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AGENDA ITEM 5.4

TO: Regional Transportation Commission

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SUBJECT: Update on the Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection EIS Study Public Outreach Program

RECOMMENDATION

Acknowledge receipt of the Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection EIS Public Outreach Program report and provide direction as appropriate.

SUMMARY

The RTC is committed to providing the citizens of Washoe County opportunities to learn and provide input for the projects it administers on their behalf, as directed by the Board. This EIS Study is being conducted in partnership with the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

The purpose and goal of the agency's public outreach efforts for all projects and programs is to provide the RTC an opportunity to share with the public proposed and programmed projects which have been identified to meet the transportation needs of the region. More importantly, these activities provide RTC staff the opportunity to listen to the public's concerns, ideas and suggestions for these projects. RTC staff will then address concerns, look at and implement ideas and suggestions if feasible, or explains why they may not be feasible.

The RTC began the public outreach for the EIS Study in April 2008. To date, forty-seven meetings/presentations have been accomplished through community meetings and one-on-one outreach to various citizen groups, businesses, individuals, advisory committees, elected representatives and public bodies (refer to Attachment A). This includes five community-wide public meetings, as well as eleven separate meetings/presentations between the Washoe County North Valleys/Spanish Springs/Sun Valley Citizen Advisory Boards and the Sun Valley General Improvement District Board. In an effort to engage all citizens throughout the EIS Study limits, and comply with the Environmental Justice principles as required by Federal Executive Order, the

RTC utilizes Spanish-speaking translators and translated materials at the community-wide meetings it holds as a method to reach minority populations. The EIS Study team has also reached out to Hispanic small businesses within the Sun Valley community. It should also be stated that another public outreach component used includes media releases, interviews and on-air public affairs programs which aid in the dissemination of information to the general public.

In continuation of the EIS Study public outreach, the RTC will hold a community meeting for the residents of Sun Valley, and open to the public, on Tuesday, January 31, 2012. RTC staff and the project team, including NDOT and FHWA representatives, will be available to discuss the alternatives, answer questions and receive public input. Additionally, a presentation during this meeting will occur that will include general information pertaining to property acquisition and relocation services associated with federally funded public transportation projects. Additional community meetings, as well as ongoing meetings with invested stakeholders will continue as needed and warranted. These activities as a whole follow the strategies established in the Public Involvement Plan prepared specifically for this study.

RTC staff welcomes and appreciates additional ideas and suggestions the Board may offer to enhance the public outreach for the EIS Study.

FISCAL IMPACT

All items mentioned in this report have been budgeted for in previous and current fiscal years, and there is no additional cost in connection with this agenda item.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTIONS

March 18, 2011 Acknowledged receipt of a report on the status of the project

May 15, 2009 Acknowledged receipt of a report on the status of the project

ADVISORY COMMITTEE(S) RECOMMENDATION

There are no advisory committee recommendations pertaining to this report.

Attachment

Meeting Type	Date/Time	Location	Purpose	Notification Methods	Estimated Attendance
Sun Valley Neighborhood Meeting	October 26, 2011 5:00 – 7:00 PM	Hobey's Casino	Focus group meeting with Sun Valley residents and property owners located in the vicinity of proposed alternatives	Direct mail to residents, property owners and businesses	125
Sun Valley GID	July 14, 2011	5000 Sun Valley Blvd Sun Valley, NV	Brief presentation with project status update, review of connector alternative crossings through Sun Valley and schedule for completing the DEIS and FEIS.	Sun Valley GID	35
Sun Valley CAB	July 9, 2011	115 W. 6 th Avenue Sun Valley, NV	Written update provided to the CAB	Sun Valley CAB	Unknown
Golden Valley Home Owners Association	April 14, 2011	Raleys Community Room in the Golden Valley Raleys	A presentation at their regular meeting to provide an overview of the project scope and schedule including the benefits and impacts.	Golden Valley HOA	20
City of Sparks Council Presentation	April 11, 2011	Sparks City Hall Council Chambers	A brief presentation of the two Pyramid Projects in the City of Sparks was on the agenda.	Publically noticed agenda	25
Stakeholder Working Group (SWG)	March 28, 2011	Spanish Springs Library 7100A Pyramid Highway Sparks, NV	Review and discuss Level 3 screening results and project status with SWG membership.	SWG mailing list distribution.	6
RTC CAC	March 2, 2011	RTC Planning Conf Rm 600 Sutro St, Reno	Project status update for RTC Citizen's Advisory Committee	Standard RTC CAC Agenda distribution	20
RTC TAC	March 2, 2011	RTC Planning Conf Rm 600 Sutro St, Reno	Project status update for RTC Technical Advisory Committee	Standard RTC TAC Agenda distribution	10
Sun Valley GID	January 25, 2011	5000 Sun Valley Blvd Sun Valley, NV	Project status update, review of connector alternative crossings through Sun Valley, overview of Sun Valley workshop and feedback received.	Sun Valley GID	20
Sun Valley Community Workshop	January 19, 2011	Sun Valley Neighborhood Center 115 W. 6 th Avenue Sun Valley, NV	Provide Sun Valley community with project status update and provide opportunity to review connector alternatives currently being studied and provide input prior to study moving into next phase of engineering and analysis.	Sun Valley GID bill inserts, direct mail to Sun Valley residents outside GID service area, postings in various local businesses and public spaces, door hangers to Sierra Point Apartments, pre-workshop business outreach.	118
Spanish Springs CAB	January 12, 2011	7100 Pyramid Lake Road Sparks, NV	Project status update and information regarding 1/19/2011 Sun Valley workshop.	CAB agenda distribution	20

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Sun Valley Business Outreach: Dollar Loan Center	January 12, 2011 3:00-4:00 PM	Dollar Loan Center 5105 Sun Valley Blvd Sun Valley, NV	Meeting with Belinda Corral, Office Manager, to discuss project, review alternatives, and obtain input.	N/A	3
Sun Valley Business Outreach: Sierra Point Apartments	January 12, 2011 1:30-2:30 PM	Sierra Point Apartments 4400 El Rancho Drive Sun Valley, NV	Meeting with Rita Parra, Apartment Manager, to discuss project, review alternatives, and obtain input.	N/A	3
Sun Valley Business Outreach: La Panaderia y Jalisco Bakery	January 11, 2011	La Panaderia y Jalisco 5458 Sun Valley Blvd Sun Valley, NV	Drop-in visit to discuss project and provide an opportunity to review alternatives and provide input.	N/A	3
Sun Valley Business Outreach: Creaciones Vecis Dress Shop	January 11, 2011	Creaciones Vecis Dress Shop 5446 Sun Valley Blvd Sun Valley, NV	Drop-in visit to discuss project and provide opportunity to review alternatives and provide input.	N/A	3
Sun Valley Business Outreach: CVS Pharmacy	January 11, 2011	CVS Pharmacy 5485 Sun Valley Blvd Sun Valley, NV	Drop-in visit to discuss project and provide opportunity to review alternatives and provide input.	N/A	3
Sun Valley Business Outreach: La Gloria Market	January 11, 2011	La Gloria Market 5520 Sun Valley Blvd Sun Valley, NV	Drop-in visit to discuss project and provide opportunity to review alternatives and provide input.	N/A	3
Sun Valley Business Outreach: The House of Realty	January 11, 2011 4:30-5:30 PM	The House of Realty 5442A Sun Valley Blvd Sun Valley, NV	Meeting with owner Dawn (?) to discuss project, review alternatives and obtain input.	N/A	3
Sun Valley Business Outreach: Valley Jewelry & Loan	January 11, 2011 3:00-4:00 PM	Valley Jewelry & Loan 4880 Sun Valley Blvd Sun Valley, NV	Meeting with owner Steve Ludlow to discuss project, review alternatives and obtain input.	N/A	3
Sun Valley Business Outreach: Hobey's Casino & Restaurant	January 11, 2011 1:30-2:30 PM	Hobey's 5195 Sun Valley Blvd Sun Valley, NV	Meeting with Mike Mandas, General Manager, to discuss project, review alternatives and obtain input.	N/A	4
Sun Valley CAB	January 8, 2011	115 W. 6th Avenue Sun Valley, NV	Project update and information regarding 1/19/2011 Sun Valley workshop.	CAB Agenda Distribution	20

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Sun Valley Business Outreach: Scolari's Food & Drug	January 5, 2011 4:00-5:00 PM	CH2M HILL (conf room) 50 W Liberty Street, Suite 205, Reno, NV	Meeting with Marty Breitmeyer to discuss project, review alternatives and obtain input.	N/A	3
Sun Valley Business Outreach: Rainbow Market	January 4, 2011 11:00-12:00 PM	Rainbow Market 4696 Sun Valley Blvd Sun Valley, NV	Meeting with owner, Mark Miller to discuss project, review alternatives and obtain input.	N/A	3
Special meeting with Sun Valley Residents and Commissioners Weber & Jung	October 19, 2010	RTC Board Room 2050 Villanova Drive Reno, NV	Meeting with Commissioners Weber and Jung and Sun Valley Residents, to discuss Sun Valley crossings and project status with PMT and Lee Gibson.	Commissioner Weber & Jung	22
Special meeting with Sun Valley Residents and Commissioner Weber	August 31, 2010	RTC Board Room 2050 Villanova Drive Reno, NV	At request of Commissioner Weber and Sun Valley Residents, to discuss Sun Valley crossings and project status with PMT and Lee Gibson.	Commissioner Weber	20
Sun Valley CAB	April 10, 2010	115 W. 6th Avenue Sun Valley, NV	General project update	CAB Agenda Distribution	20
Sun Valley GID	February 11, 2010	5000 Sun Valley Blvd Sun Valley, NV	Status update and design concept review for Sun Valley GID and members of the public	Sun Valley GID	20
DRI	February 8, 2010	DRI Campus/ Stout Conference Room	Design concept review and study team familiarization with DRI development plan		6
RSIC	Jan 19, 2010	1937 Prosperity Street, Reno, NV	Design concept review and study team familiarization with RSIC development plan		10
Spanish Springs CAB	Jan 13, 2010	7100 Pyramid Lake Road Sparks, NV	Status update and design concept review for Spanish Springs CAB and members of the public	CAB agenda distribution by Washoe County	20
DRI	Jan 12, 2010	1105 Terminal Way Reno, NV	DRI Master Plan coordination meeting		8
RTC TAC	Dec 2, 2009 9am	600 Suito Reno, NV	Status update and design concept review for RTC TAC representatives.	RTC TAC agenda distribution by RTC.	20
RTC CAC	Nov 18, 2009 6:30pm	600 Suito Reno, NV	Status update and design concept review for RTC CAC representatives.	RTC CAC agenda distribution by RTC.	20

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North Valleys CAB/NAB	Nov 16, 2009 7pm	8085 Silver Lake Road Reno, NV	Project status presentation and design concept review with North Valleys CAB & NAB and members of the public.	CAB/NAB agenda distribution by Washoe County and City of Reno	30
Sun Valley CAB	Nov 14, 2009 9:00 AM	115 W. 6 th Avenue Sun Valley, NV	Project status presentation and design concept review for Sun Valley CAB representatives and the public.	CAB agenda distribution by Washoe County	20
Wingfield Nevada Group – Scott Whittemore (Lazy 8)	Nov 12, 2009 10:00 AM	Wingfield Nevada Group 6600 N Wingfield Parkway Sparks, NV 89436	Review and discuss design concepts with Lazy 8 Casino Resort developers.		
Stakeholder Working Group (SWG)	Nov 9, 2009	Spanish Springs Library 7100A Pyramid Highway Sparks, NV	Review and discuss design concepts and project status with SWG membership.	SWG mailing list distribution.	9
Tanamera Development/ Iractabal Properties – Design Concept Review	October 19, 2009		Review and discuss design concepts with Tanamera Development representatives and legal representative for Iractabal property.		
TMCC/DRI - Design Concept Review	October 14, 2009		Review and discuss design concepts with TMCC/DRI facilities representatives.		
Sun Valley Neighborhood Outreach	April 29, 2009 4:30-7:00 PM	Sun Valley Neighborhood Ctr 115 W 6 th Avenue Sun Valley, NV	Open house. Provide information on project progress, potential alternatives being considered, initial findings and recommendations, and obtain public comment and answer questions prior to moving forward to next phase of analysis. Location was selected to encourage increased involvement of Sun Valley residents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email (County & State Representatives) • USPS (local area churches) • Project Web Site • RTC Web Site • Highland Ranch HOA Web Site • Highland Ranch HOA Newsletter • Public Postings (various locations) 	23
Stakeholder Working Group (SWG)	April 27, 2009 5:30-7:30 PM	Spanish Springs Library 7100A Pyramid Highway Sparks, NV	Provide SWG with overview of the Level 2A alternatives screening process and obtain feedback from membership regarding findings and recommendations prior to moving forward with additional analysis.	Email notification to SWG membership	5

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Sun Valley CAB Presentation	April 11, 2009 9:00 AM	Sun Valley Neighborhood Ctr 115 W 6 th Avenue Sun Valley, NV	Provide Sun Valley CAB members and general public in attendance with overview of project background, purpose, timeline, process, findings and recommendations, and next steps. Continued Sun Valley resident involvement encouraged and opportunity for comment submission and Q&A provided.	Standard CAB Meeting notification and posting methods as part of CAB agenda.	6
Wedekind Road Neighborhood Outreach	March 26, 2009 10:30 AM	RTC Engineering Conference Room	RTC Project Manager, Doug Maloy, met with residents from the Wedekind Road area at their request to discuss concerns and answer questions regarding alternatives under consideration that would potentially impact their neighborhood.		75
Public Information Open House	March 4, 2009 5:30-7:00 PM	Lazy 5 Community Center 7100 Pyramid Highway Sparks, NV	Open house. Provide information on project progress, potential alternatives being considered, initial findings and recommendations, and obtain public comment and answer questions prior to moving forward to next phase of analysis.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email • RGJ • Ahoal • Sparks Tribune • RTC press release • "The Road Ahead" • Project Web Site • RTC Web Site • NDOT Web Site • Public Postings (various locations) 	11
Stakeholder Working Group (SWG)	July 28, 2008 5:30-7:30 PM	Desert Research Institute 2215 Raggio Parkway Reno, NV	Provide SWG with overview of the Level 1 Alternatives Development and Screening Process and obtain feedback from membership regarding findings and recommendations prior to moving forward to next phase of analysis.	Email notification to SWG membership.	100
Public Scoping	April 15, 2008 4:00-7:00 PM	Lazy 5 Community Center 7100 Pyramid Highway Sparks, NV	Open house/formal presentation with open comment/Q&A period. Provide background information, project goals, timeline, overview of NEPA process, and obtain public comment regarding Range of Possible Alternatives and Purpose and Need Elements. Court reporter provided to record meeting and formal comment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email • RGJ • Ahoal • USPS (Postcard to property owners within/adjacent to study area, ~ 8,000 addresses) 	

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Stakeholder Working Group (SWG)	April 7, 2008 5:30-7:30 PM	Summit Christian Church 7075 Pyramid Highway Sparks, NV	SWG scoping meeting to provide membership with project background, project overview and goals, Team organization, overview of proposed Purpose and Need Elements, NEPA process overview, and outline of SWG roles, protocols, and working agreements. Opportunity for comments and Q&A provided.	Email and USPS notifications to previously identified public agency and advisory board representatives.	13