## Transportation in Nevada

Vision and Strategies

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#### **Mission**

Providing a better transportation system for Nevada through our unified and dedicated efforts.

#### <u>Vision</u>

The nation's leader in delivering transportation solutions, improving Nevada's quality of life.



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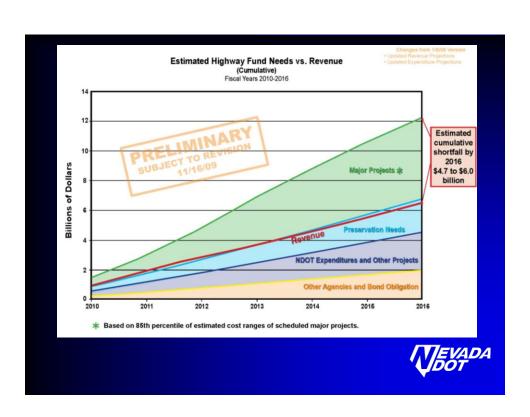
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#### **Funding**

The majority of Nevada Department of Transportation funding comes from federal and state highway user revenue.

- Fuel taxes
- Vehicle Registration & Permit Fees
- Government Services Tax
- Other Sources WB-5, AB 595, RRIF (Regional Road Impact Fees)





#### **Current Challenges**

- Declining Gas Tax Revenues
- Increasing Construction Costs
- Congestion
- Maintenance of Existing Infrastructure
- Uncertainty in Federal Legislation



### **Future Challenges**

- Emerging Mega-Regions will require planning and operating transportation systems beyond political boundaries and single modes.
- Congestion cannot just be solved by adding lanes. Right-of-way, construction, and maintenance will become cost prohibitive.
- Funding mechanism is likely to change (goodbye gas tax ?)



# How will we address current and future challenges?

- Planning beyond traditional boundaries
- Planning for quality of life (multi-modal travel, livability, economic vitality)
- Congestion mitigation (without more \$ or space)
- Freight corridors
- High Speed Rail
- Funding



#### **Planning Strategies**

- Continue and enhance coordination between neighboring states and other agencies (Corridor Coalitions)
- Plan improvements that enhance whole multimodal system, not just one area or mode (I-15 System Master Plan)
- Anticipate and plan for transportation needs beyond the 20-year horizon (Connecting Nevada)



#### **Congestion Strategies**

- Continue using Design-Build and other efficient project delivery methods to expedite delivery
- Make use of emerging technologies to improve reliability of system without constructing new lanes (operational improvements – e.g. ITS)
- Incorporate policies that influence driver behavior such as congestion pricing or improvements to alternative modes efficiency and connectivity
- Improved transportation efficiency enhanced freight corridors, transit, system planning, etc.



#### **Funding Strategies**

- Continue to explore and use Public Private Partnerships (Pioneer Program)
- Have an educated voice in the national discussion of a new funding mechanism (Vehicle Miles of Travel - VMT Fee Study)
- Continue to partner with other agencies to pool funds to deliver public transportation



#### **Pioneer Program**

The Pioneer Program will help bridge the gap between available taxpayer funding and our state's transportation needs by enhancing NDOT's ability to form public-private partnerships, such as:

- Design-build projects
- Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC)
- Road services provided by outside companies
- Managed Lanes (Toll Roads or Toll Lanes)
- Shadow tolling (developer-paid projects that would allow NDOT to pay back based on facility use)



#### **Vehicle Miles of Travel (VMT) Fee Study**

This is a study to look at the possibilities of replacing the Gas Tax system we have today with a user fee based system that is based on total miles driven

In partnership with RTC Washoe, RTC Southern NV, UNR, UNLV; we are looking at the technology, privacy, administration, & policy issues if Nevada moved to a VMT fee system

- Phase 1 Research Study, almost complete
- Phase 2 Technology Evaluation
- Phase 3 Pilot Study with volunteers from Northern
   & Southern Nevada

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Thank you

