

FAQs

How will Washoe RTC's Arlington Bridges design be improved?

The new bridge structure will address the current structural deficiencies of the old bridge structure. The new bridge will also improve pedestrian, bike, transit, and traffic safety in the area of Wingfield Park. Additionally, the new bridge will provide sufficient hydraulic capacity of the Truckee River during flood events. Finally, the new bridge will respond to regional and community plans.

Will the new bridge design be resilient to future flooding events, including debris flows?

Yes, the new bridge design will be constructed to modern standards and be more resilient to flooding events in the future. Washoe RTC is working with various agencies currently to design potential bridge alternatives to address the flooding and debris flow concerns.

What will the new bridges look like?

The aesthetics design of the bridges, including features like lighting and wall textures, will be developed as the project moves towards final design. During the evaluation of alternatives process, a structural design will be selected for how it best meets the project's purpose and needs. Once a design alternative is selected, aesthetic guidelines will be developed for the project, and these guidelines will help determine the final design features of the future bridges.

How will the trail system be affected?

The trail system around Arlington Bridges may be temporarily impacted during the construction. However, during construction, a temporary detour will be put in place if closure of the trail is needed. Following the completion of the bridge, the trail system should function as intended.

What are the next steps for the project?

The Feasibility Study will continue and enter the NEPA Analysis phase, where environmental impacts are calculated, including impact analysis for resources like wildlife. During NEPA, the

bridge's design elements will continue to be developed with more detail to help understand the footprint of the project and some of the necessary construction requirements to protect identified environmental resources.

Who to contact with more comments or questions?

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Please visit the Arlington Avenue Bridges Project Website for more information about the project.

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