

Assembly Bill No. 413–Committee
on Growth and Infrastructure

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AN ACT relating to transportation; requiring the Department of Transportation to establish an Advisory Working Group to Study Certain Issues Related to Transportation during the 2021-2022 interim; prescribing the membership and duties of the Advisory Working Group; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

This bill requires the Department of Transportation to establish an Advisory Working Group to Study Certain Issues Related to Transportation during the 2021-2022 interim. This bill also: (1) prescribes the membership and duties of the Advisory Working Group; and (2) requires the Department of Transportation to submit a written report describing the activities, findings, conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Working Group for transmittal to the 82nd Session of the Legislature.

EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. 1. The Department of Transportation shall establish an Advisory Working Group to Study Certain Issues Related to Transportation during the 2021-2022 interim. The Advisory Working Group must consist of at least 20 but not more than 30 members. To the extent practicable, the members of the Advisory Working Group must be representative of the various geographic areas and ethnic groups of this State. Except for the members who are Legislators, the Department of Transportation shall appoint the members of the Advisory Working Group, which consists of:

- (a) Representatives of agencies from metropolitan planning organizations;
- (b) Representatives of environmental agencies and organizations;
- (c) Representatives of clean energy;
- (d) Experts in taxation policy;
- (e) Representatives of local, county, tribal, state and federal agencies with expertise in transportation and clean energy;



(f) The Chairs of the Senate and Assembly Standing Committees on Growth and Infrastructure during the 81st Legislative Session;

(g) Representatives of labor organizations;

(h) Representatives from local chambers of commerce;

(i) Representatives from the Nevada Resort Association;

(j) Three representatives appointed from a list of persons submitted to the Department of Transportation by organizations and other entities which represent or promote the interests of minority groups in this State; and

(k) Other interested persons and entities.

2. The Advisory Working Group shall study during the 2021-2022 interim:

(a) The needs of all users of different modes of transportation, including bicyclists, pedestrians, drivers of motor vehicles and public transit users;

(b) Social and user transportation equity;

(c) The reduction of greenhouse gas emissions;

(d) The sustainability of the State Highway Fund including, without limitation, an analysis of the Natural Resources Defense Council funding model presented to the Legislative Committee on Energy on August 24, 2020, and Utah's Road Usage Charge Program; and

(e) The role of land use and smart growth strategies in reducing transportation emissions and improving system efficiency and equity.

3. In addition to the duties set forth in subsection 2, the Advisory Working Group shall collect and monitor data related to and develop preliminary plans for sustainable transportation funding in this State.

4. The Advisory Working Group shall, at its first meeting, elect a Chair and Vice Chair from among its members.

5. A majority of the members of the Advisory Working Group constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority of those members present at any meeting is sufficient for any official action taken by the Advisory Working Group.

6. The Department of Transportation shall provide the Advisory Working Group with such administrative support as is necessary to assist the Advisory Working Group in carrying out its duties pursuant to this section.

7. A member of the Advisory Working Group who is an officer or employee of this State or a political subdivision thereof must be relieved from his or her duties without loss of his or her regular



compensation so that the member may prepare for and attend meetings of the Advisory Working Group and perform any work necessary to carry out the duties of the Advisory Working Group in the most timely manner practicable. A state agency or political subdivision of this State shall not require an officer or employee who is a member of Advisory Working Group to:

(a) Make up the time the member is absent from work to carry out his or her duties as a member of the Advisory Working Group; or

(b) Take annual leave or compensatory time for the absence.

8. The Department of Transportation shall, on or before December 31, 2022, prepare and submit a written report describing the activities, findings, conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Working Group to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the 82nd Session of the Legislature.

Sec. 2. 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and approval.

2. Section 1 of this act becomes effective:

(a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of appointing members to the Advisory Working Group created by section 1 of this act and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

(b) On July 1, 2021, for all other purposes.

