

R-17-2015
**RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE ADOPTION OF
THE SOUTHERN NEVADA STRONG REGIONAL PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition is required under NRS 278.02528 to develop a comprehensive regional policy plan for the balanced economic, social, physical, environmental and fiscal development and orderly management of the growth of the region for a period of at least 20 years and must include recommendations of policy relating to 1) conservation, including, without limitation, policies relating to the use and protection of natural resources; 2) population; 3) land use and development; 4) transportation; 5) the efficient provision of public facilities and services; 6) air quality; and 7) strategies to promote and encourage the interspersions of new housing and businesses in established neighborhoods; the preservation of historic neighborhoods; and development in areas in which public services are available; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Nevada region was particularly hard-hit by the economic downturn and slow economic recovery, facing challenges related to employment, education, health, a decline in property values and increasing transportation costs; and

WHEREAS, in response to the economic downturn, the City of Henderson, on behalf of the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition, sought and was awarded a Sustainable Communities Initiative Regional Planning grant to develop the region's first, federally-recognized regional plan for sustainable development; and the Southern Nevada Strong Consortium Committee and SNRPC voted to brand the project *Southern Nevada Strong*; and

WHEREAS, the grant resources provided a unique opportunity to develop a regional plan supported by extensive research and public outreach to address complex regional issues including traffic congestion and economic competitiveness, requiring input and participation from multiple stakeholders to identify goals, objectives and strategies to connect good jobs with housing, quality schools and transportation options; and

WHEREAS, the result is the Southern Nevada Strong Regional Plan which identifies and builds on the region's strengths and creates a foundation for a strong and stable regional economy and

1 allows the region and Southern Nevada Strong Consortium partners to compete for additional public and
2 private resources; and

3 WHEREAS, the Southern Nevada Strong Regional Plan and supporting activities were
4 overseen by the Southern Nevada Strong Consortium Committee, appointed by the SNRPC Board,
5 developed by six Task Groups with representatives from local governments and agencies, based on public
6 input and subject to public comment on the SNS website for a three month period; and

7 WHEREAS, the Southern Nevada Strong Regional Plan is visionary in nature and is a
8 resource rich with data, analysis, research, and input from stakeholders and residents for member agencies
9 and Southern Nevada Strong Consortium partners to better understand and address regional priorities; and

10 WHEREAS, the Southern Nevada Strong Regional Plan contains the content required by
11 NRS 278.02528, as well as a wider range of research, data, analysis and community input; and

12 WHEREAS, the Southern Nevada Strong Regional Plan was adopted via resolution by the
13 Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition on January 28th, 2015, as a replacement for the previous
14 Regional Policy Plan (2012); and

15 WHEREAS, the Southern Nevada Strong Regional Plan does not replace the following
16 separately adopted policy documents:

- 17 • Regional Open Space Plan (2006)
18 • Policies for Projects of Regional Significance (2010)
19 • Aboveground Utility Plan (2014)
• Any other stand-alone plans, reports or policies accepted by the SNRPC Board; and

20 WHEREAS, NRS 278.02528(3)(b) requires that the County Commission and city councils
21 represented on the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition, including the City Council of the City of
22 Las Vegas, ratify the Regional Plan.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
24 LAS VEGAS to ratify the Southern Nevada Strong Regional Plan, a copy of which is attached. The
25 Southern Nevada Strong Regional Plan does not have regulatory authority and does not bind the SNRPC or
26 member agencies to any funding obligation.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, consistent with the SNRPC's vote
2 at the SNRPC Board meeting of August 26, 2014, that the Regional Transportation Commission of
3 Southern Nevada will administer and update the Southern Nevada Strong Regional Plan effective April 1st,
4 2015.

5 PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2015.

6 CITY OF LAS VEGAS

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8 BY _____
CAROLYN G. GOODMAN, Mayor

9 ATTEST:

10 _____
11 LUANN D. HOLMES, MMC
Acting City Clerk

12 APPROVED AS TO FORM

13 Val Steed 3-17-15
14 Val Steed, Date
Deputy City Attorney