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AHAMAKAV CULTURAL SOCIETY
Fort Mojave Indian Tribe

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March 28, 2002

Daryl James, Chief, Environmental Services Division
Nevada Department of Transportation
1263 S. Stewart St.
Carson City, NV 89712

RE: Boulder City/US 93 Corridor Study-Draft Environmental
Impact Statement (DEIS)

Dear Mr. James:

The AhaMakav Cultural Society, which is the Historic and Cultural Preservation Office of the Fort Mojave Tribe, has received and reviewed the subject document, and we cannot comment on the presence or absence of cultural resources in the area of potential effect (APE) of the proposed undertaking until we receive and review the appropriate cultural resource inventory (archeological survey) reports. We in all likelihood will recommend that Alternative D be eliminated from consideration. We also disagree strongly with the artificial separation by the Federal Highway Administration of this undertaking from the Hoover Dam Bypass Project, in regard to interpretation of Section 106 of the National Preservation Act, and NEPA.

B1-2.1

We require for our review and comment, copies of:

A Cultural Resource Investigation of Proposed Routes for the Boulder City/US 93 Corridor, (Parts I and II), by Lynda M. Blair and Jeffery Wedding of the Harry Reid Center for Environmental Studies

Boulder City /US 93 Corridor Study Historic Structures Survey, Volumes 1&2, by Associated Cultural Resource Experts

Sincerely
Chad Smith
Chad Smith, Tribal Archeologist,
Cultural Resource Manager

xc: Eida Butler, Director, AhaMakav Cultural Society
Nora Helton, Tribal Chairperson
NVSHPO

Response to Comment B1-2.1

NDOT and FHWA will make historical and archaeological information available to the AhaMakav Cultural Society in conjunction with Government-to-Government consultation. Reinitiation of consultation upon completion of detail design of the Preferred Alternative to adequately identify impacts to potential TCPs is a condition of the PA, as noted in Volume I, Section 4.8 of this FEIS. Concerned Native American groups will be provided with project-specific cultural resources documentation to assist in their evaluation of the impacts of the implementation of the preferred alternative.

Alternative D has been identified as the alternative that best meets the purpose and need for the project (FEIS Chapter 2). Section 2.6 of Volume I of the FEIS discusses the rationale for this decision. The AhaMakav's likely recommendation concerning Alternative D is noted.

The Boulder City/U.S. 93 project and the Hoover Dam Bypass project are separate because they have separate and distinct purpose and need statements, have been planned to operationally stand alone, and have been developed with logical termini consistent with FHWA regulations.

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BOULDER CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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April 4, 2002

Daryl James
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The Boulder City Chamber of Commerce has completed an independent survey concerning the U.S. 93/Boulder City Corridor. The survey was conducted from a list of licenses provided by the city of all Boulder City businesses.

Questions asked the Boulder City business community: 1) if they had received enough valid information from the chamber, the city and other information organizations to make an informed decision, 2) how it would affect them as a business as well as residents, 3) and finally which route they preferred.

The majority of respondents felt they were well informed and strongly supported alternate D/the Southern route traveling south of town.

As these and other traffic issues, impacted partially by the growth in the Las Vegas Valley, the tourist attractions of Las Vegas as well as Lake Mead and our historic community, will continue to dominate us the next few years we would like to join with the city in helping to solve these issues by first supporting alternate D.

Sincerely,

Goldie Begley
President
Boulder City Chamber of Commerce

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Response to Comment B2-4.1

Alternative D, the Southern Alignment, has been identified as the preferred alternative, in part due to the lesser impact on the environment of Boulder City relative to the other alternatives.



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Dear Valued Chamber Member:

The Board of Directors of the Boulder City Chamber of Commerce feel it is time for us to poll our business community to better identify and evaluate your knowledge and concerns on the US 93/Boulder City Corridor.

How well informed do you feel about the US 93 Corridor? (circle one)
Very Well Somewhat Not Very Not Concerned

How many meetings have you attended concerning this issue?
City or Council _____ Chamber _____ NDOT _____ Other _____

Do you feel you have received valid information/education from (circle one)
The City? The Chamber? Other? Need more?
Yes No Yes No Yes No Yes No

If a selection for the US 93 Corridor route was put to a vote of the people TODAY which route would you like to see chosen? Circle one and make a brief comment as to why or how you think it would effect your family or business.

- A. No Change-keep the existing route.
- B. Improved route traveling along the existing road through town and down the Hemenway Valley.
- C. Northern route traveling just north of Industrial Road and continuing just below Boulder Oaks RV Resort and just above Lake View housing community and down Hemenway Valley.
- D. Southern route traveling south of town below the sub station and treatment plant.

All information is confidential and will be assessed by the 10 member Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce. If you want to sign your business name and address you may. The results of this survey will be used to give us a better understanding of your needs and to assist us in making a decision and to make our position known to the city council. Our voice does make a difference and we need to make a united front. Please respond at your earliest convenience before September 15 by fax, mail or drop off at the office. Thank you for your time in giving us this valuable information.

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160 Boulder City Business Licensees Surveyed
25 were Chamber Members

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Dear Valued Business Owner:

The Board of Directors of the Boulder City Chamber of Commerce feel it is time for us to poll our business community to better identify and evaluate your knowledge and concerns on the US 93/Boulder City Corridor.

How well informed do you feel about the US 93 Corridor? (circle one)

Very Well	Somewhat	Not Very	Not Concerned
27%	51%	12%	10%

How many meetings have you attended concerning this issue?

City or Council	Chamber	NDOT	Other
50% <small>(at least 1 meeting)</small>	11%	22%	33%

OTHER INCLUDED: BCTV, BC NEWS, FRIENDS, TV, WEBSITE

Do you feel you have received valid information/education from (circle one)

The City?		The Chamber?		Other?		Need more?	
Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
56%	20%	25%	28%	41%	17%	35%	8%

no response 27% no response 50% no response 42% no response 36%

If a selection for the US 93 Corridor route was put to a vote of the people TODAY which route would you like to see chosen? Circle one and make a brief comment as to why or how you think it would effect your family or business.

A. No Change-keep the existing route. 59%

B. Improved route traveling along the existing road through town and down the Hemenway Valley. 12%

C. Northern route traveling just north of Industrial Road and continuing just below Boulder Oaks RV Resort and just above Lake View housing community and down Hemenway Valley. 5%

D. Southern route traveling south of town below the sub station and treatment plant. 76%

OTHER: 2%

All information is confidential and will be assessed by the 10 member Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce. If you want to sign your business name and address you may. The results of this survey will be used to give us a better understanding of your needs and to assist us in making a decision and to make our position known to the city council. Our voice does make a difference and we need to make a united front. Please respond at your earliest convenience before September 15 by fax, mail or drop off at the office. Thank you for your time in giving us this valuable information.

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Kim Sinatra
Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer

May 17, 2002

Daryl James
NDOT Environmental Division
1263 South Stewart
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Re: Boulder City/U.S. 93 Corridor Study

Dear Mr. James:

Park Place Entertainment, a corporate citizen of Boulder City, is pleased to join with the members of the Boulder City Council and Boulder City residents in support of Alternative D, the Southern Bypass, as the preferred route in the Boulder City/U.S. 93 Corridor Study.

B3-1.1

Park Place operates the Cascata golf course in Boulder City, which represents an investment of tens of millions of dollars and is generally regarded to rank among the 100 finest golf courses in the world. Operation of this facility contributes hundreds of thousands of dollars each year to the Boulder City treasury. The entrance to the course is at the intersection of U.S. Highways 93 and 95.

After thorough review of the highway alignments under consideration, we have come to the conclusion that the through-town alignments, Alternatives B and C, pose a serious threat to our current golf course operations in Boulder City. Only one alternative under consideration would alleviate Boulder City's growing traffic problems without having a negative impact on our operations: Alternative D. Further, Alternative D would correct a serious public safety problem at the U.S. 93/95 intersection.

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Response to Comment B3-1.1

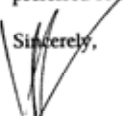
Comments noted. FEIS Sections 1.2 and 1.3 describe the purpose and need for the project, respectively. The purpose of the project includes improving operations at the junction of the U.S. 93/95 interchange and creating a safer transportation corridor. All three build alternatives would meet this purpose. Alternative D, the Southern Alternative, has been selected as the preferred alternative. Section 2.6 of Volume I of the FEIS discusses the rationale for this decision.

Daryl James, NDOT Environmental Division
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May 17, 2002

We strongly support the collective position of Boulder City Mayor Bob Ferraro and all the members of the Boulder City Council, as expressed publicly at their April 23, 2002, City Council meeting, that Route D merits selection as the preferred route in the Boulder City/U.S. 93 Corridor Study.

Sincerely,



Kim Sinatra

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cc: Governor Kenny C. Guinn, Chairman, NDOT Board of Directors
Lt. Governor Lorraine Hunt, NDOT Board of Directors
Attorney General Frankie Sue Del Papa, NDOT Board of Directors
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