

Appendix E8 Miscellaneous Comments



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Subject: Lead Agency Invitation: Arlington Avenue Bridge

Dear Mr. Stewart:

Thank you for your letter of February 2, 2021, requesting the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to become the Lead Agency for the Arlington Avenue Bridge Project in cooperation with the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) and the Regional Transportation Commission-Washoe. The FHWA agree with your request.

We agreed also that our role in the project includes the following:

1. Continued meaningful and early input defining the purpose and need, determining the range of alternatives to be considered, and the methodologies and level of detail required in the alternatives analysis.
2. Continued participation in coordination meetings and joint field reviews, as appropriate.
3. Timely review and comment on the pre-draft or pre-final Planning and Environmental Linkage (PEL) and pending National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents to reflect the views and concerns of our agency on the adequacy of the document, alternatives considered, and the anticipated impacts and mitigation.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 775-687-1231 or abdelmoez.abdalla@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

Abdelmoez Abdalla,
Environmental Program Manager

ecc: My-Linh Nguyen, Environmental Services Chief, NDOT
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March 31, 2021

Judy Tortelli, Project Manager
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RE: RTC Arlington Bridges Replacement Project – Carson-Truckee Water Conservancy District Formal Comment and Design Feature Requests

Dear Ms. Tortelli,

The Carson-Truckee Water Conservancy District (CTWCD) would like to thank RTC for including us in the Stakeholder Working Groups (SWG) that were held this winter in regard to design considerations to be included for the RTC Arlington Bridges Replacement Project. As you know, this project will require a United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) 408 permit from CTWCD for the work that will occur within the 14,000 cfs flood channel. The CTWCD Board wanted to take the opportunity to summarize and formalize the CTWCD's comments and requirements that were presented at the SWG meetings. The specific comments that CTWCD would like RTC to consider as design progresses are as follows:

1. CTWCD would request that there is adequate equipment river access from the decks of the bridges. As discussed in the SWG meetings, the recently replaced Virginia Street Bridge has a cantilevered sidewalk as well as cable struts that eliminate the possibility of equipment access to the river from the bridge deck. This is of paramount concern to the flood fighting operations that are both a requirement of the Martis Creek Agreement and outlined in the City of Reno's Flood Response Plan. Since the Arlington Street Bridges are upstream of the downtown area, this is a critical location to be able to access the river with large equipment during flooding to remove debris that may create stoppages that could increase flood damage.
2. CTWCD would also request that channel access from the river banks be included in the design. Since the bridges are adjacent to the downtown kayak park, the City of Reno must have access to the park as it is a requirement of their 408 encroachment permit that they continually maintain and remove sediment deposits that are associated with the river hydraulics within the park.
3. Enclosed with this letter is the 14,000 cfs inundation map for the area upstream and downstream of the Arlington Bridges. As shown in the inundation map, the 14,000 cfs flow comes out of the banks of the river in that area. CTWCD will require that the proposed Water Surface Elevation is not increased by more than 0.1ft for a 14,000 cfs flow event



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and preferably not increase at all. We understand from the SWG meetings that the bridges replacement project is intended to be an improvement of the current design. CTWCD is happy to provide the HEC-RAS hydraulic model to RTC's flow modeling engineers and collaborate on methods to best model the new bridge. We are also available to provide input on the 408 permit development, if requested.

Please note for your project schedule that the USACE 408 Permit typically requires 18-24 months to secure. If you have any questions or concerns or would like to discuss the submittal requirements for the 408 application, please contact Kayla Dowty, District Engineer, at 775-336-1300 x108.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kayla Dowty". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Kayla Dowty on Behalf of

Todd Westergard, Board Chairman
Carson-Truckee Water Conservancy District

Cc: Carson-Truckee Water Conservancy District Board

DATE: April 6, 2021
TO: Nevada State Clearinghouse, DCNR
FROM: Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Water Pollution Control
SUBJECT: State Clearinghouse Comments for E2021-198 (E2021-198 PEL RTC Arlington Avenue Bridges Project - Washoe County)

Disclaimer: The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP), Bureau of Water Pollution Control (BWPC) does not have authority for projects occurring on Tribal Lands.

The NDEP, BWPC has received the aforementioned State Clearinghouse item and offers the following comments:

The project may be subject to BWPC permitting. Permits are required for discharges to surface waters and groundwaters of the State (Nevada Administrative Code NAC 445A.228). BWPC permits include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Stormwater Industrial General Permit
- De Minimis Discharge General Permit
- Pesticide General Permit
- Drainage Well General Permit
- Temporary Permit for Discharges to Groundwater's of the State
- Working in Waters Permit
- Wastewater Discharge Permits
- Underground Injection Control Permits
- Onsite Sewage Disposal System Permits
- Holding Tank Permits

Please note that discharge permits must be issued from this Division before construction of any treatment works (Nevada Revised Statute 445A.585).

For more information on BWPC Permitting, please visit our website at:
<http://ndep.nv.gov/bwpc/index.htm>.

Additionally, the applicant is responsible for all other permits that may be required, which may include, but may not be limited to:

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| • Dam Safety Permits | - Division of Water Resources |
| • Well Permits | - Division of Water Resources |
| • 401 Water Quality Certification | - NDEP |
| • 404 Permits | - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers |
| • Air Permits | - NDEP |
| • Health Permits | - Local Health or State Health Division |
| • Local Permits | - Local Government |

Thank you for the information and the opportunity to comment.