



Nevada Department of Transportation

Board of Directors • Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2023

9:30 AM

Meeting Location:

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

123 East Washington Avenue
Building B
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

1951 Idaho Street
Conference Room
Elko, Nevada 89801

SEC 1. OPENING

1. Welcome/Call to Order/Roll Call

Governor Lombardo called the meeting to order on Monday, May 8, 2023, 9:30 AM. A roll call was conducted, and a quorum was established.

In attendance: Governor Joe Lombardo, Lieutenant Governor Stavros Anthony, Controller Andy Matthews, Member Virginia Valentine, Member Stephen Ascuaga, Member Gary Perea, Member Justin Kalb.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Receive Director's Report – *Informational Item*

Director Tracy Larkin Thomason introduced NDOT team leaders to the Board of Directors. Director Larkin Thomason next requested that Item Number 12 be pulled from today's consent agenda as it contains errors, noting that a corrected version would come before the Board next month.

Director Larkin Thomason next discussed the implementation of new hours for the HOV system on SR 613 (the Summerlin Parkway), US 95, and I-15 in southern Nevada on April 25, 2023, with the new hours being 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Director Larkin Thomason indicated that NDOT has also begun the NEPA investigation, as required by the FHWA, to potentially limit all HOV restrictions in Nevada.

Director Larkin Thomason next discussed projects, beginning with the Sparks Boulevard Project, noting that NDOT is working in cooperation with the Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County, the City of Sparks, and FHWA to host public meetings regarding the project, which is scheduled to begin the following year, in conjunction with the Spaghetti Bowl Phase 2 project. Director Larkin Thomason noted that the Sparks project is not part of the Spaghetti Bowl Phase 2 project. Director Larkin Thomason indicated that the project involves widening Sparks Boulevard between Baring Street and the I-80 ramps, in addition to providing connectivity to many multimodal trails and transit.



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Director Larkin Thomason next discussed the prior week's groundbreaking on the Pyramid Highway, a two-year project being done in conjunction with RTC Washoe, City of Sparks, Washoe County, and contractor Granite Construction. Director Larkin Thomason indicated that this is a two-year project to widen and improve a more than two-mile stretch of Pyramid Highway, and informed the Board that work has begun.

Director Larkin Thomason discussed the continuing work on the Tropicana project, noting that the project is on target to be completed in 2025 to 2026. Director Larkin Thomason provided the Board with photo updates of the project, including the widening of I-15 to the west to make room for the new Harmon half interchange, as well as a photo of the crews pouring concrete for what will become the base of the Harmon interchange. Director Larkin Thomason indicated that the north half of the Tropicana overpass was demolished in January and is being built to be taller, wider, and with additional capacity. Director Larkin Thomason explained that the installation of the first of 10 new Active Traffic Management Systems would begin later this evening, indicating that this is part of the overall systems seen along I-15 that were put in on previous phases with Project Neon. Director Larkin Thomason informed the Board that this project will require some overnight closures of I-15 in one direction alternately as those systems are put in place. Director Larkin Thomason noted that the construction of the baseball stadium will not affect the schedule of this project although the two projects will be overlapping with construction of the baseball stadium scheduled to begin in 2024 and conclude in 2027-2028.

Director Larkin Thomason explained that on the I-15, US 95, Charleston, the ramp from the southbound 515 to Charleston, which was closed on April 10, 2023, will reopen this week following a complete renovation, and then both ramps on the south side of the project will need to be closed for approximately 30 days. Director Larkin Thomason indicated that these closures are scheduled for later this coming summer.

Director Larkin Thomason next discussed the I-580 reconstruction in Reno between Peckham Lane and Mill Street, which began in mid-April, to rehabilitate approximately two-and-a-half miles of I-580 from Peckham Lane to Mill Street. Director Larkin Thomason discussed the aging and cracking sections of the concrete that are being excavated and/or filled in certain areas, noting that they will be resurfaced with asphalt. Director Larkin Thomason further indicated that interstate bridges in the area will be rehabilitated. Director Larkin Thomason informed the Board that there are sections on the southbound interstate between Villanova Drive and Mill Street that will not be resurfaced as they were repaved in 2015.

Director Larkin Thomason next indicated that on Mount Rose Highway there will be periodic lane, shoulder, and turn closures beginning in early June when a project is launched to improve turns and accessibility.



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Director Larkin Thomason explained that the project will add concrete median turn islands, an eastbound, right-hand turn lane on Mount Rose at Callahan Road, reconfigure median islands for additional turn protection between the highway and Edmonton Drive, and allow for left-hand turns from Edmonton Drive to westbound Mount Rose Highway. Director Larkin Thomason further indicated that there is also a protected 10-foot wide paved shared-use pass to be constructed between Thomas Creek Road and Edmonton Drive on the highway's south side. Director Larkin Thomason explained that this is an area with a lot of students, and as such, NDOT is adding protection for all users in the area.

Director Larkin Thomason next indicated that NDOT has launched the third season of a multi-year project to enhance State Routes 431 and 28 near Incline Village. Director Larkin Thomason explained that in addition to repaving the highways, NDOT is also installing ITS conduit line on State Route 28 on the California border, past the casinos, as well as on the Northwood-Southwood Boulevard intersection in Incline Village near the parking at the east shore bike path trailhead, and reconstructing roadway cross slopes for enhanced roadway alignment and drainage at the area, and adding guardrails, sidewalks, ramps, and other driveway access.

Director Larkin Thomason discussed NDOT's work in Northern Nevada due to the high snow levels and water content. Director Larkin Thomason discussed the fact that the state has fortunately been in a pause because the weather has been cool enough to prevent some of the rapid snow melt, but indicated that the state is well above the snow levels and water content. As such, Director Larkin Thomason indicated that NDOT is continuing to work in partnership with emergency response partners.

Director Larkin Thomason discussed the Walker and Humboldt River Flood watches, noting that NDOT is continuing to study how the reservoirs are being drained. Director Larkin Thomason discussed the fact that NDOT is working closely with the Walker, Humboldt, Carson, and Truckee River affiliates and agencies on this issue.

Director Larkin Thomason discussed the \$35 million of emergency work for which NDOT is seeking reimbursement, indicating that there are 21 emergency contracts covering 40 different road sections, and noted that there is an additional \$7 to \$10 million in repairs that is not eligible for reimbursement within the federal parameters. Director Larkin Thomason indicated that NDOT is working with contractors in the area regarding these emergency contracts. Director Larkin Thomason explained that all of this emergency work has delayed the construction season, which normally begins in March and is anticipated to impact the construction season for the rest of the year.



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Director Larkin Thomason concluded her report by congratulating the NDOT Certified Public Manager Graduates, indicating that this is class number 19 of an excellent program that helps managers and supervisors improve their performance and fosters lasting connections and friendships.

Governor Lombardo questioned the listing of the baseball stadium in the discussion regarding the I-15 Tropicana project.

Director Tracy Larkin Thomason clarified that she mentioned this in her report simply because NDOT has been receiving questions on how this could impact the project.

Governor Lombardo asked if the \$7 to \$10 million in non-reimbursable repairs is outside of the emergency declaration.

Director Tracy Larkin Thomason indicated that it is, and noted that one of the main things NDOT is looking at is rebuilding the sand salt storage on Kingsbury Grade, which collapsed.

Governor Lombardo requested that future director's reports include timelines associated with titled events.

4. Consideration of Approval of the April 10, 2023, Nevada Department of Transportation Board of Directors Meeting Minutes –For possible action

Motion: Approve the April 10, 2023, Nevada Department of Transportation Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

By: Controller Andy Matthews

Vote: Passed unanimously

SEC .2. CONSENT AGENDA: Items No. 5 through No. 16

Governor Lombardo explained that items 5 through 16 will be taken together unless any of the Board members wish to hear an item separately, with the exception of Item 12, which has been tabled to a future meeting.

Contracts over \$5,000,000 from March 10, 2023, through April 6, 2023

5. Contract 3969, Project No. SPSR-0375(007), on SR 375, with W.W. CLYDE & CO., for 2 inch overlay, Lincoln County, Nevada. – For possible action



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6. Contract 3973, Project No. NHP-580-1(035), on I-580, from Mount Rose interchange to 0.131 miles north of Thomas Creek, with Q&D CONSTRUCTION, LLC, for cold mill, place plantmix bituminous surface with open grade, profile grind, and seal joints, Washoe County, Nevada. – *For possible action*
7. Contract 3974, Project No. NHP-080-5(042), on I-80, from 3.161 miles west of Pilot Peak interchange to the Nevada and Utah state line, with W.W. CLYDE & CO., to cold mill, place plantmix bituminous surface with open grade, barrier rail, guard rail, sign, striping, hydraulic structure, lighting, and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) improvements, Elko County, Nevada. – *For possible action*

Agreements over \$300,000 from March 10, 2023, through April 6, 2023

8. Agreement 097-23-391, with STAKER & PARSON COMPANIES, for overlay of the North Fork salt sand storage pad, SR 225, Elko County, Nevada. – *For possible action*
9. Agreement 209-22-056, with SCA DESIGN, LLC, for architectural and engineering services for the design and construction of worker residences, Mineral and Eureka Counties, Nevada. – *For possible action*
10. Agreement 438-22-015, with PARAMETRIX, INC., for consultant services for I-11 feasibility study, Clark and Nye Counties, Nevada. – *For possible action*
11. Agreement 614-22-016, with PARSONS TRANSPORTATION GROUP, INC., for facilitation of the Nevada Traffic Incident Management (TIM) program, statewide, Nevada. – *For possible action*
13. Amendment 03, Agreement 539-19-040, with HDR ENGINEERING, INC., for full administration of preservation projects, Washoe, Douglas, Lyon, Storey, Carson, Pershing, Churchill, Mineral, and Lander Counties, Nevada. – *For possible action*

Right-of-Way

14. SUR 09-21 -- Disposal of a portion of I-580, between Hospitality Way and Monk Court, Carson City, Nevada. – *For possible action*
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15. Report on Informational Contracts, Agreements, and Settlements/Judgements

Pursuant to NRS 408.131 the Board may delegate authority to the Director which the 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. –*Informational item only*

Motion: Approve Consent Agenda Items 5 through 16, with the exclusion of Item 12, which was removed from this consent agenda.

By: Member Gary Perea

Vote: Passed unanimously

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

SEC. 3. ITEMS TAKEN SEPARATELY FROM CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items taken separately from the consent agenda.

SEC. 4. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS ITEMS

16. Executive Session: Receive information from legal counsel regarding potential and existing litigation involving a matter over which the Transportation Board of Directors has supervision, control, jurisdiction, or advisory power and to deliberate toward a decision on the matter (Note: This item may be closed to the public pursuant to NRS 241.015(3)(b)(2) in order to discuss legal matters.). – *For possible action*

There was no executive session.

17. Public Comment: A period devoted to comments by the general public about matters relevant to the Board's jurisdiction will be held. No vote may be taken upon a matter not listed on the posted agenda. Comments will be limited to three minutes. Please clearly state your name and SPELL your last name for the record. If any of the Board wishes to extend the length of a presentation, this will be done by the Chair, or the Board by majority vote.

There was no public comment.



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18. Adjournment –*For Possible Action*

Motion: To adjourn the May 8, 2023, Nevada Department of Transportation Board of Directors Meeting
By: Member Justin Kalb
Vote: Passed unanimously

Governor Lombardo adjourned the May 8, 2023, Nevada Department of Transportation Board of Directors Meeting.

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Jeff Lerud, Deputy Director
Secretary to the Board of Directors