



Steering Committee Meeting

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

Meeting Date and Time June 14, 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

- 1) Introductions

- 2) Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) / Transit propensity

- 3) Statewide Travel Demand Model update

- 4) Socioeconomic and travel forecasts

- 5) Project Schedule and upcoming tasks
 - a) Needs analysis
 - b) Stakeholder Outreach

- 6) Open Discussion

- 7) Meeting adjourned

Action items:

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.



Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

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Attendees: See sign-in (attached).

Conference call attendees: John Terry, NDOT; Michael Gorton, Faisal Chowdhury, Scott Miller, HDR; Lolene Terry, HDR; Jason Gray, Strategic Solutions;

Handouts: Meeting Agenda, Project Schedule (dated May 4, 2012)

Tim Mueller, NDOT, began the meeting by asking for introductions and providing a brief overview of the Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) activities.

Key topics of discussion are summarized below:

Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL)

Brent Cain, HDR, welcomed everyone and provided a little background on the development of the PEL. This is one of the “every day counts” initiatives of FHWA, and NDOT has an active committee meeting on this topic. HDR worked with the information from this committee and experience developing the Arizona Department of Transportation’s PEL process. Brent noted that the FHWA representative in Phoenix noted that the ADOT PEL was identified as a best practice. The NDOT PEL is currently undergoing department review and is expected to be submitted to FHWA shortly.

Transit propensity

Brent introduced Scott Miller, HDR, to discuss transit propensity. Scott explained that the transit propensity was developed based on 2010 Census block group demographic variables that contribute to the proclivity to use transit services. Scott noted that transit propensity analysis does not indicate preferred transit mode, just the possible need of transit services. Information for the evaluation is derived from Transit Cooperative Research Program (TCRP) Research papers #3 (Workbook for Estimating Demand for Rural Passenger Transportation) and #28 (Transit Markets of the Future: The Challenge of Change).

Statewide Travel Demand Model update

Michael Gorton, HDR provided a brief overview of the modeling efforts to date including model calibration and validation. A live meeting peer review was held with representatives of all of the state MPOs on May 25, 2012. Michael noted that the model includes 4 daily long-distance trips per 100 population.

Questions regarding the model and its development included:

- Why are we preparing projections out to 2060 when many states only consider 20 years? Jason Van Havel explained that it is important to look out beyond long range plan and anticipate what’s happening,

it is OK and expected that adjustment will need to be made, but the state should be proactive in anticipating what future needs may be so that we can react to and prepare for them.

- Growth in Silver Springs is such that we should anticipate a lot of freight coming through the airport here in the future as a result.

Socioeconomic and travel forecasts

Michael LaBianca, HDR, provided an overview of the demographic projections for the model area. Michael Gorton discussed the initial travel demand model runs and the 2060 no-build scenario. It was noted that the inclusion of primary students in the model was great as that demographic is important to plan for (Las Vegas school district is 5th largest in the nation).

Project Schedule and upcoming tasks

Brent noted that we are preparing for a second round of stakeholder outreach in late August 2012. In anticipation of those activities, there will be another TAC meeting scheduled for late July, 2012. Tim Mueller noted that a you tube video on Connecting Nevada will soon be available, and that a scannable code poster was being developed to promote the project. Keep checking back to the Connecting Nevada website for additional information.

Meeting adjourned

2:45pm meeting concluded.

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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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