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South Carson Complete Streets Project Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are the project improvements?

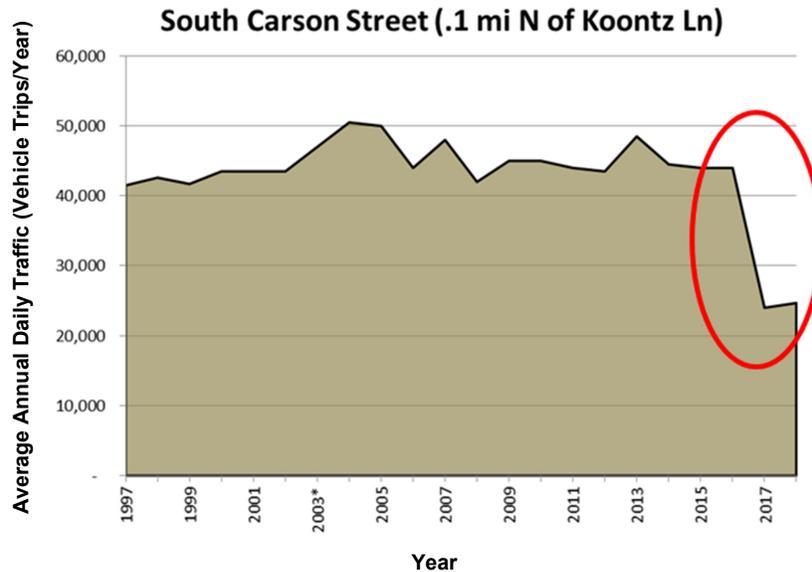
The South Carson Complete Streets Project will provide continuous roadway, bicycle, pedestrian, safety and beautification improvements through Carson City. The project limits are from the intersection of South Carson Street and 5th Street south to approximately the intersection of South Carson Street and Appion Way. Work will generally take place between the existing curb lines. The project includes reduced travel lanes, dedicated bicycle facilities, a shared-use path for pedestrians and bicyclists, upgraded utilities, landscape and aesthetic improvements, and enhanced business access along South Carson Street.

The corridor is divided into three areas with three different cross sections. These cross sections were developed through a series of public and stakeholder meetings where input was collected. The conceptual designs were approved by the Regional Transportation Commission, including reduction in the number of lanes and construction of a shared use path.

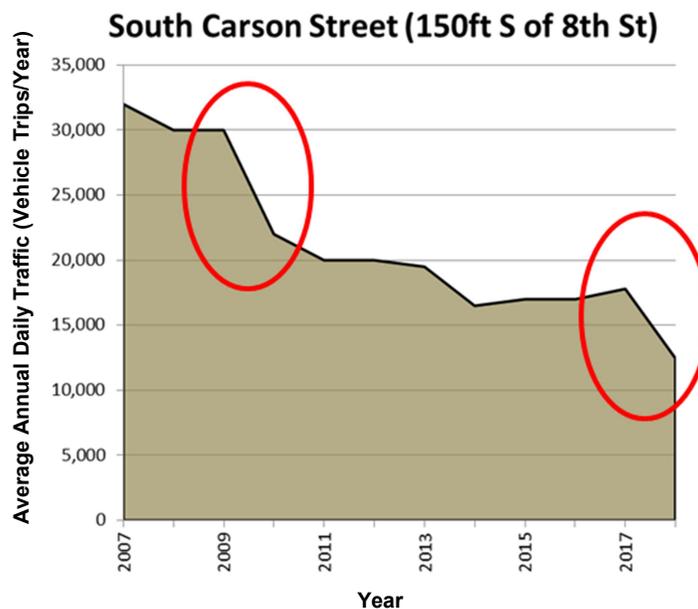
Conceptual designs can be viewed here: CarsonProud.com.

2. What are the traffic impacts from the reduction in the number of lanes?

The conceptual design was based on an expected 40% reduction in traffic on South Carson Street after the opening of Phase 2B of I-580 (Fairview to US 50) in the summer of 2017. Traffic modeling has been confirmed by subsequent traffic count data collected after the opening of the freeway, which indicates the reduction in annual average daily traffic is slightly greater than 40% on South Carson Street, as highlighted in the figure below of traffic volume data collected along South Carson Street near Koontz Lane.



The section of the South Carson Street corridor north of Stewart Street has also experienced significant reductions in traffic volumes as a result of the Carson City Freeway Bypass, resulting in an approximately 33% reduction following the opening of Phase 2A of I-580 (William to Fairview) in 2009 and an additional 30% reduction following the opening of Phase 2B of I-580 (Fairview to US 50) in 2017. These reductions are highlighted in the figure below of traffic volume data collected along South Carson Street near 8th Street.



Traffic analyses performed along the corridor have all indicated that a redesigned South Carson Street would function well at today's traffic volumes and in future conditions.

3. Will the final design include roundabouts?

Yes. There will be a new roundabout at S. Carson Street and S. Stewart Street. Roundabouts are a Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) proven safety countermeasure with marked safety benefits. Design engineers believe that a roundabout at Stewart Street will improve safety and traffic

operations and help delineate the project from a faster, signalized corridor south of Stewart Street to a calmer, gateway to downtown north of Stewart Street. The roundabout will also serve as an inviting downtown gateway connecting to Nevada's state capital and provide an ideal location to implement landscaping, art and signage to improve aesthetics along the corridor. Lastly, a roundabout at Stewart Street will provide an opportunity for future connectivity up to Curry Street.

4. When will construction begin and end?

The project team has started the engineering design and construction is anticipated to begin near the end of 2019. Project completion is estimated in 2021. Carson City is working with Sierra Nevada Construction (SNC) for preconstruction services including design review, cost estimating, stakeholder and public involvement and scheduling.

5. What are the traffic impacts during construction?

- Utility installations will be the first phase of construction and may include sidewalk closures, lane closures and minor detours.
- Roadway improvements will require lane closures and minor detours. The project team anticipates constructing one side of the roadway at a time. One travel lane in each direction will be maintained to the maximum extent possible

6. What is the project cost and how is it being funded?

The total project construction cost is estimated to be approximately \$17 million. The project will be funded from a number of sources, including State funds, utility funds, redevelopment funds, grants, sales tax money, as well as \$7.6 million from the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant. The highly, competitive TIGER grant was awarded to Carson City in the spring of 2018 by the United States Department of Transportation, which described the project as an important investment in Carson City's infrastructure with a focus to improve pedestrian safety and mobility in the area, and enhance commercial and business access.

7. What utility improvements and impacts are expected?

Utilities along the project corridor will be upgraded during construction. The project team is working closely with all utilities and partner agencies including, NV Energy, AT&T, Charter, Verizon, Southwest Gas, and NDOT. Additionally, critical storm drain, sewer and water infrastructure upgrades will be performed as part of this project. Construction operations will be combined whenever possible to minimize traffic impacts and reduce road closures. In the event of an outage or service disruption, customers will receive a written notice at least 72 hours in advance and personal contact/notification at least 48 hours prior to service disruption.

8. Will the public have any other opportunities to provide input on the design?

Yes. Although the conceptual design and typical street cross sections have been approved by the Regional Transportation Commission, the City will be seeking public input during the design process for elements including sidewalk paving treatments, landscaping, furnishings, public art, street lighting and other specific design elements. City staff will work with individual property owners and businesses to identify specific needs. The project team will also host community meetings throughout the design process for the public to view project plans and information. The meeting times and locations will be advertised through CarsonProud.com, e-notifications and text notices.

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9. How can I support businesses within the project corridor during construction?

Carson City and the project team encourage the community to support all businesses during construction. Sierra Nevada Construction (SNC) will voluntarily provide a business/stakeholder incentive program to help support businesses in the corridor by issuing a weekly SNC-funded gift card to a local business. There is no cost to participate.

10. How can I get involved and stay informed?

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11. Who can I contact for more information? Please contact Tom Grundy, Project Manager at 775.283.7081. You can also go online to: CarsonProud.com. To send an email to project team, use southcarsonstreet@carson.org.

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