



Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 58.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: JANUARY 3, 2007

DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS
DIRECTOR: CHARLIE KAJKOWSKI

Consent Discussion

SUBJECT: Report on the status of the US-95 widening project between Kyle Canyon Road and Charleston Boulevard and I-15 from Clark Road to Sahara Avenue All Wards

Fiscal Impact:

No Impact Augmentation Required
 Budget Funds Available

Amount:
Funding Source:
Dept./Division:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The purpose of this item is to give the City Council a status report on significant Nevada Department of Transportation projects within the City of Las Vegas.

RECOMMENDATION:

Report only; no action required

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted after meeting - hardcopy of PowerPoint presentation by Rudy Malfaban

Minutes:

No motion required. A report was given.

CHARLIE KAJKOWSKI, Director of Public Works, gave an overview of this item and introduced SUSAN MARTINOVICH, soon to be Director, and RUDY MALFABAN, Deputy Director, of the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), to give an update on the critical projects affecting the City of Las Vegas.

MS. MARTINOVICH indicated that NDOT is undergoing some changes, and GOVERNOR-ELECT JIM GIBBONS recently announced that she would be appointed Director and replacing JEFF FONTAINE, who will be retiring. MR. MALFABAN will remain Deputy Director of Southern Nevada, SCOTT RAWLINS will replace her, as Deputy Director Chief Engineer. KENT COOPER'S role will be expanded to include government relations. JEFF HALE and BILL HOFFMAN will remain the lead project managers for the widening of US-95/515.

She continued and indicated that NDOT has identified some big projects throughout Nevada, for which financing will be sought after diligently, so that funding can be in place when the projects are ready to go forward. There is also the need to focus on safety on Nevada streets and highways and identify ways to become proactive in order to reduce fatalities.

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MR. MALFABAN used a detailed PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which is made a part of the minutes, to give an overview of NDOT and its various projects underway and future projects in the subject area.

COUNCILMAN REESE stressed that the east side of town is being left out of the plans and it needs help. Given the high cost of construction, NDOT should set aside monies now for some form of traffic mitigation on the east side. MR. MALFABAN indicated that, after extensive studies, the County recommended against continuation of the Beltway along the east side due to dense residential. He offered to look into providing more access on Pecos Road and Sahara Avenue to reduce congestion on Charleston Boulevard. He also offered to work with the Regional Transportation Commission to study a potential new alignment for the east side. COUNCILMAN REESE indicated that something needs to be done post-haste.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY thanked MR. MALFABAN for his presentation and asked him how closely NDOT is working with the police to address sun-balls and graffiti issues. He also requested submission of the PowerPoint presentation to his office in hard copy. MR. MALFABAN conceded that a better job has to be done to clean up graffiti. The target is to rectify the problem within 24 hours of occurrence. NDOT intends to look at California's computerized color-matching system for possible use locally.

COUNCILMAN ROSS thanked MR. MALFABAN for his report, noting that it answered a lot of his questions.

COUNCILMAN TARKANIAN concurred that graffiti is a big issue. It would help tremendously if it could be cleaned up immediately. The biggest concern in her ward is the Rainbow turnoff.