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PRESS RELEASE

## NDOT Celebrates Completion of U.S. 95 Upgrades in Northwest Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS, NEV. – The Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) today celebrated the completion of a \$78 million widening and upgrade to a six-mile-long stretch of U.S. Highway 95 between Ann and Kyle Canyon roads in northwest Las Vegas. Las Vegas Paving was the general contractor.

“This project relieves congestion, improves efficiency and enhances safety in fast growing northwest Las Vegas, while providing capacity for future growth and development,” said NDOT Director Kristina Swallow. “Currently, over 52,000 vehicles daily travel through this corridor; however, traffic is expected to more than double over the next two decades.”

The project expanded the highway from four to six lanes from Durango Drive to Kyle Canyon Road, constructing Elkhorn Road carpool access ramps and building a diverging diamond interchange at Kyle Canyon Road that temporarily shifts traffic to the left side of the road, thereby keeping traffic flowing through two pairs of unimpeded left turns onto and off the freeway.

Diverging diamond interchanges are a much more efficient movement of vehicles as opposed to ramps where you need to slow and then speed back up to make a freeway-to-freeway connection. Although still new to Nevada, it’s safer and doesn’t require a lot of right-of-way acquisition, which saves taxpayers money.

Other enhancements entail placing decorative rock, erecting signage and lighting, and installing Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) and nearly nine miles of barrier rail. Additionally, the project will place 11,200 feet of concrete box storm drainage and 400 feet of open channel between the Centennial Bowl and Grand Teton Drive for the Clark County Regional Flood Control District.

The improvements moved enough dirt to fill 304 Olympic-sized swimming pools, placed enough concrete to pave 2,000 driveways, and used enough steel to build 100 Sherman tanks. The project was underwritten by a combination of federal (\$42.4 million), state (\$2.2 million) and local (\$33.4 million) funds. Construction began in February 2018.

“This project helps create a reliable transportation network that enhances cultural and economic access in the northwest valley,” said Clark County Commissioner Larry Brown, who represents District C. “It establishes a new visual gateway corridor into Mt. Charleston.”