



TPAC Meeting Agenda

October 28, 2020 9:00 a.m.

Per Governor Sisolak's March 22, 2020 emergency directive, in-person public attendance is no longer required at the regular meeting of the Transportation Planning Advisory Committee (TPAC) meeting on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. Governor Sisolak's March 22, 2020 emergency directive suspends the requirement that there must be a physical location designated for meetings.

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The TPAC is intended to advise, solicit input, and interact with the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) Planning management team and staff on issues that affect transportation planning in Nevada. This advisement/interaction may include review, comment, and making recommendations on NDOT planning studies, plans, and guidance. An additional purpose of the committee is to help NDOT with its public outreach efforts by providing valued input into the transportation planning and decision-making processes.

- 1. Introduction to the Nevada State Division of Outdoor Recreation (NDOR) (Colin Robertson)-20 minutes**
- 2. Update on Nevada State Climate Strategy (Sondra Rosenberg) - 10 minutes**
- 3. 2021 State Legislative Discussion (Sondra Rosenberg and Ryan McInerney) -10 minutes**
- 4. NDOT Statewide Transit Plan Update Discussion (Graham Dollarhide)-20 minutes**
- 5. Update on BrightLine/DesertXpress High Speed Rail (Terry Reynolds and Ryan Wheeler)-20 minutes**
- 6. NDOT Rail Plan Update (Lee Bonner)-10 minutes**
- 7. Member Updates/Discussion**
- 8. Future Agenda Items Discussion**
- 9. Adjournment**

Please email comments prior to 5 p.m. on October 23, 2020 to tmueller@dot.nv.gov

MEMORANDUM

To: Transportation Planning Advisory Committee (TPAC)
From: Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Date: October 19, 2020
Re: Agenda Item #1 Introduction to Nevada Division of Outdoor Recreation

Colin Robertson, Administrator of the new Nevada Division of Outdoor Recreation (NDOR), will provide an overview presentation about NDOR and how it came to be, its current activities, future plans and opportunities for future collaboration and engagement between the Division and TPAC.

Action:

For information/discussion only

MEMORANDUM

Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT)

To: Transportation Planning Advisory Committee (TPAC)
From: NDOT Planning
Date: October 19, 2020
Re: Agenda Item #2 Update on Nevada State Climate Strategy – Transportation

The July TPAC meeting included a presentation by the Nevada Climate Policy Coordinator, Dr. Kristen Averyt regarding the development of the State Climate Strategy. NDOT would like to provide an update on the activities related to the strategy development as it relates to Transportation Planning.

Background:

Governor Sisolak is committed to taking action to address climate change. In 2019, the legislature passed both SB 358 and SB 254, which set aggressive renewable portfolio standards and emissions reduction targets. The stage was set to act on climate by Executive Order 2019-22. Signed by the Governor in November of 2019, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) and the Governor's Office of Energy (GOE) were tasked with establishing interagency coordination to address climate issues. Further, a delivery date of December 1st, 2020 was set for the first iteration of a new State Climate Strategy. This strategy will be a framework for analysis and consideration of potential policies intended to achieve the emissions reduction targets.

The Nevada Greenhouse Gas Inventory released by the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection (NDEP) in December of 2019 shows that the transportation sector is responsible for the greatest portion of statewide emissions.

This item will provide an update to the previous presentation by summarizing the status of strategy development with respect to transportation, as well as anticipated policy updates and coordination.

Actions:

For information/discussion

MEMORANDUM

Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT)

To: Transportation Planning Advisory Committee (TPAC)
From: NDOT Planning
Date: October 19, 2020
Re: Agenda Item #3 2021 State Legislative discussion

While the 2021 Legislative Session is still several months away, Bill Draft Requests have been developed or are in the works from legislators and state agencies. NDOT would like to update the TPAC on known or anticipated transportation-related bill drafts as well as hear from the member agencies regarding the upcoming session.

Actions:

For information/discussion

MEMORANDUM

Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT)

To: Transportation Planning Advisory Committee (TPAC)

From: NDOT Planning

Date: October 19, 2020

Subject: Agenda Item #4 Statewide Transit Plan Update Discussion and Interaction

Background:

The Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) is seeking to develop a statewide transit plan to better establish, document and communicate the overarching goals and objectives of its transit program, transit provider needs and the communities it serves. The federally required State Long-Range Transportation Plan (One Nevada Plan) is the umbrella document covering the movement of people and freight across all modes; focused modal and topic plans help to refine broad policies into more specific strategies. Nevada's statewide transit plan could cover multiple subtopics from a wide array of potential study areas, many of which were presented to the TPAC at the July 29, 2020 meeting. The TPAC has since provided input via SurveyMonkey to help refine the universe of potential subtopics. NDOT staff has drafted a scope of work (SOW) based on this input.

Based on TPAC input and other research conducted by NDOT Transit staff, the statewide transit plan will draw from relevant sections of existing documents, such as [NDOT's 2018 Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan](#) and Regional Transportation Plans, to better align local goals and objectives with the statewide approach. It will also analyze financial resources and needs over a 20-year period and explore new ways to fund, streamline and enhance the transit system, among other subtopics.

The next phase of this process will be to finalize the SOW and issue an RFP used to select a consultant during FFY 2021. Presentation of this item will include a recap of survey results and an overview of the subtopics selected for inclusion in the draft SOW. Additional feedback from the committee is needed to finalize the SOW in advance of the release of an RFP.

Action:

Staff would like to request input from the TPAC. This will assist staff in finalizing the scope for inclusion in an RFP. Input from TPAC members will be accepted via email until November 13th (please send comments to Graham Dollarhide at gdollarhide@dot.nv.gov). Staff anticipates presentation of an update on the statewide transit plan to the TPAC at the April 2021 meeting for additional comment and possible opportunity to participate in the plan's public participation process.

MEMORANDUM

To: Transportation Planning Advisory Committee (TPAC)

From: Nevada Department of Business and Industry and NDOT Project Management

Date: October 19, 2020

Subject: Agenda Item #5 Update on BrightLine/DesertXpress High-Speed Rail

Background:

Overview by NDOT and the Department of Business and Industry on the High-Speed Rail Project from Victorville, California to Las Vegas.

The following topics will be discussed as part of the presentation:

- 1) Project and alignment of rail, type of train, cars and power (electric)
- 2) Travel time, number of passengers anticipated
- 3) Terminus, station, parking, etc.
- 4) Construction schedule
- 5) Cost of project and funding sources
- 6) Current status of project

A fact sheet on the project can be found [here](#).

Action:

None at this time, provided for information only.

MEMORANDUM

Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT)

To: Transportation Planning Advisory Committee (TPAC)

From: NDOT Planning

Date: October 19, 2020

Subject: Agenda Item #6 Update on Nevada Rail Plan Update

The NDOT is updating the state rail plan which was previously completed in 2012 staff will provide an update and discuss the plan and its purpose.

Background:

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) issued final state rail plan guidance on September 17, 2013. Section 303 of the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 (PRIIA) requires states to develop FRA-accepted state rail plans and encourages state involvement in rail policy, planning, and development. The guidance explains the process to be followed in developing state rail plans, including minimum content requirements, a standardized format, and FRA's review and acceptance process.

Section 11315 of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act of 2015 (FAST Act) made subsequent changes to state rail plan requirements, including specifying that a state-approved rail plan be submitted every four years for acceptance by FRA, rather than the five years allowed under PRIIA. Because individual state rail plans must be updated at least every four years, and because state update cycles vary, there is no set schedule for when states will submit rail plans to FRA for review and acceptance.

According to the FRA this plan is required to help Nevada address a broad spectrum of issues, including an inventory of the existing passenger and freight rail transportation system and rail services/facilities within the state. Plans should also include an explanation of the state's passenger and freight rail service goals and objectives within the context of the state's overall transportation system; an analysis of the public benefits of freight and passenger rail to the state; and a long-range investment program for current and future freight and passenger rail infrastructure in the state. The FRA link for more information can be found [here](#).

It is important that Nevada has a Federally compliant rail plan, the primary reason is to allow the state to have the option of applying for Federal capital grants under Sections 301, 302 and 501 of the PRIIA.

Action:

None at this time, however there will be an opportunity to provide input to the Draft Rail Plan.