



Steering Committee Meeting

Meeting Location\* 3rd Floor Conference Room  
1263 S. Stewart Street  
Carson City, Nevada

Meeting Date and Time February 29, 2012 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

\*Meeting will be broadcast live via Net Meeting at the HDR office 7180 Pollock Drive, Las Vegas, NV.

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AGENDA ITEMS

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- 1 Introductions

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- 2 Stakeholder meetings status update

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- 3 Statewide Travel Demand Model

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- 4 Socioeconomic Forecasts Methodology approach

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- 5 Schedule

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- 6 Open Discussion

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- 7 Meeting adjourned

Action items:

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For questions or comments please contact Jason Van Havel (775-888-7119) or Tim Mueller (775-888-7351), NDOT Project Managers; or Brent Cain, HDR Project Manager at 602-522-7782.



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*Attendees:*                                      *See sign-in (attached).*

*Conference call attendees:*    *Tony Letizia, NDOT; Michael Gorton, HDR; Lolene Terry, HDR; Jason Gray, Strategic Solutions*

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*Handouts:*                                      *Meeting Agenda*

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- Action Items*
- *Copy of PPT to be provided to participants*
  - *HDR to provide Technical Advisory Committee memo outlining the proposed approach to socioeconomic forecasts, as presented at today's meeting.*

Tim Mueller, NDOT, began the meeting by providing a brief project introduction and overview of the November 2011 outreach activities. He noted that the Stakeholder Outreach Summary Report has been posted to the Connecting Nevada website and encouraged everyone to review (printed copies of the report were made available). The Steering Committee (SC) members introduced themselves (see sign-in and Conference call attendees noted in heading).

Brent Cain, HDR, welcomed everyone and provided a brief overview of the agenda items. Brent introduced Michael Gorton, HDR, to discuss the first agenda item(s). Key topics of discussion are summarized below:

The statewide model (covering 11 states, including Nevada) will use increasing resolution as it approaches Nevada, with interstate highways at the perimeter of the model area, US Highways and interstates closer in. Within Nevada, the model will incorporate the MPOs' model networks, with the rest of the state (rural areas) reflecting the HPMS network.

- The statewide model is a three-step model; focusing on vehicular travel on the state's roadway network; it will not model transit, rail or air. Freight traffic will be evaluated using the Freight Analysis Framework (ver. 3), which integrates data from a variety of sources to develop projections through 2040.
- The MPOs/RTCs models are using different base years, whereas, Connecting Nevada is building off of a 2010 base year, based on 2010 Census.
- A question was raised as to whether community college enrollment would be modeled? Michael Gorton explained that, at present, it would not. The issue was reviewed and there are challenges with determining what campuses was attended, also enrollment is rolled-up to full

time equivalents, further complicating the information. We'll continue to look at this issue. None of the current MPO/RTC models incorporate, save WASHOE, which is looking at this issue in its current update.

- Question was raised as to “dot on map” outside NM. This is an external for the state of New Mexico, however, the network connection (I-40) is not shown – HDR to address.
- There was discussion regarding the importance of demographics; discussed concerns raised at the Technical Advisory Committee meeting regarding the state demographers projections and discrepancies with MPOs/RTCs socioeconomic projections.
  - Suggestion was made that State Demographer’s projections be used for rural area (HDR’s proposed approach).
- Brent Cain noted that a parallel effort we are working on is integrating Connecting Nevada with NEPA; referred to as Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL). We'll work with NDOT to help craft an approach to PEL – one of the action items in the FHWA’s “Every Day Counts” initiative.

Tim Mueller concluded the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance and continued interest in the project.

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*Any exceptions, corrections, or additions of these notes should be forwarded to Brent Cain, HDR, in writing with five (5) days of receipt of this document.*



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