

SENATE BILL NO. 322—SENATOR SCHNEIDER

MARCH 24, 2005

Referred to Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security

SUMMARY—Requires regional transportation commissions to take certain actions to minimize impacts of certain street and highway projects. (BDR 32-738)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in **bolded italics** is new; matter between brackets **[omitted-material]** is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to regional transportation commissions; requiring regional transportation commissions to take certain actions to minimize impacts of certain street and highway projects; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** Chapter 373 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

*If a commission approves a project for street or highway construction, surfacing or resurfacing pursuant to NRS 373.140, the commission shall, insofar as practicable, cooperate with the Department of Transportation and any contractors, subcontractors and utilities working on the project to perform the following functions in connection with the project:*

*1. Provide accurate and comprehensive information to the public regarding:*

*(a) The closure or restriction of streets, highways and lanes of traffic;*

*(b) The days on which and the hours during which the construction, surfacing or resurfacing will take place; and*

*(c) The availability, if any, of:*



1       (1) Convenient alternative routes by which motorists may  
2 avoid traveling through the area affected by the project; and

3       (2) Alternative forms of transportation, including, without  
4 limitation, systems of public transit, by which commuters may  
5 avoid traveling through the area affected by the project;

6       2. Reduce instances of:

7       (a) Multiple closures or restrictions of streets, highways and  
8 lanes of traffic within the same geographic area;

9       (b) The closure or restriction of streets, highways and lanes of  
10 traffic during periods in which no construction, surfacing or  
11 resurfacing is being performed;

12       (c) The unnecessary closure or restriction of streets, highways  
13 and lanes of traffic, particularly during peak commuting hours  
14 and other times at which the flow of vehicular traffic may  
15 reasonably be expected to be heavy; and

16       (d) The repetitive closure or restriction, within a 12-month  
17 period, of the same street, highway or lane of traffic;

18       3. Minimize the impact of the project on:

19       (a) Adjacent streets, highways and lanes of traffic; and

20       (b) Systems of public transit;

21       4. Mitigate the effects of the project with respect to disruption  
22 or interruption of the interconnectivity of the regional  
23 transportation network;

24       5. If applicable, provide or cause to be provided large, easily  
25 readable signs giving motorists notice of detours and other  
26 alternatives to routes of travel;

27       6. Provide for a toll-free telephone number that may be used  
28 to report problems relating to the congestion of traffic, the altered  
29 or impeded flow of traffic, misplaced cones and barriers, and other  
30 obstructions; and

31       7. Provide for a website on the Internet or its successor, if  
32 any, at which interested persons may obtain the information  
33 described in subsection 1.

