

NEW LANES IN BOULDER CITY



Traffic now flows more freely after completion of U.S. 93 Boulder City widening.

Beginning Nov. 23, NDOT was able to provide residents of Boulder City and commuters driving on U.S. 93 a little more driving room just in time for Thanksgiving with substantial completion of the U.S. 93 Boulder City widening project. NDOT crew 901, along with Project Manager Tony Lorenzi, took what began as an aggressive project schedule and pressed even harder the last few weeks of the \$15 million project. Work poured into the weekends and late night hours to open all widened lanes after only three months of construction, bringing successful completion to work that would normally take at least a year to complete.

The project widened U.S. 93 from two to four lanes between the Hoover Dam bypass interchange and Buchanan Boulevard, doubling capacity. A new right turn lane at Colorado Street and a modified Nevada Way right turn now provide safer exits off of the highway and further reduce traffic slowdowns and congestion. Improved intersections and access were built at Lakeshore Road and an additional lane constructed northbound from the Hoover Dam Interchange to Lakeshore Road to accommodate slower-moving trucks climbing up the highway without impeding other vehicles. Southbound, an additional lane stretches from just south of Buchanan Boulevard intersection to the Hoover Dam interchange, helping to alleviate bottlenecks and giving several turn and acceleration/deceleration lanes for easier merging and business access. Substantial work was done to the Hacienda area of U.S. 93, including reconfiguration of driveway approaches, inclusion of turn lanes, acceleration and deceleration lanes and a loop road around the gas station across from the Hacienda to provide improved access for trucks in and out of the facility.

Narrow roads, utility relocations, required construction blasting and a highway that goes through a residential area provided several challenges, making it even more difficult for the crews to meet their deadlines. However, a doubled-up crew from contractor Fisher Industries and tenacity from all involved allowed the team to meet their goals.

“The whole team worked very hard and was able to deal with all the unexpected surprises that made the job more difficult. We met our commitments to the stakeholders and public by having it open for the holidays, and now we only have the smaller work items to complete,” said Lorenzi.

In an effort to cause as little inconvenience as possible to Boulder City residents, most of the work in the residential area has been completed. Only minor utilities remain to be moved, and guardrail installation and reconfiguration of a lane near the Hacienda Hotel remain to be completed. Most of the remaining work is expected to take place on the shoulder and cause minimal impact to traffic. Final paving is scheduled to occur in the spring, or as soon as weather permits.

U.S. 93 was widened in order to accommodate an increase in traffic resulting from the opening of the newly constructed Mike O’Callaghan-Pat Tillman Memorial Bridge at the Hoover Dam.

Bonds, Bids and Bytes: NEW ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR JOINS NDOT



NDOT's new Assistant Director of Administration gets down to business.

The administration, accounting and information technology functions of NDOT are a vital foundation from which the Department can fulfill its mission. NDOT Assistant Director of Administration Scott Sisco has been named to oversee the important duties following former NDOT administration director Robert Chisel accepting the finance director position at the City of Reno.

Now, Scott Sisco takes the reins to oversee NDOT Financial Management, Accounting, Administrative Services, Information Services and Flight Operations, and more than 135 dedicated NDOT professionals responsible for important administrative tasks from bonding to Nevada state plane flight operations.

With responsibility for oversight of the department's financial forecasting, management and accounting, Sisco oversees proactive and positive stewardship of approximately \$600 million in annual capital tax dollar expenditures.

"I take pride in helping protect the credibility of the Department through sound budgeting, financial and administrative practices, while at the same time ensuring we're as flexible as regulations allow in order to achieve the Department's overall goals and objectives," Sisco explained.

Sisco also oversees NDOT's Information Technology group, working with the professional IT staff of a technology infrastructure system that supports the communications and technology needs of more than 1,800 NDOT employees across the state. Meanwhile, NDOT Administrative Services processes as many as 600 contracts, service agreements and the like every year to build NDOT projects and support NDOT programs. Also through Administrative Services, oversize and over-dimensional vehicle permits, records and document reproduction and delivery are processed and headquarters buildings and grounds upkept.

"The administrative sections really play a very critical role that, although quietly working behind the scenes in most cases, is every bit as integral to the operations as the many other important programming functions that make Nevada's transportation infrastructure one of the best in the country," said Sisco.

Overseeing such vital Department functions takes administrative experience and a keen accounting eye, both of which NDOT's new assistant director of administration has picked up in more than 25 years as a state employee. In 1995, Sisco was awarded the Governor's Meritorious Certificate for development of an internal accounting system still used by dozens of state agencies today. He came to the Department after four and a half years as Deputy Administrator and Chief Financial Officer for the Nevada Division of Forestry. Prior to that, Sisco spent over six years as Director of the Department of Cultural Affairs, and three years as the Deputy Director and Chief Financial Officer for that same Department. He also spent a little over nine years with the State Health Division in both program management and fiscal/administrative management roles. Once Sisco is familiarized with the areas under his immediate responsibility, he looks forward to meeting other NDOT staff and learning about the important work functions that all areas of the Department undertake.



LOOKING IN ON RENO ROADS



NDOT is giving Reno motorists a window on the road ahead with new Reno-area traffic cameras, available on-line.

More than 20 traffic cameras stationed along Interstate 80 and U.S. 395 through the heart of Reno provide nearly up-to-the-second views of travel conditions. To view, users simply log onto www.nevadadot.com and select "Traffic Cameras" under traveler information.

"Cameras and other road condition reports provide an important way for drivers to make decisions based on road conditions," NDOT Director Susan Martinovich explained. "Is there an incident blocking the freeway, or perhaps extreme weather conditions? Knowing that before driving helps motorists detour the area, making for an easier commute and safer roadways."

The cameras are also used to assist NDOT's Reno traffic operations center. The traffic cameras are part of NDOT's statewide network of Intelligent Transportation Systems, including freeway digital message signs, Highway Advisory Radio, freeway ramp meters and more than 100 Las Vegas traffic cameras hosted in partnership with local cities and the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada. Future cameras are planned for other areas of the state. The cameras do not record and, by Nevada law and Federal Highway Administration guidelines, cannot be used for traffic enforcement.

Road conditions are also available through NDOT's existing 511 Nevada Travel Info system. Before driving, motorists can log onto www.nvroads.com or dial 511 toll-free, 24 hours a day for free, automated road conditions, weather forecasts, scheduled event road closures and construction updates. Out-of-state callers can dial 1-877-NV-ROADS to receive the same information.

For safety, all users are reminded to check travel conditions before driving. Use of a handheld cell-phone or similar device while driving is prohibited in Nevada.

NDOT Reno Traffic Cameras

- To view, visit www.nevadadot.com – Select traveler information / traffic cameras
- Interstate 80- 14 cameras located between Keystone Avenue in Reno and McCarran Blvd. in Sparks
- U.S. 395- 7 cameras located between the Interstate 80 spaghetti bowl and Plumb Lane
- Additional cameras at various Reno-area locations will soon be added
- Some of the cameras were installed as part of NDOT's I-80 Design-Build Project

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HIGHWAY RESCUE

Jani Ahivers was hauling a horse trailer on U.S. 50 outside of Ely when NDOT District 3 equipment mechanic Jason Atkin pulled alongside her to motion that she had tire trouble.

"I pulled over and the rear tire on my trailer exploded. Jason got my spare out and changed tires. I would like to thank NDOT and Jason Atkin for my highway rescue!"

PROJECT SUCCESSES

"Thank you for working dillgently to complete the widening of U.S. 93 in a timely manner and with virtually no impact to our citizens and visitors."

Mayor Jack Hakim, Bullhead City, AZ.

"I have been very impressed with the project by NDOT in Boulder City. We are very thankful and know that this will improve the traffic problems we have experienced from the new bridge at Hoover Dam."

Linda Graham

"Glad to see you're using the rubberized asphalt {on the I-15 repaving in Las Vegas}. NDOT did a great job on the I-15 North project and is doing a great job on the I-15 South project."

Marc Tellez

"I wish to commend the Nevada Department of Transportation and the construction crews who have been resurfacing the busy U.S. 395 between Minden and Carson City. As a daily commuter, I have experienced no delays, no slow downs, no backed-up traffic, and no interruptions whatsoever due to this construction effort."

Rajat Jain

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How is NDOT Information Services technology infrastructure similar to road infrastructure? Take an on-line tour of how NDOT Information Services supports the technology needs of all NDOT employees: <http://shptsrv1/067/default.aspx>

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