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**Current Transportation Condition:**
- ASCE transportation grade of C\(^1\)
- 10\% of major roads are in poor condition
  - Costing motorists $544m a year - $315 per motorists\(^2\)
  - Total of 216 people died on state highways in 2013\(^3\)
- Vehicle travel on NV’s highways has increased by 141\% from 1990-2013,\(^4\) while the population grew by 130 percent.\(^5\)
- 59\% of NV’s major highways are congested\(^6\)
  - Traffic congestion costs American motorists $121b a year in wasted time and fuel\(^7\)

**Commerce:**
- 78\% of the $53b in commodities delivered annually from sites in Nevada is transported by trucks on the state’s highways.\(^8\)

**Need for Federal Investment**
- 49\% Federal share of NV Highway Capital Program\(^9\)
- National Interstate Backlog of $185.24b on 47,575 miles of interstate.\(^10\)
  - National Highway System (NHS) backlog of $424.5b on 227,224 miles of the NHS.

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**FAST Act — What this does for Nevada**

**Prioritizing Bridge Reconstruction and Safety:**
- Expands funding eligibilities to bridges off the NHS in order to reach the growing number of deteriorating bridges:
  - Nevada’s 34 structurally deficient bridges – 13\% are structurally deficient or functionally obsolete\(^11\)

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\(^1\) ASCE
\(^2\) TRIP
\(^3\) FHWA
\(^4\) TRIP
\(^5\) US Census
\(^6\) Ibid.
\(^7\) Ibid.
\(^8\) Ibid.
\(^9\) Ibid.
\(^10\) ARTBA
\(^11\) AASHTO and FHWA
\(^12\) FHWA
Improving Commerce:
- Over the life of the bill (FY2016-FY2020), NV will receive $57,884,877 in addition to growth of the existing programs for freight.
- This new formula-based Freight Program will ensure federal dollars for the state by prioritizing spending on interstate for projects in the national economic interest.
- In addition to the National Freight Program, NV, through the Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects (NSFHP), a $4.5 billion discretionary grant program, will be able to compete for funding to address major projects of high importance to a community, a region, or the country. This will provide much needed funding for projects that are too big to get off the ground due to constraints on traditional funding. Furthermore, NSFHP has a rural set-aside and equitable geographic distribution of funds. This will ensure a balance of where federal dollars are directed, making sure rural projects see the light of day as well as the major projects that will greatly benefit the national economy.

Long-term 5 year Certainty:
- Total share over 5 years of the FAST Act: $2,228,027,626 that the state would not get otherwise.
- 60 projects at risk without federal investment\(^{12}\)
- Major State Projects that can benefit from the FAST Act:
  - **Project Neon**: will widen 3.7 miles of Nevada’s busiest freeway, I-15, which will significantly improve traffic flow and safety along the highway I-15 North Part 2 - Packages A,C,D\(^{13}\)
  - **Boulder City Bypass**: First phase and segment of the I-11 corridor connecting Las Vegas with Phoenix, will be financed partially with federal funds\(^{14}\)
  - I-580 Carson City Freeway - Phase 2B-3
  - US 95, Phase 3A - NE and SW Ramps

- FAST delivers 5 years of certainty. 36 short term extensions since SAFETEA-LU have impeded on NV’s ability to properly plan and budget for transportation projects.
- Building off NEPA reforms accomplished in MAP-21, FAST is cutting red tape and accelerating project delivery to increase NV’s ability to efficiently finish projects.
- FAST gives NV the ability to prepare for the next 50 years. With a focus on innovation, NV can better deploy technology to improve the state transportation network.

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\(^{12}\) AASHTO