

FACT SHEET – JANUARY 2011

Project Overview

The Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection Study is an environmental and engineering study being conducted by the Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County (RTC) in cooperation with the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) and on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). This study is evaluating alternatives to relieve traffic congestion on the Pyramid Highway and provide improved east/west connectivity from Pyramid to U.S. 395 and east to Vista Boulevard. Alternatives are being developed and evaluated to provide for today's traffic and anticipated future growth through 2035.

The need for this study is based on information developed for the Pyramid Highway Corridor Management Plan (CMP), October 2001. The purpose of the project is to achieve the transportation objectives identified in the CMP by addressing existing congestion problems on Pyramid Highway; existing and forecasted population growth; existing travel inefficiencies; safety concerns on Pyramid Highway; and existing and future regional mobility and access needs.

Throughout the study, which began in the Spring of 2007, the team has met with various community groups, developers and local residents in the northern valleys, including Sun Valley and Spanish Springs as well as local and state agencies to discuss the project and obtain input regarding the project issues and alternatives. Initial feedback has been positive, and the study team has received valuable input from stakeholders.

Study Progress

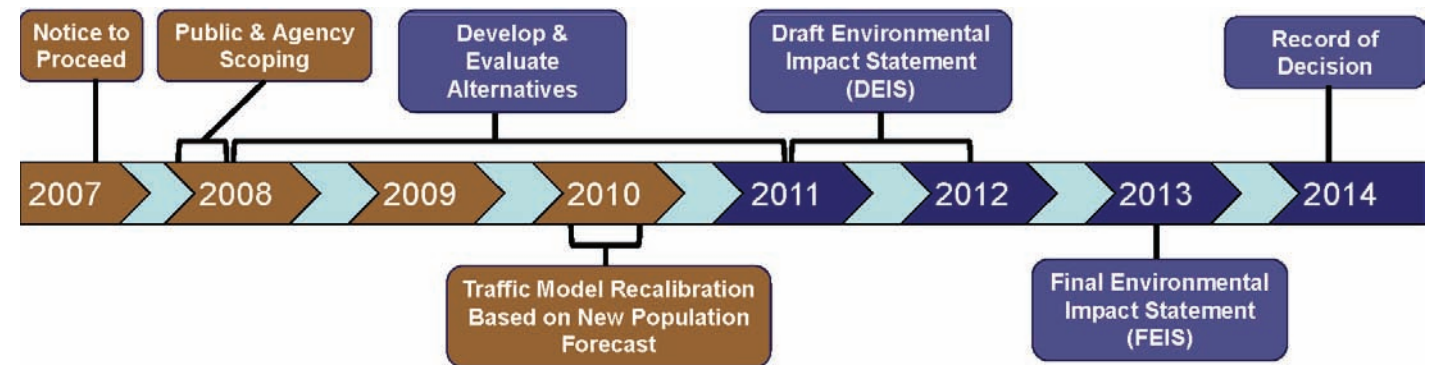
In conformance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the study team implemented a structured screening process to equitably assess the effectiveness of the improvement concepts in meeting the objectives of the Purpose and Need developed at the beginning of the study. The concept screening to this point has focused primarily on engineering feasibility, qualitative traffic operations, conceptual traffic demand and environmental impacts. Potential relocations and Section 4(f) park and recreation resources factored heavily in the screening process because of their high potential impacts within the corridor and because they represent important resources within the NEPA process as well as to the community.

The study team, with input from the public and the study Technical Advisory Committee, has performed several levels of alternatives evaluation and screening to reduce approximately 20 possible alternative solutions down to 4 alternative concepts which will undergo more detailed analysis during the next screening phase. Once this final phase of screening is complete, the remaining feasible preferred alternative(s) will be studied in depth and further refined for inclusion within the Environmental Impact Statement.



Next Steps

Over the next several months, the study team will be performing detailed traffic analysis of the remaining alternatives using updated population forecasts and travel demand models. The remaining alternatives will also undergo more detailed engineering analysis and refinement. As the alternative alignments are further refined, the study team will also be performing an in-depth analysis of environmental and right-of-way impacts and begin analysis of potential impact mitigation strategies.



How to Stay Informed and Get Involved

Improving transportation in one of the busiest areas in the Truckee Meadows begins with involving the public. The study team is committed to providing you multiple avenues to provide input, ask questions, and receive updates on the study's progress.

During this next phase of analysis and refinement, input from the public will be critical to ensure that any future project meets the needs of the communities it will serve while improving mobility throughout the region. Over the next several months, the study team will be providing multiple opportunities for the public to get involved and provide input. These activities will include focused community design workshops and public meetings, continued outreach to local business owners within the Sun Valley and Spanish Springs areas, presentations for area community groups and organizations, and informational materials and meeting notices distributed via multiple avenues.

We also encourage you to stay up to date on the study process and submit comments or questions you might have. For additional study information, including maps, meeting summaries, and presentations, visit our project website at www.rtcwashoe.com and click on **HOT TOPICS, Pyramid Highway / US 395 Connection EIS**. You may also submit comments, questions and requests for additional information to:

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STUDY ALTERNATIVES

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PRELIMINARY SUBJECT TO REVISION

- LEGEND:**
-  CONCEPTUAL FREEWAY MAINLINE ALIGNMENTS
 -  CONCEPTUAL RAMPS / FRONTAGE ROADS
 -  CONCEPTUAL BRIDGES / STRUCTURES
 -  LOCAL STREET ALIGNMENTS / IMPROVEMENTS
 -  CONCEPTUAL AT PARR INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS



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