

# Way to Go



Pictured (right to left): NDOT District 2 Engineer **Thor Dyson** along with **Frank Gamboa**, **Jason Peard**, **Pam Arnold**, **Rafael Lopez** and **Bill Bass** accept a thank you plaque from **John Mayer** on behalf of the NDOT team.

## PARK-and-RIDE THANKS

The Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County recently thanked NDOT District 2 for constructing two congestion-relieving park-and-rides in northern Reno, both paved with recycled road material.

*"This is really an improvement to area commuters," RTC chairman and Blue Ribbon Task Force member John Mayer said.*

## 511: REASON FOR THANKS

NDOT's new 511 system posts current road, weather, construction, traffic and accident reports to a new 511 phone number and [www.nevadadot.com](http://www.nevadadot.com) Web site. Long-time Nevadan Donna Taylor recently sent a thanks to 511 project manager **Denise Inda** for the Web site road map that details various road conditions on all state routes.

*"I like the new map. It helps me see what (road conditions) are bad."*

## FREEWAY SERVICE PATROL TO THE RESCUE

When Johnny Centineo's truck overheated on a Las Vegas freeway, **Freeway Service Patrol's Dan Stafford** was right there, offering assistance by adding water to the radiator.

*"Mr. Stafford was courteous, polite, informative, helpful and acted in a true professional manner."*

## BUILDING FENCES IN DISTRICT 3

Jiggs resident Joe Cumming recently thanked District 3 Right-of-Way Supervisor **Jim Aagard**, Crew 351's **Kendall Marlar** and the rest of the NDOT crew who constructed a right-of-way fence on state Route 228 for a "first class job."

## Welcome Aboard

Miles Buckner - Las Vegas  
Renney Brown - Wells  
Paul Croci - Glendale  
David Huffman - Elko  
Jolynn Hutchings - Carson  
Elaine Jenkins - Las Vegas  
Kevin Lovera - Mountain Springs  
David McNeil - Las Vegas  
Roshelle Olson-Smith - Carson  
Nikki Rachal - Las Vegas  
Travis Wadeson - Las Vegas

## Thanks for Serving!

William Bledsoe, 25 years, Las Vegas  
Lora Devereaux, 28 years, Carson  
Suzanne Donohew, 18 years, Carson  
Tim Jennings, 30 years, Carson  
Andy Marich, 30 years, Ely  
Gary Schrempp, 26 years, Carson  
Robert Shepherd, 51 years, Las Vegas  
Raymond Smith, 30 years, Las Vegas  
Hal Turner, 30 years, Carson  
Jay Van Sickle, 28 years, Carson



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## SCOTT RAWLINS TO SERVE AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR

With the appointment of new NDOT Director Susan Martinovich, Scott Rawlins, P.E., will serve as NDOT deputy director/chief engineer.

Rawlins has worked for the Department for more than 12 years, beginning his NDOT career as a staff I associate engineer in roadway design and moving up through the roadway design and project management divisions, where he worked on or managed more than 40 projects. From planning through environmental studies, final design, and construction, he managed more than \$2 billion in transportation improvements. The new deputy director also gained vast knowledge of southern Nevada while heading some of the area's most vital road projects and studies, from the I-515/Beltway interchange and Hoover Dam Bypass to the I-515 corridor study.

Under his previous appointments as assistant director of engineering, Rawlins guided all pre-construction activities, from design, bridge, traffic/safety and right of way to location, environmental and project management.

Now, the new deputy director looks forward to working with dedicated NDOT staff across the state to assist Director Martinovich in implementing a more efficient, accountable and customer service-oriented vision for the department.

"This is an exciting and challenging time for this department," Rawlins said. "We have great people who are dedicated to the organization's goals. We now need to move forward as an organization and take action to raise the bar even further to meet challenges ahead."



Scott Rawlins

### Scott Rawlins

- Registered Professional Engineer in Nevada and California
- Received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from University of Nevada, Reno
- Graduate and president of the Nevada Certified Public Managers Program

## JIM SOUBA NAMED ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, ENGINEERING



Jim Souba

Moving to assistant director of engineering will be NDOT's own Jim Souba, P.E.

After more than 20 years overseeing design, construction and maintenance projects around the globe in the U.S. Navy Civil Engineer Corps, Souba became NDOT assistant chief roadway design engineer in 2002. In the position, he led implementation of the Landscape and Aesthetics Master Plan, a plan guiding statewide aesthetic road improvements that received the Nevada Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects' Project of the Year award.

After being promoted to NDOT chief maintenance and operations engineer in 2004, Souba served NDOT by overseeing statewide maintenance administration, as well as the intelligent transportation program and capital improvement program for all NDOT buildings and non-highway facilities.

As assistant director of engineering, Souba will now supervise seven NDOT divisions and approximately 340 engineering and right-of-way professionals responsible for design and specifications of NDOT construction projects. Improving customer service and project accountability while continuing the department's record of outstanding road projects will be a main goal.

"I am committed to helping ensure the success of the department," the new assistant director explained. "We have so many great people here to work with."



# DASHBOARD PROGRAM LIGHTS UP NEW VIEW OF NDOT PROJECTS

Dynamic, interactive views of NDOT projects. Easy-to-share project documents. It will all soon be available through new software developed by NDOT Roadway Design.

## DASHBOARD- Project Reporting System

Dashboard software will be unveiled in early 2007. Available through NDOT's internal intranet, project management and PCEMS data will be transformed into easy-to-read charts of project status and cost, including:

Completion Year	District	Type	Category
Responsible Division	Monetary Fund Used		
County Comparison	Design Phases	Principal Engineer	

The program will even designate on-schedule, behind-schedule and projects in danger of running behind schedule by different colors to allow more convenient project tracking. Data will be updated nightly to reflect latest costs and scheduling.

## PSAMS- Project Management System

Meanwhile, PSAMS, short for Project Scheduling and Management System, will develop realistic project timelines as project task deadlines are managed and project managers share crucial documents on-line. PSAMS will be phased onto the NDOT intranet in the next few years following thorough software development, testing and training.

*"All of this information will be easily available to all NDOT employees. It will no longer be tucked in file cabinets," explained PSAMS and dashboard project manager John Koster.*

Both technologies will combine the best of commercial scheduling and workflow management software, and help propel the Roadway Design and Project Management Divisions toward a new matrix management system allowing all working groups to more fully integrate into project development.

# Crew News GOLDFIELD CREW 175



Between Las Vegas and Reno lies the historic town of Goldfield—and an NDOT maintenance crew responsible for preserving the vital U.S. 95 link connecting Nevada history and Las Vegas glitz.

For the four-man Goldfield Crew 175, winter brings snowplowing duties atop the 7,400-foot Lida Summit and 6,097-foot high Goldfield Summit, not to mention the other 228 lane miles under their responsibility. Summer heat brings construction projects from overlays to shoulder safety improvements. In fact, the Goldfield crew recently overlaid a 43-mile stretch of the SR 266 scenic shortcut between Las Vegas and Yosemite with help from Tonopah, Beatty and Montgomery Pass teams. Extensive profile work also flattened road and shoulder surfaces. Next year, a chip seal will complete the road improvements.

The crew also maintains Scotty's Castle Road and State Route 774 to historic Gold Point, a rustic 1860-era mining town now home to just over 10 hearty residents. Recently credited with saving the life of a pregnant accident victim and preventing a flammable cargo truck from being engulfed in flames, Crew 175 is also no stranger to the life-saving work performed daily by NDOT maintainers.

"We work together really well," George Robertson explained of the team's 38 combined years of NDOT maintenance success.



**Goldfield Crew 175** (top to bottom)  
Dave Kitchingham    Supervisor Bob Scott  
Kevin Strozzi        George Robertson

# ELY CREW 381 TAMES FIRE AND ICE



Fifteen miles southeast of the town of Ely, Cave Lake State Park is host to the annual Fire and Ice Show. Each year, over two thousand people gather to create and enjoy snow and ice sculptures built on the frozen lake.

And Ely crew 381 takes an integral part in the festival. As they do winter-long, the crew diligently clears snow from nearly four miles of Cave Lake Park roads while leaving the white stuff available for contestants to use in their sculptures.

"We appreciate all the help," State Park Maintenance Repair Specialist Terry Ivans said in thanks for NDOT's year-round help. "We couldn't do it without NDOT."

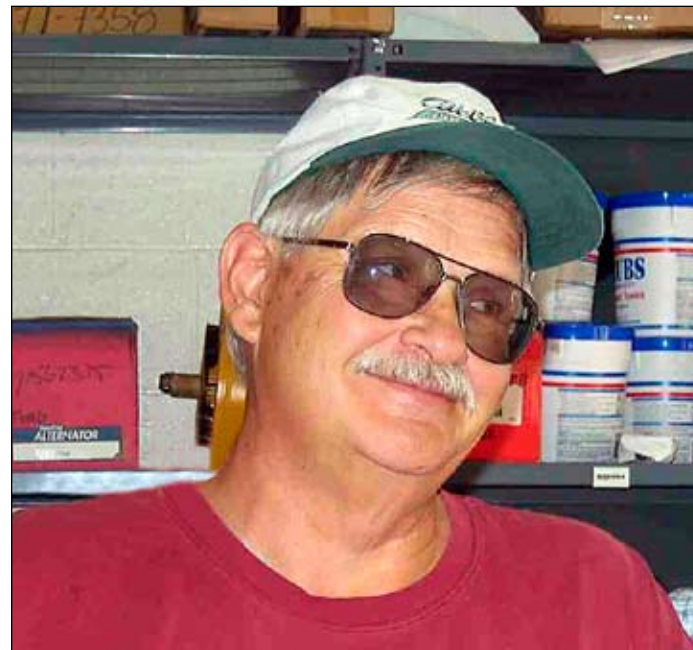
This year, one special contestant, NDOT's own Janet Van Camp of Crew 381, took part in the festival with a polar bear entry. Surrounding Janet's creation, from left to right, are crew 381's Jerry Pankow, John Crandall, the artist herself, Richard Pectol, James Cazier, Mike Corona and Supervisor I Stan Nicholes.

# NDOT TAKES GIS TO SCHOOL

During a recent "GIS Day," nearly 200 Carson High School students and teachers learned about Geographic Information Systems and related technologies. NDOT's own **Sean McDaniels** (pictured at computer) **Patrick Mohn**, **Tim Mueller**, **Eric Warmath**, **Grahame Ross**, **Shane Fox**, **Karl Yonkers** and **Micheal Turner** all contributed with GIS informational presentations and posters.



# A FAREWELL TO OUR OWN



NDOT says goodbye to Leland Burkhart, who passed away recently. Known as "Tank," the Tonopah warehouse supply technician left his NDOT family with innumerable fond memories and enduring stories. He will always be missed and remembered with a smile.

## Looking Back. Thinking Ahead.

Most job injuries occur after repeated near misses were ignored. Review your work procedures today to correct any unsafe practices.

