CHAPTER 4: PUBLIC AND AGENCY INVOLVEMENT
SUMMARY AND LIST OF RECIPIENTS TO WHOM NOTICE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AVAILABILITY WAS SENT
Public and Agency Involvement
Summary

The Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) have engaged in an extensive effort to inform, involve, and encourage feedback from the public and agencies about the Spaghetti Bowl reconstruction. The purpose of the coordination and outreach program is to make the Spaghetti Bowl reconstruction a long-term benefit to the community by seeking input from the public, businesses, local governments, and Indian tribes.

Outreach began in January 2017, when NDOT sent initial coordination letters to federal, state, and local agencies and the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony (RSIC) to notify them NDOT and FHWA were initiating an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project. Appendix E, Community Involvement and Agency Coordination, contains detailed information regarding NDOT’s community involvement and agency coordination efforts.

NDOT and FHWA have discussed the Spaghetti Bowl reconstruction at more than 100 meetings with neighborhood, tribal, community, environmental, business, minority, and other stakeholder groups since early 2017. Open house public involvement meetings were held in April and September 2017. A Spanish translator and court reporter were present at both meetings.

April 2017 Scoping Meetings
Public scoping meetings were held April 12 at Sparks Library and April 13 at Wooster High School in Reno. Prior to the meetings, NDOT mailed 13,346 letters, in English and Spanish, to businesses and residents within one-quarter mile of the study area. Approximately 135 people attended the two April meetings. A Spanish translator and court reporter were present at both meetings.

September 2017 Preliminary Alternatives Meetings
Public information meetings to present the preliminary Spaghetti Bowl reconstruction alternatives were held September 13 at Traneer Middle School in Reno and September 14 at City of Sparks Council Chambers. Prior to the meetings, NDOT mailed 13,432 notifications of the meeting, in English and Spanish, to businesses and residents within one-quarter mile of the study area. A Spanish translator and court reporter were present at both meetings. The Reno meeting was attended by 53 people and the Sparks meeting was attended by 30 people (excluding the project team). Presentations at both meetings were broadcast on Facebook Live, with a total of 2,061 views for both nights.
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE OUTREACH

NDOT created an Environmental Justice Outreach Plan to involve minority and low-income populations in the study process. Detailed information about outreach to environmental justice populations can be found in Appendix E, Community Involvement and Agency Coordination, and the Draft EIS Section 3.3, Environmental Justice.

Based on census data and community outreach, Spanish is the primary language other than English in the study area. Printed project materials including public meeting handouts were translated to Spanish. A Spanish translator was available at the public meetings. NDOT also used social and print media sources to help reach the Latino populations and provide project information.

BUSINESSES AND OTHER STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH

NDOT met individually with 39 businesses and multiple trade organizations, chambers of commerce, citizen advisory groups, and other organizations to discuss their specific interests in the project.

RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY

NDOT held meetings at least monthly with the RSIC management staff, the Tribal Council, or the Colony community beginning in March 2017. NDOT held meetings for the Colony residents on September 18, 2017, and September 19, 2018, at the Colony Community Center in Reno. Nearly 100 residents attended the meetings.

In November and December 2017, the Tribal Council distributed a survey to Colony members, residents, and employees to collect their concerns about the project and provided the survey results to NDOT.

PROJECT WEBSITE

The project website is hosted by NDOT at http://ndotspaghettibowl.com/. The website includes a project overview, schedule, alternatives, environmental review documents, frequently asked questions, and contact information.

AGENCY COORDINATION

NDOT and FHWA contacted federal, tribal, state, and local agencies with a direct interest in the project or special expertise to involve them in the project. On March 22, 2017, NDOT and FHWA sent formal invitations to each agency to either be a cooperating or a participating agency. FHWA and NDOT held a scoping meeting for the invited cooperating and participating agencies on April 12, 2017, at the Sparks Library.

NDOT held 92 separate meetings with local, state, and federal agencies, City Council members, and county commissioners to discuss specific issues and Spaghetti Bowl reconstruction alternatives. Meetings held prior to June 15, 2017, were primarily to obtain input on the need for the project and scoping. Meetings after that date primarily focused on the alternatives. Table 5-2 of Appendix E provides detailed information about these agency meetings. The following is a summary of agencies that met with the project team and the frequency of those meetings:

City and County Agencies and Officials

City of Reno – 7 meetings
City of Reno Parks Department – 2 meetings
City of Sparks – 6 meetings
City of Sparks Community Advisory Committee – 1 meeting
Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County – 4 meetings
Reno City Council Members – 10 meetings
Reno Fire Department – 1 meeting
Reno Housing Authority – 3 meetings
Reno Mayor Hillary Schieve – 1 meeting
Reno Police Department – 1 meeting
Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority – 11 meetings
Sparks City Council Members – 4 meetings
Sparks Fire Department – 1 meeting
Sparks Police Department – 1 meeting
Truckee Meadows Flood Management Authority – 1 meeting
Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency – 3 meetings
Truckee Meadows Water Authority – 1 meeting
Washoe County – 2 meetings
Washoe County Commissioners – 6 meetings
Washoe County School District – 1 meeting
Washoe County Sheriff’s Office – 1 meeting

State Agencies and Officials
Governor’s Office – 2 meetings
Lt. Governor’s Office – 1 meeting
Nevada Air National Guard – 1 meeting
Nevada Division of Environmental Protection – 1 meeting
Nevada Department of Wildlife – 1 meeting
Nevada Highway Patrol – 1 meeting
State Transportation Board – 5 meetings
University of Nevada, Reno – 3 meetings

University of Nevada, Reno, Early Head Start Program – 1 meeting

Federal Agencies
Bureau of Indian Affairs – 1 meeting
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – 2 meetings
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – 1 meeting

Tribal Consultation
Reno-Sparks Indian Colony – over 20 meetings
List of Recipients to Whom Notice of the Environmental Impact Statement Availability was Sent

Native American Tribes
- Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe
- Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
- Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California

Federal Agencies
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Reno Regulatory Office
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Sacramento District Office
- U.S. Coast Guard
- U.S. Department of Agriculture – Natural Resource Conservation Services
- U.S. Department of Agriculture – United States Forest Service
- U.S. Department of Energy – Nevada Site Office
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development – Reno Field Office
- U.S. Department of the Interior – Bureau of Indian Affairs
- U.S. Department of the Interior – Bureau of Land Management
- U.S. Department of the Interior – Bureau of Reclamation
- U.S. Department of the Interior – Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Department of the Interior – National Park Service
- U.S. Department of the Interior – Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance
- U.S. Department of the Interior – United States Geological Survey
- U.S. Department of Transportation (Federal Aviation Administration)
- U.S. Department of Transportation (Federal Railroad Administration)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region 9

State Agencies
- Nevada Department of Administration – State Library, Archives, and Public Records
- Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources – Division of Environmental Protection
- Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources – Division of State Lands/Nevada State Clearinghouse
- Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources – Division of Water Resources
- Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources – Nevada Natural Heritage Program
- Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources – State Historic Preservation Office
- Nevada Department of Public Safety – Office of Traffic Safety
- Nevada Department of Transportation – Board of Directors
- Nevada Department of Wildlife
- University of Nevada, Reno

Regional/Local Units of Government
- Carson-Truckee Water Conservancy District
- City of Reno
- City of Reno City Council
- City of Sparks
- City of Sparks City Council
- Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County
- Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County – Board Members
- Reno Housing Authority
- Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority
- Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency
- Truckee River Flood Management Authority
- Washoe County
- Washoe County Commission

Other Interested Parties
- Nevada Chapter of American General Contractors
- Nevada Environmental Coalition Inc.
- NV Energy
- Sierra Club – Great Basin Group
- Sierra Club – Toiyabe Chapter

Federal/State/Local Officials
- Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval
- Nevada Lieutenant Governor Mark Hutchison
- Nevada State Controller Ron Knecht

Repositories
- NDOT District 2 Office
- Downtown Reno Library
- Duncan/Traner Community Library
- Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Library
- Senior Center Community Library
- Sierra View Library
- Sparks Library

In addition to the agencies and officials noted above, notice of the availability of the Draft EIS was sent to over 13,000 residents located within one-quarter mile of the study area.