



Nevada Department of Transportation

Board of Directors • Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2021

9:30 A.M.

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| Meeting Location: | 1263 South Stewart Street Third Floor Conference Room Carson City, Nevada 89712 | 123 East Washington Avenue Building B Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 |
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1. Welcome/Call to Order/Roll Call

Governor Sisolak called the meeting to order on Monday, June 14, 2021. A roll call was conducted, and a quorum was established.

Present: Governor Steve Sisolak, Lt. Governor Kate Marshall, Controller Catherine Byrne, Member Virginia Valentine, Member Justin Kalb, Member Stephen Ascuaga.

2. Public Comment #1

There were no public comments regarding items on the agenda.

3. Consideration of Approval of the May 10, 2021 Nevada Department of Transportation Board of Directors Meeting Minutes. (For Possible Action)

Motion: Approve the May 10, 2021 Nevada Department of Transportation Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

By: Member Virginia Valentine

Vote: Passed unanimously

4. Receive Director's Report (Informational Item)

Director Swallow began the director's report with a discussion on safety and reminded the Board that with the state reopening and summer approaching, NDOT expects to see more people on the roads. Director Swallow referred to the time period between Memorial Day and Labor Day weekend as the 100 deadliest days on Nevada's roadways. Director Swallow informed the Board that statewide data shows a 30-percent increase in fatalities over the previous year: Nye County has experienced an increase of over 360 percent over the previous year; White Pine County went from zero fatalities in 2020 to three in 2021; four counties saw increases of over 200 percent; and in Clark County fatalities have increased from 65 in 2020 to 86 in 2021 thus far. Rather than



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discuss any one particular crash, Director Swallow read a summary of headlines to the Board regarding fatalities statewide and reminded the Board and all citizens that speeding and impairment remain the top causes of crashes and cautioned everyone to refrain from driving impaired over the upcoming Independence Day holiday weekend.

Director Swallow reported that this will likely be her final report on COVID traffic impacts. In the Reno area, traffic numbers are almost back to normal, in Elko, the numbers have remained strong throughout the pandemic, and Director Swallow explained that NDOT is anticipating Las Vegas numbers to rise back to a normal level in the coming months following the full reopening of the state. Director Swallow informed the Board that NDOT will continue to monitor these numbers.

Director Swallow next updated the Board regarding the legislative session. All four of NDOT's bills were passed and signed by Governor Sisolak. Director Swallow informed the Board that AB413, which NDOT has been following closely, has also been approved and that NDOT is in the process of convening an advisory working group to study and ultimately propose recommendations to the legislature on a long-term solution to the sustainability of the transportation planning within Nevada, focusing particularly on the state highway fund. The study will look at funding as well as at social and user equity, the imperative the state has to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector, and the role of land use and smart growth strategies in decreasing transportation costs and promoting efficiency in improving the equity. Director Swallow informed the Board that NDOT is currently receiving applications for voting members with a planned first meeting in July after which monthly meetings will take place over an 18-month period and culminate in a study that will be submitted to the legislature in advance of the 2023 session. Director Swallow further indicated that NDOT is working to determine the impacts that the other newly signed legislation will have and anticipates providing a report on this to the Board at July's meeting.

Director Swallow next discussed NDOT's change in communication strategy with social media and focused primarily on Twitter. Director Swallow informed the Board that in the past, NDOT maintained only one Twitter account, @NevadaDOT, which has now been divided into three, area-specific accounts: @NevadaDOTVegas; @NevadaDOTReno; and @NevadaDOTEIko, which represents Elko along with the rest of the rural areas in the state. Director Swallow indicated that the @NevadaDOT will remain in existence but will provide broader, more statewide information with the occasional retweet from one of the local accounts.



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Director Swallow concluded her report by discussing NDOT's contribution to the state's economy. Infrastructure job numbers from contracts between October 2020 and May 2021 represented 3,488 job years and following approval of the 155 job years on this agenda, a total of 3,643 job years will be supported by NDOT.

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

Director Swallow discussed the six agreements for consideration.

4LEAF Consulting, LLC is the recommended consultant for the first agreement for a four-and-a-half-million-dollar agreement to help with crew augmentation for the Las Vegas viaduct project.

CA Group, INC is the second recommended consultant at roughly \$2.6 million to pilot potential new hours on the HOV system in Las Vegas. Director Swallow explained that NDOT anticipates CA Group will be collecting data within the first six months that will help determine what potential hours might be piloted with a rollout of pilot operation hours in early 2022, after which CA Group will continue to provide NDOT with quarterly updates on safety, occupancy, and use of the HOV lanes with a potential recommendation within two years.

Tate Snyder Kimsey Architects, LTD. DBA. TSK is the recommended consultant for the architectural engineering design and construction administrative services for a new maintenance station in Lovelock. Director Swallow explained that the current station is inadequate. This contract will provide the state with a properly functioning maintenance station as well as relocate it out of downtown Lovelock.

Resource Systems Group, INC will complete a statewide travel demand model update for the state to bring the state up to date, current, and better into alignment with partners.

Director Swallow explained that the fifth contract is an on-call contract for technical services for which three consultants have been selected: Jacob's Engineering Group, INC; Kleinfelder, Inc.; and Newfields Companies, LLC.

The sixth contract is an amendment for Jacob's Engineering Group, INC, the consultant currently working on implementing the long-range One Nevada Plan, to bring Nevada to a data-driven project selection and prioritization process.



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Governor Sisolak asked what the plan is for the current Lovelock Station.

Darin Tedford, Deputy Director, explained that the current location of the Lovelock Station is in a residential, downtown area of Lovelock that is on property owned by NDOT. As such, there are considerations in place such as building employee housing in that location among other things, including potentially selling the land.

Governor Sisolak asked about when the Board would see a plan regarding a timeline for the project.

Director Swallow indicated that the project has been funded and as the project moves forward, NDOT will have a better timeline on the beginning of construction to bring back to the Board.

Motion: Approve the Contracts over \$300,000
By: Member Virginia Valentine
Vote: Passed unanimously

6. Contracts, Agreements, and Settlements (Informational Item)

Pursuant to NRS 408.131, the board may delegate authority to the director, which a director may exercise pursuant to NRS 408.205. These items and matters have been delegated to the Director by the Board by resolutions in April 1990 and July 2011. Director Swallow.

Governor Sisolak informed the Board that this was an information item only.

There were no questions from members.

7. Consideration of Approval to Replace Equipment in Excess of \$50,000 in Accordance with NRS 408.389 (For Possible Action)

Director Swallow informed the Board that NDOT generally brings all equipment purchases before the Board once annually and anticipates that this will take place at the July meeting. However, Director Swallow indicated that with FY21 closing, NDOT is asking for approval to purchase a new oil distributor truck with FY21 funds as the previous one was irreparably damaged in a crash. Director Swallow indicated that NDOT does have revenue



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and/or enough allocation in the equipment budget to replace the vehicle during this fiscal year and is seeking the Board's approval for this purchase.

Lieutenant Governor Kate Marshall asked if there was any other equipment, particularly flood-related equipment, in need of replacement that NDOT was choosing not to replace.

Director Swallow explained that she was not aware of any, but any other equipment requests will be coming up in the July Board meeting to be purchased with FY22 funds.

Motion: Approve to Replace Equipment in Excess of \$50,000
By: Member Justin Kalb
Vote: Passed unanimously

8. Consideration of Approval of a Resolution of Abandonment of a portion of land lying within SR-582 (Boulder Hwy.) near Pioneer Street, in the City of Henderson, Clark County, State of Nevada (For Possible Action)

Director Swallow explained that this portion of land is an easement that was received from BLM many years ago. NDOT no longer needs it and is asking to abandon it back to the underlying property. Director Swallow further indicated that the land is fully developed, and the easement was likely granted from BLM, thus NDOT still controls the easement although the land may have exchanged hands.

Motion: Approve the Resolution of Abandonment of a portion of land lying within SR-582 (Boulder Hwy.) near Pioneer Street, in the City of Henderson, Clark County, State of Nevada
By: Member Virginia Valentine
Vote: Passed unanimously

9. Public Comment #2

This public comment period is for any matter that is within the jurisdiction of the public body. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an action item. The Chair of the Board will impose a time limit of three (3) minutes.

There was no public comment.



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10. Executive Session (For possible action)

There was no executive session.

11. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

Motion: Adjourn the June 14, 2021 Nevada Department of Transportation Board of Directors Meeting
By: Member Virginia Valentine
Vote: Passed unanimously



Jeff Lerud, Deputy Director
Secretary to the Board of Directors