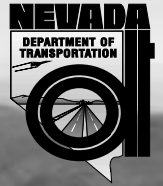


# CARSON CITY FREEWAY



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### WELCOME TO THE CARSON CITY FREEWAY NEWSLETTER

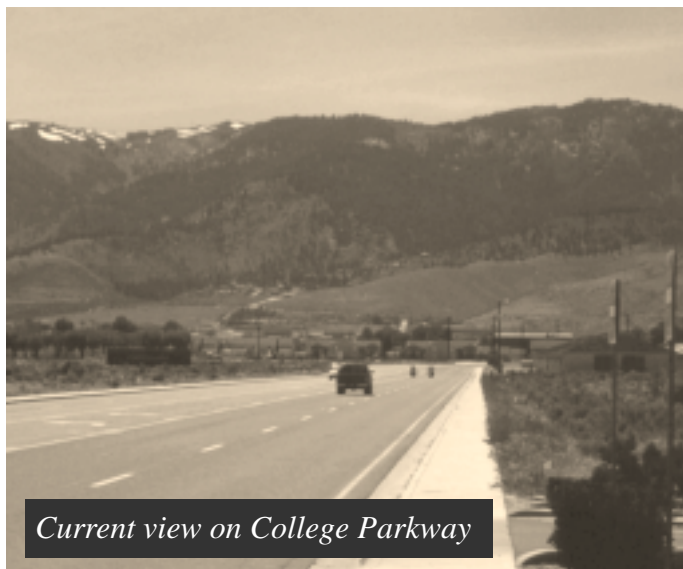
Nevada Department of Transportation wants to make information about the Carson City Freeway Project readily available to the public. This newsletter, the first in a series to be published quarterly, is intended to inform customers of project status and upcoming events. A number of other options will also be available to keep the public informed of the project such as a project web site, project phone line, informational meetings, presentations to public groups, and media information. An information kiosk is being created now to provide information as this exciting project is designed and built.

### PROGRESS CONTINUES ON CARSON CITY FREEWAY PROJECT

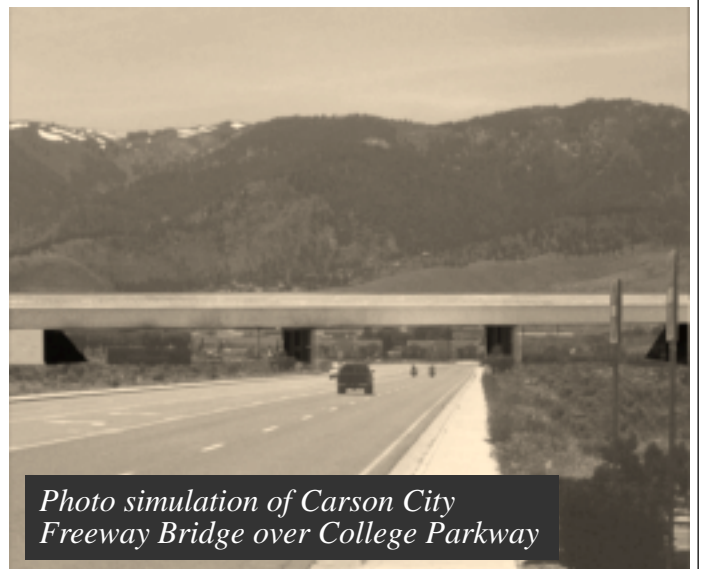
NDOT continues with Phase 1 final design efforts for the Carson City Freeway, U.S. 395. Phase 1 is 3.8 miles long, linking U.S. 395 at the northern end of town to U.S. 50 east. The proposed freeway is to be constructed as two lanes in each direction. A direct connection will be made with existing U.S. 395 at the northern end of the project near the bottom of Lake View Hill in the vicinity of Bonanza Road. A half interchange will be built at Arrowhead Drive with a northbound off-ramp and a southbound on-ramp being provided. A full interchange will be constructed at College Parkway. A half interchange will be constructed at U.S. 50, at the completion of Phase 1 when the freeway will terminate at U.S. 50 east. Grade separations will be constructed at Carmine Street, Northgate Lane, and Emerson Drive. A connection between Bonanza Road and Arrowhead Drive known as the Imus Connector will be built and Lompa Lane will be realigned east of the freeway.

Phase 1 is being designed by NDOT staff, WRC Nevada Inc., the Federal Highway Administration, and a team headed by engineering consultants PBS&J. To fast-track the project, NDOT split the work into two segments. Phase 1A consists of the four sets of bridge structures at College Parkway, Northgate Lane, Emerson Drive, and Arrowhead Drive, and the realignment of Arrowhead Drive. Drainage work is also included. Bids for the construction of Phase 1A will be requested in December 1999, with construction expected to commence in Spring 2000 and take approximately 18 months. Phase 1B includes the remainder of the northern freeway from U.S. 50 east to U.S. 395 north including bridge structures at Carmine Street, U.S. 395 north and U.S. 50, drainage, traffic control, and signal systems. Drainage structures will extend south of U.S. 50 east to Butti Way. Following completion of design, construction is anticipated to begin on Phase 1B in spring 2001. Completion is scheduled for fall 2003.

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*Current view on College Parkway*



*Photo simulation of Carson City Freeway Bridge over College Parkway*

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The latest public information meeting was held on September 28, 1999 in the Carson City Community Center. This meeting provided the public with another opportunity to review and comment on the design of the bridges and drainage



system associated with Phase IA. Also presented at the meeting was the geometric design for Phase 1B. Since the last formal public presentation of Phase 1A on August 26, 1998, changes were made to the geometric design at Arrowhead Drive, College Parkway, and U.S. 50. Separate information meetings were conducted for each of the proposed changes. The changes will benefit the public by providing improved access and reducing impacts to adjacent property.

About 35 members of the public attended the meeting, as well as Carson City supervisors Jon Plank and Pete Livermore, and representatives of Gardeners Reclaiming Our Waysides. Members of the public posed questions about time frames, sound walls, landscaping, drainage, timing of construction activities, and the mitigation of noise and dust during construction. In response to citizen concerns, NDOT will be requiring all construction contractors and subcontractors to utilize construction methods that keep dust levels to a minimum, by watering the disturbed land or by using a chemical treatment. Additionally, to keep construction noise impact to a minimum, activities will generally be performed during the daytime hours, Monday through Friday.

### CARSON CITY FREEWAY PHASE 2 STATUS

Future anticipated work in Phase 2 would add an additional 4.9 miles to the freeway. Work is contingent on future funding. A Value Engineering Study was completed on July 30, 1999. The study was a cooperative effort involving representatives from NDOT, FHWA, Carson City, Douglas County, Washoe Tribe, and two consulting firms. The study team evaluated several ideas that would provide additional value and address important issues in the design. The team worked diligently to consider important design issues, with careful consideration for community desires and expectations.

A number of action items and team recommendations resulted from the value engineering study effort. A recommendation was made to design the freeway to go under Fairview Drive and Fifth Street, significantly reducing project cost, noise, visual impacts, construction time, and necessary right-of-way. Another recommendation was to revise the design of the south interchange at Carson Street, U.S. 395, and U.S. 50. A less complex interchange from the one originally planned was recommended. This change is important to provide better transition of traffic speeds between the high-speed freeway and the lower speeds on Carson Street. It would result in less right-of-way impacts and costs, in addition to reducing the design and construction complexity. Other recommendations involve using asphalt concrete pavement instead of Portland concrete cement, thereby reducing

roadway noise and initial project costs. Additional issues covered in the Value Engineering Study include frontage road modifications, effective transitioning from high speed to local arterial roadways, and construction sequencing. Bridges would be constructed approximately one year ahead of the paving.

The study team was reconvened on November 16 to look specifically at the recommendations previously made for the freeway in the vicinity of the interchange of U.S. 50 West and U.S. 395 in south Carson City. The team was asked to reassess its recommendations in light of a recent court decision in which NDOT paid over three times their appraised value for a piece of property needed for the freeway. The recommendations are expected to be announced in December 1999.

### CARSON CITY FREEWAY HOTLINE INSTALLED

A project *Hotline* has been installed and is now available 24-hours. Customers may telephone (775) 828-4797 to leave messages and questions on the voicemail system, indicating the best time for a call-back. While most call responses will be made by the project team from Monday through Friday during regular business hours, accommodations can be made to return calls to meet customers' schedules.

#### Tentative Construction Schedule

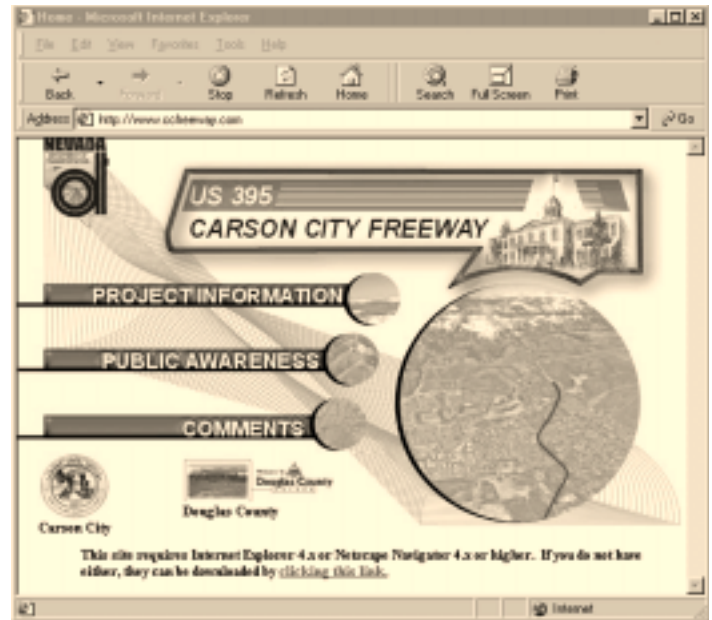
TASK NAME	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Phase IA		■	■						
Phase B			■	■	■				
Phase 2*						■	■	■	■
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## WEB SITE UP AND RUNNING

In order to provide up-to-date project information, NDOT has gone on-line with a Carson City Freeway project web site. Information that will be available on the web site includes general project information, maps, contact phone numbers and addresses, the current newsletter, project drawings, photo simulations of certain project features such as bridges, a comment/survey form, and links to other NDOT web site information. The web site address is:

<http://www.ccfreeway.com>

Three computers with an internet connection are available at the Carson City Library on Roop Street for public use. In the very near future, NDOT plans to install a computer kiosk in the community which will provide similar project information. The location will be announced in an upcoming issue of the newsletter.



## COPIES OF NEWSLETTERS MADE AVAILABLE

Want a copy of the newsletter? Newsletters will be updated approximately quarterly and will be distributed to the following locations:

- Nevada Department of Transportation Lobby  
1263 S. Stewart Ave.  
Carson City
- Carson City Hall, Lobby Information Table  
201 N. Carson Street
- Carson City Public Works Dept./RTC, Building 7  
3303 Butti Way
- Carson City Utility Department, Lobby  
3505 Butti Way
- Carson City Development Engineering  
2621 Northgate Lane, Suite 54
- Carson City Building and Safety  
2621 Northgate Lane, Suite 6
- Carson City Community Development  
2621 Northgate Lane, Suite 62
- Carson City Cooperative Extension  
2621 Northgate Lane, Suite 15
- Carson City Library, Lobby Information Table  
900 N. Roop Street
- Carson City Community Center, Office  
851 E. William Street
- Carson City Chamber of Commerce  
1900 S. Carson Street
- Carson City Senior Citizens Center, Lobby  
901 Beverly Drive
- AAA (Autoclub) / Nevada Division  
2901 South Carson Street
- Western Nevada Community College Library  
2201 West College Parkway

NDOT is also looking for additional distribution points in the community. Do you have a business where you could make the newsletter available at no cost for your customers? Are you involved in an organization where you could distribute the newsletter to fellow members? Give us a call at 828-4797 to become a newsletter partner.

## SPEAKERS BUREAU

With the Carson City Freeway Phase 1A approaching construction and Phase 1B and Phase 2 still under design, NDOT and consultant staff have developed a Speakers Bureau to make presentations to various Carson City committees, political bodies and advisory groups. The Speakers Bureau will present and describe the project, significant elements, schedule, and future project goals. The public meetings conducted by these groups are televised on local access television. This offers the public a convenient way to be informed of the project status.

## IMPORTANT NDOT INFORMATION

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