been aware, over  
20 the past year and a half, NDOT has been involved with  
21 this process. With NDOT being involved in this process,  
22 NDOT can then designate this as a state route, which  
23 means NDOT can maintain it.

24 MR. KLINEFELTER: Will you have the other half,  
25 will you take over the whole road or just --

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1           MR. RODRIGUEZ: The thoughts would be that NDOT  
2 would take -- would take the entire connection.

3           MR. HUBBELL: It would be an alternate.

4           MR. RODRIGUEZ: As an alternate.

5           Ma'am.

6           MS. FLYNN: I would like to know if it would be  
7 helpful if us, as a community, would -- would write to  
8 our congressional delegates, senators, governor. Will  
9 that be helpful?

10          MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes, that would be very  
11 helpful.

12          MS. MAXEY: Ask her to state her name.

13          MR. RODRIGUEZ: Oh, I'm sorry. Your name?

14          MS. FLYNN: Sherry Flynn.

15          MR. RODRIGUEZ: Sherry Flynn.

16          MS. FLYNN: Silver Springs, 16 years.

17          MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

18          MR. HUBBELL: Now, I let a little of my past  
19 frustration out here. I'm sitting here looking at what  
20 the purpose of this meeting is. And it says "Seek your  
21 input regarding the purpose and need for the project."

22          Now, we're all talking about the need, and  
23 we're talking about what it would do. But if I read  
24 this right, you're asking for my input. The purpose  
25 would be, for me, as a person who lives in Silver -- in

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1 Stagecoach, it would shorten my trip to Reno all the  
2 time, would save me gas, save wear and tear on my  
3 vehicle, put money in my pocket, so I can pay more  
4 bills.

5 MAN FROM AUDIENCE: And employment.

6 MR. HUBBELL: It would give me a chance to get  
7 to Reno and do things faster, because it's a shorter  
8 trip.

9 The need of the project is there. You've heard  
10 from everybody under the sun here, everybody in this  
11 room. And I was -- I tried to get in here at the first  
12 meeting. It was packed.

13 We just need to do something as quick as we  
14 can. I see this developing into a project that'll take  
15 as long as the Carson City freeway. And I was told in  
16 1978 that that freeway would be done by '85. And it  
17 still isn't done. And this thing is going to take  
18 forever and ever. And like some of these people have  
19 said, their kids aren't even going to see it.

20 But the need is there. The purpose is there.  
21 It's going to save money. Environmentally, less fumes,  
22 less gas, less everything. Even for truckers,  
23 everybody, quicker transportation and freight, the whole  
24 thing around. I mean, if we're here to discuss these  
25 things, these things, I think, everybody in the room

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1       would agree, are going happen if you put the road in.

2       So.

3             MAN FROM AUDIENCE:   Hear, hear.

4             MR. HUBBELL:    So let's get the road in.

5             MR. RODRIGUEZ:   Thank you.

6             Also, just to make you guys aware, we're not  
7       spending several months on just determining what the  
8       purpose and need of the project is.  Currently, we have  
9       been involved with the project over the past -- well,  
10      since NDOT's been involved.  We are, we're taking -- we  
11      are gathering information.  Let's see.  Where is that?

12            We're gathering information.  We've just  
13      finished topography of the land.  We are doing studies,  
14      impact studies, resources, cultural -- cultural studies,  
15      doing more field surveys.  We are taking input from you  
16      guys.  We're taking all these things into account.  And  
17      there's so much involved in us doing -- in us proceeding  
18      with this project.  We're not just sitting around  
19      thinking, hm, what could the purpose and need be of the  
20      project?  You guys are offering great input on that.  
21      But, believe me, there's so much more at hand behind the  
22      scenes.

23            Next question.  I saw you.

24            MR. BELL:    Could I do one more?

25            MR. RODRIGUEZ:   Sure.  Hand him the --

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1 MR. BELL: I don't need that.

2 If I ask you to have one common source, if we  
3 had it, would you rather see one common source to bring  
4 comments? What I'm saying is the Chamber of Commerce  
5 would be more than happy to put a data page on there to  
6 gather comments where then I could just e-mail them  
7 directly to you. Or would you rather have the  
8 individuals to support all of the individual data? I  
9 mean I'll be more than happy to do that. And we have  
10 the staff to do it. And they could just drop their  
11 comments off. We can post them or -- we're more than  
12 willing to do that.

13 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Julie?

14 MS. MAXEY: Individual.

15 MR. BELL: Individual work better? Then, I'll  
16 shut up and go home.

17 MS. MAXEY: But thank you.

18 MS. SNEDEKER: I'd like to. I just had a  
19 question. Probably, probably all of us signed in when  
20 we came in. So does that mean that you guys are going  
21 to send us regular e-mails and things like that to keep  
22 us advised of this? Or will there be a central place,  
23 maybe on NDOT, that will keep us posted on the progress  
24 that you all are making?

25 And especially, like you just said, right now,

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1       just I'm not just getting input. All of this other  
2       stuff that's going on. But we don't know that. And it  
3       would be nice to know all of the kind of cogs and  
4       everything that are fitting into the wheel.

5           MR. RODRIGUEZ: We -- yes, NDOT has a webpage.  
6       If you go on the Nevada Department of Transportation's  
7       webpage, we have a spot on that webpage designated  
8       solely for the USA Parkway Project. So we can offer up  
9       as much information on there, well, anything we'll have,  
10      we'll keep it up to date and apprise you of what's going  
11      on.

12           Julie, is there anything else to add?

13           MS. MAXEY: Yes. For the record, Julie Maxey,  
14      Public Hearings, NDOT.

15           I noticed a few of you -- we ran out of  
16      handouts. I apologize for that. We will upload the  
17      handout tonight and the presentation onto the USA  
18      Parkway webpage tomorrow. So if you'd like to get on  
19      there and print that out for yourself, we will have that  
20      up there for you.

21           Okay. And the addresses that are collected  
22      tonight, we can update the data base and have you  
23      included on the mail distribution.

24           MR. HUBBELL: Julie, are you going to have more  
25      public hearings?

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1           MS. MAXEY: We are considering having another  
2           one, yes. As soon as we can formulate the plan for it,  
3           you will be notified.

4           MR. HUBBELL: Within 30 days?

5           MS. MAXEY: I'm not quite sure if it'll be 30  
6           days. We need to get back and formulate with the staff.

7           MR. RODRIGUEZ: Sir.

8           ASSEMBLYMAN GRADY: Thank you.

9           I'm Assemblyman Tom Grady, representing  
10          District 38, which is this district. And just to  
11          clarify, everybody needs to contact the correct people.  
12          And the way -- the reason I say that, if you send me a  
13          hundred e-mails, I can't do a damn thing about it. This  
14          is federal money that will go into that. So, as was  
15          mentioned, please contact Dean Heller, Harry Reid,  
16          Amodei, Joe Hecht. This is an election year. They'll  
17          all be around to see you. And make damn sure that they  
18          hear your story.

19          I have supported this since it started, how  
20          many years ago, and will continue to write my letters,  
21          as your representative, to the people that need to hear  
22          it. But you need to write letters, not only to NDOT,  
23          but you need to let these people know. Because the  
24          state doesn't have the money. This is not a general  
25          fund project. This is a highway fund project. The  
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1 highway funds come from your gas money that comes back  
2 to us through the feds.

3 So the feds need to hear from you. And they  
4 need to hear loud and clear how important this is to the  
5 people, not only of this area, but the feeder people  
6 that will come into it, not only from Hawthorne and  
7 Yerington, but from all over, that are all waiting for  
8 this project. So let them know how you really feel.

9 Thank you.

10 MS. FLYNN: Sir --

11 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you for that.

12 MS. FLYNN: Could you repeat. Please repeat  
13 the names. We've got Mark Amodei, Harry Reid, Dean  
14 Heller. There was one other.

15 ASSEMBLYMAN GRADY: And Joe Hecht.

16 MS. FLYNN: Joe Hecht. Thank you.

17 ASSEMBLYMAN GRADY: Thank you.

18 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

19 Sir?

20 MR. LE SAGE: Yeah. Everybody likes to get in  
21 the action. We're all saying the same thing. But what  
22 I'm seeing is that this gentleman here just said that we  
23 need federal money in order to proceed. Yet you're from  
24 NDOT, which is Nevada Department of Transportation.

25 Now, Nevada Department of Transportation is trying to do

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1 a survey on whether they're going to take over that  
2 whole freeway and maintain it after it's built.

3 Now, you're talking about doing all of these  
4 project things, evaluating, evaluations and  
5 environmental studies. And like I don't know whether  
6 the Sierra Club is involved or what, what kind of a  
7 thing is going on. But we've got a state and a federal  
8 government both involved. The federal government, we  
9 want them -- am I right or wrong? The federal  
10 government, we want the money from. And in order to say  
11 go, we need you to say that.

12 So we've got two entities that are blocking  
13 this whole thing. Is that true?

14 MR. RODRIGUEZ: No. Actually, the Nevada  
15 Department of Transportation is fronting the state funds  
16 for us to go through this process here. Before we can  
17 apply any federal funding to the project, we need to get  
18 through this process.

19 MR. LE SAGE: So the state has to get through  
20 to go for the fed?

21 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Before we can identify federal  
22 funding for it.

23 MR. KLINEFELTER: My name is Ben Klinefelter.  
24 I'm from Silver Springs. Do we have a lobbyist pushing  
25 this work for the project?

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1 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I'm not sure I can, I'm not  
2 sure I -- I don't know who's pushing it. I know your  
3 guys' input is pushing it. I know government officials  
4 are aware of it. Making them more aware of it, I guess,  
5 wouldn't hurt.

6 MR. LE SAGE: Can I make one more comment to  
7 his question?

8 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Go ahead.

9 MR. LE SAGE: Did you know that you can -- I  
10 was an intern for the Senate. Anyone here can be a  
11 lobbyist. All you got to do is go in and put your name  
12 in. I think, it costs \$75, doesn't it? And you can be  
13 a personal lobbyist. So if you want to be a lobbyist,  
14 go for it.

15 MR. RODRIGUEZ: We'll go ahead and take two  
16 more questions. But we will be sticking around until  
17 6:30 to answer any of the questions you'll have. So  
18 feel free to grab one of us with a name tag and ask us  
19 any questions, or input or comments that you have on the  
20 project.

21 Ma'am.

22 MS. WELLS: I just wanted to -- Kay, when I  
23 came in --

24 MR. RODRIGUEZ: What's your name?

25 MS. WELLS: My name is Susan Wells.

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1 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Susan Wells.

2 MS. WELLS: And I own two pieces of property,  
3 property off Opal, on Mackey Street, and a piece of  
4 property on Ramsey Street. And Kay was talking about  
5 the flood.

6 MS. BENNETT: Yes.

7 MS. WELLS: And I just wanted to mention, my  
8 property over on Mackey Street has been getting flooded  
9 out. And a lot of that is because the few residences  
10 that are out there have been --

11 MR. LE SAGE: Diverting the water.

12 MS. WELLS: -- diverting the water. So I've  
13 got gullies, I mean huge gullies in there.

14 So that's one concern that my husband and I  
15 have. You know, we'd like to see it come down -- they  
16 were discussing the Opal. You know, we'd like to have  
17 it be there. Okay. However, we do want to see that  
18 effort is made that that won't -- because of that, it  
19 won't cause more eroding and more problems. Because I  
20 mean right now, property values are really bad. Well,  
21 hey, if it's all flooded out and washed away and  
22 whatever, it's -- you know, it's toast.

23 So, you know, I just wanted to make that  
24 comment. I don't know how many other people might own  
25 property in that particular area where the -- you know,

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1 they're thinking about building that freeway or --

2 MAN FROM AUDIENCE: When was the last time you  
3 were flooded?

4 MS. WELLS: Well, it hasn't been -- I agree, it  
5 hasn't been this year.

6 MAN FROM AUDIENCE: It hasn't been since I've  
7 been here.

8 MS. WELLS: You know, and then that's mainly  
9 because I'm not mopping my floors, you know, or washing  
10 the cars, you know.

11 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thanks. Thank you for the  
12 comment. And we'll definitely take that into  
13 consideration. Also, Ms. Wells, our subconsultants  
14 that's looking into the drainage portion of the project  
15 is here as well.

16 MS. WELLS: Okay.

17 MR. RODRIGUEZ: If you can go and talk to him  
18 as well.

19 MS. WELLS: Okay. That would be great.

20 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

21 Sir.

22 MR. VETH: My name is Gary Veth, and I'm from  
23 Silver Springs. I was never notified of this meeting.  
24 I just happened to be around and came across it here.  
25 How are we going to get notified if you have any further

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1 meetings?

2 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Did you sign in at the table in  
3 the back?

4 MR. VETH: Yes, I did.

5 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Then, you will. You're on the  
6 list, so you will be contacted with any further  
7 meetings.

8 MR. VETH: Via mailing, I guess?

9 MR. RODRIGUEZ: No.

10 MS. MAXEY: There are mailings. It is  
11 procedure for NDOT to advertise 15 days, the day before  
12 and the day of, the day before and the day of the public  
13 information meeting. This ad was placed in the Nevada  
14 Appeal three or four times, and it was also placed in  
15 the --

16 WOMAN FROM AUDIENCE: Lahontan.

17 MS. MAXEY: -- Lahontan. And was it in the  
18 Reno Gazette?

19 WOMAN FROM AUDIENCE: Yes.

20 MS. MAXEY: So we do put it in a major  
21 publication.

22 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

23 And, please, by all means, stick around and  
24 grab us and asks questions, give us your comments or  
25 concerns. We definitely appreciate that.

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1 Thank you.

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3 (At 5:46 p.m., the second presentation portion  
4 of the meeting ended, and the second open-house portion  
5 of the meeting commenced. There were no additional  
6 statements made to the Reporter during this time. The  
7 Public Information Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.)

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I, SHANNON L. TAYLOR, a Nevada Certified Court Reporter, Nevada CCR #322, do hereby certify:

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That I thereafter transcribed the aforementioned stenotype notes into typewriting as herein appears, and that the within transcript, consisting of pages 1 through 76, is a full, true, and correct transcription of said stenotype notes of said Public Information Meeting;

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3 employee of any attorney or counsel connected with the  
4 actions, nor financially interested in the actions.

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