

# NEVADA

## Current Transportation Condition:

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

## Commerce:

- 78% of the \$53b in commodities delivered annually from sites in Nevada is transported by trucks on the state's highways.<sup>8</sup>

## Need for Federal Investment

- 49% Federal share of NV Highway Capital Program<sup>9</sup>
- National Interstate Backlog of \$185.24b on 47,575 miles of interstate.<sup>10</sup>
  - 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<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> ASCE

<sup>2</sup> TRIP

<sup>3</sup> FHWA

<sup>4</sup> TRIP

<sup>5</sup> US Census

<sup>6</sup> Ibid.

<sup>7</sup> Ibid.

<sup>8</sup> Ibid.

<sup>9</sup> ARTBA

<sup>10</sup> AASHTO and FHWA

<sup>11</sup> 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<sup>12</sup>
- 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<sup>13</sup>
  - **Boulder City Bypass:** First phase and segment of the I-11 corridor connecting Las Vegas with Phoenix, will be financed partially with federal funds<sup>14</sup>
  - 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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<sup>12</sup> AASHTO

<sup>13</sup> (<http://www.rgj.com/story/news/2015/02/27/federal-dysfunction-hurt-northern-nevada-road-projects/24090011/>)

<sup>14</sup> (<http://www.rgj.com/story/news/2015/02/27/federal-dysfunction-hurt-northern-nevada-road-projects/24090011/>)