

# Henderson Interchange Project Public Information Meeting

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### WHAT CAN I EXPECT TONIGHT?

- Updated project information
- Project timeline
- Opportunity to submit comments
- Discussion with project staff

Virtual Public Meeting: July 6 – August 5 http://dot.nv.gov/hendersoninterchange





### WHAT IS THE PROJECT AREA?

#### Study area limits:

Valle Verde Drive to the west,
 Van Wagenen Street to the east,
 Galleria Drive to the north, and
 Horizon Drive to the south







### WHY IS THE PROJECT NEEDED?

- Clark County population increase to more than 2.2 million = increased traffic demands
- Roadway deficiencies contribute to traffic backups and travel delay
- Restore local access and connectivity
- Crash rates exceed statewide averages







### WHAT IS THE PROJECT'S PURPOSE?

- Resolve existing roadway deficiencies in the Henderson Interchange and surrounding roadways
- Provide transportation improvements to serve existing and future growth areas
- Restore local traffic connectivity
- Accommodate regional and local plans







## WHAT IS NEPA?

- NEPA is the National Environmental Policy Act (1969), requiring federal agencies to assess the environmental effects of proposed actions before making decisions
- Using the NEPA process, agencies evaluate the environmental, social, and economic effects of proposed actions. Agencies also provide opportunities for public review and comment on those evaluations





#### WHAT RESOURCES & IMPACTS DOES NEPA CONSIDER?

- Access
- Air Quality
- Archaeology
- Environmental Justice
- Geology
- Hazardous Materials
- Historic Properties
- Land Use

- Traffic Noise
- Public Parks and Recreation Areas
- Safety
- Socioeconomic Considerations
- Visual Resources
- Water Quality and Hydrology
- Wildlife





Feasibility Study

- Completed in February 2020
- Included 37 ideas, combined into 3 alternatives
- Resulted in 2 alternatives, Option 1 and Option 2, recommended for further study







#### Option 1

- Existing interchange style retained
- Ramp and freeway
   reconstruction with additional
   lanes to accommodate 2040
   traffic volumes





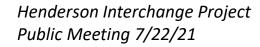


#### Option 2

 Crossover style interchange with ramps and freeway widened to accommodate
 2040 traffic volumes









Value Analysis Study and Alternatives Analysis Report

- Value Analysis Study for both Feasibility Study options completed August 2020
- Alternative Analysis Report completed May 2021
- Identified improvements designated as Option 2A and Option 3





#### Option 2A

 Modification of Option 2 crossover, where only the east-west roadways (I-215 and Lake Mead Parkway) cross over







#### Option 3

 Existing "core" interchange retained, with a flyover median connector added between

215

#### I-515 and I-215





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#### NEPA Alternatives Refinement – Weighted Scoring System

- Safety
- Traffic operations
- Performance
- Accessibility

- Capital cost
- Time to construct
- Environmental aspects

- Maintenance of traffic (phased construction)
- Additional general-purpose lane
- Operations & maintenance costs

OPTION 1	<b>OPTION 2A</b>	OPTION 3
Median Weighted Score <b>8.0/10</b>	Highest Weighted Score 9.1/10 Recommended as Single Build Alternative	Lowest Weighted Score <b>7.4/10</b>

RECOMMENDATION FOR ONE BUILD ALTERNATIVE TO EVALUATE IN THE NEPA PROCESS



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### WHAT IS THE BUILD ALTERNATIVE?

#### Option 2A – Build Alternative

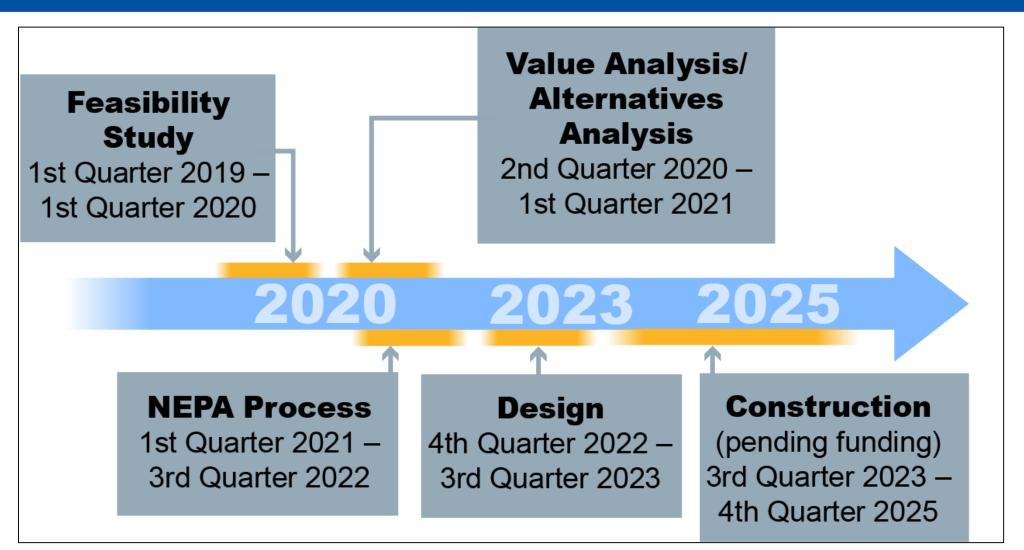
- Crossover style interchange where the east-west roadways (I-215 and Lake Mead Parkway) cross over
- Reconnection of travel from Lake Mead
   Parkway to Gibson Road
- Connection of travel between I-215 and Auto Show Drive
- Auxiliary lanes on I-11 between
   Horizon Drive and system interchange
- Arterial street improvements on Lake Mead Parkway







### WHAT IS THE TIMELINE?





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### How Do I Provide Comments?

- Fill out a comment form included in your handout packet & place it in the comment box, or provide verbal comments tonight to the court reporter.
- Submit your comment form by mail: David Bowers, PE, NDOT Project Manager
   123 E. Washington Street, Las Vegas, NV 89101
- Send email to henderson.interchange@dot.nv.gov

Comments accepted until 5 p.m., August 5, 2021





### How Do I Stay Involved?

- Project website: <u>http://dot.nv.gov/hendersoninterchange</u>
  - Link to virtual public meeting (through August 5, 2021)
     Project history, resource links, and contact information
     Information for public hearing towards project completion
- Project phone: (702) 582-9933 (leave a message)
- Project email: <u>henderson.interchange@dot.nv.gov</u>





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