



**Transportation Resource Advisory Committee and Community Collaboration (TRAC)  
Phase I Roadway Planning and Funding  
Executive Summary**

**June 2016**

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

Following six months of in-depth study of the Southern Nevada economic forecast, current and future transportation infrastructure needs, and available funding options, the Transportation Resource Advisory Committee (TRAC) adopted the following recommendations to be presented to the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) Board of Commissioners.

Planning recommendations:

- TRAC recommends the RTC incorporate the transportation values, based on the combined public survey results and TRAC Dotmocracy workshop results, into its administrative and planning processes and agency goals.
- TRAC recommends the RTC Board encourage local governments to prioritize the adopted transportation values when submitting projects to the RTC for funding.
- TRAC recommends unfunded projects be prioritized based on a three-tier system - identifying projects via a high-priority, medium-priority, and long-term priority projects list – that incorporates the RTC’s transportation values, as a result of the TRAC workshop and public survey.
- TRAC recommends the RTC develop an online tool, similar to the one used in Sacramento, to assess roadway transportation projects in the future. The proposed project evaluation and benefit tool would provide greater transparency and accountability to the public for future transportation projects in Southern Nevada.

Funding recommendations:

- TRAC supports the extension of Fuel Revenue Indexing (FRI) as the most viable funding option.
- TRAC recommends the RTC further study, through a legislative process (i.e. interim transportation committee), funding options for long-term funding solutions:
  - Electric Vehicle tax
  - Sales tax
  - Registration fee
  - Transportation Network Companies tax
  - Vehicle Miles Traveled fee

Community Coordination:

- TRAC recommends presenting the tiered project priority list and the funding recommendations to the local jurisdictions to encourage their support.

**TRAC SUMMARY**

Ensuring our transportation infrastructure efficiently and effectively keeps people and goods moving require a variety of voices and partnerships with the entire community, including elected officials, business leaders, local governments and other public and private transportation providers. TRAC is comprised of 36 members throughout Southern Nevada, who represent large groups of citizens impacted by transportation-related issues.

In addition to TRAC, a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was formed to provide technical assistance to the committee, such as reviewing and evaluating transportation plans, proposals and funding structures. Participants include city and county managers, public works departments, Nevada Department of Transportation, and traffic safety, financial, and economic experts.

## **FRAMEWORK**

### **Mission Statement**

TRAC is committed to sustaining Southern Nevada's economic vitality. TRAC's diverse array of stakeholders work to ensure the community has the transportation infrastructure in place to accommodate current and future growth by enhancing connectivity and improving mobility throughout the valley.

### **Goals:**

- Study the RTC including its roadway and transit priorities, as well as projects and priorities of state and local governments
  - Pre-summer Roadway; Post-summer Transit
- Provide input on community transportation and mobility priorities and projects
- Determine if additional funding is necessary and if so provide recommendations on funding mechanisms for projects.

### **Agendas and Topics**

TRAC is divided into two phases. Phase I – Roadway Planning and Funding was just completed. Between January and June TRAC researched and discussed issues including Southern Nevada's expected growth, an overview of the RTC, current funded roadway projects, future and unfunded projects, and peer comparisons of how other communities fund roadway projects. A synopsis of the Phase I – Roadway Planning and Funding meetings is below:

- January 2016 - Introduction & Southern Nevada's Expected Growth
- February 2016 - Overview of Roles, Responsibilities and Current RTC Funded Roadway Projects
- March 2016 - Future Roadway Projects and Unfunded Projects
- April 2016 - Transportation Roadway Priorities Workshop
- May 2016 - Roadway Funding and Panel of Experts on Roadway Funding
- June 2016 - Recap on Roadway Funding Recommendations

### **Transportation Values**

During the April TRAC meeting the Committee went through a process to determine what transportation priorities are of most value to the group. The Committee directed RTC staff to combine their results with the outcomes from the public survey. The top five combined priorities are below:

- Manage congestion
- Enhance modal connectivity
- Increase safety
- Maintain infrastructure
- Improve economic vitality

## **COMMUNITY COLLABORATION**

The RTC launched an effort to inform Southern Nevada residents, partners, and a diverse network of organizations about the RTC and its many transportation initiatives. A diverse collection of community organizations, business leaders, and neighborhood groups were contacted with opportunities to provide their vision for the future of transportation in Southern Nevada. A total of 120 outreach opportunities were conducted, and 6,853 surveys were collected between February and June 2016.

## **NEXT STEPS**

If approved by the RTC Board of Commissioners, and as recommended by the TRAC Committee, Chairman Don Snyder and Committee Facilitator Thom Reilly will present the tiered project priority list and the funding recommendations to the local jurisdictions to encourage their support. TRAC will continue transportation discussion in September 2016 for Phase II – Transit Planning and Funding.