

Way to Go

FREEWAY SERVICE PATROL THANKS

While driving home from a long day at work, Henderson resident Chuck Dobbs' tire blew out on him. After attempting to change the tire himself, Freeway Service Patrol operator **Tony Pisano** was soon there to help.

"Tony pulled up and had my tire changed in three minutes. Tony was very professional, and very courteous," the motorist wrote in thanks.

PARK SERVICE

When the Nevada Division of State Parks needed assistance in transporting two pre-fabricated restroom buildings into backcountry Tahoe campgrounds, NDOT Supervisor **Steve Williams** and crew 271's **Larry Hough, Ernest Yordy, Danny Young, Jim Rigsby, Jim Masterson, Rudy Estrada, Chad Hill** and **Gary Cornwall** were there to widen a section of dirt road and help transport the buildings.

"The entire crew was very professional and went out of their way to get the job done. Parks would not have been able to install these restrooms without their help," Division of State Parks Administrator David Morrow wrote.

NATIONAL GUARD SEVEN SEALS AWARD

NDOT permits agent **Sandy Malcolm** was recently recognized by the Nevada National Guard with a Seven Seals Award for playing a vital role in route planning and over-dimensional permitting for National Guard missions.

"Her hard work has truly helped our mission accomplishments," Nevada National Guard Staff Sergeant David Stevenson explained.

TAHOE TEAMWORK

In just over 10 years, NDOT has implemented numerous improvement projects on nearly 24 of the 40 state-owned miles of Lake Tahoe roadway. Aimed at minimizing the amount of pollutants that reach the lake by employing storm water treatment facilities, the improvements include bin walls, infiltration basins, treatment vaults and below-ground sediment traps. The dedicated work has not gone unnoticed.

"This agency seems to be doing a great job helping prevent future pollution," Sean Loughrie recently wrote.



Employee service awards are presented twice annually to NDOT employees celebrating 15, 20, 25, 30 or more years of NDOT service. The celebration recently went to District 3 when NDOT Director Susan Martinovich, Assistant Director of Planning Kent Cooper and District 3 management traveled northeast Nevada to present the prestigious certificates (pictured above).

"The dedication our employees show is what makes this a truly great department," Director Martinovich said. "Across the state, every employee who receives this has honored the department with their years of service and dedication."

Welcome

Arvin Aguinaldo, *Carson City*
Wallace Atterberry, *Carson City*
Michael Baca, *Las Vegas*
Raymond Bouas, *Carson City*
Robert Buck, *Mina*
Autumn Estes, *Las Vegas*
Brian Foley, *Carson City*
Robert Hester, *Carson City*
Edith Laramore, *Las Vegas*
Jake Trujillo, *Tonopah*
Robert Ward, *Las Vegas*
Brian Wilson, *Carson City*

Thanks for Serving!

Karon Robertson, 22 years, *Tonopah*
Frank Csiga, 28 years, *Carson City*
Robert Shontz, 21 years, *Lovelock*
Yvonne Deschamps, 19 years, *Ely*



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Governor Jim Gibbons and NDOT Director Susan Martinovich (pictured in front center) break ground with NDOT crew 907 and other dignitaries.

CARSON CITY FREEWAY: SECOND PHASE BREAKS GROUND

NDOT has just broken ground on the second phase of the Carson City Freeway, which, when complete, will improve capital city travel by routing through traffic around the city's main street.

A recent groundbreaking celebrated the project milestone. Governor Jim Gibbons, NDOT Director Susan Martinovich, Carson City Mayor Marv Teixeira and other dignitaries all gathered to commemorate the event.

"This is a collaborative project for the state and the people of Carson City," NDOT Director Susan Martinovich, P.E. said. "Carson City is contributing \$15 million toward this project from their gas tax receipts."

Comprising the central portion of the Carson City Freeway, phase 2A will build approximately two miles of separated two-lane freeway from U.S. 50 south to Fairview Drive. The project will also complete the Carson City Freeway/U.S. 50 interchange, as well as build a partial Fairview Drive interchange and a grade separation structure allowing East Fifth Street traffic to pass over the freeway. A Carson City bicycle and pedestrian path will also be extended to safely cross the freeway near Fifth Street.

Providing for adequate and environmentally-sensitive drainage was another important element of the project. A full 100-year drainage system, including detention basins, channels, box culverts and pipes, will be completed to channel storm runoff to water quality basins and provide water quality treatment before the storm water reaches the Carson River.

"Currently, U.S. 50 and 395 both converge on Carson City's main street, bringing more than 40,000 vehicle trips daily through downtown," NDOT Project Manager Jim Gallegos explained. "This project will help to reduce the impacts to the downtown area."

Phase 2A contractors Road and Highway Builders bid approximately \$45 million for construction of the project, millions less than estimated. Phase 2A is expected to open by 2009. The last section of the Carson City Freeway, phase 2B, is planned to complete the bypass by connecting to U.S. 50 at the southern end of Carson City.

More information on the project is available at www.ccfreeway.com.

NDOT WHEELS OUT BIKE SAFETY FUN



An NDOT children's bicycle safety rodeo and rally recently offered safe bike riding tips while officially opening a new bike path.

Held in Carson City, the October 13 event introduced bike safety information and celebrated the completion of a new Carson City bike path. Before the official ribbon-cutting opening of the new path, young participants, ages six to 10, took part in bicycle safety events, from safety checks and emergency braking to safely passing other bikes and pedestrians. From there, the youngsters practiced their safe riding skills while biking the new shared-use path that runs parallel to the Carson City Freeway.

NDOT bicycle and pedestrian experts and volunteers partnered with Muscle Powered, the Nevada Office of Traffic Safety, the Carson City Parks and Recreation Division and the Carson Area Wellness Coalition to host the event.

Picture to the left, children had fun while navigating safety obstacle courses at the event.

NDOT EMPLOYEES BIKE TO WORK

Bicycling four miles to work and back daily, NDOT pilots Gary Phillips and Jim Richardson both clock nearly 800 miles a year on their bicycles. Considering www.ibike.org's estimation that a four-mile bike trip keeps nearly 15 pounds of pollutants out of the air, the high-flying duo eliminate close to 6,000 pounds of pollutants every year.

In Ely, Crew 380's Roger Weber and Ed Stones both bicycle six miles every day to work. While helping the environment, the duo say they also bike for the exercise and to boycott high fuel prices.



NDOT Pilots Gary Phillips (on left) and Jim Richardson bike to work.

NDOT LAUNCHES "ICE AND SNOW-TAKE IT SLOW" SAFETY CAMPAIGN

In 2006, there were five fatalities and 490 vehicle crashes in Nevada attributable to unsafe driving in snow and ice, such as driving too fast for conditions, following too closely and overcorrecting. To help improve safety on winter roads, NDOT is launching a new "Ice and Snow- Take it Slow" campaign.

The campaign highlights important winter driving tips, from maintaining constant, slow speed, using seatbelts and headlights and keeping a safe distance, through a variety of avenues such as a new winter driving Web site located at www.nevadadot.com/winter and a brochure that will be distributed to northern Nevada high schools. NDOT's radio and television public service announcements also include "Ice and Snow" campaign information.

A national campaign initiated by the Clear Roads coalition, the Nevada Ice and Snow campaign is funded by NDOT's roadside logo sign program at no taxpayer expense.



BLUE DIAMOND INTERCHANGE NAMED TRANSPORTATION PROJECT OF THE YEAR



Blue Diamond Interchange

NDOT's Blue Diamond interchange project recently received two awards for providing an important transportation solution in Las Vegas, one of the nation's fastest-growing cities.

The American Public Works Association (APWA) named the interchange Nevada's public works transportation project of the year between \$10 and \$100 million. The interchange was also selected as the year's best transportation project in Southwest Contractor magazine's Best of Nevada 2007 awards.

Where Interstate 15 meets State Route 160 south of the Vegas Strip, the project transformed the previous rural highway intersection into a new eight-lane diamond interchange with improved alignments, bike and pedestrian facilities and numerous flood control improvements. Built by general contractor Las Vegas Paving Corporation, the nearly \$33 million project helps add capacity at the vital intersection which serves as a gateway to Las Vegas' ever-growing southwest corridor.

The APWA award recognizes use of good construction

technique, safety performance, environmental protection efforts and efforts to minimize public impacts during construction.

"I am proud of everyone at NDOT for the hard work they gave to this project," NDOT Principal Roadway Design Engineer Steve Merrill said. "We should all take pride in our accomplishment."

NDOT employees can find information on the NDOT team members who took part in the Blue Diamond interchange project on the NDOT SharePoint Web site at <http://sharepoint1/003/default.aspx>.

Southwest Contractor magazine also recognized Interstate 515 soundwalls installed between Sahara Avenue and North Las Vegas Boulevard in Las Vegas as Nevada's best concrete project. In Reno, the U.S. 395/Clear Acre Lane interchange project received the magazine's honorable mention for transportation.

LEARN TO REDUCE VEHICLE IDLING

Tips on lessening air pollution and vehicle wear and costs by reducing the idling time of diesel vehicles and equipment will be offered during a free NDOT idling reduction presentation, to be held November 14.

The NDOT environmental division offers the class in conjunction with the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC). The free, one-hour lecture will be held at the RTC Las Vegas offices, and is open to NDOT employees and the general public. Further information is available at (775) 888-7693.



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