



Nevada Department of Transportation

Board of Directors • Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2020

9:30 A.M.

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**Meeting Location:**

Live streamed via BlueJeans in accordance with Governor Sisolak's March 22, 2020 [emergency directive](#) which suspends the requirement that there must be a physical location designated for meetings of a public body where members of the public are permitted to attend and participate in-person so long as participation is available.

**1. Welcome/Call to Order/Roll Call**

Governor Sisolak called the meeting to order on Monday, August 10, 2020. A roll call was conducted, and a quorum was established.

**2. Public Comment**

There were no public comments regarding items on the agenda.

**3. Consideration of Approval of the July 13, 2020 Nevada Department of Transportation Board of Directors Meeting Minutes (For Possible Action)**

There were no corrections or changes in the minutes.

**Motion:** Approve Agenda Item 3 July 13, 2020 Nevada Department of Transportation Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

**By:** Lieutenant Governor Kate Marshall

**Vote:** Passed unanimously

**4. Receive Director's Report (Informational Item)**

Director Swallow reported that approximately 50,000 crashes are reported on Nevada's roads every year. From January through July of this year, we are trending ahead of last year in the number of fatalities. This is concerning given the reduction in traffic on the roads. While Clark County is tracking at 15% less than last year, Washoe County has experienced a 26% increase and the Rurals are even higher. Churchill County has four



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crashes resulting in four fatalities compared to one last year. Pershing County has gone from one to five this year.

Director Swallow shared that traffic incidences are the primary cause of death for police officers and emergency medical responders. The Traffic Incident Management Coalition is a partnership with NDOT and the following traffic safety partners: Nevada Department of Public Safety, local law enforcement, fire departments, public works, emergency medical responders, federal highway, Homeland Security and transit administrations, as well as private towing and hazardous materials responders who are trained and coordinated with to improve road incident response while reducing travel delays.

Since the founding of the Traffic Incident Management Coalition in Southern Nevada in 2008, coalitions statewide have trained approximately 5,000 of our state's 8,000 first responders to implement safe, quick, clearance of traffic incidents. Nevada is in the top 10 states in the country in responder training. As a result, in some areas of Las Vegas, secondary crashes have been reduced by half since 2015.

Director Swallow referenced COVID and keeping the programs moving and crews safe. For those who have returned to the workplace, NDOT has provided PPE, implemented staggered schedules where possible, and implemented strict health and safety precautions. NDOT is following OSHA regulations by taking daily health assessments every day before reporting to their physical workplaces.

At the July Board Meeting, Director Swallow reported that a \$50 million INFRA Grant was received from federal highways for the reconstruction of the Tropicana Interchange I-15. This will be utilized to reconstruct the interchange, modifying intersections with Dean Martin and adding an additional access at Harmon for a total cost between \$180 million and \$230 million. The project is estimated to be completed in 2024. The procurement for the contractor is anticipated to begin in September. The RFQ process will begin in anticipation of identifying qualified contracting teams for this project to do the RFP in January. A design builder selection is set for some time late summer, next year.

The construction of the Spaghetti Bowl Xpress project will begin this month. The first item of work will be the reconstruction of aging concrete on northbound I-580 which will replace cracking interstate concrete that's over 40 years old with approximately 4,000 cubic yards of new concrete between August 16 and December. Northbound I-580 lanes will be under construction while this work is performed. Over the next two years, NDOT will widen eastbound I-80 eastbound to southbound I-580 Spaghetti Bowl ramp to two lanes, restripe



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the eastbound interstate 80 lanes between Wells and the Spaghetti Bowl, add merge lanes, and improve ramps on southbound I-580 between Spaghetti Bowl and Plumb Lane, and install sound and aesthetic walls.

Also noted, a PLA agreement was signed on June 4, 2020 with the National Infrastructure Alliance comprised of operating engineers, carpenters, laborers and ironworkers and our contractors Ames and Q&D.

A virtual groundbreaking will be held in September commemorating this phase of the Spaghetti Bowl Xpress project.

NDOT's contribution to the workforce through its program contributed 5,721 job years to the economy from October 2019 through July 2020. If the additional 425 job years that are included on this agenda are approved, over 6,000 jobs will contribute to the economy since October.

There were no questions from Members. Governor Sisolak proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

**5. Consideration of Approval of Contracts over \$5,000,000 (For Possible Action)**

Director Swallow announced one contract for consideration: a mill and fill project of about 8 miles of pavement from North of Beatty in Nye and Esmerelda Counties with a recommendation to award to Road and Highway Builders.

There were no questions from Members.

**Motion: Approve Agenda Item 5 Contracts over \$5,000,000**

**By: Lieutenant Governor Kate Marshall**

**Vote: Passed unanimously**

**6. Consideration of Approval of Agreements over \$300,000 (For Possible Action)**

Director Swallow presented eight agreements for consideration. The first agreement for construction engineering services recommended to be awarded to Horrocks Engineering. The second agreement was for on-call services for the development of a grant preparation recommended to three consulting companies for on-call tasks. The third is a joint construction project with Southwest Gas for installation of telecommunications



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along Lamoille Highway recommended to be awarded to Q & D Construction. The fourth is National Statewide Traffic Incident Management program for Parsons Transportation Group. The fifth is for the extension of agreements for traffic operations. These are on-call agreements in which the extent of the funding within the first two years of the four-year plan has been used. Funds are being added to the agreements. The sixth agreement is for construction services for US-95; Schurz to Fallon. The seventh agreement is with Stantec Consulting Services to assist the team with statewide bridge inspection and analysis. The eighth agreement is with Graymar Environmental Services for culvert cleaning.

There were no questions from Members.

**Motion:** Approve Agenda Item 6 Agreements over \$300,000

**By:** Member Stephen Ascuaga

**Vote:** Passed unanimously

**7. Contracts, Agreements, and Settlements (Informational Item Only)**

Director Swallow informed this is an information item only.

There were no questions from Members.

**8. Consideration of a Resolution providing that certain future funds received from XpressWest pursuant to a Developer Agreement for the construction of a high-speed rail project be used only on Department projects along I-15 from the NV Stateline to Sahara Avenue and I-215 within the vicinity of the XpressWest train station within Clark County. (For Possible Action)**

NDOT entered into a MOU effective early 2019, and most recently entered into a developer agreement with the high-speed rail developer upon which they will be contributing \$800,000 annually and starting a upon revenue service. It is anticipated this will happen in 2024. The resolution ensures that \$800,000 indexed annually for inflation will go to impact the corridors where rail passengers will have the most impact.

Lieutenant Governor Kate Marshall inquired that the \$800,000 is a floor and if there are costs that go over that they will pay more.



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Director Swallow responded that that is the amount they will be contributing. They have done an impact analysis and determined that the \$800,000 annually indexed by inflation for the duration of their service would be sufficient to cover all of it.

Lieutenant Governor Kate Marshall inquired if the Board will receive an analysis back to see whether the analysis did, in the amount agreed, ultimately serve the taxpayer.

Director Swallow responded that at such time they can provide a report on the amounts they received to date, what they anticipate receiving in the future and the cost of that infrastructure.

Governor Sisolak asked if this is for the ongoing basic right-of-way and not for the construction.

Director Swallow answered that it is intended to help offset the impacts of additional vehicles on the road and that some of the costs that is anticipated that NDOT may incur. Director provided examples: the potential need to widen an on-ramp or an off-ramp to provide access to their terminals; potentially using the revenues to help contribute to an additional access point such as a new off-ramp. It is incremental per their cost and it is not anticipated that they will warrant solely on their own any new significant piece, but will be contributing for their costs to the new infrastructure that may be required in the future.

**Motion:** To approve Agenda Item 8 Resolution  
**By:** Controller Catherine Byrne  
**Vote:** Passed unanimously

**9. Consideration of Approval of Fiscal Year 2021 NDOT Annual Work Program (AWP) and Acceptance of the 2021-2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) (For Possible Action)**

Director Swallow said this item was mentioned at the board meeting last month in conjunction with the public comment period that was ongoing. The public comment period has concluded, and the item is ready for approval.

**Motion:** Approve Agenda Item 9 AWP and STIP  
**By:** Lieutenant Governor Kate Marshall  
**Vote:** Passed Unanimously



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**10. Receive NDOT Strategic Plan for 2022-2023 Budget Submittal (For Information Only)**

Governor Sisolak stated that this submittal is for information only.

There were no comments from Director Swallow.

**11. Public Comment**

Director Swallow informed the Board that 13 public comments were received in response to the public comment period for the I-11 tier one study that opened in July and had been shared with the Board in advance of the Board Meeting.

When asked by Governor Sisolak, Director Swallow confirmed that the public comments would be entered into the record.

Alita Dupree from Las Vegas thanked the members for the opportunity to provide public comment by phone. She further supported the work of XPressWest and the high-speed rail project. She looks forward to the day when she can travel throughout the region on train. She also reiterated that her position and advocacy of the importance of the 24-hour high occupancy vehicle lane system in Las Vegas. She stated there's equity in that and, as she's mentioned before, to stay the course with it because congestion will return someday. She supports reconstruction of the interchanges and that Tropicana has always been a pinch point and is also looking to enjoy events at the new Allegiant Stadium. She appreciated the people-oriented aspects of the safety report and emphasized the importance of safety and continuing to work with NHP and that speeding on the highways should not be tolerated.

No further public comments.

**12. Executive Session (For Possible Action)**

There was no executive session today.



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13. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

The Governor thanked everyone and said he would accept a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Adjourn the August 10, 2020 Nevada Department of Transportation Board of Directors Meeting

By: Lieutenant Governor Kate Marshall

Vote: Passed unanimously



Tracy Larkin-Thomason  
Secretary to the Board of Directors  
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