



Steamboat Parkway Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

How will the proposed transportation improvements improve the traffic operations along Steamboat Parkway including the Steamboat Parkway – Veterans Parkway intersection?

There are four (4) areas within the project that will increase roadway capacity and improve safety.

Steamboat Parkway / Veterans Parkway Intersection: The project will widen and improve the intersection traffic operations by adding an additional eastbound thru lane on Steamboat Parkway, constructing northbound and southbound dual left-turn lanes, and better aligning travel lanes through the intersection.

Widen Steamboat Parkway: Steamboat Parkway will be widened to six (6) lanes between Marketplace Lane and Veterans Parkway.

Damonte Ranch Parkway / Steamboat Parkway Intersection: The project will reconfigure the southbound Damonte Ranch Parkway lanes to allow drivers to use both the left lane and middle lane to access Steamboat Parkway.

Steamboat Parkway / Marketplace Lane Intersection: Safety will be improved by removing the flashing yellow left-turn signals and installing protected left-turn movements.

How will the project improve pedestrian and bicycle movement on Steamboat Parkway?

The proposed improvements will widen the existing sidewalks to six feet (6.0') between Marketplace Lane and Veterans Parkway. The Project will perpetuate the existing bike lanes to match the current bicycle facilities at the eastern limits of the project. In addition, the project will preserve the connection of the multi-use path at Fire Station 12.

During the design process, the project team considered the inclusion of a separated multi-use path along Steamboat Parkway between Marketplace Lane and Veterans Parkway. However, due to the physical constraints over the Steamboat Creek bridge, a multi-use path is not feasible to construct.

Will the existing landscape and trees be removed with the project?

The existing landscaping including trees will be impacted by the project. The RTC will mitigate and enhance the landscape areas as depicted in the landscape exhibit shown on the project webpage. As for trees, the project will replace in-kind (1:1) for every tree removed. The species of trees, bushes, and grass have been agreed upon and vetted by the City of Reno and adjacent homeowners' associations.

Will the RTC and City of Reno reduce the speed limit on Veterans Parkway and Steamboat Parkway?

Based on a recent speed study by the City of Reno, the 85th percentile of drivers are driving at the posted speed limit. Steamboat Parkway is classified as a moderate access control arterial roadway with a posted speed limit of 40 to 45 mph. The level of speed matches the type of roadway classification.

How will the driveways for the new gas station at the southwest corner of Steamboat Parkway and Veterans Parkway be addressed with the RTC proposed improvements?

Access control (the entry of vehicles to and from the traveled portion of a roadway) is a proven safety measure, as it reduces the potential for vehicle conflict. The gas station driveway accesses are designed to be right-in and right-out only.

The proposed gas station driveways meet the RTC and City of Reno Access Management Standards for both the existing roadway and the proposed Steamboat Parkway improvements.

Will there be street lighting with the project?

Yes, the project will install street lighting between Marketplace Lane and Veterans Parkway.