

Appendix B Stakeholder Meeting Summary

Boulder City/U.S. 93 Corridor Study Stakeholder Meeting Summary

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Boulder City/U.S. 93 Corridor Study

STAKEHOLDER MEETING SUMMARY

Lake Mountain Homeowners Association:

Contact: Ed Waymire (702) 294-0037, fax (702) 294-4190

Address:

Lake Mountain Estates Clubhouse
510 Lakes Drive
Boulder City, NV 89005

Date: January 15, 2001

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Approximate Number of Attendees: 80

Meeting Summary

Tom Greco, Stephen Smith, and Michael Lasko presented the project to the subject homeowner's association. There was considerable discussion about the Hemenway Valley Wash alternatives relative to noise and air quality impacts and accessibility to the commercial corridor in town. A majority of the attendees voiced support for Alternative D (Southern Corridor). There was also discussion about the Hoover Dam Bypass Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) project. We discussed the independent utility of each project with the group. The group was also interested in the recent work completed for the Laughlin/Bullhead Alternative for the Hoover Draft EIS.

Councilman Bill Smith was in attendance at the meeting. One individual made the point that the "human" quality of life considerations should outweigh the impacts to threatened and endangered species.

National Park Service:

Contact: Jim Holland (702) 293-8986

Address:

National Park Service Headquarters
601 Nevada Highway
Boulder City, NV 89005

Date: January 16, 2001

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Approximate Number of Attendees: 25

Meeting Summary

Tom Greco, John Taylor, and Michael Lasko met with the National Park Service (NPS) staff to discuss the project schedule and the four alternatives being studied for the Draft EIS. Bill Dickinson, the new Lake Mead National Recreation Area Park Superintendent, was in attendance at the meeting. We discussed the east end terminus with the staff, describing that there are three priorities we are accommodating: 1) access to Lake Mead, 2) access to existing U.S. 93 near the Hacienda Hotel, and 3) access for employees and tourists to Hoover Dam. We indicated to NPS that the original southern alignment, and its corresponding east-end interchange, was developed on the uphill side of the existing terrain and required a long bridge across the Gold Strike Canyon; it had been modified at the request of the Project Management Team (PMT). The new alignment and interchange presented at the meeting was developed closer to U.S. 93 with directional access to Lake Mead.

NPS indicated they are very interested in the outcome of the project and will continue to be a cooperating agency. NPS voiced a preference to use existing right-of-way wherever it is feasible and prudent.

Lake Mead View Estates Owners Association:

Contact: Mike Ranz (702) 294-3801 or Denny Haas (702) 294-1401

Address:

Multipurpose Room
6th Street
Boulder City, NV 89005

Date: January 23, 2001

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Approximate Number of Attendees: 45

Meeting Summary

Tom Greco and Michael Lasko presented the project to the subject homeowner's group. This association represents homes bounded by Nevada Hwy. on the west and U.S. 93 as the northern boundary. Several of the homeowner's expressed concern about the existing traffic problems along existing U.S. 93 through the Hemenway Valley Wash. Their concerns included difficult access to U.S. 93, noise, air pollution, and an inordinate amount of large trucks traveling through the corridor.

The group was very interested in who will be making the final selection of the project. Tom

conveyed to the group that the City Councils for Boulder City and Henderson and the Director of the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) have significant influence in the recommendation process. It was indicated that the final selection would be made by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The group indicated a preference to the Southern Corridor.

Boulder City Community Association:

Contact: Elaine Wentz (702) 293-7712

Address:

Boulder City Community Association Clubhouse
1010 Industrial Road
Boulder City, NV 89005

Date: January 26, 2001

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Approximate Number of Attendees: 60

Meeting Summary

Tom Greco, Michael Lasko, and Loren Bloomberg attended this presentation. The association represents the community in the Boulder Oaks Trailer Village. The group was very attentive to the presentation and interested in Alternative C, which runs just north of the trailer village. The group expressed concerns about noise, visual impacts, pedestrian access to the commercial district, and the close proximity to their northern boundary of their property. The group was also interested in the physical and travel time delay impacts during construction to Las Vegas. A majority of the attendees expressed support for the Southern Corridor.

Boulder City Horsemen's Association:

Contact: Tim Sharp/President, cell (702) 491-8126, home (702) 293-2482

Address:

Boulder City Corral
591 Corral Road
Boulder City, NV 89005

Date: February 3, 2001

Time: Noon

Approximate Number of Attendees: 30

Meeting Summary

Michael Lasko met with the Horseman's Association to discuss the project schedule and scope. The association was very interested in maintaining recreational access to the Colorado River and the Eldorado Valley. The group uses Wash C to walk horses to the southern valley area. Additionally, they trailer the horses down Buchanan to the Mead Substation and then travel due east on the substation access road just east of the facility where they park their vehicles and unload the horses. The group also uses the dirt access road to the landfill and rifle range. As a minimum, we indicated that a grade separation is anticipated at Buchanan, 12-foot by 12-foot box culverts at Wash C, and a grade separation at the landfill access road. The group was agreeable to the recreational access.

American Legion:

Contact: Commander Doug McHam (702) 293-1267

Address:

American Legion Hall
508 California Avenue
Boulder City, NV 89005

Date: February 6, 2001

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Approximate Number of Attendees: 60

Meeting Summary

Tom Greco, Dan Andersen, and Michael Lasko made the presentation to the American Legion. This group was concerned about the growing difficulty in using U.S. 93 as a primary access into Boulder City from the Hemenway Valley Wash. They also expressed concern relative to the potential impacts to the business community with the proposed existing U.S. 93 corridor improvements. The consensus of the group was to work quickly to solve growing traffic problems along the corridor.

Regatta Pointe Homeowners Association:

Contact: Ken Kwiatkoski (702) 293-5564, fax (702) 294-0658 (Ross Wright, HOA Accountant)

Address:

Chamber Conference Room, Garden Level of the Boulder Dam Hotel
Boulder Dam Hotel
1305 Arizona Street
Boulder City, NV 89005

Date: February 8, 2001

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Approximate Number of Attendees: 40

Meeting Summary

Tom Greco and Michael Lasko met with this group, which is located in the Hemenway Valley Wash located north of U.S. 93 and south of Lake Mountain Road. The group expressed similar concerns about visual impacts, noise, air quality, and quality of life regarding the improvements along existing U.S. 93 for Alternatives B and C. Representatives from the group encouraged their peers to get involved in the process and this project. The majority of the attendees voiced support for the southern corridor alternative.

Boulder City Chamber of Commerce:

Contact: Connie Mancillas (702) 293-4446, fax (702) 293-0688

Address:

Chamber Conference Room, Garden Level of the Boulder Dam Hotel
Boulder Dam Hotel
1305 Arizona Street
Boulder City, NV 89005

Date: February 14, 2001

Time: 7:00 a.m.

Approximate Number of Attendees: 45

Meeting Summary

Tom Greco and Michael Lasko presented the project to the Chamber of Commerce. The businesses were very interested in Alternative B improvements to the existing U.S. 93. We discussed the potential for raised medians along the corridor. The Chamber requested NDOT address the Laughlin/Bullhead resolution passed by the Boulder City Council the night before. Tom indicated the alternative, addressed in the Hoover Dam Bypass EIS, is 23 miles longer, is constrained by sharp curves and steep grades, requires a new bridge, and would require an additional \$1.4 billion in highway user costs.

Bella Vista Homeowners Association:

Contact: Pat Bennett (702) 294-3175

Address:

Chamber Conference Room, Garden Level of the Boulder Dam Hotel
Boulder Dam Hotel
1305 Arizona Street
Boulder City, NV 89005

Date: February 22, 2001

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Approximate Number of Attendees: 45

Meeting Summary:

Tom Greco and Michael Lasko presented the project to the association. The neighborhood is located just north of the St. Jude's Ranch for Children and east of Lake Mountain Road. The group conveyed significant concerns relative to the large trucks using existing U.S. 93. They requested feedback on the timing of the Hoover Dam Bypass construction. The consensus of the group was that the bridge will be constructed and the traffic problems along U.S. 93 must be addressed. A majority of the attendees voiced support for the Southern Corridor Alternative over the other alternatives due to the potential for increased traffic, noise, and air pollution and safety problems in the Hemenway Valley Wash.

Lake View Development:

Contact: Mayor Ferraro (702) 293-9202

Address:

City Council Chambers
401 California Street
Boulder City, NV 89005

Date: April 9th, 2001

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Approximate Number of Attendees: 60

Meeting Summary:

Tom Greco and Michael Lasko presented the project to the Lake View Development. The neighborhood is located just west of the St. Jude's Ranch for Children and north of US 93. The group is very concerned about the proposed alternatives in the Hemenway Wash. Their concerns included building a highway closer to their homes within the NDOT right of way and the potential for right of way takes. The new channel improvements and pedestrian/bicycle path has significant value to this residential community. They also are interested in knowing what their future access to the subdivision will be after the construction of the facility. We invited them to our next public meeting in the summer. A small group was interested in knowing why the Laughlin alternative is not being considered as a viable alternative and circulated a petition after the meeting. This alternative was addressed by Tom Greco as an alternative that does not meet the purpose and need for the Boulder City/US 93 Corridor Study. A majority of the attendees voiced support for the Southern Corridor Alternative over the other alternatives due to the potential for increased traffic, noise, and air pollution and safety problems in the Hemenway Valley Wash.

Hoover Dam Bypass/CANAMEX/Boulder City/US 93 Corridor Study Town Hall Meeting:

Contact: Mayor Ferraro (702) 293-9202

Address:

City Council Chambers
401 California Street
Boulder City, NV 89005

Date: April 17th, 2001

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Approximate Number of Attendees: 100

Meeting Summary:

Dave Zanatell (Hoover Dam Bypass FHWA PM), Carol Sanger (CANAMEX Corridor Study PM), Tom Greco and Michael Lasko (Boulder City/US 93 Corridor PMs) presented the three separate projects at the request of Mayor Ferraro in a Town Hall meeting. Dave presented the results of the FEIS and the schedule forward for the HDB. Carol present the CANAMEX corridor study schedule and indicated that it is an economics study. Tom and Michael presented the Boulder City project scope and schedule of work. Many residents expressed concern about the traffic that would be travelling through Boulder City along existing US 93 with the opening of the new bridge,

improvements to US 93 and developing US 93 as an economic trade route. The Sierra Club was represented by Fred Dexter. He claimed the HDB project did not properly follow the NEPA process in scoping the project and claimed that the study limits of the projects are subject to segmentation.

Boulder City Realtor Group:

Contact: Chad Blair (702) 293-2171

Address:

United Title
Hotel Plaza
Boulder City, NV 89005

Date: April 9th, 2001

Time: 7:00 a.m.

Approximate Number of Attendees: 25

Meeting Summary:

Tom Greco and Michael Lasko presented the project to the a group of realtors representing home buyers and sellers in the Boulder City Area. The group was interested in knowing whether they are required to disclose the fact that there may be potential changes to US 93. We could not counsel them on disclosure laws their group is required to follow. In general, the group voice support for the Southern Corridor Alternative over the other alternatives due to the potential for increased traffic, noise, and air pollution and safety problems in the Hemenway Valley Wash.

Political Briefings:

Contact: Commissioner Bruce Woodbury (702) 455-3515

Boulder City Mayor and City Council (702) 293-9202

Address:

Commissioner Woodbury's Boulder City Law Office
Marshall Plaza
Boulder City, NV 89005

City Council Chambers
401 California Street
Boulder City, NV 89005

Date:

May 21, 2001 (Mayor Ferraro 9 am; Councilwoman elect Andrea Anderson 10 am; Councilman Mike Pacini 11:15 am; Councilman Bill Smith 1 p.m.)

May 23, 2001 (Councilman Joe Hardy 9 am; Councilman Bryan Nix 10:30 am)

May 25th, 2001 (Woodbury 8:30 am)

Time: See above

Approximate Number of Attendees: Individual briefings

Meeting Summary:

Tom Greco and Michael Lasko presented the project to the city council and Commissioner Woodbury. The following summary snapshots memorialize our meeting discussions:

Mayor Ferraro - The Mayor was planning a trip to Washington, DC to discuss the projects with the Nevada Senatorial and Congressional delegation. He indicated that if the City was unsuccessful in getting the delegations to consider and alternate route for the CANAMEX Corridor, he would support a Southern Corridor.

Councilwoman elect Anderson - Andrea Anderson was interested in learning more about the project schedule and when the public meeting will occur. She also asked if there is the possibility of moving the Southern Alignment south of the Mead Substation. We indicated the NEPA process allows for this possible solution and we recommended that she attend the public meeting.

Councilman Pacini - He was part of the Boulder City representation in Washington, DC. His briefing was similar to Mayor Ferraro's.

Council Smith - He was in the process of preparing an agenda item for the city's June 12 council meeting supporting the Southern Corridor. We recommended to the councilman that it would be better to wait until the DEIS is released.

Councilman Hardy - Councilman Hardy had a list of approximately 20 questions and concerns we addressed in his briefing. Under separate transmittal, we addressed the concerns in writing. Councilman Hardy expressed his support for the Southern Corridor.

Councilman Nix - We reviewed the NRS statutes, as we did in all briefings, that indicate Boulder City holds the key to the solution. Bryan indicated his support for the existing US 93 corridor improvements and that this would not require the consent of Boulder City.

Commissioner Woodbury - Bruce's discussion was similar to Joe Hardy's and we forwarded to him the same transmittal.