

## I - 580 REACHES A MILESTONE



NDOT's I-580 freeway extension project linking Reno and Carson City is over 50 percent complete.

The 8.5-mile, six-lane I-580 freeway from Mt. Rose Highway in south Reno to the Bowers Mansion area north of Carson City will consist of two interchanges and nine bridges, including the Galena Creek Bridge (pictured on left).

Already, significant construction milestones have been reached during the first half of 2009.

"Northbound arch construction of the Galena Creek Bridge is anticipated to be completed this summer," NDOT Project Manager Todd Montgomery said. "We are striving to meet the 2011 completion date."

"There is a great history behind this project," Montgomery said. "NDOT has been planning for several decades to improve I-580 to freeway standards for its entire length in Nevada. Piece by piece, the long-range plan is taking shape."

The project will boast many important safety features when completed. For project information, details of safety features and construction webcam, visit [www.freewayextension.com](http://www.freewayextension.com).

### ✂ I-580 Milestones ✂

- ✂ Construction of Galena Creek Bridge southbound arch complete, with falsework and formwork removed.
- ✂ Falsework and formwork to support Galena Creek Bridge southbound deck construction erected and concrete poured.
- ✂ Falsework and formwork for Galena Creek Bridge northbound arch completed.
- ✂ Falsework at the Pleasant Valley Bridge removed and retaining walls within area near completion.
  - ✂ Falsework removal at Steamboat Hills Bridge complete.
  - ✂ Aesthetic boulder placement in numerous locations.
- ✂ Erection of falsework to support Galena Forest Bridge deck construction complete.
  - ✂ Bowers Mansion Road Bridge falsework being placed.
- ✂ Concrete footings for Mt. Rose Bridge widening completed.
- ✂ Significant progress made on grading and construction of drainage features.

# RECOVERY UPDATE

## On the Road to Recovery

As Nevada recovery-funded highway projects begin construction, more than half of NDOT funds provided by the federal economic recovery package have been dedicated.

By late July, NDOT had awarded 10 state highway recovery contracts out of a total 15 state recovery projects. The first state recovery road projects began last month to repave and improve sections of interstates and highways across the state, as well

selected because they help repair roadways before more costly, time-involved repairs are needed.

As part of NDOT's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program, the Department and other partners hosted workshops in Las Vegas and Reno to provide additional information for contractors, subcontractors and vendors interested in bidding on recovery projects.

Nevada will also receive approximately \$49 million in



*Workers improve walkway ramps as part of NDOT's Winnemucca-area recovery project.*



as bring the restored V+T Railroad rail line into Carson City. Other recovery-funded road improvements across the state will follow in coming months.

"Bids for these projects have come in very competitively," NDOT Director Susan Martinovich explained. "Due to these low bids, we have already been able to add three additional recovery projects. These projects are a chance to put Nevadans to work and improve our infrastructure."

Projects were selected based on engineering needs and ability to advance jobs and economic growth while equitably providing transportation improvements. Highway preservation projects such as repaving were



transit funding. The purchase of 46 transit and paratransit vehicles and other transit improvements throughout Nevada have already been designated for part of this funding. NDOT has also begun development of grant proposals for up to \$1.5 billion in nationwide transportation grants which will be awarded next year.

The recovery projects are expected to not only improve Nevada infrastructure, but improve the state's economy as well.

"Going back to work is that boost in the economy that we need," said Aaron Bird, Q+D Construction project foreman for NDOT's U.S. 95 Winnemucca-area recovery project. "It's a trickle-down effect. Once construction comes back, then everything starts kicking in."

See more NDOT recovery funding information: [www.nevadadot.com/recovery](http://www.nevadadot.com/recovery).

# Partnering



*Our way of doing business*

Nevada transportation needs and project environmental, design and construction requirements have become more complex. Meanwhile, funding becomes increasingly limited. To continually produce top projects under the circumstances, NDOT and the Associated General Contractors (AGC) have developed a new Partnering Program.

“As with any large undertaking, the sheer magnitude and complexity of road projects can sometimes cause delays, differing views, even lawsuits, on certain areas of construction,” NDOT Director Susan Martinovich said. “NDOT and contractors work together closely to prevent potential issues. The partnering program will further formalize ways to reduce construction delays and build the best project.”

To accomplish this, all NDOT projects over \$10 million will utilize mandatory partnering. Periodic partnering meetings and joint problem-solving will be part of the program, along with construction performance measures and formal dispute resolution procedures to help quickly resolve issues before they impact project cost or completion. An annual awards ceremony will recognize projects which successfully exhibit partnering principles.

“We already have many successful projects where partnering has been used to build a higher-quality project more quickly and efficiently,” NDOT interim partnering program manager Jeff Freeman said. “The partnering program will formalize the partnering process to jointly develop high-quality projects at a savings.”

“This is about creating another avenue of communication to together develop the very best projects for Nevada,” AGC Nevada Executive Director John Madole said. “This is our way of doing business.”

**PARTNERING: *More Information***  
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# Kudos Korner



Following legislation to improve road safety, NDOT recently lowered the speed limit of State Route 159 through the Red Rock Canyon area west of Las Vegas.

State Senator Shirley Breeden (left) and NDOT Director Susan Martinovich unveiled new 50 mile-per-hour speed limit signs in an early July ceremony.

## A HELPING HAND

NDOT maintenance crews across the state work diligently to maintain the safety and mobility of state roads and motorists. Austin crew 385 was recently recognized by the Lander County Sheriff's Office.

*"Thanks .....for the many times a year they provide assistance during traffic accidents, motorist assists, for traffic control and the fine job they always do in keeping these highways open and safe during the winter months."*

## CLOSING REMARKS

As the best option to increase safety and reduce impact to road users, NDOT recently closed State Route 28, on Tahoe's north shore, for twelve cumulative days for an overlay project. The project, overseen by NDOT crew 911, quickly and efficiently resurfaced the roadway to rave reviews, completing a full week ahead of schedule.

*"Congratulations to the NDOT team and Granite Construction for completing the project one week ahead of schedule and providing taxpayers with a quality end product," North Lake Tahoe Resort Association CEO Steve Teshara wrote.*

*Retired Army Lieutenant Colonel Michael Iratcabal wrote, "The first time I drove SR 28 when opened, the surface was like driving on glass; very smooth. I believe it was worth the time and effort."*

*"All of us appreciate the efforts and quality NDOT and Granite Construction bring to the project," Douglas County Commissioner Nancy McDermid said.*

## Welcome

Mark Caffaratti, Carson  
Phillip Prieve, Carson

## Thanks for Serving

Gary Ballew, 15 years, Carson  
Raymond Bennett, 25 years, Sparks  
Jeffry Dunn, 23 years, Carson  
Kristen Friberg, 24 years, Carson  
Douglas Pope, 34 years, Tonopah

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