

CONNECTING NEVADA PHASE II

Planning Our Transportation Future



Technical Memorandum #2

Mission and Goals

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1. CONNECTING NEVADA

1.1 MISSION

To provide a transportation system that delivers mobility solutions for residents and the traveling public of Nevada. Enhancing the system's safety, improving access throughout the state, promoting environmental stewardship, and strengthening partnerships with local governments, will position Nevada for effective transportation choices for future generations. Investments in transportation infrastructure, coordinated land uses, and diverse economic opportunities will connect Nevada's communities, residents, and commerce to ensure sustainable growth for Nevada's transportation system.

2.1 PRINCIPLES

2.1.1 HEALTH AND SAFETY

The transportation system should be designed and operated in a way that protects the health (and safety of people, and enhances the quality of life in communities.

Goals

- Create safe transportation choices for travel throughout the state.
- Maintain the interstate system at a high level of serviceability.
- Assist the state in developing a transportation system which will minimize conflicts between modes, particularly between automobiles, freight, transit, pedestrians and bicycles.
- Anticipate and address transportation system deficiencies that threaten the safety of users.

2.1.2 ACCESS

People are entitled to reasonable access to other people, places, goods, and services.

Goals

- The Transportation system should serve the unique needs of the rural and urbanized areas of the state.
- Continue to work with local, regional and state jurisdictions to provide transportation facilities that comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA).

2.1.3 CONNECTED LAND USE

Transportation investments should be supportive of and integrated with land use planning.

Goals

- Ensure the identified functional class, right-of-way, design, capacity, and level of service of the transportation system are consistent in supporting existing and future land use and development patterns.
- Where appropriate, recommended higher intensity, mixed-use land development (locate housing, jobs and shopping in closer proximity) that supports transit, bicycling and walking to reduce automobile dependence.

2.1.4 ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Transportation needs should be met without threatening public health, climate, biological diversity or the integrity of essential ecological processes.

Goals

- Develop and improve the transportation system to minimize the impacts upon the natural environment including sensitive lands.

2.1.5 PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND STAKEHOLDERS

We are committed to the principle of partnership with local governments. We appreciate the vital role of local government decision-making and delivery of transportation services that improve transportation in our cities, counties and throughout the state.

Goals

- Maintain regular communication with local governments and Metropolitan Planning Organizations to keep them apprised and obtain feedback for development of decisions and ideas.
- Ensure attendance of local government representatives on the Technical Advisory Committee for continuous feedback.
- Leverage opportunities among project stakeholders to address such issues as right-of-way, funding, and coordination of activities.

2.1.6 SUPPORT ECONOMIC GROWTH

Provide a seamless mix of transportation options to ensure Nevada's economic vitality and future growth opportunities to move people and goods throughout the state.

Goals

- Expand on the current transportation system to support current and emerging economic opportunities.
- Provide connections that accommodate transportation movement between air, rail and highway travel to foster enhanced economic activity.
- Link regional and local activity and employment centers through multimodal transportation options.

2.1.7 THE PUBLIC SHOULD HAVE A PLACE IN THE PROCESS

Provide the public complete information and full participation in the transportation decision process.

Goals

- Provide a process for public comment on transportation elements, programs, policies and scope of work for transportation studies and work scopes.
- Coordinate with the major stakeholders and partner agencies on a multi-level approach.

Outreach should be early and continuing and provide an opportunity for a diversity of people to have meaningful engagement in the process.