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Subject: I-515 Alternatives Development Study Scoping

Dear Skip Canfield:

The Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) is preparing an Alternatives Development Study to identify short-term traffic and safety improvements on I-515 from the I-15 (Spaghetti Bowl) Interchange to the Charleston Boulevard Interchange in Las Vegas, Nevada. This study is not part of the, I-515 Preliminary Draft Environmental Impact Statement (July 2009), or part of the upcoming environmental study of the I-515 and Charleston Boulevard interchange. A study area map has been included for your reference.

The purpose of the project is to improve traffic and safety on I-515 between I-15 and Charleston Boulevard by implementing near-term and cost-effective transportation improvements that will also be able to accommodate other future improvements. Traffic jams occur repeatedly during peak travel periods at predictable locations and is a result of high traffic volumes, bottlenecks, and incidents that prevent normal freeway travel. I-515 within the study area also has higher-than-average crash rates compared to statewide average crash rates for similar facilities with most crashes occurring between the Spaghetti Bowl and the Las Vegas Boulevard interchanges.

The project team will identify, evaluate, and prioritize potential projects to meet the project purpose, needs and goals. The team will use a Planning and Environmental Linkages approach to shorten the time required to take projects from planning to implementation. Therefore, decisions made during this study could be used in future NDOT environmental studies to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act. The team expects to refine a preliminary list of improvements, integrate stakeholder input, identify and recommend the highest priority projects, and complete the environmental process for one project such that it can advance to construction in fiscal year 2018.

Your comments on the proposed Alternatives Development Study will help us to identify potential issues and concerns related to the project. I invite you to describe issues or concerns you believe should be addressed in the study. Written comments or questions should be submitted to the address below, or emailed to Dwayne Wilkinson at dwilkinson@dot.state.nv.us.

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Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

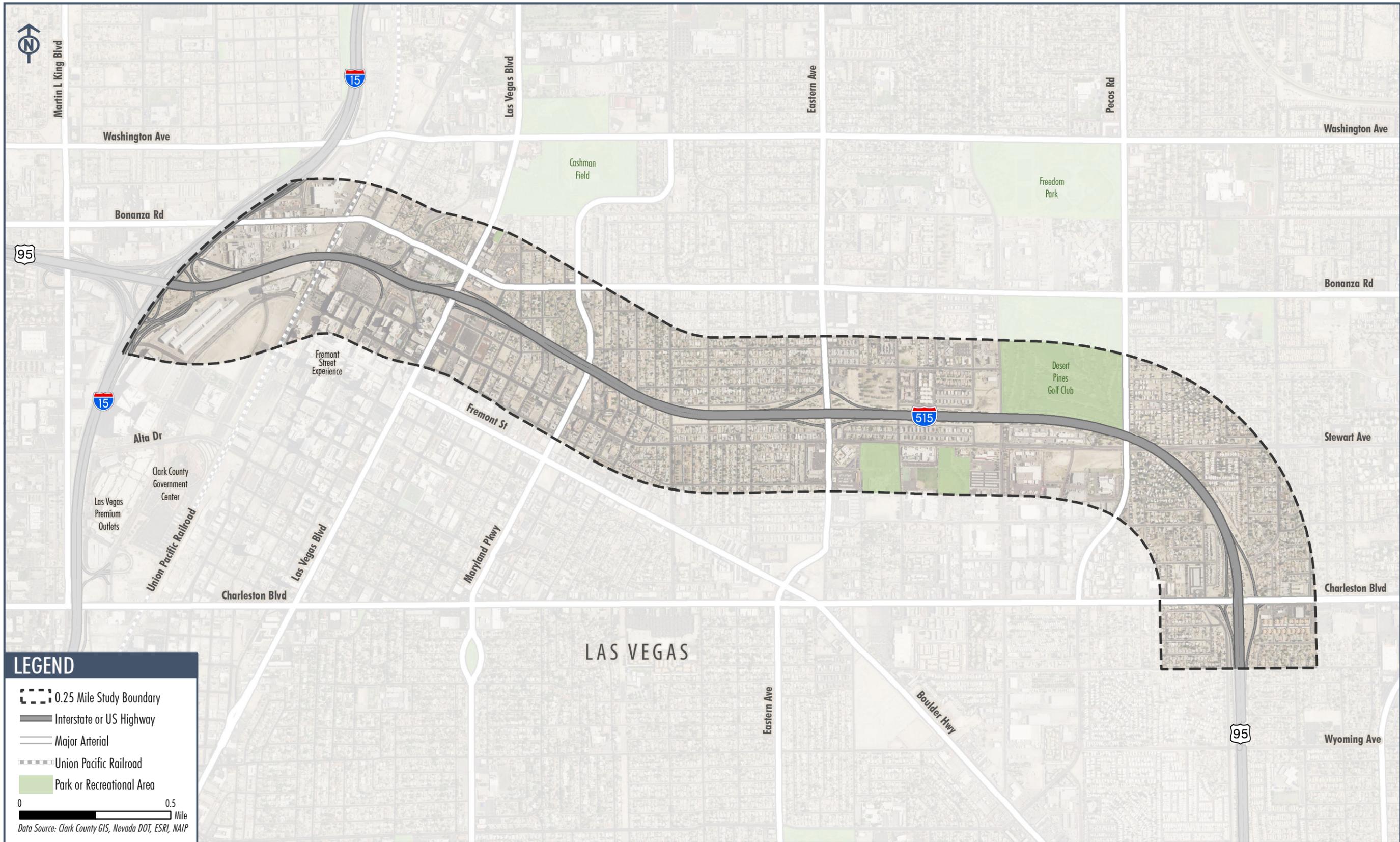
Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Study Area Map



LEGEND

-  0.25 Mile Study Boundary
-  Interstate or US Highway
-  Major Arterial
-  Union Pacific Railroad
-  Park or Recreational Area

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Data Source: Clark County GIS, Nevada DOT, ESRI, NAIP