

PROPOSED CORRIDOR-WIDE IMPROVEMENTS

Setting the Right Speed Limit

The existing 50-55 mph speed limit along South Virginia Street was established when it was the main highway between Reno and Carson City and there was little development directly adjacent to the road.



Today, I-580 provides the direct link between Reno and Carson City bypassing South Virginia Street. South Virginia Street is now developing into an important mixed-use corridor resulting in more vehicles turning into and out of driveways and more people walking and bicycling.

A new speed limit of 35-45 mph aligns with the changing context of South Virginia Street, makes the corridor safer for all roadway users, and supports the commercial and residential developments of the area.

More Than New Signs

Proposed improvements will be designed to match the new speed limit and discourage speeding. This includes things such as:

- Narrower lane widths
- Raised center medians
- Removal of unnecessary turn lanes
- Updated traffic signals

A Safer Speed Helps Everyone

Setting a lower speed limit that matches the context of the corridor helps everyone by:

- Making it easier to turn into and out of driveways by making it easier to judge oncoming traffic
- Reducing the severity of crashes
- Minimizing the need for extra engineering features (such as barriers and excessive turn lanes) which frees up space for other things such as improved bicycle lanes, planting areas, improved bus stops, and more

