

Increasing capacity on our nation's transportation system will:

- Unlock Gridlock,
- Generate Jobs,
- Deliver Freight,
- Access Energy,
- Connect Communities

Did you know?

- The amount of freight moved in this country—from milk, toothpaste and toilet paper to sparkplugs, wheat and wind turbines—is expected to double in the next 40 years?
- The Interstate Highway System represents only 4 percent of total miles but carries 70 percent of commercial truck traffic?
- Each of the top ten worst freight-truck bottlenecks cause over one million hours of delay a year?

"Our cities and our rural areas are crying out for transportation improvements, not only to keep Americans safely on the move, but to keep the United States economically and socially competitive with the rest of the world."

—Susan Martinovich, Nevada Department of Transportation Director



Freight Capacity Needs Las Vegas Interstate 15 Corridor

A vital interstate corridor through Las Vegas, Interstate 15 carries more than 75% of southern Nevada's goods movements. It is also part of the CANAMEX transportation corridor connecting Mexican, Canadian, and American trade. As a vital trade route, the U.S. Department of Transportation has designated I-15 through California, Nevada, Utah, and Arizona as a "Corridor of the Future."



Freeway congestion on Interstate 15 in Las Vegas

But freight on this important corridor is being gridlocked. Designed to carry approximately 130,000 vehicles per day, I-15 currently sees over 270,000 vehicles daily through central Las Vegas. That number is expected to balloon to over 500,000 by 2030.

The Nevada Department of Transportation has developed two multiphase projects to ease congestion and improve freight movement on southern Nevada's vital interstate trucking artery. Proposed I-15 improvements would increase and expand the interstate corridor from the California/Nevada border to the southern Las Vegas Strip with a combination of

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widening and new interchange connections, bridges, and collector/distributor roads. Safety and operational improvements would also be included.

In northern Las Vegas, where I-15 intersects U.S. 95 and carries commuters and truck traffic north, Nevada DOT's phased I-15 north improvements would also help allow truck traffic to easily travel through the city's ever-growing suburban sprawl.

The improvements, if funded, would clear the way for the vital regional, national, and international commerce that is trucked through southern Nevada every day. Benefits include an estimated savings of 60 million driver hours and 58 million gallons of fuel as well as a 540,000-ton reduction in emissions annually.



A truck traveling Interstate 15 in Las Vegas