



Nevada Department of Transportation

Board of Directors • Meeting Minutes

December 11, 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

Lieutenant Governor Anthony called the meeting to order on Monday, December 11, 2023. A roll call was conducted, and a quorum was established.

In attendance: Lieutenant Governor Stavros Anthony, Controller Andy Matthews, Member Virginia Valentine, Member Justin Kalb, Member Gary Perea, Member Frank Lepori.

2. Public Comment

Ellie Waller commented on agenda item 18, the increase of the Director's signature authority, and questioned if there is a list of the tasks and responsibilities of the NDOT Director so that the public could better understand what the authority covers. Ms. Waller opined that discretionary approval is a double-edged sword, even items deemed non-controversial are subjective. Ms. Waller further noted although the Director commented moving to bi-monthly meetings would save a significant amount of time, moving to bi-monthly meetings may be cramming too much information into already crowded agendas.

Elisabeth Lernhardt, Zephyr Cove, also discussed agenda item 18, although granting the NDOT Director increased signature authority might expedite certain projects, the amount seems too large and would remove the oversight of the Board from many projects. Ms. Lernhardt urged the Board to reduce the amount. In addition, Ms. Lernhardt opined reducing the frequency of Board meetings to bimonthly would affect transparency, as well as lead to much larger agenda sizes, which in term would cause suffering to public involvement. Ms. Lernhardt concluded her comment by noting she would like to see NDOT present more frequently to the Douglas County Regional Transport Advisory Board, indicating more transparency is needed.

3. Receive Director's Report – *Informational item only*

Director Tracy Larkin Thomason introduced new Board Member, Frank Lepori, who will be representing the District 2 region. Director Larkin Thomason informed the Board that Member Lepori is the owner of Lepori Construction in Sparks and is an active community supporter.



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Director Larkin Thomason informed the Board the previous week, NDOT was awarded a \$3 billion grant by the Federal Rail Administration, which was the first time in NDOT history a grant award announcement came from the president, two senators, and three congressional delegates.

Director Larkin Thomason next discussed the Brightline West project, noting it will be going from Las Vegas down the I-15 corridor down to Rancho Cucamonga, where it will hook into Metrolink to allow passage to Union Station in Los Angeles. Director Larkin Thomason explained that Brightline West will secure the remaining funding for the \$12 billion project and will complete a number of administrative actions to obtain the right-of-way occupancy permit, proof of financing, and then also initiate the design work and fill up their staff. Director Larkin Thomason indicated NDOG will enter into a grant agreement with the Federal Rail Administration, enter a sub-recipient agreement with Brightline West, and then issue the right-of-way occupancy permit and advertise a construction augmentation RFP, and amend the existing consultant agreement for project management.

Lieutenant Governor Anthony asked who is in charge of the construction, NDOT or Brightline.

Director Larkin Thomason explained NDOT is oversight, which means NDOT oversees the construction and has brought in augmentation for rail expertise to oversee.

Lieutenant Governor Anthony questioned if the oversight is done by one person.

Director Larkin Thomason explained there is a team, led by Ryan Wheeler.

Member Justin Kalb questioned if NDOT's incurred costs and fees associated with the management will be reimbursed through Brightline for any portion of the project.

Director Larkin Thomason indicated NDOT is being reimbursed for its work on the project.

Director Larkin Thomason informed the Board she has been working on this project for more than 15 years in some form or fashion and described her happiness at seeing the project come to fruition.

Director Larkin Thomason informed the Board two weeks earlier, Las Vegas experienced the tragic loss of two State Police Troopers, Sergeant Michael Abbate and Trooper Alberto Felix. The Director indicated the troopers' families are in the thoughts and prayers of NDOT, who each and every day honors the service sacrifices of its law enforcement partners in memoriam of their service.



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Director Larkin Thomason next indicated NDOT is working on an active transportation program to target safety in the school zones as well as focus on the Western Nevada Safe Routes to School program. The Director explained the program distributed vinyl banners throughout the state that included messaging on no parking within 20 feet of a crosswalk, eyes on the road, no passing in school zones, put your phones down, and no U-turns in the school zone. The Director informed the Board these banners are placed on school property near entrances to educate drivers and provide a unified messaging across Nevada.

Director Larkin Thomason explained NDOT is honored for the initiative to combat speeding and reminded the Board of NDOT's Honorable Mention as part of the 2023 National Roadway Safety Awards for its first comprehensive plan to reduce speeds and speeding. The Director explained Nevada's five-year speed management action plan, which was approved in 2022, identifies ways to slow down drivers through roadway design, more visible law enforcement, and public education. Director Larkin Thomason further indicated the plan brings together planners, designers, law enforcement, public health experts, and policy makers to implement the program.

Director Larkin Thomason informed the Board NDOT won the American Association of State Highway and Transportation's Official (AASHTO) award for extensive public outreach efforts. In this instance, the Director indicated the outreach was for the Downtown Access project in Las Vegas and included 15 kitchen table style bilingual conversations with 150-plus members of the community, as well as mailers, texts, newsletters, community events, advertisements, and focus groups. Director Larkin Thomason indicated NDOT looks forward to continuing the conversation with residents and community partners throughout the alternative selection, scheduled to come out next year and with an anticipated construction start in 2029.

Director Larkin Thomason next discussed I-11, NDOT received a very long-awaited concurrence from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in Washington DC to put up the official I-11 designation signs. The Director indicated I-11 starts at the Arizona-Nevada border, and goes up to Kyle Canyon, about 30.5 miles, and the next segment of work on I-11 is beginning with the preparation of the feasibility study from Kyle Canyon to Mercury. Director Larkin Thomason indicated the virtual meeting started on November 15, 2023, and will be open through December 22, 2023. The Director indicated folks can reach it at i11nevada.com to participate.

Director Larkin Thomason next discussed the project just beginning on I-15 south, noting this is a \$73 million project from Sloan Road to north of Warm Springs on the I-15 in Southern Nevada. The Director indicated the project will widen I-15 from six to eight general purpose lanes between Sloan Road and St. Rose Parkway, and will widen and re-stripe I-15 from six to 10 general-purpose lanes between St. Rose Parkway



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and Blue Diamond Road. In addition, sound walls near residential areas throughout the corridor will be added, and the bridge and pavements in Blue Diamond will be resurfaced.

Director Larkin Thomason indicated in the Lake Tahoe area, the signal at Warrior Way is expected to be activated before Christmas, once NV Energy can get the power to activate it. Director Larkin Thomason next indicated the on-highway parking has been permanently removed near the signal to reduce safety concerns from vehicles parking too close. The Director informed the Board that NDOT will continue coordinating with the US 50 corridor partners to look for additional parking opportunities for the area.

Director Larkin Thomason played a short video for the Board commemorating the ribbon cutting at the Centennial Bowl. The Director thanked the Lieutenant Governor and Member Justin Kalb for their show of support for the ribbon cutting. Director Larkin Thomason noted the five phases of the project and discussed the multitude of work done over the years it took to get to this point.

Director Larkin Thomason recognized NDOT retirees Deputy Director's Darin Tedford and Jeff Lerud, commending them for their 30 years and 29 years, respectively, of work and service. The Director read the Governor's proclamation that December 11, 2023, is a day in honor of Darin Tedford and Jeff Lerud.

Lieutenant Governor Anthony questioned if Brightline is now fully funded.

Director Larkin Thomason indicated they are not yet fully funded but they do have a grant from FRA for \$3 billion, but noted it is a \$12 billion project, the next step is for Brightline to go out and get funding. As such, the Director noted they will be doing that right after the first of the year.

Lieutenant Governor Anthony questioned who would hire the companies to the building part of the project.

Director Larkin Thomason indicated the CA Group was hired early on, and Las Vegas Paving will be the contractor in Nevada. The Director explained the actual construction was hired by Brightline and NDOT oversees the work getting done. Director Larkin Thomason indicated this project is on a very aggressive schedule, with the goal of finishing prior to the 2028 Olympics in Los Angeles.

Ryan Wheeler, NDOT, clarified that Brightline will construct the project with their dollars. Mr. Wheeler explained as part of the construction on the Nevada side, Brightline will alter NDOT's infrastructure and as such, NDOT will oversee the adjustments made to the infrastructure but because Brightline West is responsible for the construction of the high-speed train, NDOT does not have any oversight as to how that train is built.



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Director Larkin Thomason explained Brightline is essentially getting a permit within Nevada's right of way to construct the rail.

Ryan Wheeler indicated the project is proposed to be in the median of I-15 from Stateline to St. Rose Parkway, at which point it will transfer to the east side of Nevada's right of way and continue on to their proposed station, just north of Blue Diamond. The project will alter existing ramps, freeways, and bridges.

Director Larkin Thomason further noted NDOT has an I-15 corridor study going on right now from the boarder to just about Sloan, which is looking at not only the effects of Brightline in there, but also the growth from the city of Henderson and Clark County and their proposed interchanges, along with the airport, in order for NDOT to effectively manage access.

Lieutenant Governor Anthony asked for confirmation that I-11 is now officially going to connect to I-15 and go north.

Director Larkin Thomason indicated that this was correct, and that now it officially goes to just north of Kyle Canyon. The Director explained that NDOT is looking at the study to go up to Mercury, noting right now that this is just a study, and in the future, sign packaging will be going out as well as a lot of public outreach when the signs begin to change.

4. Consideration of Approval of the November 13, 2023, Nevada Department of Transportation Board of Directors Meeting Minutes. – *For possible action*

Motion: Approve the November 13, 2023, NDOT Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
By: Controller Andy Matthews
Second: Member Virginia Valentine
Vote: Passed unanimously. Member Frank Lepori abstained.

SEC .2. CONSENT AGENDA: Items No. 5 through No. 17

Governor Lombardo explained that items 5 through 17 will be taken together unless any of the Board members wish to hear an item separately.



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Contracts over \$5,000,000 from October 13, 2023, to November 9, 2023

5. Contract 3996, Project No. NHP-STBG-0032(248), on US 50, Virginia Street to Leeteville Junction, with ROAD AND HIGHWAY BUILDERS, LLC, to widen shoulders, cold mill, place plantmix bituminous surface with open grade, intersection improvements, drainage, lighting, ITS improvements, and remove and construct new bridge, Lyon and Churchill Counties, Nevada. – *For possible action*
6. Contract 4500, Project No. SPF-3959-1(036), on US 395, from the CA/NV State line to 3.228 miles north of the Leviathan Mine Road, with GRANITE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, to cold mill and place plantmix bituminous surface with open grade, construct passing lanes, hydraulic, lighting, and ITS improvements, Douglas County, Nevada – *For possible action*
7. Contract 4501, Project No. NHP-STBG-006-1(038), on US 6, from 1.936 miles west of Millers Roadside Park to the Slime Wash, with ROAD AND HIGHWAY BUILDERS, LLC, to cold mill, and place plantmix bituminous surface with open grade, construct passing lanes, and upgrade drainage facilities, Esmeralda and Nye Counties, Nevada. – *For possible action*
8. Contract 4502, Project No. STBG-NHPP-015-1-(343), on I-15 northbound from Jean to Bird Spring grade separation, with LAS VEGAS PAVING CORPORATION, to cold mill, and place plantmix bituminous surface with open grade, Clark County, Nevada. – *For possible action*

Agreements over \$300,000 from October 13, 2023, to November 9, 2023

9. Agreement 18923-015 with GWC, INC., to provide consultant support services for the Summerlin Parkway SR 613 National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis, Clark County, Nevada – *For possible action*
10. Agreement 354-23-050, with GRANITE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, for maintenance on the emergency truck escape ramp on US 50 at milepost 2.98, Carson County, Nevada – *For possible action*
11. Agreement 376-23-040, with CMWORKS, INC., for augmentation of Crew906 on I-15 north of Jean, Clark County, Nevada – *For possible action*
12. Agreement 469-23-025, with PARAMETRIC, INC., to perform feasibility and alignment study services for the South Meadows Connector, Washoe County, Nevada. – *For possible action*



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13. Agreements with CA GROUP, INC., and KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC., for railway-highway crossing safety engineering design services, statewide, Nevada. – *For possible action*
 14. Agreements with DOWL, LLC, KIMLEY HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC., PARAMETRIC, INC., and RLS & ASSOCIATES, INC., for Department staff augmentation and various transit planning-related activities, statewide, Nevada. – *For possible action*
 15. Amendment 02, Agreement 123-21-281 with MARSHALL'S SANITATION SERVICES, LLC, dba MARSHALL'S SEPTIC CARE, to perform janitorial services at the Trinity Rest Area, Churchill County, Nevada. – *For possible action*
 16. Amendment 04, Agreement 671-18-015, with CA GROUP, INC., for continued I-15 south corridor environmental assessment re-evaluation, Clark County, Nevada. – *For possible action*

General Administration

17. Contracts, Agreements, and Settlements

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 17
By: Member Gary Perea
Second: Controller Andy Matthews
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

18. Amendment to NDOT Director's delegated signature authority. – *For possible action*

Deputy Director Darin Tedford indicated that the Department is requesting a modification to the signature authority that was modified last month in support of Member Perea's addition to the signature authority,



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which required Board approval of any contract that the low bid came in more than 20 percent in excess of the engineer's estimate. Deputy Director Tedford indicated that the Department would like to propose a lower threshold on that contract amount, noting that the 20 percent of the engineer's estimate would actually result in as many contracts coming to the Board as before and would not expedite anything. Deputy Director Tedford explained that for the smaller contracts, under 10 million, the Board would have to approve them, and that the recommendation for the Board is to amend the signature authority to require Board approval of any contract in which the low bid received is greater than 20 percent more than the engineer's estimate only when the engineer's estimate is 10 million or more.

Member Gary Perea suggested setting the threshold at 5 million rather than 10 million.

Deputy Director Darin Tedford indicated that NDOT is receptive to the 5 million threshold.

Member Justin Kalb requested an explanation on exactly how NDOT is picking projects that are designated to come forward to the Board.

Deputy Director Darin Tedford explained that the Director will approve regular, day-to-day, basic projects that are comprised of NDOT's standard work, but noted that anything that needs to be agendized for public comment or that NDOT deems in need of the Board's attention will come before the Board, regardless of cost. The Deputy Director further noted that the Board can provide feedback at any time as to projects it believes to be special consideration for regional or political concerns. Deputy Director Tedford informed the Board that the Board packet will also have all the information in it regarding the Director's approvals every month for purposes of transparency.

Member Just Kalb asked what the current status was regarding the monthly meetings moving to bi-monthly meetings that was discussed in the last board meeting.

Director Tracy Larkin Thomason stated that it was not on this month's current agenda and not moving forward at this time.

Member Virginia Valentine suggested an agendized item that could provide more information on certain projects, citing Brightline as an example, noting that the Director's report may not be the best venue for this sort of deep-dive information. Member Valentine continued that she would not favor the bi-monthly meetings either.



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Director Larkin Thomason indicated that the Brightline information was sparse in this meeting because the announcement had just been made the previous week and there was not time to create an agenda item for an in-depth report, but indicated that there will be much more information at the following meeting. The Director noted that this would also be the case with the I-11 project.

Member Virginia Valentine indicated her belief that the questions answered in today's meeting regarding the Brightline project could have been better explained at the time of the grant application rather than after the fact.

Lieutenant Governor Anthony noted that if ever there is an item in the Director's report on which a Board member wants more explanation, it is always appropriate to request a deeper dive as an agenda item in the following meeting.

Motion: Amend the signature authority revised on November 13, 2023, to require Board approval of any contracts in which the low bid received is greater than 20 percent more than the engineer's estimate when the engineer's estimate is 5 million or more.

By: Member Gary Perea

Second: Controller Andy Matthews

Vote: Passed unanimously

19. Consideration of Resolution requesting the State board of Finance to issue Highway Revenue Bonds. - *For possible action*

Assistant Director Felicia Denney began her presentation by thanking the Treasurer's Office, PFM Financial Advisors, Sherman and Howard, and Ong & Associates for their help with the bond program. The Assistant Director indicated that NDOT will be asking the Board to sign a resolution to request approval from the Board of Finance to sell two bonds in February of 2024: a \$100 million motor vehicle fuel tax bond; and a \$50 million fuel revenue indexing bond for use in Clark County. Assistant Director Denney explained that this is helpful to NDOT in that it supports project delivery and provides savings associated with economies of scale, as well as allows road users to derive benefits such as safety improvements, congestion mitigation, and improved connectivity. The Assistant Director also noted that in addition, this provides NDOT with smooth cashflow due to steady, predictable payments over the bond term.

Assistant Director Felicia Denney next discussed NDOT's outstanding debt, noting that there is currently around \$679 million in total bonds outstanding. The assistant Director indicated that this is composed of \$630.3 million in senior bonds, which have a priority of repayment over subordinate bonds, and \$48.4 million in subordinate bonds. Assistant Director Denney informed the Board that NDOT's credit rating is



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very good, with high credit ratings across all three rating agencies, which allows the sale of bonds as well the ability to attract investors at lower interest rates, all of which results in savings to taxpayers. The Assistant Director indicated that NDOT's current payments are around \$73 million and will decline to approximately \$64 million beginning in 2031. The assistant Director next indicated that the bonds being requested will mature in 2044 as they have 20-year terms.

Assistant Director Denney next provided a projection of the \$100 million bond and how it fits into NDOT's overall scheme, noting that NDOT anticipates the interest cost to be around 4.25 percent, with an anticipated annual payment of \$7.4 million. Assistant Director Denney explained that the \$50 million bond has an anticipated interest rate of 4.33 percent and a payment of around \$3.7 million per year.

Assistant Director Denney concluded her presentation with a list of dates, beginning with today's requested Board approval, followed by NDOT's intent to present to its rating agencies on January 24, 2024, a February 8, 2024, request for approval from the Board of Finance, receipt of the updated ratings on February 12, 2024, a competitive bond sale on February 21, 2024, and finally, receipt of the bond proceeds on March 13, 2024. The Assistant Director noted that these dates are subject to change.

Member Virginia Valentine questioned if the 4.33 percent is a normal interest rate, and asked how often NDOT reevaluates its debt for refinancing.

Peter Shellenberger, PFM Financial Advisors, indicated that the 4.33 percent rate is the anticipated market rate with half a percent of cushion included for conservatism. Mr. Shellenberger informed the Board that the US Treasury hit a peak interest rate of over 5 percent approximately 8 weeks earlier, but noted that rates are beginning to come down and are now at approximately 4.3 percent. Mr. Shellenberger explained that were NDOT to issue today, the rate would likely actually be about 3.75 percent, but indicated that even with the fluctuation, this is still within the 20-year average.

Member Gary Perea asked for an explanation regarding the vehicle fuel tax revenue source, noting recent projections regarding electric cars bringing down the fuel tax, and questioned if this was factored in.

Assistant Director Denney explained that NDOT sets a policy that senior bonds will be issued with no less than three times coverage, meaning that for every dollar of debt service paid, NDOT will collect \$3 of revenue, and noted that NDOT uses conservative projections for this number. Assistant Director Denney further indicated that NDOT has this built into its budget as well, noting that fuel tax revenues have proven to be very resilient, which is one of the reasons for the high credit ratings. Assistant Director Denney explained that this bond has not only fuel revenue indexing, but also gas and special fuel tax, with the



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lowest coverage around 36 times the debt service. The Assistant Director further explained that NDOT prioritizes paying the bonds prior to putting out any additional new projects.

Motion: Approve the resolution to request approval from the Board of Finance to sell two bonds, a \$100 million motor vehicle fuel tax bond, and a \$50 million fuel revenue indexing bond
By: Member Virginia Valentine
Second: Controller Andy Matthews
Vote: Passed unanimously

20. Receive the Nevada Department of Transportation 2023 Performance Management Report. – Informational item only

Assistant Director for Planning, Sondra Rosenberg informed the Board that it is a statutory requirement that NDOT submits this report to legislature every year by December 31. Assistant Director Rosenberg explained that NDOT has met targets for five measures, has not met targets for seven measures, and partially met targets for three measures. Assistant Director Rosenberg indicated that NDOT continuously works on evaluating and developing strategies and improvements for every measure every year and discussed some of the specific measures. Assistant Director Rosenberg indicated that NDOT is not meeting its targets in terms of employee safety and training, and is looking at how to meet those targets, with a large focus on training, including increasing the training on safety. Assistant Director Rosenberg explained that NDOT is working at the leadership level to ensure that everyone knows the importance of keeping up to date on all the required training, in particular any sort of safety training, and will continue to emphasize the importance of that as well as look at improving its training program as much as possible.

Assistant Director Rosenberg next noted that for the first time in a number of years, NDOT is not meeting its roadway safety targets and is taking a number of steps to try and rectify this, beginning with the speed management action plan, that NDOT is working on integrating into all projects, as well as working with local partners to work on speed management on the local roads. Assistant Director Rosenberg further indicated that NDOT has created a vulnerable road user action plan and is working on a safety action plan in conjunction with the strategic highway plan. Assistant Director Rosenberg explained that Nevada is an intersection an intersection and pedestrian focused state, per designation by the federal government, and NDOT intends to utilize any resources available with that designation to develop and incorporate strategies to improve safety for all users on the network.

Assistant Director Rosenberg next indicated that NDOT is not meeting targets for estimates, noting that this is largely due to the unprecedented increase in inflation and cost escalation, and explained that the NDOT team continues to look at the differences on every single bid and adjust accordingly. Assistant



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Director Rosenberg next highlighted the positive aspects of the report, noting that Nevada continues to have some of the best bridges in the country, as well as the best pavement. Assistant Director Rosenberg concluded by noting that discussion among the different divisions is ongoing regarding concerns with meeting the targets, as well as whether or not the targets continue to be appropriate. Assistant Director Rosenberg assured the Board that if any changes are proposed to the measures or targets, those changes will come before the Board for approval first.

Lieutenant Governor Anthony indicated his belief that the number of serious injuries and crashes is likely increasing not because the roads are engineered unsafely, but because people are driving like maniacs.

Assistant Director Sondra Rosenberg indicated that speeding, along with DUI, are some of the leading causes of serious and fatal injuries. As such, Assistant Director Rosenberg explained that NDOT is working with partners in education, law enforcement, and across various different areas of expertise to improve all of those elements, as well as looking at how the system is engineered overall to see if changes can be made that will encourage slower speeds. Assistant Director Rosenberg informed the Board that the Nevada Advisory Committee on Traffic Safety, a group comprised of multiple different agencies, is looking at traffic safety from multiple different lenses, and further noted that there is a subcommittee under that committee that is looking at policy to see if changes are required to help bring the numbers back down.

- 21. 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.

- 22. 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.

Janet Murphy, Tahoe Douglas Utility District, thanked the Board for taking the time to speak with her and go over her proposed alternative plan regarding the Highway 50 project. Ms. Murphy next congratulated Mr. Tedford and commented that Mr. Tedford has informed her that the intent is now to narrow the lanes to a little over 11 feet and to push them out and give more of a center division by putting two wide yellow



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strips, six inches each, in the center between the oncoming traffic with about four or five inches in between with rumble strips. Ms. Murphy further indicated that Mr. Tedford informed her of the proposal to put in turn lanes in the risky areas, beginning in the summer of 2025. Ms. Murphy requested that anything having to do with the Highway 50 East project go in front of the Board first, regardless of cost. Ms. Murphy next informed the Board that the people in the Tahoe area are very happy with the outreach performed by the Board, as well as with the plan to ultimately eliminate the Road Diet.

Elisabeth Lernhardt, Zephyr Cove, discussed the residents' surprise at seeing similar bike path proposals by the same consultant, Wood Rogers, surface the previous week on the Douglas County Board of Commissioners agenda and indicated that because of resident protest, it was pulled from the agenda. Ms. Lernhardt indicated that the residents have no objections to bike paths as long as they do not require a lane reduction to Highway 50. Ms. Lernhardt thanked Board members Stavros Anthony and Andy Matthews for their help. Ms. Lernhardt further noted her concern that the Highway 50 project was never on the agenda in the time that the work was being proposed, but rather was always presented on the sidelines as part of the Director's presentation. Ms. Lernhardt indicated that she had noticed that at some point, the lieutenant governor attempted to discuss the project, but was cut off by legal counsel, who indicated that because it was not agendized, it could not be discussed. As such, Ms. Lernhardt indicated her desire for clarification as to where the item belongs, noting her belief that it should have been on the agenda during the year, as well as noting her concern that it never was.

Ellie Waller thanked Virginia Valentine for wanting to continue to have monthly meetings rather than bimonthly, and thanked Justin Kalb for requesting further clarification as to what is agendized. Ms. Waller explained that the public does try to participate and indicated her concern that during the presentation about active transportation, she did not hear Douglas County included. Ms. Waller next thanked Deputy Director Tedford for his service, and for working with the public, and for ultimately announcing that there would be no lane reduction. Ms. Waller noted that in the November meeting minutes, it was noted that there would be a report in December and indicated her interest in seeing that report. Ms. Waller further noted that with the re-striping plan, it is unclear if there will be bike lanes, and requested that this be brought forward. Ms. Waller thanked Stephen Ascuaga for requesting that clarification. Ms. Waller next discussed her proposed quarter management plan for the US 395 Southern Sierra Quarter Management plan, noting that she is looking forward to a better, more robust public process with that than took place with the US 50 plan. Ms. Waller indicated that this is a very different corridor from US 50 and opined that several parties need to be engaged, including the airport, the Douglas County Board of Commissioners, and Carson City. Ms. Waller questioned if the replacements for the retiring designees can be shared with the public, and concluded by stating that plans are only as good as their implementation, conclusions, and benchmarks met.



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There was no additional public comment.

23. Adjournment – *For possible action*

Lieutenant Governor Anthony adjourned the December 11, 2023, Nevada Department of Transportation Board of Directors Meeting.

Sajid Sulahria, Deputy Director
Secretary to the Board of Directors