



MT. CHARLESTON TOWN ADVISORY BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING



MINUTES

Date: Thursday, February 25, 2016

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Mt. Charleston Library, 75 Ski Chalet Place, Mt. Charleston, NV 89124

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POSTING LOCATIONS

Mt. Charleston Library
Mt. Charleston Lodge
Old Town Bulletin Board
Whispering Pines Bulletin Board
Secretary – Sandy Siebrecht

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Becky Grismanauskas - Chair
Mike McGroarty – Vice Chair
Dennis Lovell

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Michelle French - excused
Curtis Alexander - excused
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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PROCEDURES & CONDUCT

The meeting was posted in conformance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment made during this period.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Introduction of the Town Board, County, State, Federal Government representatives, Public Utilities and Public Services.
2. The agenda for **February 25, 2016** was approved **with the following changes**; Agency Reports to be heard before Regular Business Items 4, 5, and 6. **Michael McGroarty** motioned, the Board voted unanimously to approve.
3. The minutes for the **January 28, 2016** meeting were approved. **Michael McGroarty** motioned, The Board voted unanimously to approve.

AGENCY & STAFF REPORTS

1. **Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Dept. – Sgt. Chris O’Brien** reported they are conducting their regular traffic enforcement. It has been fairly quiet in Kyle Canyon.

2. **Clark County Fire Dept. – Chief Larry Haydu** reported that the VFD responded to 57 calls in January; 56 of those were EMS calls, primarily to the Ski Resort, and no fires. The new Engine has arrived and is available for viewing in the parking lot along with another new unit that is housed in Lee Canyon (this unit was not at the meeting) Chief Haydu presented Becky Grismanauskas, who is resigning from the TAB, a challenge coin and thanked her for everything she has done for the Department.
3. **Mt. Charleston Fire Protection District – Chief Jorge Gonzales** reported 23 calls for service from January 28th until today; one mutual aid response call with the City of Las Vegas Fire Department on a structure fire on lower Kyle Canyon. Chief Gonzalez introduced new employee, Joseph Domingo who is in training as a Fire Captain for the next two months. He will then take over operation on Lee Canyon. He is fully qualified as a Captain but just receiving refresher training. Becky asked the status of Engine 853; Chief Gonzalez stated that it has mechanical issues and they are waiting on parts. The 1998 Engine is past its life expectancy and needs to be replaced; he is working with County mechanics and they are trying to keep it up to standards. He is working to get it replaced or possibly refurbish the engine on the existing truck.
4. **Las Vegas Valley Water District – Mike Weintz** – No Report from Mr. Weintz but **Dennis Lovell** stated that since the Carpenter 1 fire, they have only lost 3 feet of water table, so everyone is doing a great job of conserving water. However, since the mountain has not received a lot of snow this winter, he feels that the levels aren't going to increase significantly in the coming months.
5. **Mt. Charleston Volunteer Fire Dept. – Chief Dave Martin** stated that the new Type I Engine that Chief Haydu spoke of is sitting out in the parking lot and he will be happy to show it to anyone after the meeting. He explained that Michele French is not at the meeting tonight due to her project in which her 11 month old lab is in training to be an avalanche rescue dog; so she is at a weeklong training for this. He also spoke about the Regional Transportation Commission's (RTC) "Yellow-Dot Program" and explained information is available on the RTC's website. Clark County VFD and MCFPD will be conducting a Wildland Fire Assessment program that will familiarize residents with fire behavior in the wildland fire environment and ways they can enhance the survivability of their property in the event of a fire. The program will also assist the Fire Departments in preparing a pre-planning database. The entire community is responsible for preparing for a wildfire event. The program is open to all and the first class will be March 12, 2016 at the library, free of charge. RSVP by email to Chief Martin. He also passed out a flyer on the program (attached).
6. **Metro Volunteer Program – Lauren Olson** announced that \$1800 was raised at their MVP fund raising event. On April 5, 2016, they will be hosting Coffee with a Cop at the Lodge, everyone is welcome.
7. **Nevada Highway Patrol – Seargent Tom Higgins** – No Report
8. **Clark County Administrative Services – Meggan Holzer** No Report
9. **United States Forest Service** – No Report
10. **Mt. Charleston Task Force** – Becky Grismanauskas & Michelle French – No Report
11. **Nevada Department of Transportation – Glenn Rogers** warned residents to watch for rocks on the road, especially along Deer Creek near Robbers Roost over to the youth camp and on Kyle Canyon near the Lodge between the guard rail and the mountain face. NDOT has plans this year to move the rock bank near the Lodge back further and widen the road. They are going to be removing all the snow poles this coming week. He also announced that they have a new employee, Don Gray, who comes with a lot of experience. They are having problems with burros on the road and have picked up 4 so far this year, so he warned residents to watch for them on the roadways.
12. **Other Agencies - none**

REGULAR BUSINESS CONTINUED

4. **Receive a presentation from Nevada Department of Transportation regarding US95/SR157 interchange:** Jenica Keller, Senior Project Manager from NDOT, gave a PowerPoint presentation (see attached) with information on Phase 5 of the US 95 Northwest Corridor Improvement Project.

5. **Receive a presentation from MCFD/VFD regarding the upcoming Wildland Fire Assessment Program** (This item was discussed under Agency Reports- see **Mt. Charleston Volunteer Fire Dept. –Chief Dave Martin**)
6. **Continuation of Mount Charleston License Plate Grants Round 6 Presentations and Discussion (For Possible Action)**

Meggan Holzer explained that the grant request from the Mt Charleston Fire Protection District for the Gass 8 Communication Equipment has been withdrawn. The company that manufactures the components is no longer in business so this grant will not be considered. The grant request from the Mt Charleston Volunteer Fire Department for the Stryker Power Pro Gurney has been researched and will now be requested by the Mt Charleston Fire Protection District since they are able to apply for a grant through The Public Agency Compensation Fund (PACT), which has funds available to grant to EMS services for the purchase of Stryker Power-PRO™ ambulance cots, and will cover 50% of the cost (\$10,378.50) so the Mt Charleston License Plate grant request will be \$10,378.50 for the gurney.

In summary, as of February 24, 2016, the total amount of funds requested by all applicants is \$168,398.33; total amount of funds available is \$140,535.90. Last month, the TAB recommended funding \$107,894.28, which did not include consideration of the Stryker Gurney. This leaves \$32,641.62 available for funding.

After discussion by the TAB, they recommended to award the following:

Mt Charleston Fire Protection District - \$10,378.50 for 50% cost of the Stryker Power Pro Gurney;
Michael McGroarty motioned, the Board voted unanimously to approve.

Mt Charleston Fire Protection District-Water Support Equipment – additional \$6,172.55 for a total of \$12,372.55 – **Michael McGroarty** motioned to rescind last month’s vote to award \$6,200 and change to \$12,372.55, the Board voted unanimously to approve.

Dennis Lovell made a motion to rescind the votes from last month’s meeting for the 3 items below and award an additional \$2,000 to each, the Board voted unanimously to approve.

Great Basin Institute –additional \$2,000 for a total award of \$17,000

Outside Las Vegas Foundation – additional \$2,000 for a total award of \$12,000

Friends of Nevada Wilderness – additional \$2,000 for a total award of \$17,000

This leaves \$10,090.57 in available funds.

PLANNING AND ZONING – None

TOWN ADVISORY BOARD COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

1. **Roads** – Curtis Alexander – No Report

2. **Commercial Development** – Becky Grismanauskas – No Report

3. **Public Response** – Mike McGroarty – No Report

4. **Kyle Canyon Water District** – Dennis Lovell – No Report

5. **Fire Protection District** – Becky Grismanauskas and Michael McGroarty – No Report

6. **License Plate** – Curtis Alexander – No Report

CORRESPONDENCE - None

BOARD DISCUSSION – **Becky Grismanauskas** confirmed that she is resigning as a member and Chair of the TAB. Her last meeting will be March 31, 2016. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Board should contact **Meggan Holzer**.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Josh Bowers, 352 Moritz Way, is concerned with the effects of the de-icing material being used on County roads. This matter to be discussed at a future meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE

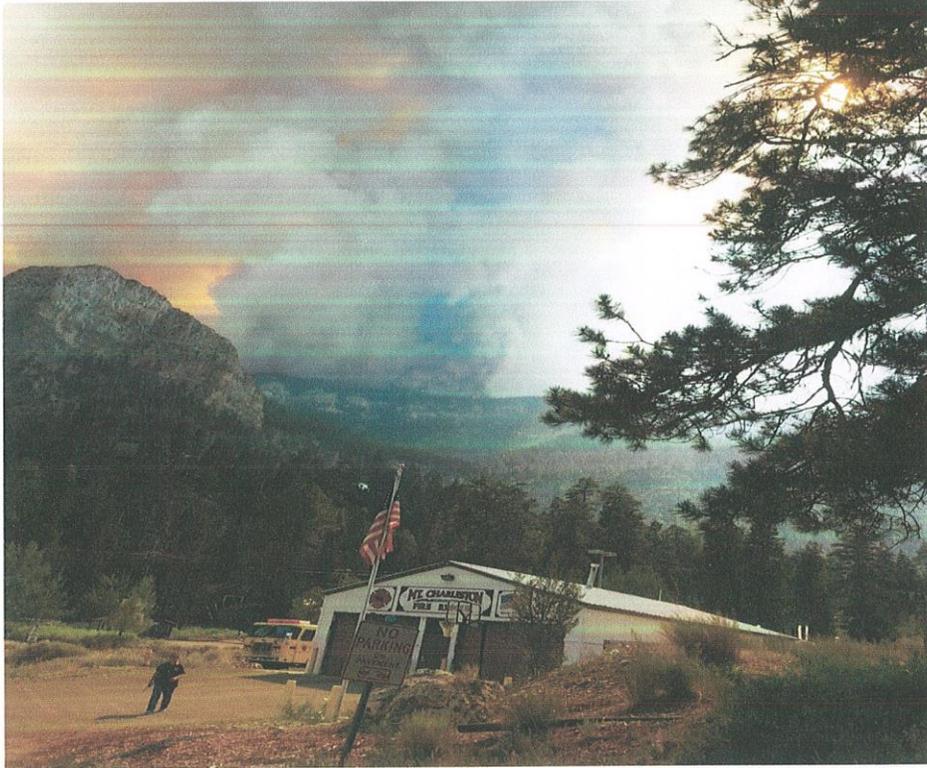
The next regular meeting will be **Thursday, March 31, 2016.**

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24pm.

(SCROLL DOWN TO SEE ATTACHMENTS)

Mt. Charleston Fire & Rescue, Mt. Charleston Volunteer Fire Department, & Clark County Fire Department present the Wildland Fire Assessment Program



American communities face unprecedented risk from wildland fire. More structures are being built in the wildland-urban interface (WUI) even as changes in climate and fuel load make the nation more vulnerable than ever to wildland fire. **It is imperative that homeowners and communities in the WUI prepare for wildfires; it is not a question of if, but when.**

This Wildland Fire Assessment Program (WFAP) is a partnership between the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) and the U.S. Forest Service. WFAP was created to:

- identify existing resource material for wildland fire pre-planning,
- assist firefighters & department personnel in high-risk areas prone to wildland fire to conduct wildland fire pre-planning in their communities and develop a tracking mechanism to enable data collection and statistical analysis regarding the impact of assessments.

The overall goal of the WFAP is to provide the tools and materials to assess a home, perform pre-fire planning activities, and report on the assessments. The end result is to create a Fire Adapted Community (FAC).

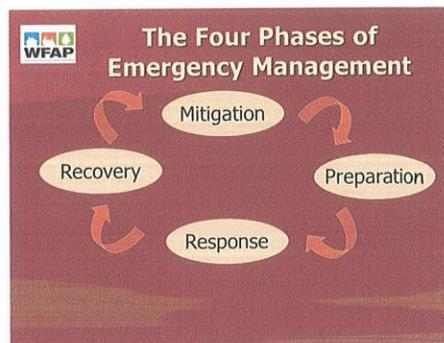
Local volunteer and career fire departments are a key component in fighting wildland fire, from engaging in fire suppression to helping educate community leaders about the dangers posed by wildland

fire and working with homeowners to conduct property assessments. That is where this program will assist both departments and the communities they serve.

- Module #1 focuses on understanding what constitutes the WUI area and describes the characteristics of WUI fire. It shows how the Four Phases of Emergency Management (mitigation, preparation, response, and recovery) can assist in developing a process to lessen the impact of WUI fires on our communities. It also identifies myths about the WUI and their impact on understanding the WUI fire problem, as well as provides information on steps that can be taken to create a FAC.
- Module #2 focuses on identifying the Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) and its characteristics. It provides an overview of the zones around the home – 5 feet, 30 feet, 100 feet, beyond 100 feet – and why this defensible space is at-risk during a wildfire.
- Module #3 provides details on evaluating the home and doing a step-by-step home hazard assessment on the structure from top to bottom. It also offers information on hazard reduction options in the Home Ignition Zone.
- Module #4 provides a listing of all the many resources that are available to us for follow-up information and details regarding how to participate in current community programs, such as Community Wildfire Protection Plans; Firewise; Ready, Set, Go!; and more.

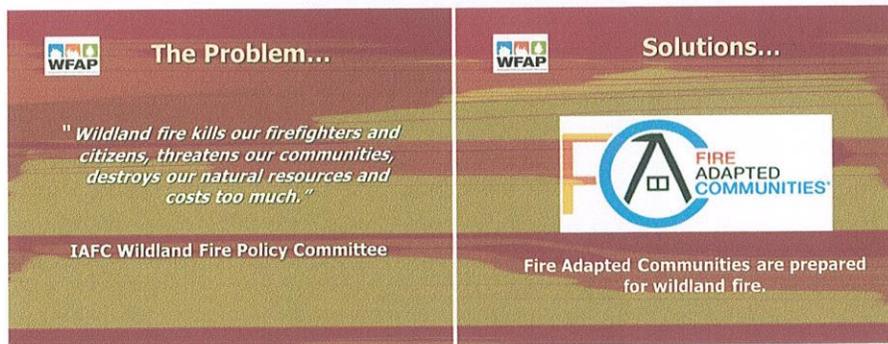
History always records and remembers the disasters...the tragedies, not the successes. Understanding that a disaster (specifically for this program – a fire-caused disaster) can occur at anytime is a concept that assessors will convey as they conduct assessments.

If it's predictable, it's preventable.



- The mitigation phase takes place BEFORE and AFTER emergencies. It includes activities that prevent an emergency or reduce the damaging effects of unavoidable emergencies.

- The **preparation** phase takes place BEFORE an emergency. Activities include ensuring that there is an understanding of the steps that need to be taken to protect homes, property, and most importantly...lives.
- The **response** phase takes place DURING an emergency. It includes actions taken to save lives (such as orderly evacuations) and also actions to protect property and prevent further damage. The most critical factor is putting preparation plans into ACTION.
- The **recovery** phase takes place AFTER an emergency. It includes actions taken to return to a normal or even safer situation after an emergency. It is important to make sure there is time to critique the response actions so that it can be determined how to do it even better the next time...which leads back to ***mitigation*** activities.



While no single action taken will totally make a community fire adapted, every action that is taken helps that community become *more* fire adapted.

The primary elements of a fire adapted community are:

1. An informed and active community that shares responsibility for mitigation practices.
2. A collaboratively developed and implemented Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP).
3. Informing residents about how to create a defensible home and overall community that is protected against wildfire to mitigate the damage of loss and/or spreading of wildfire.
4. Emphasis that can be much more done to help prepare.
5. Preparing for and fighting a wildfire takes a holistic, hands-on approach from all stakeholders.
6. A visible wildfire reduction and prevention program educates the public about the importance of a community-wide approach and the role of individual homeowners.
7. Established and well-known evacuation procedures and routes.

Over the last five decades, an ever-increasing number of people have either built second homes or moved permanently to wildland areas in an effort to get away from city life. In doing so, they often assume that they will automatically have the same community services they had before

(for example, the fire department being there within minutes). **Residents need to understand that there will never be enough firefighting equipment, firefighters, or emergency vehicles to protect every house during severe wildland fires.**

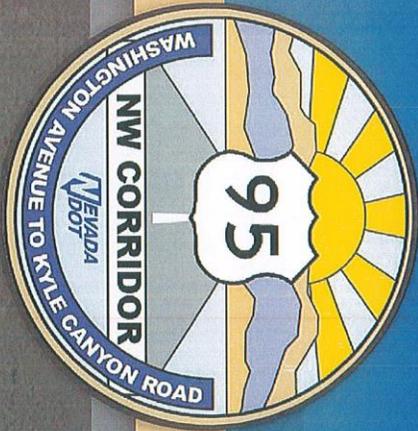
Individual efforts do make a difference even in the face of a catastrophic wildfire, as **reducing the ignitability of a home reduces the wildfire exposure to the community and improves firefighter and personal safety.** Firefighters are trained to safely and efficiently suppress wildland fires, but their effectiveness is reduced when they must sweep decks and move wood piles and patio furniture.

The goal in a home assessment is to help interface residents understand these issues and take action to reduce the ignitability of their homes before a wildfire starts. By identifying fuel hazards, assessing and reducing ignition risks, and developing realistic evacuation options, the losses of lives and homes from wildfires can be significantly reduced.

Our initial Wildland Fire Assessment Program is scheduled for 3/12/16 at the Mt. Charleston Library. The class will begin at 0900 and run until we are done with presentation & everyone's questions have been addressed. The class is free. RSVP to demeritmartin@gmail.com

Additional classes will be scheduled dependent on public interest & demand.





US 95 NW Phase 5

February 25, 2016



US 95 Northwest Corridor Improvements Project

*Multi-phase project to construct improvements on US 95 from
Washington Avenue to Kyle Canyon Road*

- Add general purpose, HOV and auxiliary lanes on US 95
- Constructed Skye Canyon Park Drive interchange (formerly Horse Drive)
- Construct Kyle Canyon Road interchange
- Add a system-to-system interchange at US 95/CC 215 Centennial Bowl
- Add ramp metering and landscape and aesthetic improvements

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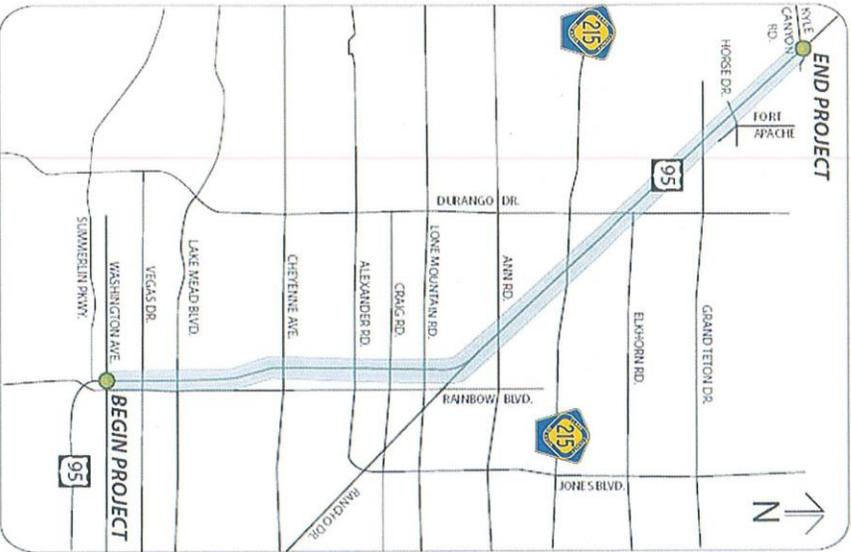
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Benefits of US 95 NW Project



- Increase capacity
- Improve safety
- Provide high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes
- Improve regional connectivity
- Enhance aesthetics and landscaping

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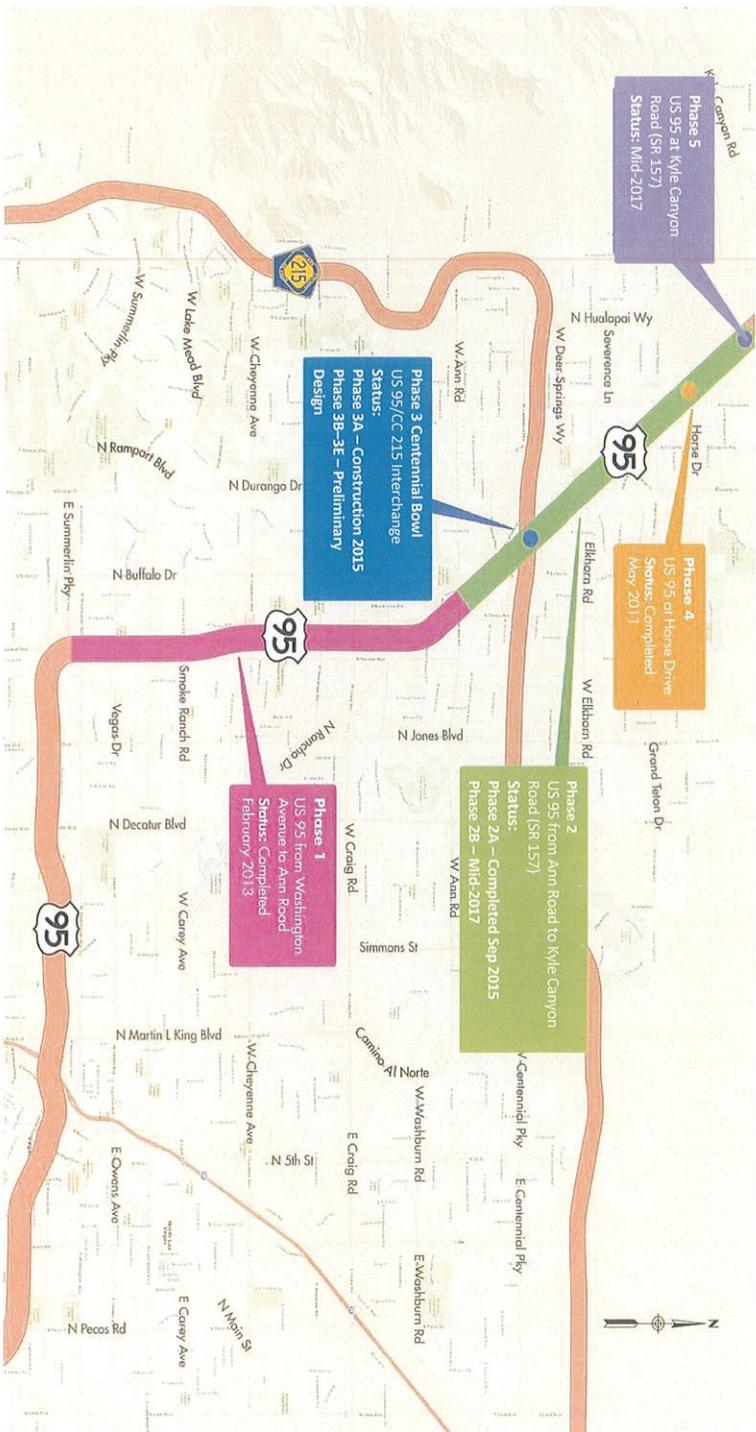


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Timeline for US 95 NW Corridor Phases



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Phase 5 | Kyle Canyon Interchange

- Construct a new service interchange
 - ❖ Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI)
- Add landscape and aesthetics
- Anticipated start date in mid-2017 to be constructed with Phase 2B
- Construction estimated at \$19 to \$24 million

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Phase 5 | Kyle Canyon Interchange

Diverging Diamond Interchange - DDI



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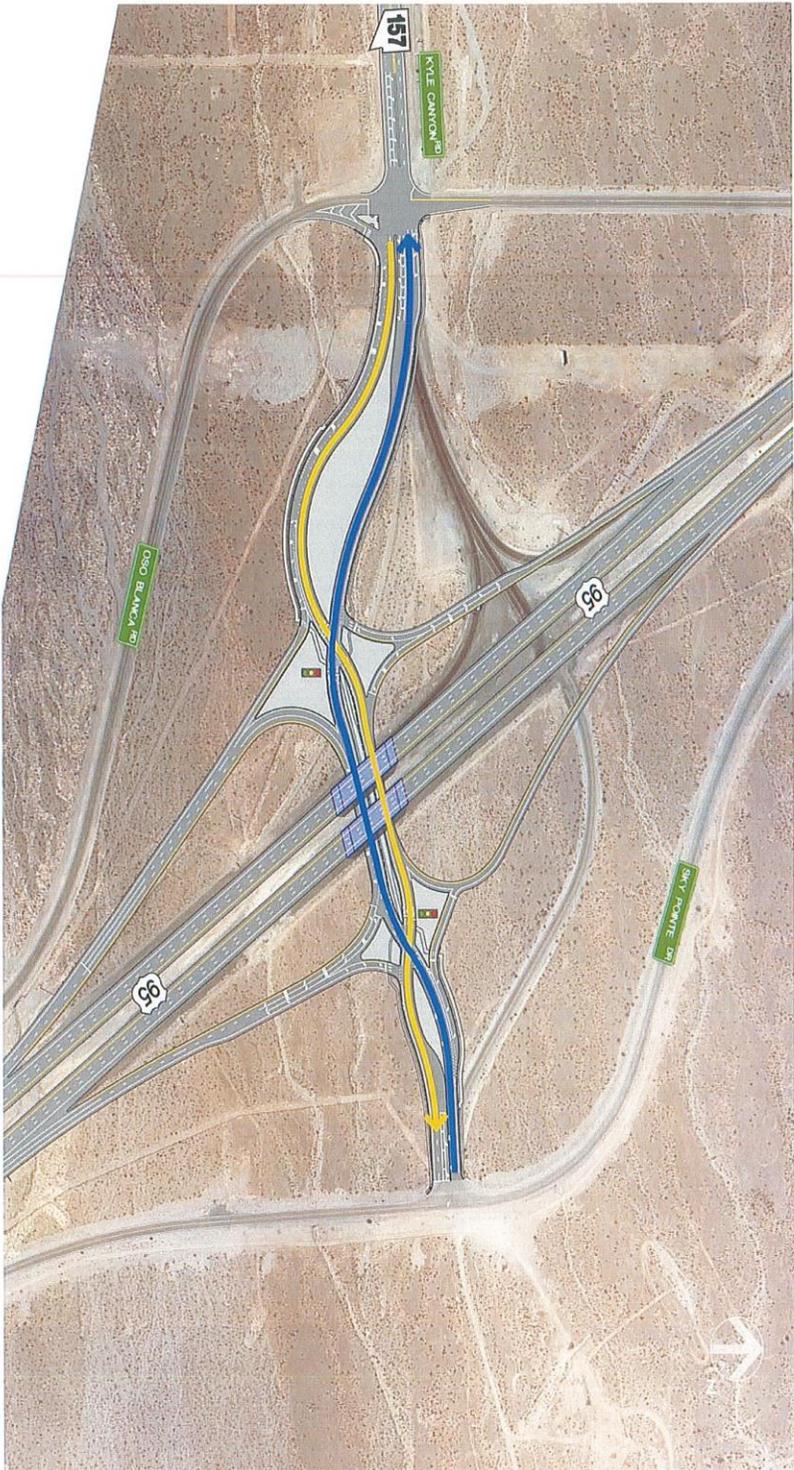


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Phase 5 | Kyle Canyon Interchange



Planning Planning Architect (DJI)

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Phase 5 | Landscape & Aesthetics



Perspective | View of New US-95 Bridge at Kyle Canyon Underpass



Bird's Eye Perspective | View Northwest Kyle Canyon Drive

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Phase 5 | Landscape & Aesthetics



Perspective | View of New US-95 Bridge at Kyle Canyon Underpass



Bird's Eye Perspective | View Northeast Kyle Canyon Drive

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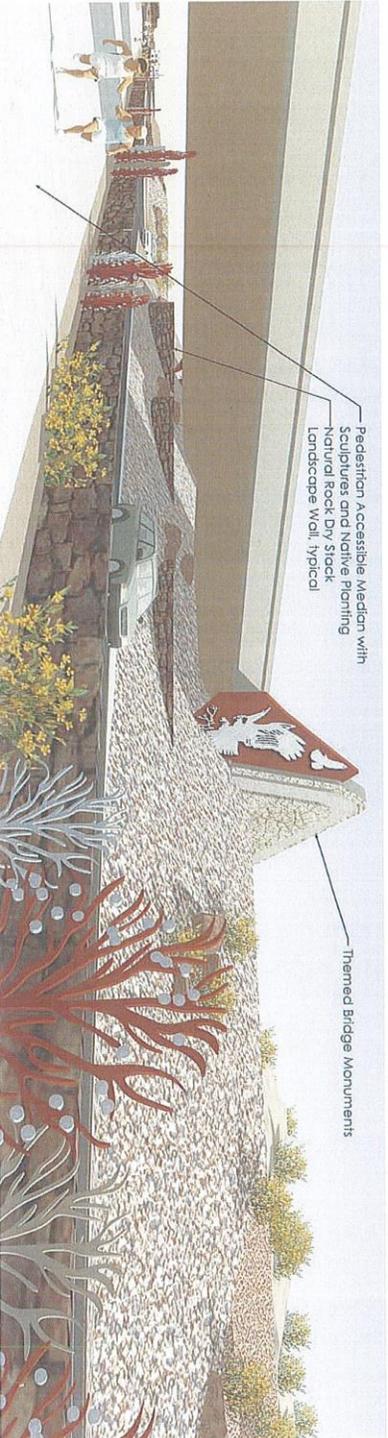


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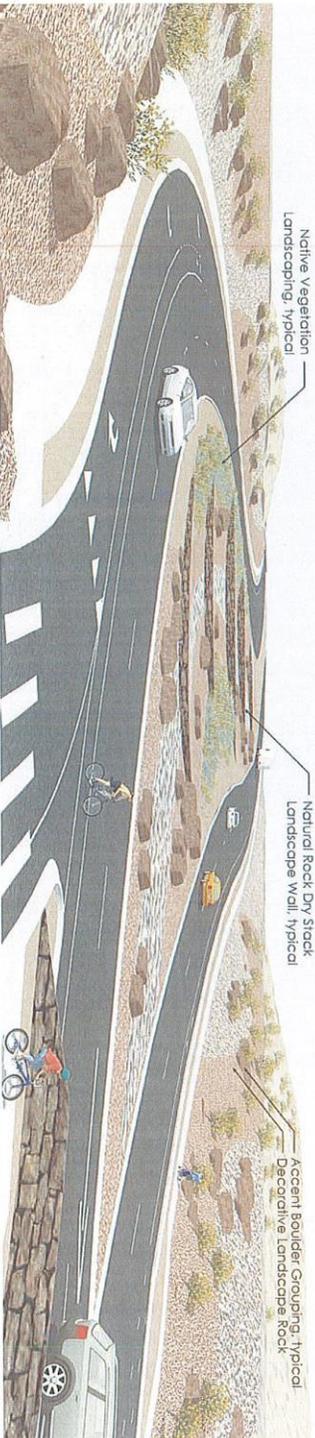
Phase 5 | Landscape & Aesthetics



Pedestrian Accessible Median with Sculptures and Native Planting
Natural Rock Dry Stack Landscape Wall, typical

Themed Bridge Monuments

Perspective | View of New US-95 Bridge at Kyle Canyon Underpass



Native Vegetation Landscaping, typical

Natural Rock Dry Stack Landscape Wall, typical

Accent Boulder Grouping, typical
Decorative Landscape Rock

Perspective | View West up Kyle Canyon Road

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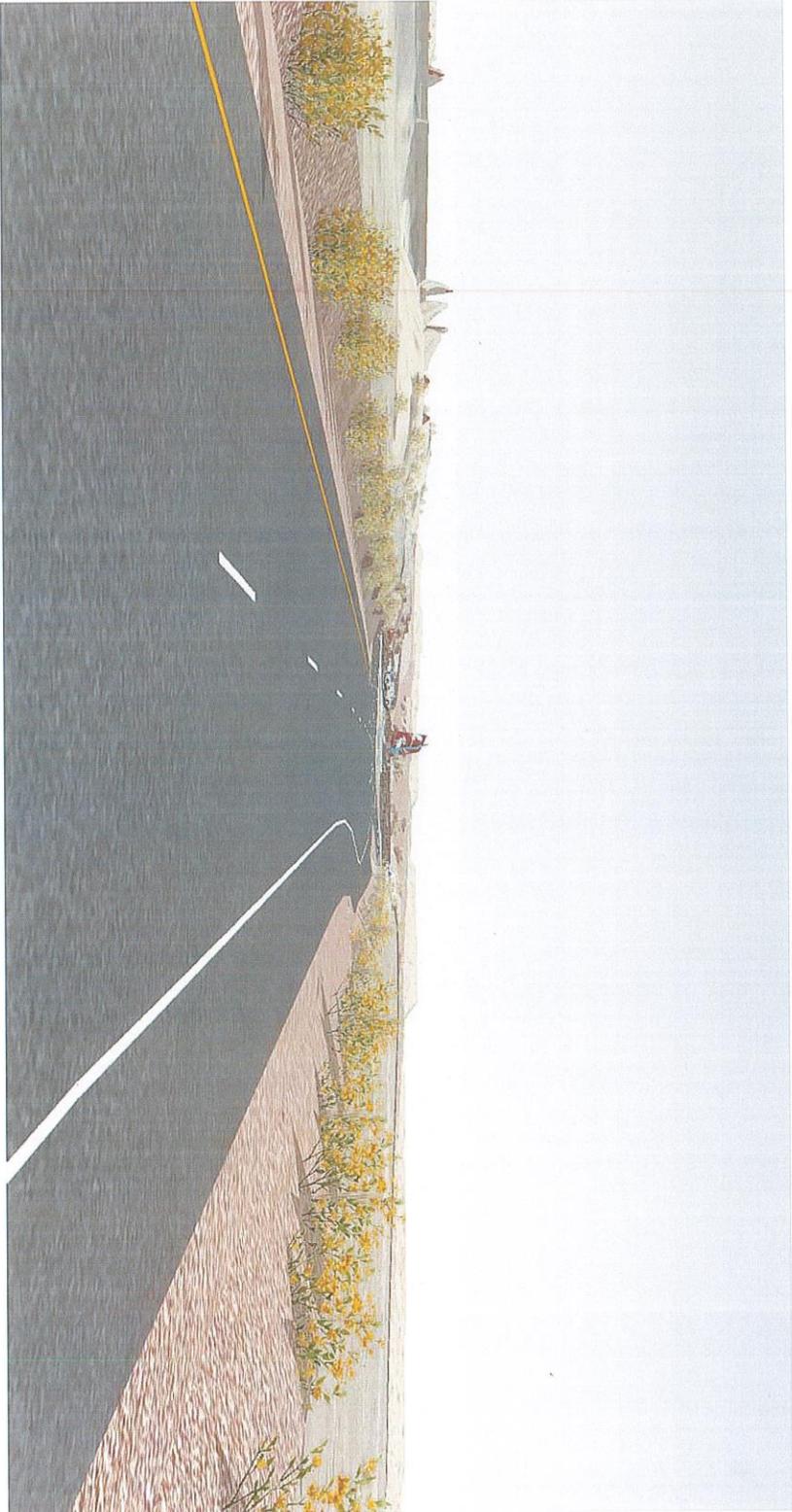


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Phase 5 | DDI Animation



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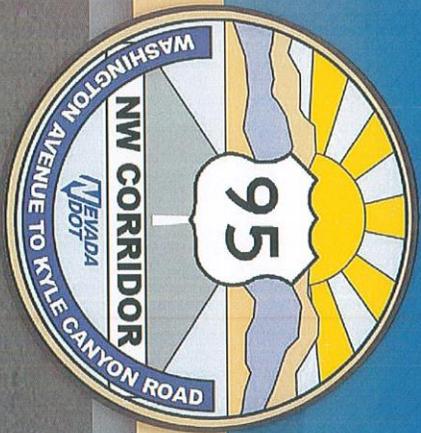
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