

Connecting Nevada—Stakeholder Workshop Series 1 (November 2011–January 2012)

More than 150 stakeholders representing businesses and industry, trade associations, economic development agencies, environmental groups, federal, state, and local government entities from across Nevada identified

FIVE KEY PRIORITIES FOR CONNECTING NEVADA

1 Environmental Issues

- Understand implications of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) on certain transportation corridors and transportation options
- Identify opportunities to better integrate the NEPA process and transportation planning
- Understand constraints of water availability, threatened and endangered species, and conservation areas and issues on long term transportation planning

2 Improved Access

- Determine appropriate means to expand freight capacity; consider the incorporation of dedicated truck lanes and urban bypass routes
- Incorporate walkable communities plans, complete streets plans, and other planning processes that emphasize sustainability and quality of life
- Coordinate long term transportation planning processes in ways that strengthen the network of bike lanes and regional trails

3 Safety

- Improve signage to address issues with consistency and communication of information to drivers (intelligent transportation systems)
- Provide additional turn-out and passing lanes for improved efficiency and safety
- Address issues of access to emergency services and communication, especially in rural areas of state

4 Partnership Development

- Partner with stakeholders to identify opportunities for shared or multiuse corridors for transportation, utility, and communication infrastructure
- Incorporate more proactive and inclusive processes that encourage collaboration with federal, state, regional, and local government agencies
- Identify and expand opportunities for public/private partnerships in transportation planning and development

5 Economic Development

- Include long term transportation planning processes that support and encourage economic development and diversification
- Identify key sectors for which long range transportation planning will impact economic development; including renewable energy, mining, distribution, and tourism
- Emphasize the importance of coordinating long range transportation planning with Nevada’s economic development goals and objectives