



Nevada Department of Transportation

Board of Directors • Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2021

9:30 A.M.

Meeting Locations:

1263 South Stewart Street
Third Floor Conference Room
Carson City, Nevada 89712

123 East Washington Avenue
Building B
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

1. Welcome/Call to Order/Roll Call

Governor Sisolak called the meeting to order on Monday, July 12, 2021. A roll call was conducted, and a quorum was established.

Present: Governor Steve Sisolak, Member Virginia Valentine, Member Justin Kalb, Member Stephen Ascuaga.

Absent: Controller Catherine Byrne

2. Public Comment

There were no public comments regarding items on the agenda.

3. Consideration of Approval of the June 14, 2021, Nevada Department of Transportation Board of Directors Meeting Minutes (For Possible Action)

Motion: Approve the June 14, 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. Director Swallow first expressed thanks to the Board and public for all extended well wishes following last month's shooting on Route 278. The team member who was shot was able to be released from the hospital and is recovering at home. Director Swallow then reported that traffic fatalities across the state are up 32 percent from the same last year and that 180 people have lost their lives on Nevada roadways in 2021. Clark County's contribution compared to last year is 30 lives. Director Swallow reported the primary cause pedestrian fatalities have increased 15 percent, and



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motorcyclist fatalities have risen 32 percent. Last month, four bicyclists including one in Clark and one in Washoe lost their lives. Director Swallow further indicated the primary cause of traffic fatalities continue to be impairment and speeding.

Director Swallow described a crash to the Board. The crash occurred in Las Vegas near the strip in June in which a man driving a U-Haul truck caused a multi-vehicle crash. The driver of the U-Haul was traveling twice the posted speed limit at 70 mph in a 35-mph zone. Three occupants in one of the cars hit by the U-Haul had to be taken to UMC, and one occupant required emergent surgery. The driver of the U-Haul reported to police he had taken drugs prior to the crash. Director Swallow reminded the Board and the public to slow down.

Director Swallow updated the Board on happenings in the legislative session. Over the course of 2021, NDOT is tracking over 100 bills with potential to impact the department. The department is thankful for the core bills that have been passed and signed into law. There are an additional 36 bills that had impact on the team. Of those, only a handful were expected to have significant impact. A key one to focus on is AB413 which will allow the study of issues related to sustainable transportation funding, multi-modal transportation needs of the state, social and user equity, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The advisory working group launches their first meeting tomorrow and will deliver a final report to legislature in December 2022.

Director Swallow indicated tracking federal action on infrastructure funding. On June 24th, a \$1.2 trillion infrastructure deal was reached between President Biden and bipartisan senators. Included in that package is additional funding for the department. Director Swallow made note of NDOT facing part of the 8413 annual budgetary shortfalls of over \$500 million.

Director Swallow then provided an update on the Smith Valley earthquake that happened the previous week. The earthquake happened near the Nevada/California border. Visual inspections of bridges and major routes within 75 miles of the epicenter were immediately performed. No bridges or highways were found to have any visible damage relating to the earthquake. Closure to 395 with route detours throughout the state did occur.

Director Swallow informed the Board of the Henderson Interchange public meeting being offered virtually and in person. The public information meeting started July 6th and continues to be active through August 5th. The direct link is available on the website and the in-person meeting is being held July 22nd from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at the Henderson Lifeguard Arena, center ice room.



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Director Swallow then stated the department as well as Nevada safety partners are gathering public feedback to assist with integration of formal policies pertaining to roadside memorials and highway segment designations. With more than 300 lives lost on Nevada roadways, roadside memorials are commonly placed by families and friends of those lives lost. These memorials can bring comfort to those who place them, but they can also create traffic safety issues by obstructing roadways or creating visual distractions. Public feedback is being gathered to create a formal roadside memorial policy to provide safe, consistent, and compassionate solutions. Director Swallow also stated highway segment designations in the past have been to honor fallen law enforcement, elected officials, and veterans. However, there is no formal or consistent policy in place for nominating and selecting these individuals for designation. Through the end of the month, dot.nv.gov/memorial can be visited to provide input. The survey is intended to capture feedback from Nevada residents and those who use Nevada highways.

Lieutenant Governor Kate Marshall then asked Director Swallow if other states' policies on roadside memorials had been considered.

Director Swallow indicated there are no consistent policies across the states. A lot of them are in the same place where the memorials are allowed until complaints are received or they become safety issues. Then, they are removed, and family members are notified. Input from what has been learned from other states will be used along the way, but ultimately what works best for Nevada is what will be considered.

Director Swallow concluded her report by discussing the impact of NDOT and its program. Infrastructure job numbers through June 2021 are 3,614 jobs. On this month's agenda, there are 104. If everything from today's meeting is approved, this will make for 3,745 jobs being supported through the program.

Lieutenant Governor Kate Marshall commented on Director Swallow going above and beyond by traveling to Fallon to personally look at Highway 50 issues they were having and wanted to thank Director Swallow for that. Lieutenant Governor Kate Marshall then asked Director Swallow about Senator Cortez Masto's plan for repairing and fixing that area of road. This would not impact the current or future NDOT budget so Lieutenant Governor Kate Marshall wondered if a letter of support could be sent for this.

Director Swallow stated they had not seen this request yet but would look into it and write that up.



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

Director Swallow indicated that there are seven agreements for approval under this agenda item.

The first agreement is with Nevada Broadcasters Association for an amendment to an existing agreement to help with the stormwater program media outreach. This outreach is required by the permit with NDEP. The original agreement was executed in June 2019, and this amendment will extend two additional years.

The second agreement is to provide on-call services through task orders for the traffic operations division. There are six consultants who would be able to access the task orders, and the total for all six is \$10 million.

The third and fourth agreements are for United Road Towing for the operation of the Freeway Service Patrol Program in Reno and Las Vegas. Freeway service patrol vehicles help stranded motorists and ensure clearing of the road and getting traffic moving.

The fifth agreement is with Canyon Pipeline Construction who is the contractor for Southwest Gas. Canyon Pipeline Construction will be installing a fiberoptic infrastructure for us.

The sixth agreement is with Jacques & Associates for an amendment to help continue our external and internal partnering program.

The final agreement is with Hess Trash Company for an amendment to allow continuation of displaced persons cleanup in various locations, primarily Washoe. This will extend through the end of December while we go through full procurement for another contract.

Lieutenant Governor Kate Marshall asked Deputy Director Cole Mortenson to offer some additional feedback on the seventh agreement in terms of homeless persons' belongings when those areas are cleaned.

Deputy Director Cole Mortenson responded by stating the process utilized involves going to these encampments to give a week's notice to allow the homeless to gather their belongings and move on before the area is cleaned.

Lieutenant Governor Kate Marshall then asked if they work with ACLU and other organizations.



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Deputy Director Cole Mortenson confirmed this and stated they work with local agencies, Washoe County, city of Reno, and law enforcement in helping with this as well.

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.

Director Swallow informed this is an information item only.

There were no questions from members.

7. Consideration for Approval of Legislature-Approved Fiscal Year 2022 Vehicle Replacement and Procurement of Vehicles and Non-Rental Equipment in Accordance with NRS408.389. (For Possible Action)

Director Swallow informed the Board this is an annual request. In this request there are 86 vehicles and equipment over \$50,000, at \$6 million. There are three lot trailers at a rough estimate of \$855,000. Additionally, there are non-rent items over \$50,000 totaling \$466,000. This is a total of \$7.5 million in vehicles and non-rental equipment.

Governor Sisolak asked if these are bid as a whole or if suppliers are bid and then bid them individually.

An unidentified speaker answered that each class of vehicle is bid separately.

Governor Sisolak asked how many different groupings there were.



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An unidentified speaker asked Governor Sisolak to reference the list in attachment A to the classification codes in the second column. Different classifications are bid and procured competitively per each group type.

Governor Sisolak asked for an example to which the unidentified speaker responded a bid is sent out and each dealer will bid accordingly. Each classification will have three to four bidders.

Director Swallow stated this approval is being sought before procurement, so the number of bidders is not known yet.

Governor Sisolak stated he understood. He also wanted to know if all companies in the state would be made aware giving each the option to bid.

The unidentified speaker stated the bid is announced through state purchasing so everyone is made aware and can bid.

Motion: Approval of the Legislature-Approved Vehicle Replacement and Procurement of Vehicles and Non-Rental Equipment

By: Member Justin Kalb and Member Steven Ascuaga

Vote: Passed unanimously

8. Consideration of Approval for Disposal of the Vacant Parcel on NW Corner of IR-580 and Fairview Drive in Carson City, State of Nevada, SUR 18-05 (For Possible Action)

Director Swallow informs the Board a request was submitted for disposal of this parcel of land. The surplus committee reviewed the request and determined we were able to surplus the land. Disposal will be via public auction as there are two adjacent property owners. Disposal via 408.533 is recommended.

Motion: Approve the disposal of vacant parcel at NW corner of IR-580 and Fairview Drive via public auction

By: Lieutenant Governor Kate Marshall

Vote: Passed unanimously



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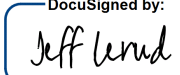
9. Public Comment

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.

10. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

Governor Sisolak adjourned the meeting.

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Secretary to the Board of Directors