



# DIRECTOR'S REPORT

TRANSPORTATION BOARD  
DECEMBER 11, 2017



# FEDERAL UPDATE

- CONTINUING RESOLUTION (SHORT TERM EXTENSION OF FEDERAL FY 18 BUDGET) SET TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> WAS EXTENDED TO DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>
- INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN DETAILS ARE COMING IN JANUARY 2018
- POSSIBLE CHANGE IN INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN TO USE \$200B IN FED FUNDS TOWARDS STATES & LOCALS THAT TAKE ON MORE FINANCIAL BURDEN; BLOCK GRANTS FOR RURAL AREAS; EXISTING FEDERAL LOAN PROGRAMS; AND HELP FUND “TRANSFORMATIONAL” PROJECTS



# FEDERAL UPDATE

- NDOT RECEIVED AN ADDITIONAL \$1 MILLION FOR WEATHER-RELATED EVENTS THAT OCCURRED EARLIER IN THE YEAR (PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED \$3 MILLION "QUICK RELEASE" FUNDS)
- ADMINISTRATION REQUESTED \$44 B FOR SUPPLEMENTAL DISASTER AID FUNDING FROM CONGRESS
- ADMINISTRATION REQUESTS OFFSETS OF \$59 BILLION IN CUTS ACROSS SEVERAL FEDERAL AGENCIES
  - \$1 BILLION RESCISSION FROM USDOT; THIS WILL REDUCE FEDERAL HIGHWAY FUNDS THAT GO TO STATE DOTs
  - IF APPROVED, IT WILL LIKELY REDUCE NDOT'S FEDERAL SPENDING AUTHORITY IN FFY 18
  - AS A COMPARISON, IN FFY 17, A RESCISSION OF \$857 M NATIONALLY RESULTED IN A REDUCTION OF \$11 MILLION TO NEVADA
  - THE FFY 17 RESCISSION WAS VERY SPECIFIC AND NDOT WAS TOLD HOW MUCH OF A REDUCTION IN SPECIFIC CATEGORIES
  - CMAQ FUNDS COULD BE REDUCED IF THERE IS A FFY 18 RESCISSION AND IT IS IMPLEMENTED IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE FFY 17 RESCISSION; WASHOE RTC AND RTC OF SOUTHERN NEVADA FUNDS WILL BE REDUCED IF A PORTION OF CMAQ IS RESCINDED



# FEDERAL UPDATE – TAX BILL

- SENATE AND HOUSE HAVE PASSED THEIR VERSIONS
- RECONCILIATION IS REQUIRED TO ADDRESS THEIR DIFFERENCES
- POSSIBLE CONCERNS DUE TO THE ELIMINATION OF CURRENT TAX EXEMPTIONS:
  - PRIVATE ACTIVITY BONDS (PABs) – CAN BE USED ON PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS (P3s) TO LOWER FINANCING COSTS ON MAJOR PROJECTS
  - REFUNDING BONDS – NDOT SAVED \$14.8 MILLION PREVIOUSLY DUE TO FAVORABLE INTEREST RATES
  - SPORTS STADIUMS WITH A PUBLIC FINANCING COMPONENT



# SENATOR CORTEZ MASTO EVENT

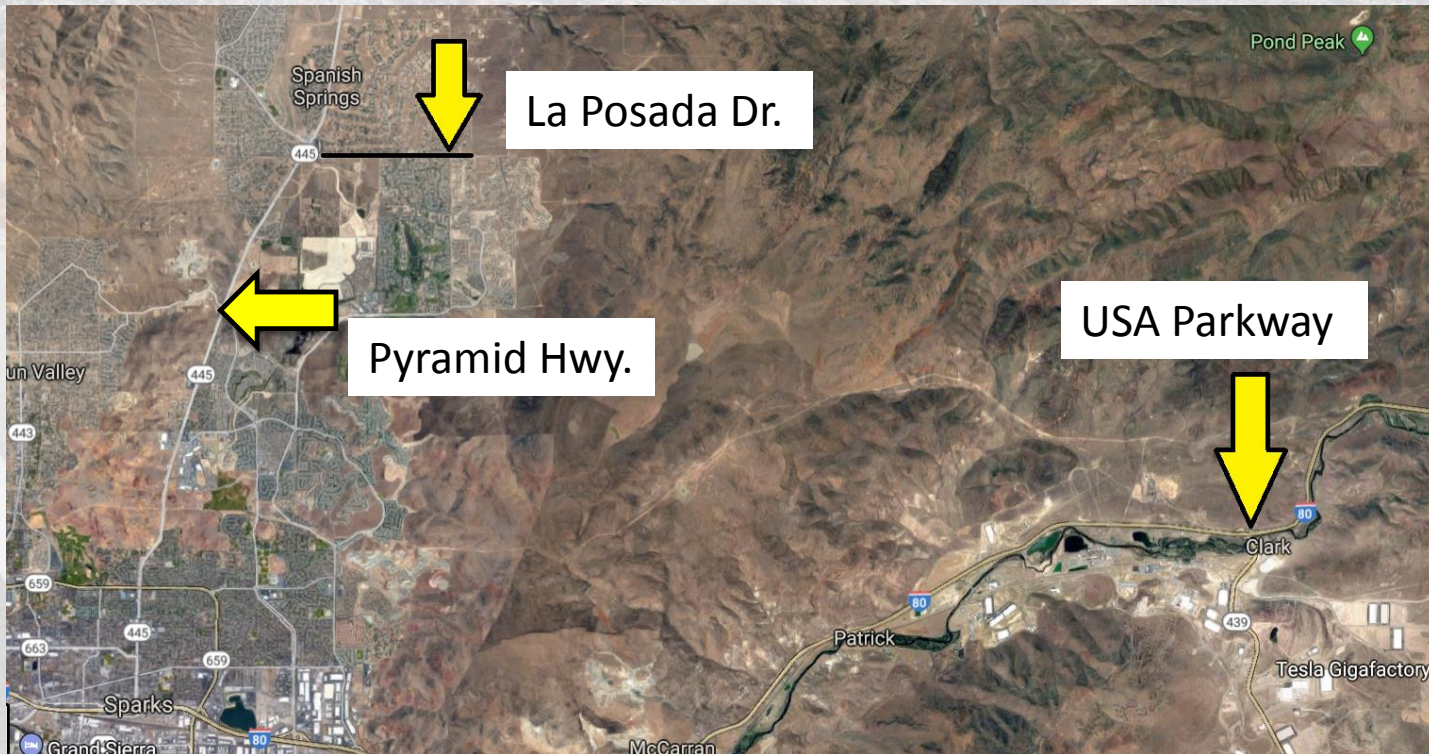
- NDOT DIRECTOR ATTENDED A ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION ON THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY IN SOUTHERN NEVADA TO IMPROVE MOBILITY ON OUR STREETS AND HIGHWAYS
- SENATOR CORTEZ MASTO IS A CO-SPONSOR OF THE MOVING FIRST ACT
- THE ACT WOULD PROVIDE FEDERAL GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR URBAN AND RURAL COMMUNITIES DEPLOYING "SMART" VEHICLE PROJECTS THAT IMPROVE TRANSPORTATION





# LA POSADA DRIVE EXTENSION DISCUSSION

- DEPUTY DIRECTOR BILL HOFFMAN PARTICIPATED IN DISCUSSION OF A CONCEPT TO EXTEND LA POSADA DRIVE IN SPARKS AS AN ALTERNATE ROUTE TO I-80 (THEN EAST TO TRIC)
- REPRESENTATIVES FROM GOED, EDAWN, WASHOE COUNTY RTC, CITY OF RENO, CITY OF SPARKS AND TESLA PARTICIPATED IN THE DISCUSSION
- AN EXTENSION OF LA POSADA COULD RELIEVE TRAFFIC ON PYRAMID HIGHWAY BY PROVIDING AN ALTERNATIVE FOR COMMUTERS TO THE TAHOE-RENO INDUSTRIAL CENTER







# USA PARKWAY UPDATE

- TRAFFIC SIGNAL PROJECT AT ELECTRIC AVENUE IS SCHEDULED TO ADVERTISE DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> FOR FOUR WEEKS; INCLUDES LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT NEAR I-80 INTERCHANGE
- TRAFFIC COUNTS ON NEW PORTION OF USA PARKWAY (FROM AUTOMATIC COUNT STATION LOCATED 1.1 MILE NORTH OF US 50)
  - REACHED 3,138 VEHICLES PER DAY DURING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 12, 2017
  - TRAFFIC IS SPLIT NEARLY EVEN IN BOTH DIRECTIONS (1,531 WB, 1,607 EB)
- TRAFFIC COUNTS ON EXISTING USA PARKWAY NEAR INTERCHANGE (FROM ANNUAL TRAFFIC COUNT REPORT FOR 2016)
  - 8,400 AVG ANNUAL DAILY TRAFFIC





# I-580 AND WASHOE LAKE

- RECENT NEWS REPORTS ASKED NDOT ABOUT THE FLOODING POTENTIAL THIS WINTER
- WE'VE WORKED WITH OTHERS TO MANAGE FLOWS THIS YEAR, DIVERTING SOME FLOW TO STEAMBOAT CREEK
- MAINTENANCE FORCES HAVE KEPT DITCHES AND CULVERTS CLEAN AND FLOWING
- NDOT HAS NO CONCERNS OF FLOODING AT THE MOMENT AND HAS A CONTINGENCY PLAN IN PLACE SHOULD SIGNIFICANT STORM EVENTS OCCUR THIS WINTER
- NDOT HYDRAULICS AND DISTRICT 2 STAFF WILL MONITOR WEATHER REPORTS, AND ARE PREPARED TO MOBILIZE AS NEEDED TO ENSURE THE HIGHWAY STAYS OPEN THIS WINTER AND SPRING OF 2018
- IF NECESSARY, IN A WORST CASE SCENARIO, THERE ARE OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO DETOUR TRAFFIC





# NORTHERN NV PROJECTS

- CONSTRUCTION ON US 50 ROCKFALL PROJECT SHUT DOWN FOR THE WINTER; COMPLETE IN 2018
- SR 28 MULTI-USE PATH WAS ALSO SHUT DOWN FOR THE WINTER
- PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> FOR DEVELOPING A SAFETY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR McCARRAN BOULEVARD IN NORTHEAST SPARKS (INCLUDES ADA, PEDESTRIAN AND ROADWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS)



# SOUTHERN NV PROJECTS STATUS

## - STARR INTERCHANGE AT I-15

- AWARDED TO LAS VEGAS PAVING FOR \$33.7M
- GROUND BREAKING HELD NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>



Interchange Rendering





# SOUTHERN NV PROJECTS STATUS

- LAMB BLVD. PUBLIC INFO MEETING WAS HELD IN LAS VEGAS ON DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> TO DEVELOP A SAFETY MANAGEMENT PLAN (ADA, PEDESTRIAN, ROADWAY)
- GARNET INTERCHANGE PUBLIC MEETING DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> TO UNVEIL DESIGN-BUILDER AMES' DESIGN
- SR 160 WIDENING PHASE 2 ADV. FOR BIDS (FINAL SEGMENT THAT COMPLETES 4 LANES FROM PAHRUMP TO LAS VEGAS, APPROX. \$80 M PROJECT)
- PROJECT NEON PUBLIC INFO MEETING JANUARY 24, 2018 TO SHARE POTENTIAL TRAFFIC IMPACTS AS I-15 RECONSTRUCTION BEGINS IN 2018



# SOUTHERN NV PROJECTS STATUS

- PROJECT NEON WAS SELECTED AS TRANSPORTATION PROJECT OF THE YEAR BY AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE MAGAZINE





# SOUTHERN NV PROJECTS STATUS

## - TROP & LV BLVD PED BRIDGES

- ON SCHEDULE TO COMPLETE THE FINAL PED BRIDGE BEFORE NEW YEAR'S EVE
- TRANSFER AGREEMENT TERMS NEGOTIATED; AWAITING CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL ON DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>
- AGREED TO ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR COUNTY TO ADD MAINTENANCE TO THEIR CURRENT PED BRIDGE MTC. CONTRACTOR (APPROX. \$322K, BUT DECREASES EACH MONTH UNTIL TRANSFER AGREEMENT IS EXECUTED)
- NDOT ALSO AGREED TO SUPPLY CLARK COUNTY WITH SPARE PARTS



# RECENT SETTLEMENTS & VERDICTS

- NO SETTLEMENTS WERE PRESENTED AT NOVEMBER 2017 BOE
- NO SETTLEMENTS WILL BE PRESENTED AT DECEMBER 2017 BOE
- SETTLEMENT WITH I-15 & CACTUS LLC TO BE PRESENTED AT JANUARY 2018 BOE, \$815K (\$65K ADDITIONAL FROM AMOUNT DEPOSITED WITH COURT; FOR CACTUS INTERCHANGE AT I-15)



**QUESTIONS?**



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