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Equity in Active Transportation

- Equity should be at the forefront of any project
 - From the initial planning phase to implementation
- Equity must be prioritized in planning processes to enable all people to access and benefit from active transportation, and to maximize the environmental and health benefits for society.



- There are two broad ways to think about transportation equity:
 - Social equity:
 - Analysis along socio-demographic lines, i.e., race, gender, age, income, etc., that targets vulnerable or disadvantaged populations.
 - Spatial equity:
 - Analysis along geographic areas, which assesses the distributional effects of transportation policies and projects on specific physical locations.



Active Transportation



Active Transportation

- Safe Routes to School
 - K-12 grades
- Statewide Active Transportation Plan – kick off in 2023
- Transportation Alternative Set-Aside Program
 - Infrastructure projects that improving non-driver access to public transportation and enhanced mobility,
 - On- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities
 - Recreational trails
 - SRTS projects

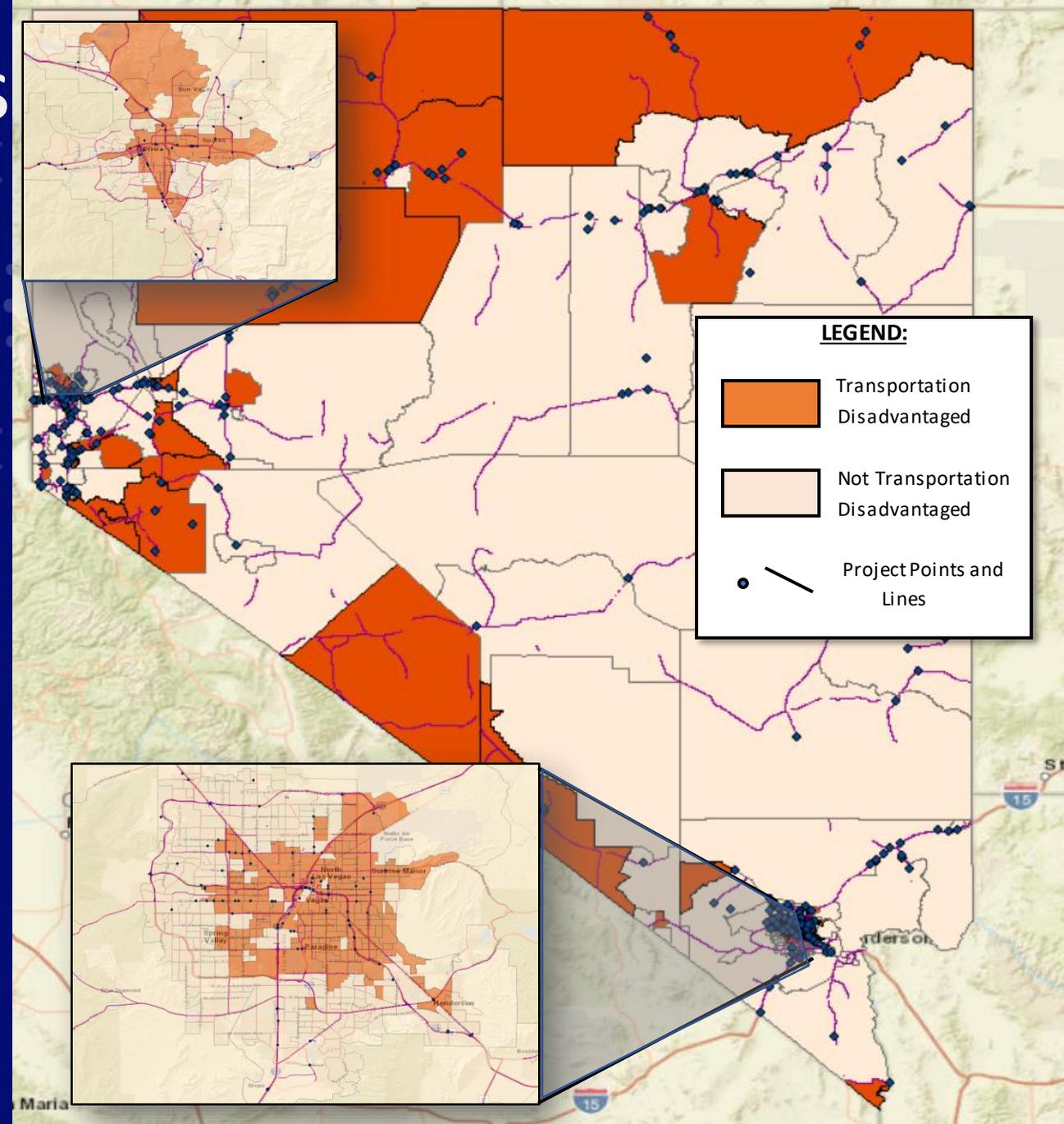
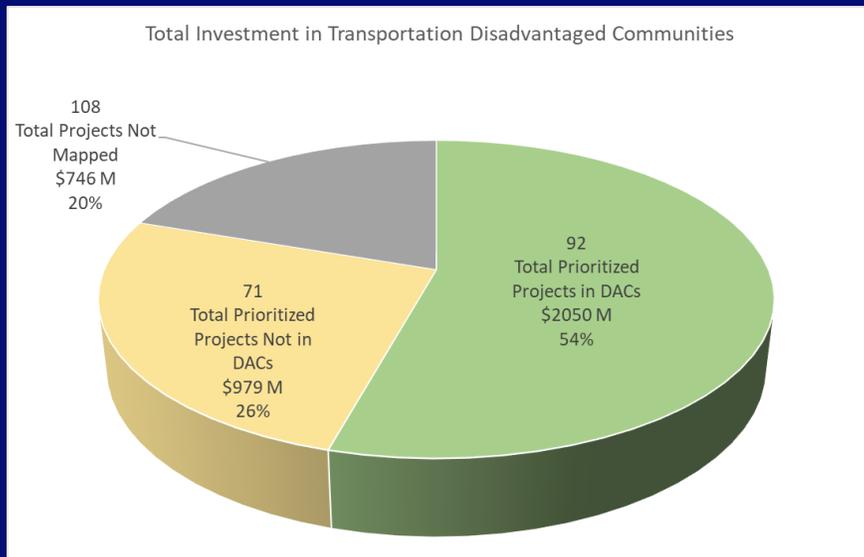


One Nevada and Equity



Justice 40 Requirements

- USDOT has defined Disadvantaged Communities (DAC's) and set a target that 40% of the benefit of the federal funding go to these communities
- One Nevada Process evaluated location of all STIP projects in DAC's
 - 1/3 of projects are in DAC's
 - 54% of the investment is located in DAC's
- Continuing to refine process to evaluate impact on DAC's



- Continue to work with local communities on a project level to solicit feedback and incorporate that feedback into project development
- Work with other Nevada State Agencies on locally defining Disadvantaged Communities (DAC) in Nevada



- Develop a process for defining and evaluating project impacts on DAC's at a planning level through One Nevada prioritization criteria
 - Obtain more detailed demographic data for transportation users
 - Determine method for evaluating which projects provide true benefits to users and communities
- Define and enhance department-wide equity evaluation processes on a project level through project development



Statewide Transit Plan



Statewide Transit Plan

- Help the State, mobility providers, and riders gain a greater understanding of:
 - Nevada's full public transit network
 - Service gaps in the transit network
 - Strategies to improve Nevada's intercity bus network
 - Strategies to enhance service by reducing redundant operations and overlaps
- Strategies to enhance mobility for Nevadans
- Capital and operations funding issues

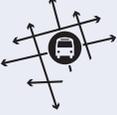


What We've Learned

- Every operation -- regardless of type -- is having critical issues recruiting drivers
- Limited service makes coordinating and transferring between systems very difficult
- Some agencies have limited capacity to apply for grants or identify funding opportunities
- Agencies outside of the urbanized areas have trouble finding local match for grant funds
- Many rural programs are dependent on opportunity funding as opposed to strategic investments
- Coordination with other state programs, such as Medicaid, are minimal, at best
- The condition of transit rolling stock and facilities varies wildly throughout the state

Goals



ONE NEVADA TRANSPORTATION PLAN GOAL	POLICY OBJECTIVES WHICH CONNECT TRANSIT TO GOALS
<p>Enhance Safety</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve transit rider access surrounding transit stops • Develop consistent training and standards for operator and rider safety, incident awareness, and reporting
<p>Preserve Infrastructure</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage agencies to be proactive in planning for a state of good repair (rolling stock and facilities)
<p>Optimize Mobility</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deploy technology and coordination to improve transit reliability and efficiency
<p>Transform Economies</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner to provide broader transit access to essential services and workplaces
<p>Foster Sustainability</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce inefficiencies, vehicle emissions, and long-term transit maintenance costs
<p>Connect Communities</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support transit as an equitable and viable option for getting around and between Nevada’s rural communities with emphasis on priorities: 1) Access to medical services, essential shopping, and community cohesion and 2) Access to education and jobs

NDOT Tribal Best Practices and Recommendations



*NRS 233A.200 to NRS 233A.280 Communication and Collaboration
between State Agencies and Indian Tribes*

NDOT required to make reasonable effort to collaborate and communicate with Indian tribes and report all activities involving tribes on or before July 1 of each year to the Nevada Indian Commission (NIC)



Vision Statement

NDOT provides for the needs of travelers of all ages and abilities in all planning, programming, design, construction, operations, and maintenance activities on the state highway system. NDOT views each transportation improvement project as an opportunity to improve safety, access, and mobility for all road users in Nevada and **recognizes sovereign tribes within the state are important stakeholders in the continued development of the state's transportation system as tribal members use the state's transportation system to access services**



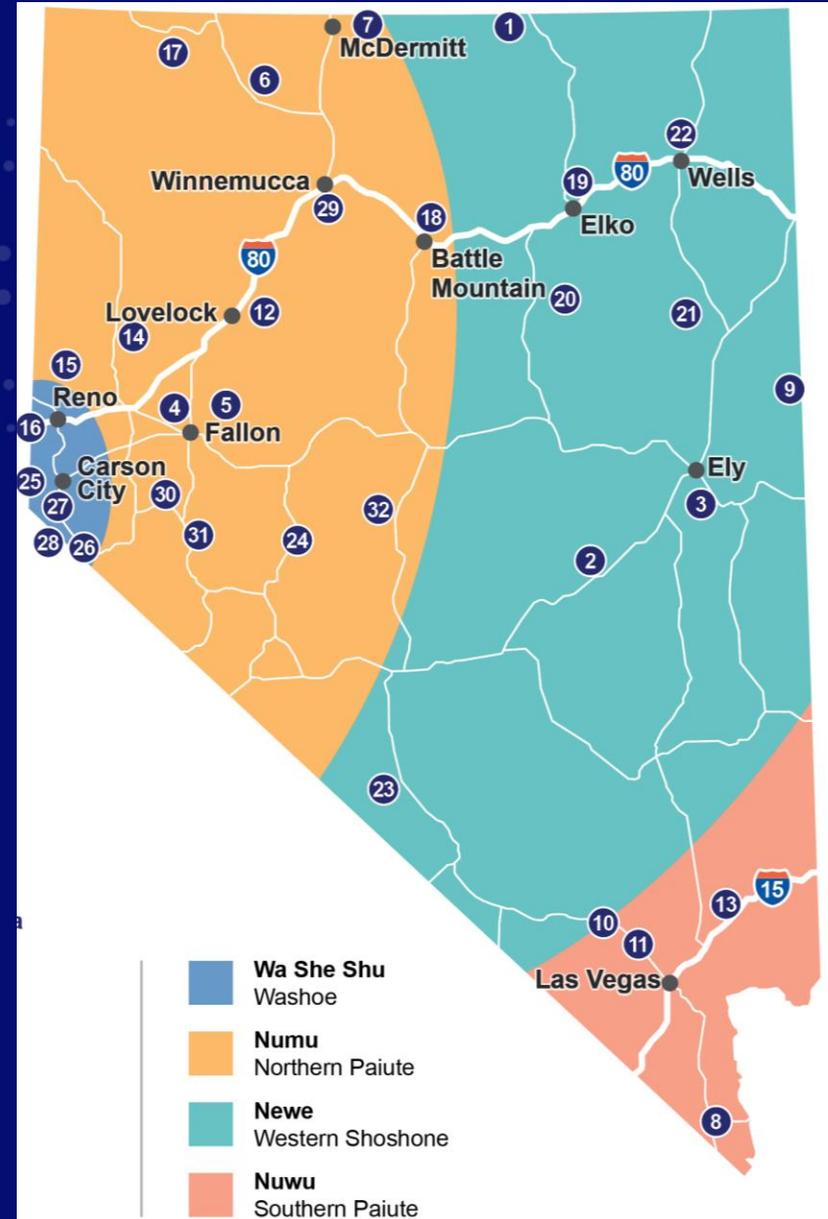
Policy Highlights - NRS 233A

- NDOT is required to designate a tribal liaison who reports to the Director
- Tribal liaison shall maintain ongoing communication between NDOT and affected Indian tribes
- Tribal liaison is required to provide training to NDOT staff
- Submit an annual report to the NIC documenting activities involving tribal nations
- Notify the NDOT Director of an issues associated with NDOT policies, agreements, or programs that affect an Indian tribe

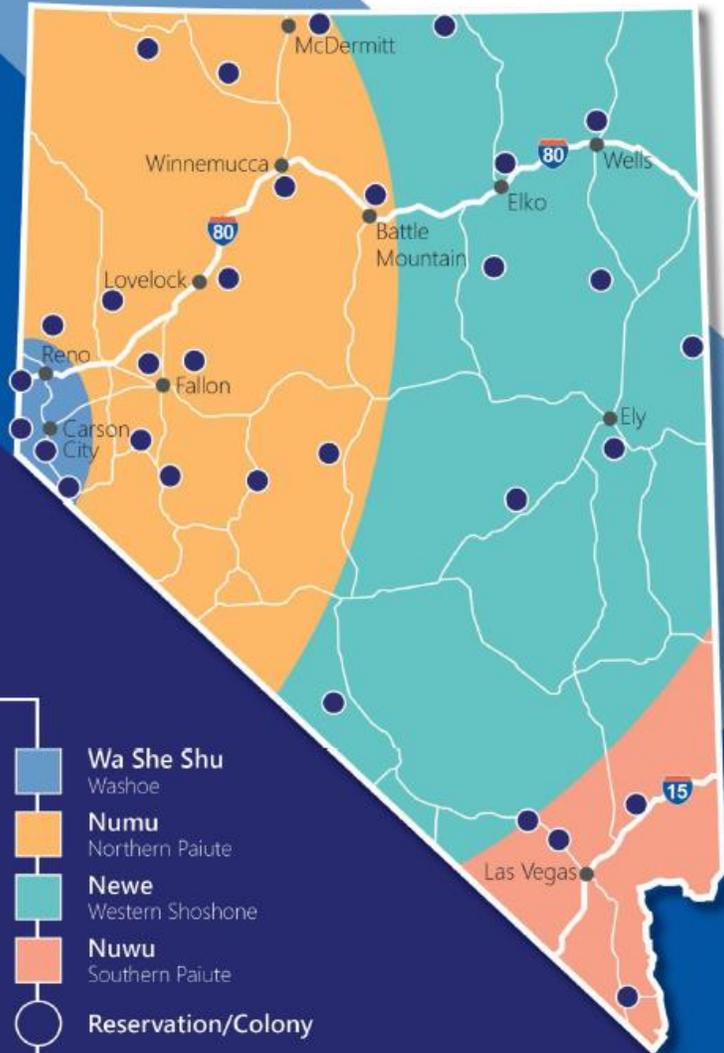


Tribes within Nevada

- 20 federally recognized and sovereign tribes within Nevada
- Four tribes comprised of 27 communities



NDOT TRIBAL BEST PRACTICES AND RECOMMENDATIONS



Stakeholder Outreach

- Tribes within Nevada
- Nevada Indian Commission (NIC)
- Other state DOTs
- Interviews with NDOT employees

Recommendations and Next Steps

- NDOT Tribal Liaison Position(s)
 - Establish two tribal liaisons (east and west) to adequately cover the tribes within Nevada
 - One tribal liaison position is pending legislative approval
- NDOT Tribal Training
 - Mandatory 1-hour training required for NDOT staff and contractors that interact with Indian tribes
- NDOT Roadway System and Tribal Land Mapping
- Intranet Tribal Website
- Tribal Consultation Website



Summary: Equity in Active Transportation

- Equity should be at the forefront of any project, from the initial planning phase to implementation.
- There are two broad ways to think about transportation equity, social equity and special equity.
- NDOT has a Multimodal Planning Department
 - Active Transportation
 - One Nevada
 - Statewide Transit Plan
 - Tribal Best Practices and Recommendations:

