

## NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACO)

Board of Directors' Meeting  
Tuesday, September 23, 2025  
Immediately Following the Annual Business Meeting  
SouthPoint Casino, Hotel & Spa  
NAPA Room C  
9777 South Las Vegas Blvd.  
Las Vegas, NV 89183

### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:

The public may provide public comment in advance of a meeting by written submission to the following email address: [info@nvnaco.org](mailto:info@nvnaco.org) For inclusion or reference in the minutes of the meeting, your public comment must include your full name and be submitted via email by not later than 3:00 p.m. the day before the meeting.

### AGENDA

Items on the agenda may be taken out of order. The NACO Board may combine two or more agenda items for consideration. The NACO Board may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time.

### Call to Order, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

1. Public Comment. Please Limit Comments to 3 Minutes.
2. Approval of Agenda. **For Possible Action.**
3. NACO President's Report.
4. NACO Executive Director's Report.
5. Approval of Minutes of the August 22, 2025, NACO Board of Directors Meeting. **For Possible Action**
6. Discussion and Possible Approval of Board Direction to NACO Staff Regarding Proposed Policies Impacting the University of Nevada, Cooperative Extension Program, **For Possible Action.**
7. Update from the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), Tracy Larkin Thomason, Director.
8. Update from NACO Health and Human Services Manager, Including the Approval of Resolution 25-02, A Resolution in Support of September as Suicide Prevention Month in Nevada. **For Possible Action**
9. Updates from Members of the National Association of Counties Board, Western Interstate Region Board, and Individual Counties.
10. Public Comment. Please Limit Comments to 3 Minutes.

**Adjournment.**

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Members of the public can request copies of the supporting material for the meeting by contacting Amanda Berg at (775) 883-7863. Supporting material will be available at the NACO office and on the NACO website at: [www.nvnaco.org](http://www.nvnaco.org)

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## **TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CASHMAN GOOD GOVERNMENT AWARD GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Cashman Good Government Award honors government entities and individuals who put workplace experience together with ingenuity to make citizen services work better, faster, and cheaper. While the achievement of dollar savings is often emphasized in nominations, the innovative refinements of governmental operations and ingenious changes to processes and procedures that save staff and processing time are equally worthy of recognition. Over the years, recipients have ranged from statewide service delivery approaches to local government departments finding ways to bypass budget shortfalls yet make improvements in citizen services by working from within, sometimes even off the clock. This type of effort goes on every day in Nevada thanks to the dedication and ingenuity of our government employees. Help the Nevada Taxpayers Association focus the spotlight on these outstanding achievements by making a nomination today!

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### **ABOUT THE AWARD**

The award was established in 1997 and was named in honor of the Cashman family. For over 100 years, the Cashmans have been active in Nevada business and civic affairs and have taken a keen interest in the welfare of the community at large. They have provided an exemplary model for those who wish to get involved in bettering the civic environment in which we live.

### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

All non-elected, full-time employees in Nevada State and local governments, including school districts, and the Nevada System of Higher Education are eligible for the award. The nomination may be for an individual or team who promotes efficient and timely service to Nevada citizens in a cost-effective, fiscally responsible manner. The nomination must be for acts which are above and beyond normal job duties. Within these guidelines, any manager or supervisor can enter another employee or can submit an application form for a work unit or their department.

### **CRITERIA TO BE CONSIDERED**

The selection process of applicants will be evaluated on the following:

- The strong, continuing, and consistent effort to spend taxpayers' dollars wisely and efficiently.
- Acts which are above and beyond normal job duties.
- The effective, open, and accountable practice of creating a user-friendly government.
- The degree to which the achievement has provided measurable and tangible results.

### **ENTRY PROCEDURES**

The Application Form and Entry Rules can be downloaded from NTA's website in standard formats.

[www.nevadataxpayers.org](http://www.nevadataxpayers.org)

### **DEADLINE and SUBMISSION**

**Completed Applications must be received no later than  
5:00 pm, Wednesday, November 26, 2025.**

Entries should be **emailed** to:

[info@nevadataxpayers.org](mailto:info@nevadataxpayers.org)

An email reply confirming receipt of the application will be sent upon receipt of the application.

### **SELECTION PROCESS**

A Selection Committee comprised of members of the Nevada Taxpayers Association will review all nomination forms submitted. Information submitted may be confirmed to verify accuracy. The entries are numerically scored. Based on the scores, finalists will be selected from: counties and school districts with a population of over 400,000; counties and school districts with a population of under 400,000; cities and towns with a population of over 100,000; cities and towns with a population of under 100,000; state government, and the Nevada System of Higher Education.

### **ACCEPTANCE OF AWARD**

Finalists will be notified in January 2026, prior to the Association's Annual Meeting and Lunch in Las Vegas City. The actual date of the meeting will be announced later.

Finalists are invited to attend the NTA Annual Meeting and Luncheon, during which finalists will be introduced and the winner will be announced and presented with the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Cashman Good Government Award trophy.

# **TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CASHMAN GOOD GOVERNMENT AWARD INSTRUCTIONS**

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*Please read the instructions prior to filling out the application. You are encouraged to use the Fillable PDF form.*

1. Use the name of the nominee(s) as it would appear on the Award.
2. Respond to all questions. The completeness and format of the application are considered in final scoring.
3. Where an answer is YES or NO, the fillable form will mark with a check mark. If using the Word file to complete the application, mark YES or NO questions with an X.
4. Where a narrative is required, please use simple language. If acronyms are used, please use parentheses to spell out the full words the acronym stands for. (You need to do this only the first time you use the acronym.) Avoid technical jargon and abbreviations of work units or program names. This will assist the Selection Committee in understanding the entry.
5. The response space for all questions *is intentionally limited to promote a concise description* of the nominee's achievement. PART I is limited to 150 words or less. Please structure your answer to PART I according to the outline provided on that portion of the nomination form.
6. Do not increase the size or style of the type-face. The space allocated for Part I will accommodate 150 words. For any narrative in Parts II or III, please keep your response concise; however, if additional space is required, use the last page and indicate the question you are answering.
7. Remember the questions relate to the nominee's performance and productivity achievement so the answers given are to be based on that criteria. (Review the Criteria To Be Considered on the previous page of this document.)
8. In Part III, you may cite documents that will support your results. You may be asked to provide copies of such documents to the Selection Committee. **Do not** attach reports, videos, pictures, etc. They will not be provided to the Selection Committee.
9. Nomination forms are available in Word and Fillable PDF and can be downloaded from NTA's website: [www.NevadaTaxpayers.org](http://www.NevadaTaxpayers.org).
10. If the nomination is for a team or department, please list the individual names of the team or department members on the last page of the application.
11. To submit the Application Form, attach it to an email addressed to [info@nevadataxpayers.org](mailto:info@nevadataxpayers.org). and put "Cashman Good Government Nomination" in the subject line. You will receive an email confirmation that we have received the application.
12. **If you have questions** or are unable to electronically access the Application Form and Instructions, or are unable to submit the application electronically, please contact NTA at (702) 457-8442 for alternate instructions.





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## CASHMAN GOOD GOVERNMENT AWARD APPLICATION

*Please read entry rules before responding. Type or print all information.*

### NOMINATOR/NOMINEE INFORMATION

**PERSON SUBMITTING DATA:** *Note; Must be a supervisor or a person independent from the nominee's work unit. Nominations by peers will not be accepted. You may not nominate yourself.*

Name:

Title:

Employer:

Address:

City:

Zip Code:

Phone Number:

Best time to call:

E-Mail Address:

Fax Number:

**THE NOMINEE:** (Please Mark)

**A. Individual** ☐

**B. Work Unit** ☐

**C. Dept./Agency** ☐

**A. Name of Individual:**

Title

Department

- OR -

**B. Name of Work Unit\***

Department

- OR -

**C. Name of Department\***

\* If nominee is a work unit or department, please attach a list with names of each person in the group and identify the name of the ranking member with contact address and phone number.

### EMPLOYER INFORMATION

Employer Name:

Phone:

Employer Address (If different than above):

City:

Zip Code:

Supervisor:

Phone:

Email:

Name of Exec. Director, Manager, Supt.:

Please mark the unit of Government the Nominee is from:

State ☐ County or School District ☐ City ☐ NSHE ☐ Other ☐ (identify):

Population of Jurisdiction:

Nominee Clientele or Case Load:

## PART I - DESCRIPTION OF ACHIEVEMENT

[1] In 150 words or less, please describe the nominee's accomplishment in the space provided below. The Selection Committee will not consider that part of an explanation which is in excess of 150 words. Please structure your answer to:

- a) Describe the stated objective of the project or program.
- b) Does the project or program directly benefit or improve service to the citizens of its jurisdiction, and if so, describe how.
- c) Describe the actions the nominee took to implement the project or program.
- d) Describe the obstacles the nominee faced, if any.
- e) Describe what was ultimately accomplished, and the value, in productivity and dollar savings. (*Also see Part III, which requests a calculation of your savings/efficiency achievement.*)

**Note:** See item #8 on the entry instructions regarding citation of documents that will substantiate the achievement.

## PART II - SPECIFICS OF ACHIEVEMENT

1. Select the appropriate replies from the following list to complete this statement: "The achievement....."

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| a) required extra effort above and beyond the nominee's normal job duties ..... | No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) was part of a directive by a superior or elected body .....                  | No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) followed a major organizational change .....                                 | No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) was due to a reduction in workforce .....                                    | No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |

2. Select the appropriate replies from the following list to complete this statement: "The achievement....."

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| a) occurred due to a lack of funds .....               | No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) occurred despite a difficult work environment ..... | No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |

3. Was the achievement supported by increased:

- |                                    |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| a) funding, (include grants) ..... | No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) staffing; or .....              | No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) technological resources? .....  | No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |

Use this space to briefly explain any "YES" answers.

4. Did any private consultant, contractor or other person or work unit help to achieve the results that prompted this nomination?

If YES, use this space to briefly explain any "YES" answers.

No ☐ Yes ☐

5. Can the achievement be adapted for use elsewhere in your unit/department/agency or in other governmental units to improve program or service delivery or achieve cost savings?

If YES, use this space to briefly explain any "YES" answers.

No ☐ Yes ☐

6. If the achievement is a program or service and has a name or title, please identify it. (Do not use acronyms or include the name of the governmental unit.)

7. If there is a web address for the program or service, please provide the address here:

### PART III – FINANCIAL DETAILS OF ACHIEVEMENT

Please detail the financial aspects of the program/project, including:

a) The dollar investment required for the project/program: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The total budget of the department/agency/division: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

b) Return on investment. Did the program result in: (Please check as appropriate)

(1) ☐ Dollar savings. Specify the amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(2) ☐ Increased efficiency

(3) ☐ Increased productivity

(4) ☐ Increased/improved customer service

c) If you checked number (2), (3) and/or (4) above, please specify here how these savings/improvements are calculated.  
**Be concise.** If additional space is needed, continue on last page.

d) Explain any specific budget reductions or reallocation of funds that have occurred as a result of the achievement.  
**Be concise.** If additional space is needed, continue on last page.

## SUBMISSION INFORMATION

**Deadline to Receive Entries: 5:00 P.M. - Wednesday, NOVEMBER 26, 2025**

**Return Completed Form to: [info@nevadataxpayers.org](mailto:info@nevadataxpayers.org)**

*Please Note: If you are unable to submit via email, or have any questions about the form or award, please contact NTA. (702) 457-8442 or [info@nevadataxpayers.org](mailto:info@nevadataxpayers.org)*

Use this space for additional information.

## NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACO)

Board of Directors' Meeting

August 22, 2025, 9:30am

NACO Conference Room

304 South Minnesota Street

Carson City, NV 89702

### UNADOPTED MINUTES

**Attendance:** President Andreozzi, President Elect Gardner, Vice President Andriola, Past President Giomi, Clark County Commissioner Kirkpatrick, Douglas County Commissioner Tolbert, Elko County Commissioner Steninger, Esmeralda County Commissioner Perez, Humboldt County Commissioner Tipton, Lander County Commissioner Helming, Lincoln County Commissioner Reese, Lyon County Commissioner Keller, Nye County Commissioner Boskovich, Pershing County Commissioner Crim, Storey County Commissioner Carmona, Washoe County Commissioner Herman, White Pine County Commissioner VanCamp, Fiscal Officer Alan Kalt, Carson City Treasurer Rasor and NACO Staff (Vinson Guthreau, Amy Hyne-Sutherland and Amanda Berg)

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

1. **Public Comment.** None was given.
2. **Approval of Agenda.** The agenda was approved on a motion by Vice President Andriola with second by Past President Giomi.
3. **NACO President's Report.** President Andreozzi encouraged registration and attendance for the upcoming NACO Annual Conference, stating that he finds much value in the conference, not only for the educational components but also for the ability to have one-on-one conversations with Commissioners from across the State. He concluded his remarks by thanking Clark County for hosting the event.
4. **NACO Executive Director's Report.** Vinson informed the Board that he had recently received a memo from the Department of Indigent Defense Services (DIDS) regarding the 48-hour Rule that requires a pre-trial release hearing to be conducted within 48 hours of arrest, including weekends and holidays, reiterating that the Rule requires county courts to be ready to conduct hearings seven days a week. He reminded the Board that through efforts of former county lobbyist Mary Walker for fiscal relief for counties, AB518 was passed during the 2023 Legislative Session. AB518 provided stipends for District Attorneys and Public Defenders of \$450/day. Pursuant to the memo received, AB518 had expired, but the Legislature included funding in the Governor's budget equal to the funding included in AB518. The new funding also included a change that allows counties to request reimbursement through DIDS. Vinson noted that NACO staff had also worked to secure funding to offset the costs associated with the 48-hour Rule for several legislative sessions. Commissioner Reese inquired if the new funding was subject to PERS contributions, noting that PERS contribution levels continue to increase yearly and that those increases have a significant impact on county budgets. Vinson stated that the stipends were previously subject to PERS, and that the new funding may also be included in those contributions, but that according to the memo, an official opinion had not been made to determine that

component. Vinson concluded his report by stating that he will update the Board when that information is received.

5. **Approval of Minutes of the June 27, 2025, NACO Board of Directors Meeting.** The minutes were approved on a motion by Vice President Andriola with second by Past President Giomi.
6. **Update from the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, James Settlemeyer, Director.** President Andreozzi thanked the Director for his presentation and remarked on his long history of service to the State. Director Settlemeyer thanked the Board for their support and noted that he is grateful for the partnership with counties and the open lines of communication. He discussed changes at the Federal level, noting that some of the streamlining of processes were good, but that there were also challenges that come with much shorter federal project review timelines. He discussed challenges with Federal staffing levels but also applauded the decreased payment timelines which allow for counties to receive reimbursements more quickly. Director Settlemeyer discussed FMAG (Fire Management Assistance Grants) for wildfire recovery, noting that none had ever been approved for rural Nevada and that a lack of homes in a fire area does not mean there is a lack of impact. He also informed the Board that the Department of Environmental Protection is catching up with geothermal project applications and the Sagebrush Ecosystem Council (SEC) is also being able to issue proper system credits to avoid negative impacts from the projects. The Director encouraged the Board to bring forward issues with Nevada Administrative Code regulations, noting that the Department is extremely interested in streamlining processes, utilizing OHV licensing challenges due to a requirement for VIN inspections as an example. He informed the Board that the Department hired new personnel in the restructuring of their IT Department, a hearing officer at the Division of Water Resources and that they are looking into the development of a program for the use of AI technology, specifically in a closed loop application. Director Settlemeyer also discussed the importance of maintaining the deadline for submission of vested water right claims and the challenges with determining the ownership of pre-statutory claims versus deed water rights. Past President Giomi informed the Director that there is a Nevada based company doing closed AI programing and that Washoe County and Carson City were both utilizing the firm, noting that both their programs are or will be fully closed loops, utilizing only the data entered by the counties. Andrew Rasor, Carson City Treasurer inquired about a 2023 direction from the former Department Director that would change the way County Treasurer's bill groundwater basin special settlement fees and water rights on property tax billings, specifically noting the requested changes would be highly challenging for counties. Director Settlemeyer stated that the direction came from the Attorney General based on an audit process from a previous administration. He informed the Board that he objected to the new process, specifically after speaking to the County Treasurers, and that the change would not be taking place. Commissioner Reese asked who is responsible for OHV enforcement, and the Director stated that most enforcement is the responsibility of local law enforcement. Commissioner Perez discussed a water rights issue currently occurring in Esmeralda County and requested the Director to ensure the adjudication of the complex issue was fair. The Director stated that he would look into the issue and contact the Commissioner directly. Commissioner Tipton remarked that the decreased timeline for the Federal permitting process was leaving counties out of the comment loop and the Director acknowledged the problem but reminded the Board that the State is still maintaining a 30-day comment period. President Andreozzi inquired as to how the payment for the SEC credit system works. The Director concluded his report by informing the Board that the State's role is to verify the validity of the transfer and only receives an application fee. All purchases of credits are made between the buyer and seller.

**Items 7-10 were taken out of order to allow Director Settlemeyer to arrive for his presentation.**

- 7. Presentation of NACO's 2024 Financial Audit, Michael Bertrand, Bertrand and Associates, LLC.** Mr. Bertrand directed the Board's attention to the letter entitled Communication to the Board included in the agenda packet. Directing their attention to page three, he noted that the only major adjustment required was due to GASB68 and the audit had gone very well. Directing the Board's attention to the financial statements, he informed them that he had given the opinion of 'unqualified', which is the highest opinion allowed. Mr. Bertrand then drew the Board's attention to the revenue and expenses on page 10, noting that revenues increased by \$86K mostly due to responsible operations and interest income. He then turned the presentation over to Fiscal Officer Kalt, who thanked Mr. Bertrand and his team for the detailed audit conducted and presented. Mr. Kalt then discussed the increase in investment income and association assets due to the purchase of a vehicle. He discussed operating revenues the reduction in grant funding due to the conclusion of one of the public health subgrants from the State. Mr. Kalt also informed the Board that the association's expenses were down from the prior year due to good budget management. He also prepared the Board to see reduced interest rates in the future, which will show some volatility in the investment accounts. Mr. Kalt concluded his portion of the discussion by noting that the association remains in a strong financial position. President Elect Gardner inquired if the reduction in salaries was due to the lack of a Natural Resources Manager. Vinson stated that the open position was a factor in the decrease in the salary line-item. He then noted that the Board will see a change in the salary line-item going forward due to their December 2024 decision to make the Public Health Coordinator position a staff position, formally transitioning it to the NACO Health and Human Services Manager. Mr. Bertrand concluded the item by encouraging the Board to reach out directly should they have any additional questions.
- 8. Update Regarding the 2025 NACO Annual Conference, Hosted by Clark County.** Vinson directed the Board's attention to the draft conference schedule included in the agenda packet, noting that there is more robust programming on Tuesday than has been included in the past. He announced the opening of the election process for the NACO Vice President, reminding the Board that the election would take place during the Annual Business Meeting on Tuesday afternoon. Vinson informed the board that the schedule of educational sessions would cover an array of issues important to counties and highlighted the round table with the University of Nevada, Extension to be held on Thursday morning and the Governor's address during the Annual Banquet. Commissioner Kirkpatrick informed the Board that she has some exciting surprises planned for the President's Reception and that the food for the event would be excellent. Vice President Andriola inquired about current registration numbers and Amanda informed the Board that at the last review there were roughly 100 registrants, reminding them that registration would close on September 6<sup>th</sup>. President Elect Gardner inquired if tickets could just be purchased for the Annual Banquet where the Governor would be speaking. Amanda clarified that guest tickets could be purchased for the Banquet, but that they must accompany a full conference registration. President Andreozzi concluded the item by thanking Commissioner Kirkpatrick and Clark County for hosting the conference this year.
- 9. Approval of Jessica Colvin, Chief Financial Officer, Clark County, as One (1) of Three (3) NACO Appointments to the Committee on Local Government Finance (CLGF). NRS.**



**354.105.** Vinson directed the Board's attention to the documents included in the agenda packet, giving the Board an overview of the Committee and its governing statutes. He reminded the Board that NACO has three appointments to the Committee and noted its importance, especially should a county come under fiscal watch, and reminded the Board that the three appointments have traditionally been distributed between Clark, Washoe, and a rural county. Vinson discussed the retirement of Jeffrey Share who had been appointed to the CLGF in June of 2024 at the request of Clark County CFO, Jessica Colvin. Due to Mr. Share's retirement Ms. Colvin requested to be reappointed to the Committee. He reminded the Board that Ms. Colvin had previously served on the Committee for a number of years and was a strong local government representative. Vice President Andriola stated that she had several people reach out to her in support of Ms. Colvin's appointment, and Commissioner Reese inquired about the length of the appointment terms, which is three years. Ms. Colvin was unanimously appointed to the CLGF on a motion from Vice President Andriola with second by Commissioner Kirkpatrick.

10. **Update from NACO Health and Human Services Manager.** Amy informed the Board that one of the additions to the Tuesday conference programming is a Dementia Friends Certificate training and encouraged participation in the training, noting that although the training is free it does require additional registration to ensure the proper number of materials are available. She also informed the Board that the Division of Child & Family Services has Child Abuse Prevention training dollars available for rural counties that must be expended by November and encouraged counties to contact the Division to procure those trainings prior to the expiration for the usage of those dollars. Amy also informed the Board that with the expansion of Medicaid Managed Care statewide a call would be held with CareSource, a new provider who will serve all seventeen counties on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, noting that information on the call had previously been distributed but any Board members interested in participating should contact her for the information. Amy then reminded the Board of the short-term grant to support immunizations that they had accepted in June. She discussed the need to fully utilize the grant funds within the month of June and that a great deal of work had been accomplished in the brief time period. She drew their attention to the grant report included in the agenda packet and gave an overview of the three contracts that had been entered into to complete the work, noting that the contractors had previously worked on the Live Better Lyon and Keep It That Way (CDC) campaigns. Amy told the Board that billboards were erected in Nye and White Pine Counties, and videos and other materials were produced that all counties can utilize and customize. She announced a shared Google drive would be created to allow counties access to all customizable collateral, including playbooks for media campaigns and a full library of Canva assets. Amy also informed the Board that databases had been created for each county that include inventories of affiliated groups and media contacts. Amy concluded her update by informing the Board that the paid media component of the project is performing well and that she gets regular updates on its performance. Past President Giomi inquired as to whom she had reached out to regarding the availability of the materials and Amy informed the Board that county Human Services staff had all received information on the available resources. President Andreozzi inquired as to if there was a plan for full rollout of the program collateral and Amy stated that the website is currently under development and an announcement would be made when it is fully live, but that a table outlining the available resources would be at the Annual Conference. He then inquired if the material is also for non-profit organizations, and Amy stated that it is meant for counties to champion but that counties can utilize the materials in partnership with non-profit partners to encourage engagement. President Elect Gardner noted that the collateral appears to be mostly geared towards children and encouraged outreach to older adults. Amy acknowledged that childhood vaccines are the most prevalent within the campaign, but that brochures and

individual vaccine information geared towards older adults are included and available. Vice President Andriola remarked that having customizable files is a wonderful component and inquired if the funds had been fully expended. Amy stated that the \$239K dollars had been fully expended and that having the building blocks from the Live Better Lyon and CDC campaigns had helped. Vinson concluded the item by thanking Amy for her hard work in the short time frame and the Board for approving the acceptance of the grant.

11. **Update from NACO Committee of the Emeritus.** Past President Giomi, Chair of the Committee, informed the Board that the Committee has been re-energized with a robust group of former Commissioners interested in staying close to NACO and sharing their vast institutional knowledge with current Commissioners. He reminded the Board that the Committee collaborates with staff on updating the County Commissioners Handbook and assists staff with conference educational session content and various workshops held throughout the year.
12. **Update and Possible Action. Regarding Public Lands and Natural Resources Issues Affecting Counties Including:**
  - a. **Updates from the NACO Public Lands and Natural Resources Subcommittee.** Commissioner Tipton welcomed Jeremy Drew from RCI to the meeting and informed the Board that the Subcommittee had received updates on renewable energy projects, noting that there are currently three projects with concern at the Governor's office for permitting. He informed the Board that beginning on January 1 there would be a new revenue sharing formula for energy projects on public lands and that 25% would be going to counties with additional royalty sharing revenues implemented as well. The Committee also discussed the current 30-day review period for Greater Sage Grouse plans, noting that the lack of incorporation of the University of Idaho study regarding grazing not being incorporated was of concern. The Committee also discussed the WOTUS Rule draft currently in review and the Fish Lake Valley Tui Chub's potential listing as an endangered species. Commissioner Perez informed the Board that comments were being written on behalf of Esmeralda County and thanked the Board for their support and any support comments that the counties would like to submit. Vinson concluded the item by thanking Jenny Lesieutre for her presentation on Wild Horse and Burro issues and informing the Board that the presentation is in line with the current positions of the NACO Board and that continuing work on the issue would be done.
  - b. **Discussion and Possible Approval of Service Contract with Resource Concepts, Inc., (RCI) for Services Related to NACO's Natural Resources Manager.** Vinson reminded the Board that they had previously approved a scope of work for the contract and that RCI had previously supported the association in the same capacity. He also noted that RCI works closely with several counties and has been a great partner of NACO for many years. Vinson outlined that the contract would be time and materials, noting that RCI has a history of efficient work and there is a 30-day clause for change if needed. He also informed the Board that the contract is capped at the lowest tier approved for the salary of a staff Natural Resources Manager. Commissioner Reese stated that RCI is the most qualified in the state and Past President Giomi noted that the return on investment for the knowledge possessed by RCI would be extremely beneficial. The execution of the contract included in the agenda packet was approved on a motion by Commissioner Reese with second by Past President Giomi.

13. **Updates from Members of the National Association of Counties (NACo) Board of Directors and Western Interstate Region (W.I.R.) Board of Directors.** President Elect Gardner informed the Board that he had attended the NACo Annual Conference in Philadelphia in July and that 12 platform changes and 146 resolutions had been passed during the event. He also informed the Board that Commissioner Alicia Bell, Wayne County Michigan had been elected as the 2<sup>nd</sup> NACo Vice President. Commissioner Gardner also told the Board that Commissioner Keller was reappointed as the Rural Action Caucus Vice Chair. The Board was also informed that a new Mid-size County Caucus had been formed that will have a membership of counties with 500K-1M population. Commissioner Steninger informed the Board that he would be attending the WIR fall meeting in September and that Joe Jackson had resigned and they are still waiting on information regarding his replacement.
14. **NACo Board Member Updates.** Board members gave updates on activities within their counties.
15. **Public Comment.** Jeremy Drew thanked the board for their trust and stated that he and RCI look forward to filling the gap on natural resources issues on behalf of the Board. Holly Gatske from Extension informed the Board that they had opened an agriculture and water acreage specialist position that would be housed in Douglas County and that Extension is conducting a statewide natural resource needs assessment, with hopes of creating a full-time natural resources position to be housed in Humboldt County. She also informed the Board that Extension is being hit hard by federal grant cancellations, and they are preparing to send termination notices to some employees as a result. Joel Blakesley from the Coalition for Nevada Wildlife thanked the Board for allowing the previous day's presentation at the Public Lands and Natural Resources Subcommittee by Jenny Lesieutre on Wild Horse and Burro issues and both encouraged the adoption of emergency declarations by the counties. Ms. Lesieutre also informed the Board that she has a template available for creation of the declarations, noting that their completion is time sensitive for inclusion as support for work currently occurring in Washington DC.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

**Biography – Director of Nevada Department of Transportation**

Tracy Larkin Thomason was appointed in January as the Director of the Nevada Department of Transportation by the Transportation Board of Directors. Retiring in 2021 as Deputy Director, Director Larkin Thomason brings over 30 years of extensive knowledge of the Department of Transportation's operations through administration, management, and technical roles throughout the agency.

Tracy also brings a national perspective and has a deep understanding of the federal funding process as well as proven leadership capability. For the past two years, Tracy has been working for the Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITSA), developing a national non-profit organization program department, and initiating a growing statewide smart and connected infrastructure applications. She is a transportation innovator, applying her unique and diverse experience in visionary leadership, industry collaboration, and strategic planning to advance a future transportation network that benefits all.

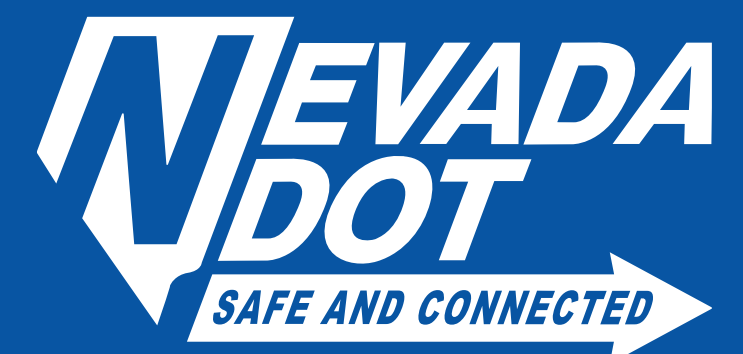
Tracy received her MBA and her B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Nevada, Reno. She is a Certified Public Manager, a Professional Traffic Operations Engineer, and holds a license as a Registered Professional Engineer in Nevada.



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**PRESENTED BY: Tracy Larkin-Thomason, P.E.**  
DIRECTOR

SEPTEMBER 23, 2025



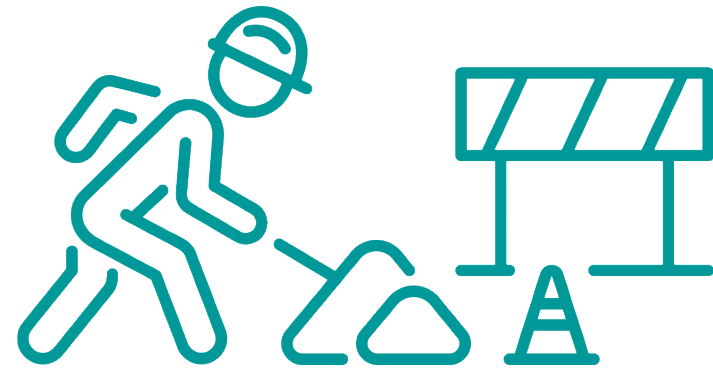




1,697

FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

+ TEMP/SEASONAL



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MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS

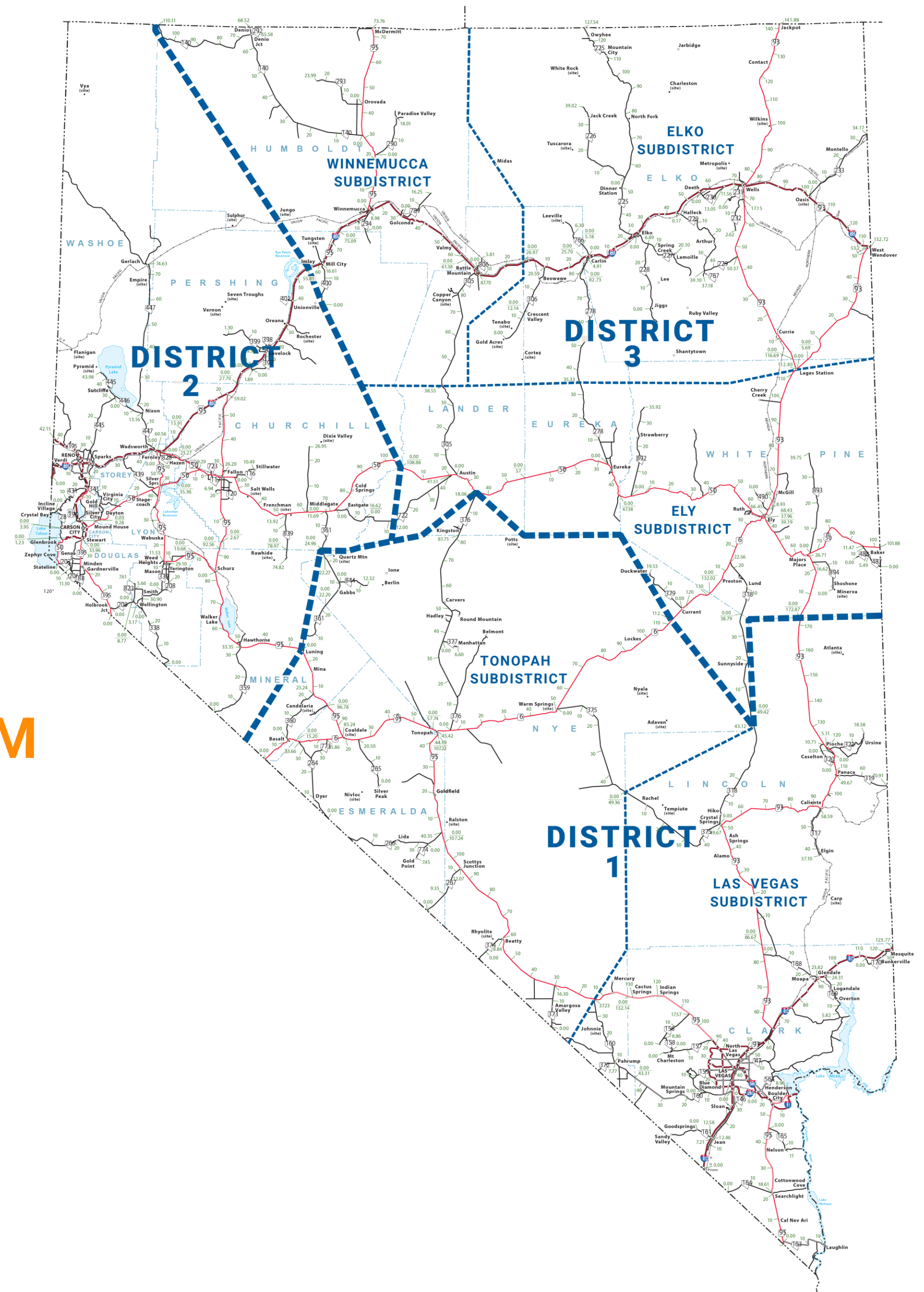
+ 3 MAJOR SUBDISTRICTS

## MAJOR DIVISIONS

- Administration & Planning
- Project Delivery & Engineering
- Operations & Maintenance

## STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM

- Bridges: 1,239
- Lane Miles: 13,595
- 5,355 centerline miles
- 14% of all Nevada roads
- 51% of all vehicle traffic
- 72% of all heavy truck traffic





**DEPUTY DIRECTOR  
of Administration**  
Sondra Rosenberg



**DEPUTY DIRECTOR  
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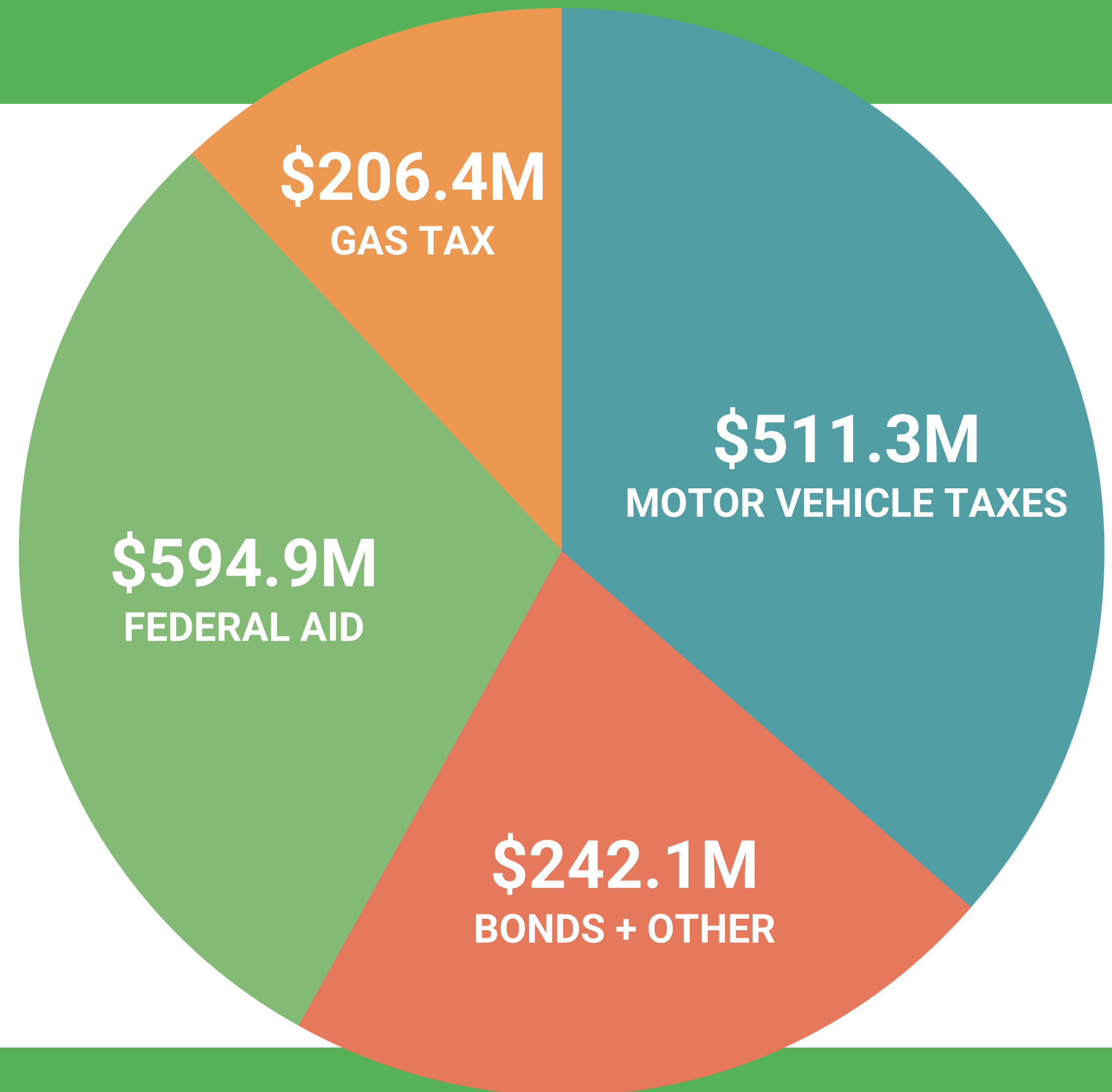


# Revenue.

## 2025 STATE HIGHWAY FUND REVENUE

**TOTAL: \$1,554.7M**

- State highways maintained by NDOT are primarily funded with highway-user revenue and federal funds.
- Nevada's Highway Fund receives revenue from different sources.



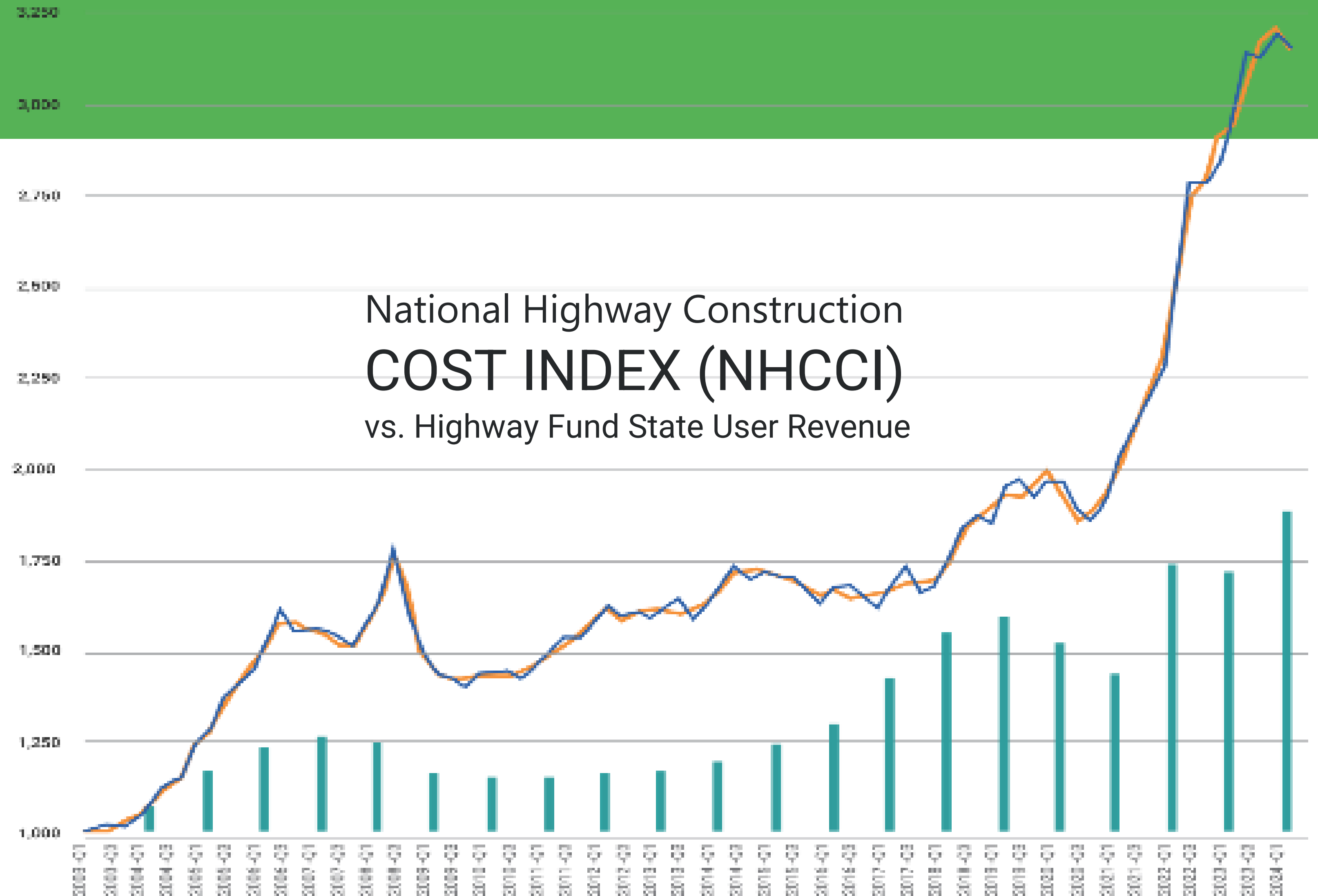


# Challenges.

## INFLATION OUTPACES REVENUE GROWTH

**74%**

**COST INCREASE  
SINCE Q4 2020**



# Rural Nevada.

## COUNTY WORKSHOPS

- Coordinate Meeting with local agencies
- Discuss Agency requests
- Review One Nevada analysis

## NDOT ANALYSIS

- Coordinate with districts
- Coordinate with local agencies
- Coordinate with districts
- Coordinate with local agencies

**PUBLIC  
INPUT**  
**PLANNING  
TECHNICAL  
STUDIES**

★ **IN PROGRESS**

## NDOT/COUNTY LEADERSHIP MEETINGS

- Present NDOT work programs, which reflects previous coordination
- Seek additional input

## MORE NDOT ANALYSIS

- Review local agency requests
- Perform One Nevada needs Analysis
- Coordinate with Districts

## Engagement Process





ELKO COUNTY

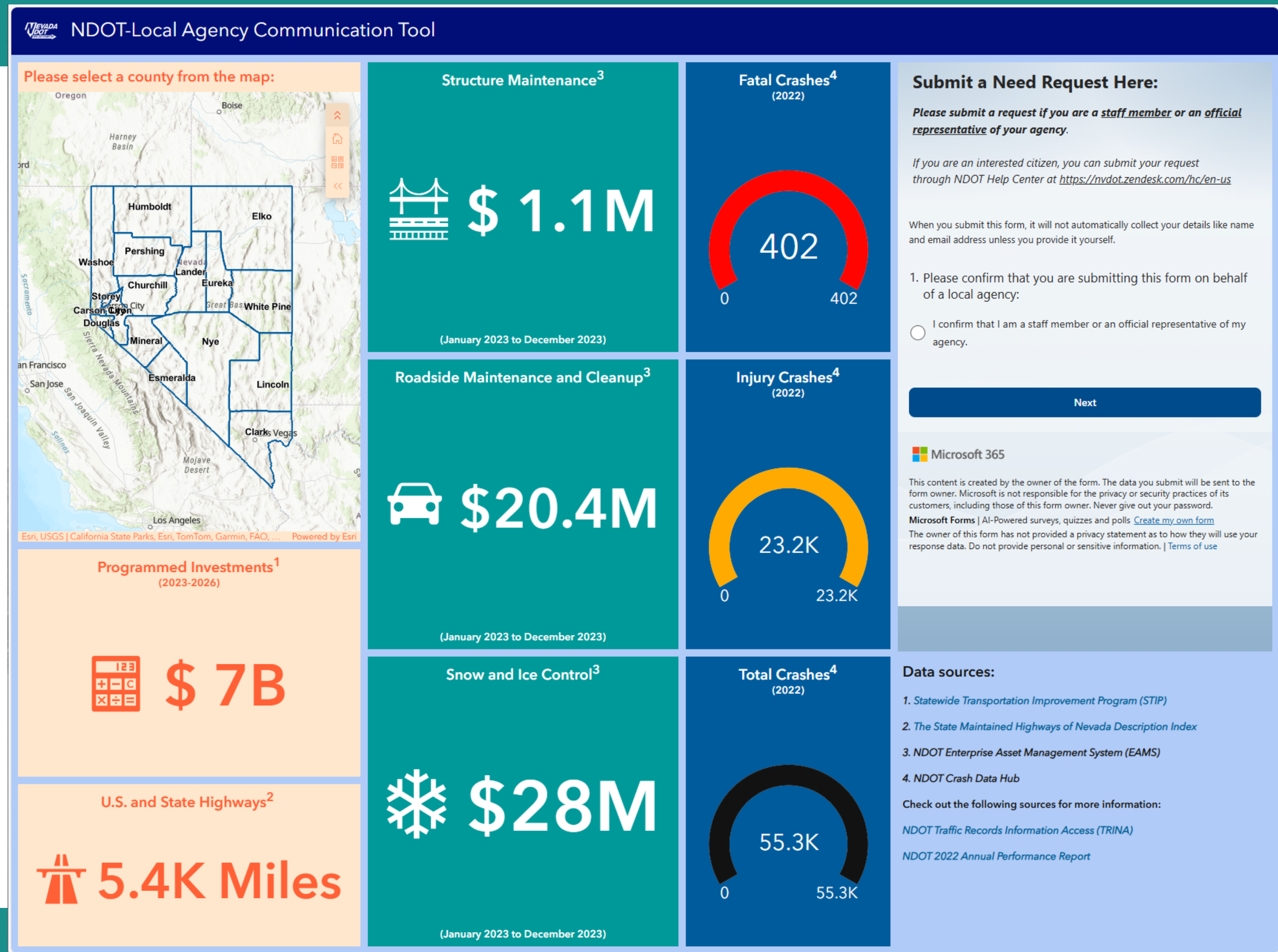
ELKO COUNTY COURTHOUSE

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
540 COURT STREET



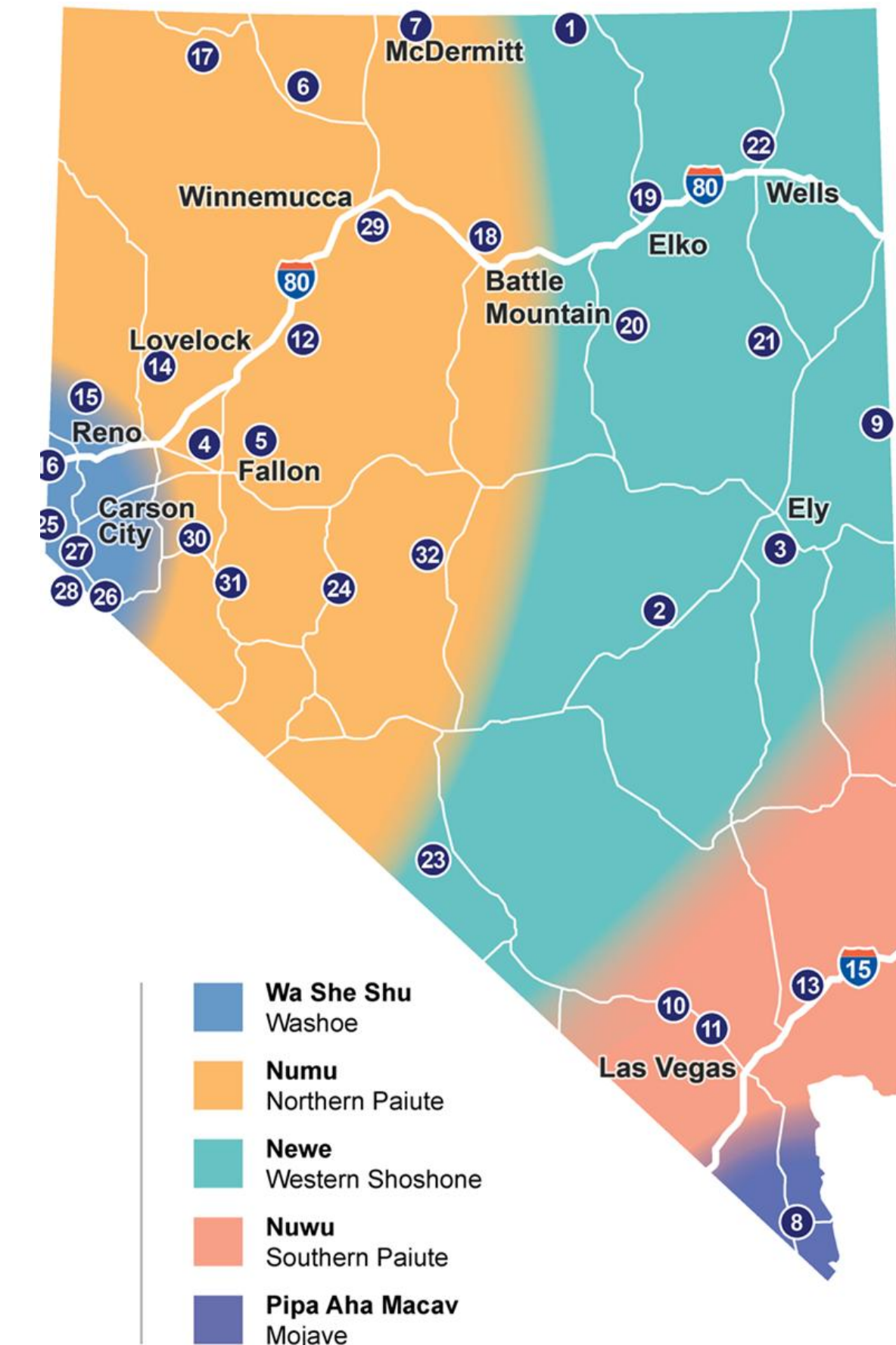
# Tools.

## LOCAL AGENCY COMMUNICATION TOOL:



# Tribal Engagement.

- Tribal Best Practices
- Tribal Consultation Website & Resources
- Tribal Consultation Training for staff
- Hired a Tribal Liaison
- NDOT will begin formalized consultation and engagement with Tribes this fall.





# Programs.

## LOCAL ROAD SAFETY PLANS

- NDOT provides free technical and consultant support to aid local agencies prepare 'Local Road Safety Plans' using core Federal-aid Highway Safety Improvement Program funds
- Cities, counties and other local agencies will be the owners of the Local Road Safety Plan
- FHWA Proven Safety Countermeasures
- Initiated in 2022, the program is approaching the end of its 4-year funding
- Strategies, activities, and projects :
  - Consistent with Strategic Highway Safety Plan
  - Are data driven to reduce roadway fatalities and serious injuries



## CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTORS

- Local Champion
- Clear vision and mission
- Collaborative partnerships
- Allocating resources to the planning process
- Open communication

**Interested? Express it now. This program is nearing the end of its 4-year funding.**



# Programs.

## What is TAP? (TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM)

- Funds smaller-scale, nontraditional, community-based transportation projects:
  - Pedestrian and bicycle facilities
  - Traffic calming, lighting, and safety
  - ADA improvements
  - Historic preservation (transportation)
  - Safe Routes to School
- Eligible applicants: local governments, transit agencies, school districts, tribal governments, MPOs, nonprofits



**TAP funds Planning, Non-Infrastructure, and Infrastructure Projects**



# Programs.

## Highly Ranked TAP Projects

### PLANNING

- Humboldt-Rubies Trail (Elko County)
- Tahoe-Pyramid Trail East (Tahoe Pyramid Trail)
- U.S. 50 Spooner Summit Wildlife and Trail Crossing (TRTA)

### INFRASTRUCTURE

- Spring Creek Multi-Use Path (Elko County)
- Auction Road Improvements (City of Fallon)
- Campton Street Improvement Project (City of Ely)



### WHAT'S NEXT?

- Highly ranked applicants will complete agreements and initiate projects
- Next call for projects in 2027
- Continuing to refine application process and materials based on agency feedback

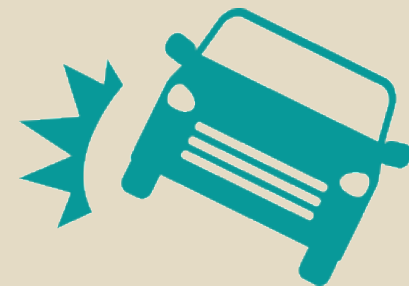




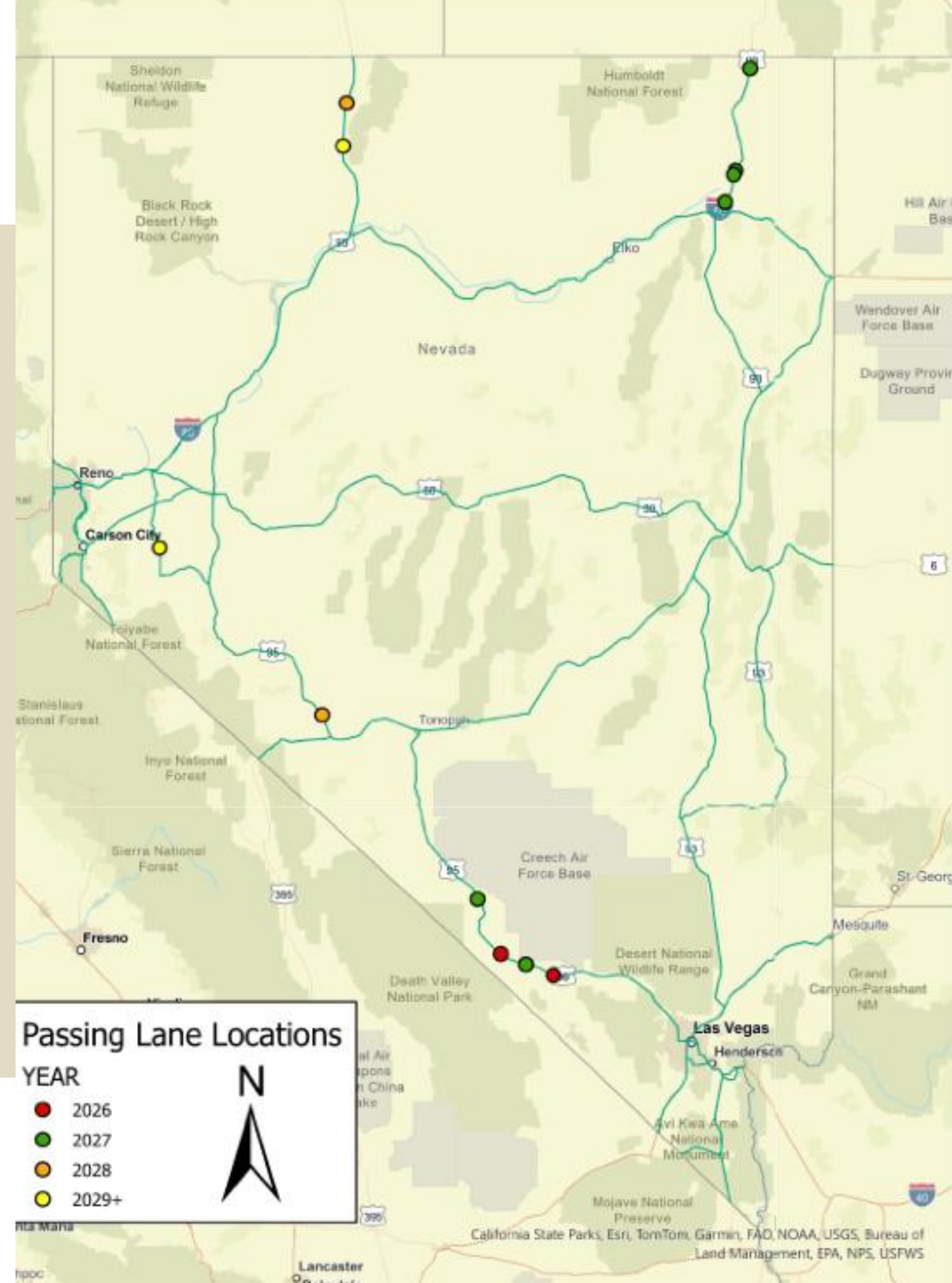
**RURAL  
NEVADA,  
IS HOME TO:**



**<10%**  
OF POPULATION



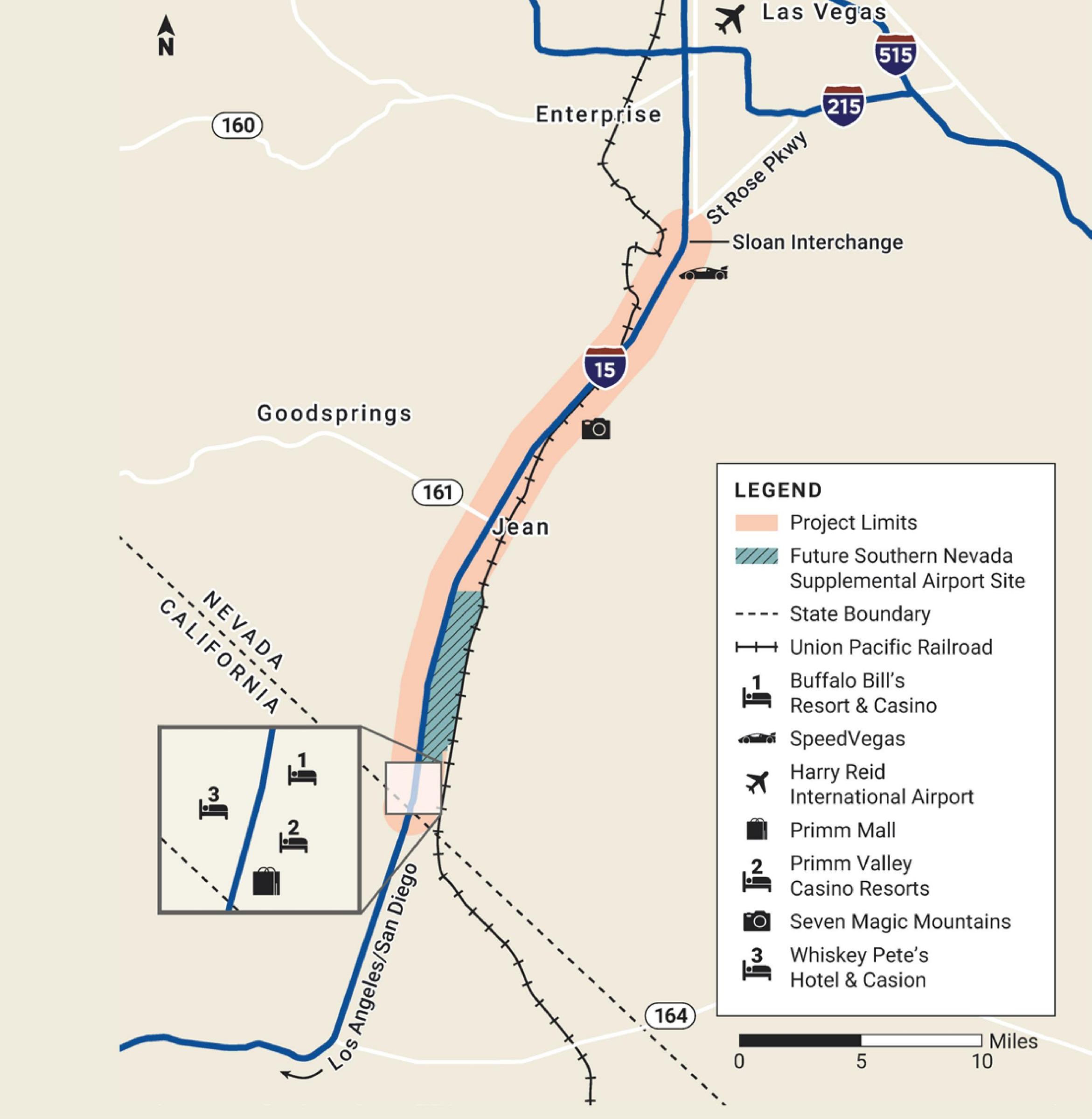
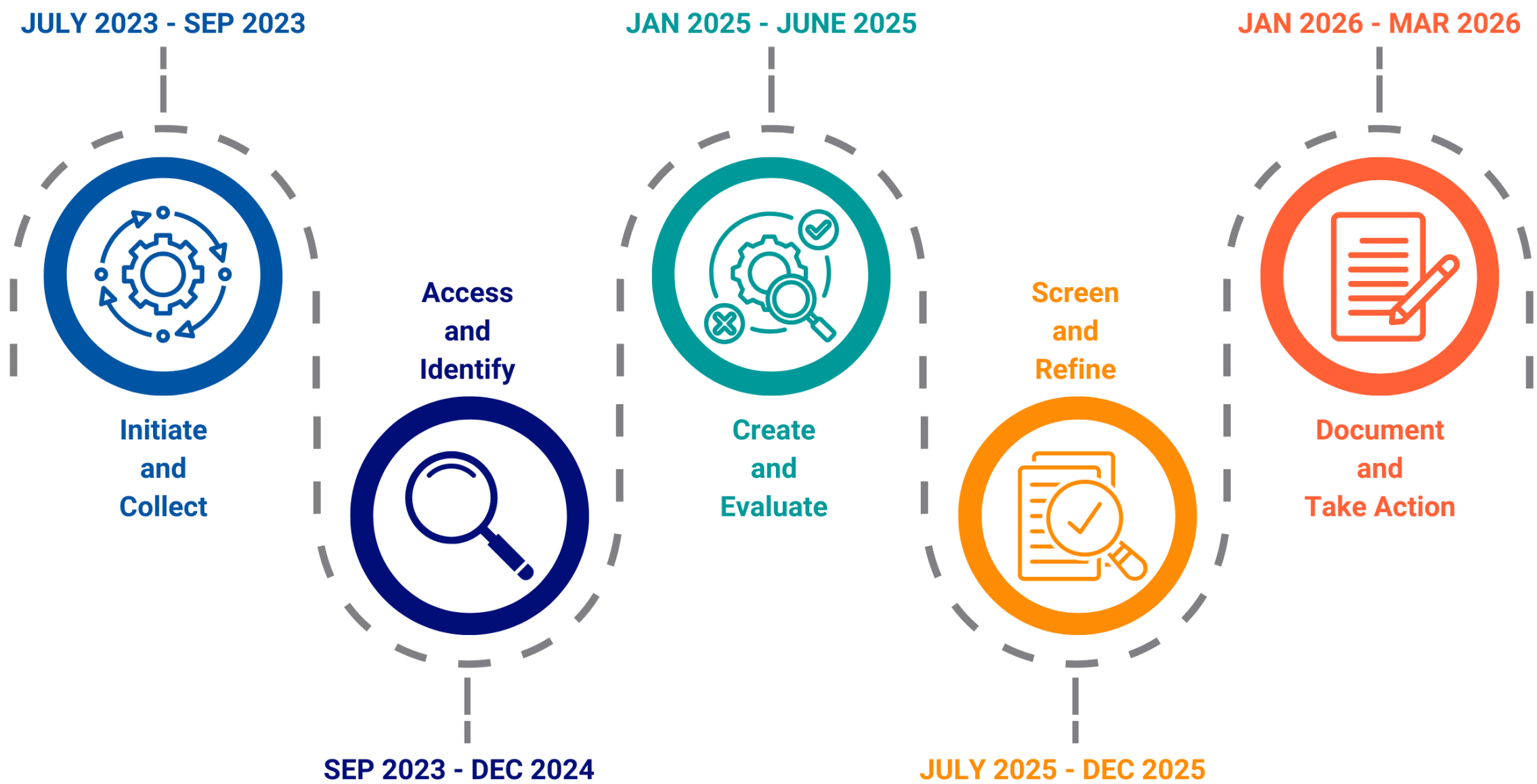
**25%**  
FATAL CRASHES





The future of Southern Nevada’s most critical tourism and freight corridor and the primary access route between Southern California and Las Vegas is under review.

STUDY SCHEDULE:

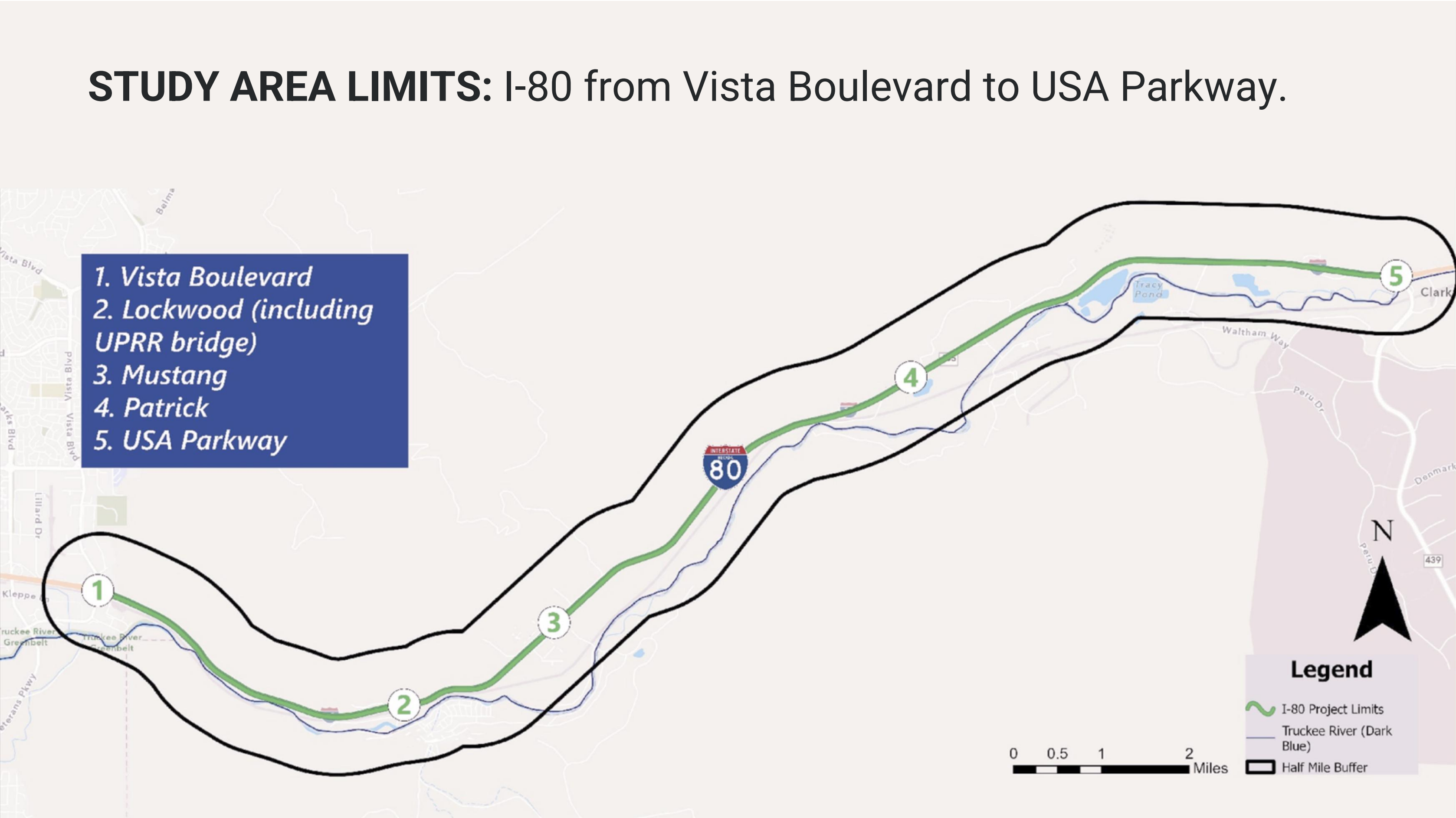




I-80 is an important part of in the regional transportation system, yet crash rates are higher than in other urban and rural interstates in Nevada.

NEEDS:

- Provide reliable travel time
- Reduce travel delays
- Accommodate growth in the region
- Enhance safety





# \$64M Construction Costs

- Reconstruct Aultman Street

- First Street to Bell Avenue

- 10th Street to 15th Street

- Pavement Rehabilitation

- Drainage/Water/Sewer Upgrades

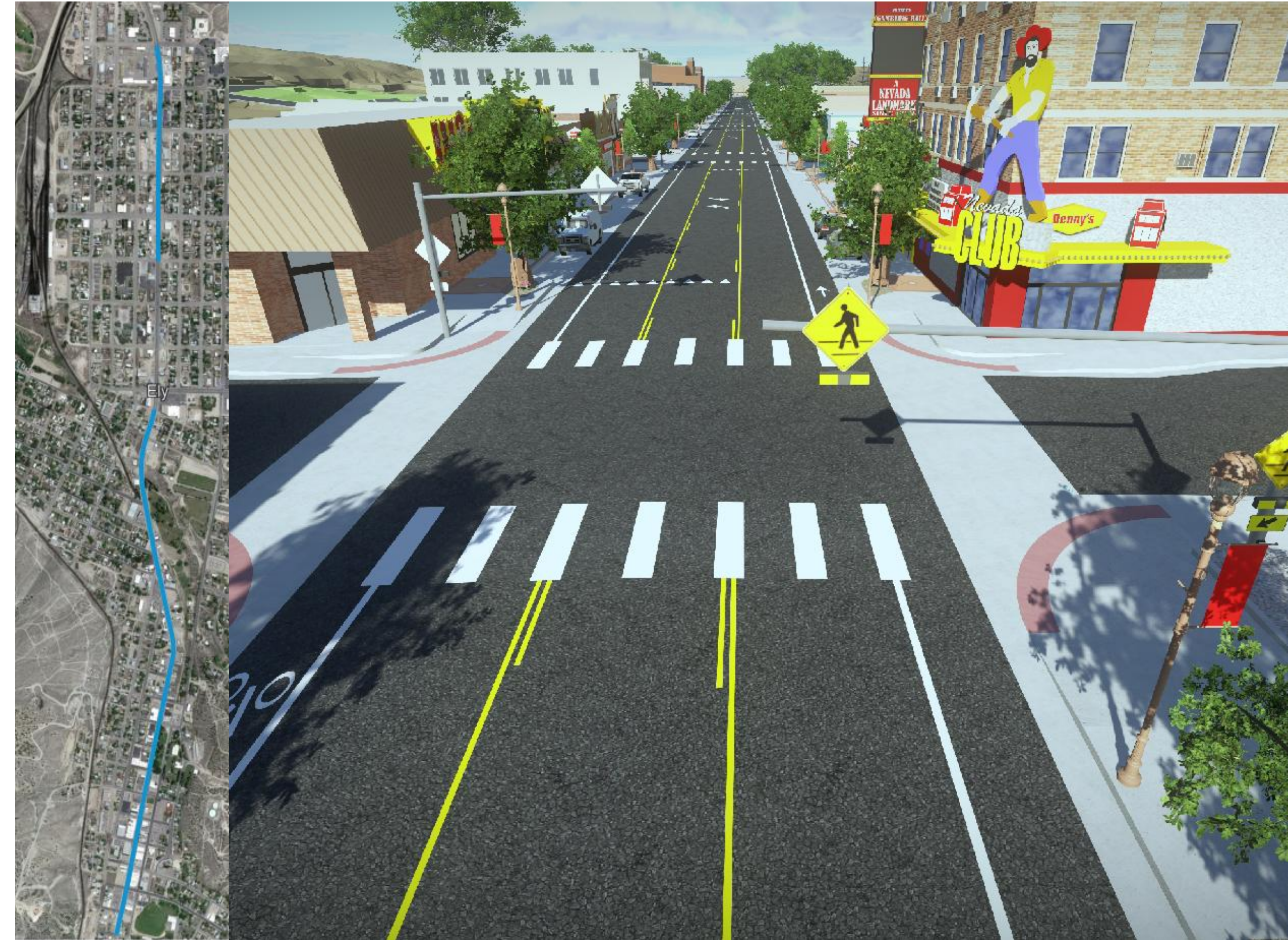
- Complete Streets for Improved Mobility

- Two-Way Left Turn Lane

- Bicycle Lanes

- Upgraded Sidewalks/Business Access

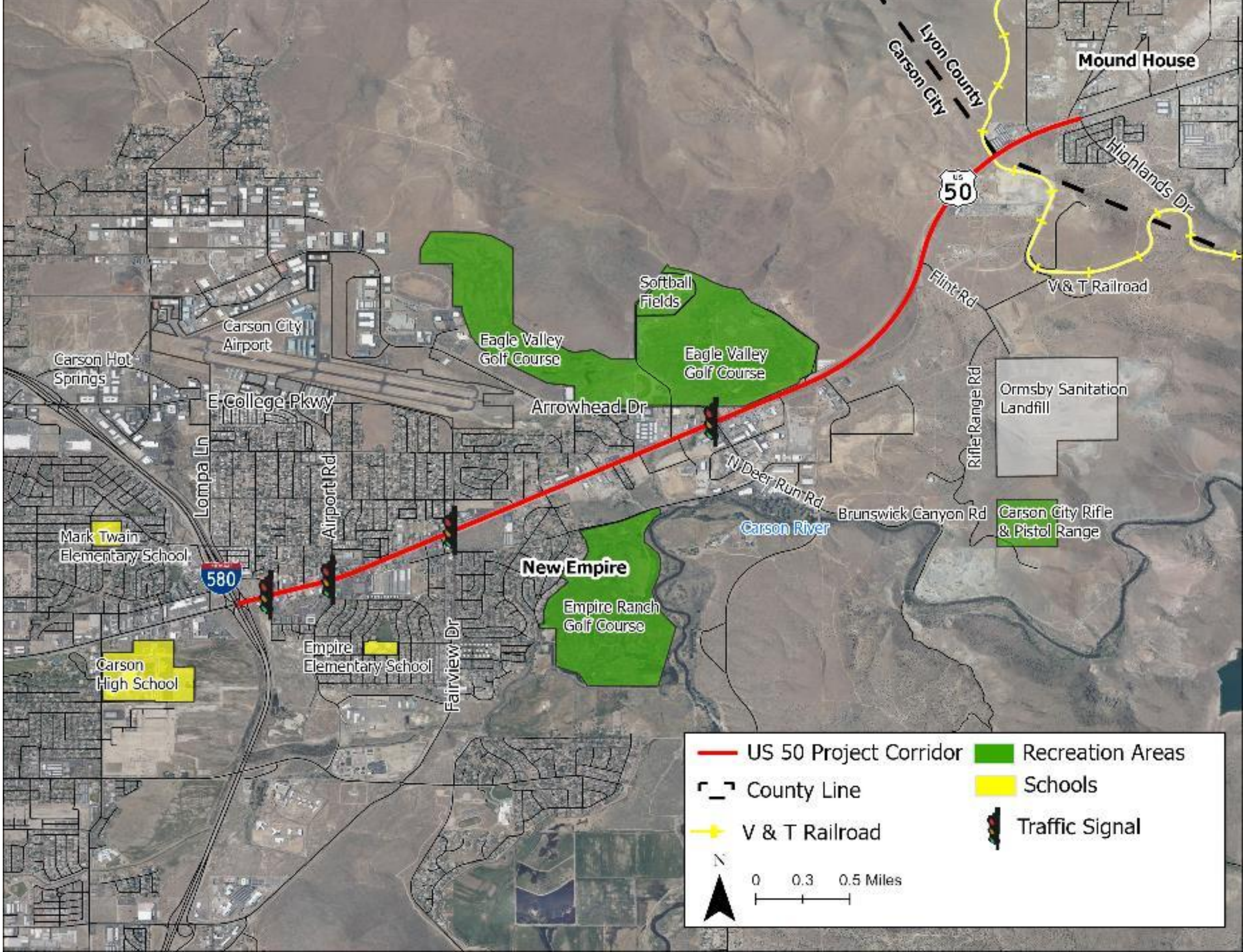
- Aesthetic Lighting/Tree Installations







Information gathered during the CAMPO local road safety plan highlighted the need for a detailed analysis of the Mound House area.





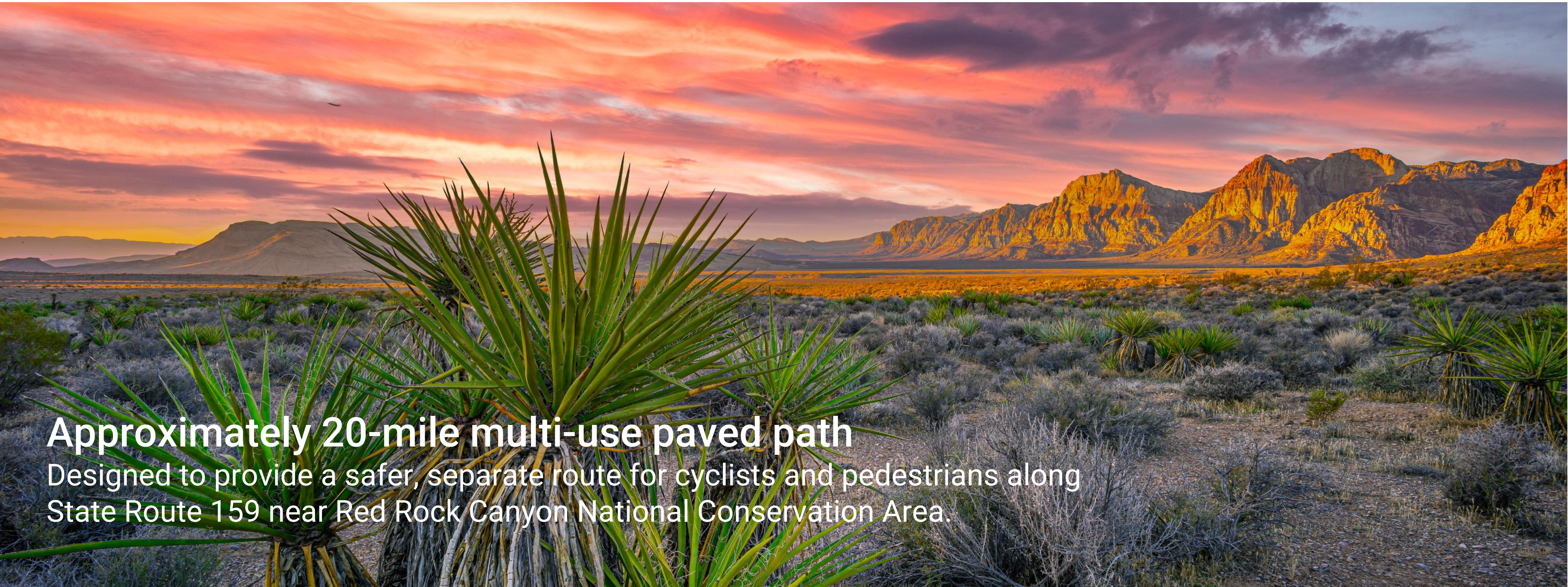


# KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Roadway Segments
- Curb & gutter
- High visibility striping, signage
- Lighting
- Sidewalk & multiuse path connectivity
- Signalized Intersections
- Improved signal coordination
- Improved signal visibility
- Safety improvements (protective phasing, improved ped crossing)







## Approximately 20-mile multi-use paved path

Designed to provide a safer, separate route for cyclists and pedestrians along State Route 159 near Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area.





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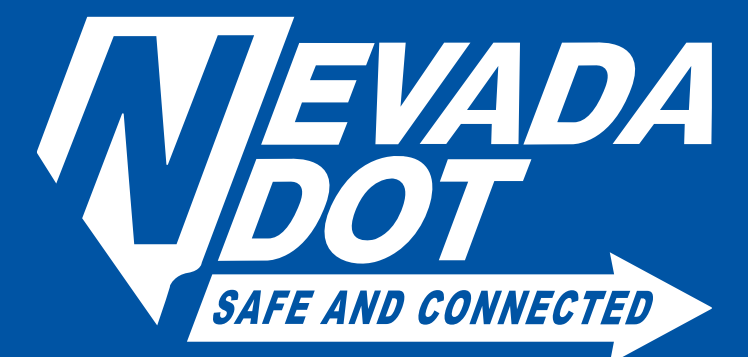
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**Thank you.**  
**ANY QUESTIONS?**



# Resolution

## *of the Nevada Association of Counties*

### **25-02**

#### **A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, suicide profoundly impacts individuals, families, and communities across both rural, suburban, and urban counties in Nevada; and

**WHEREAS**, counties serve as the social safety net in Nevada, providing critical services and supports, and are committed to fostering healthy, thriving communities where all Nevadans can live with dignity, resilience, and hope; and

**WHEREAS**, suicide is preventable, and research shows that over 90 percent of calls to the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline are de-escalated without further intervention, demonstrating the power of immediate access to trained professionals; and

**WHEREAS**, veterans, first responders, young people, and older adults remain particularly vulnerable populations in Nevada; and

**WHEREAS**, the statewide theme for Suicide Prevention Month is “**Hope Happens Here**” – Highlighting that hope, connection, and open conversations are key to preventing suicide, reducing stigma, and empowering individuals to seek and offer help; and

**WHEREAS**, talking openly and compassionately about suicide provides relief, reduces stigma, and helps connect individuals to life saving support; and

**WHEREAS**, counties across Nevada, in partnership with the State of Nevada 988 Crisis Response System, Hope Means Nevada, Crisis Support Services of Nevada, and other trusted statewide and local partners, are dedicated to advancing prevention, education, and access to care so that no one in Nevada feels alone in their darkest moment;

**NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Nevada Association of Counties**, do hereby proclaim September 2025, as “**SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH**” in all Nevada counties and that Nevada’s counties recommit to advancing hope, strengthening human connections, and fostering open conversations about suicide prevention for the betterment of all Nevadans.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 23rd day of September, 2025 by the Board of Directors of the Nevada Association of Counties.

**Attests:**

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