

The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) of Washoe County has initiated the Sparks Boulevard Project to enhance multi-modal mobility and safety along the corridor. The project includes the reconstruction and widening of Sparks Boulevard from four lanes to six lanes between the westbound I-80 westbound ramps and the Baring Boulevard intersection. Additionally, the Project proposes approximately 1.8 miles of 10-foot multi-use paths (MUP), approximately 2.8 miles of 6-foot sidewalks, and on-street bicycle lanes.

Multiple residential and commercial development access locations, as well as the intersections along Sparks Boulevard would be reconfigured and reconstructed to accommodate the widened roadway section and multi-modal improvements for cars, pedestrians, transit, and bicycles.

WHY IS IT NEEDED?

The purpose of the Project is to address operations and capacity deficiencies and to improve connectivity, safety, and mobility for all modes of transportation, including cars, pedestrians, transit, and bicycles. Needs and priorities for the project area have been developed through input from stakeholders, interested citizens, and a Technical Advisory Committee.

WHAT IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT?

The Sparks Boulevard Environmental Assessment (EA) outlines the operational deficiencies and gaps in bicycle and pedestrian facilities on Sparks Boulevard, and analyzed multiple potential improvements that would meet the project's purpose. The EA describes the benefits, impacts, and mitigation required to clear the improvements through the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process.

WHEN IS THE PROJECT SCHEDULED FOR CONSTRUCTION?

Phase 1 South of I-80 (Final Design)

- Construction nearing completion (Spring 2023)

Phase 2 (Preliminary Design)

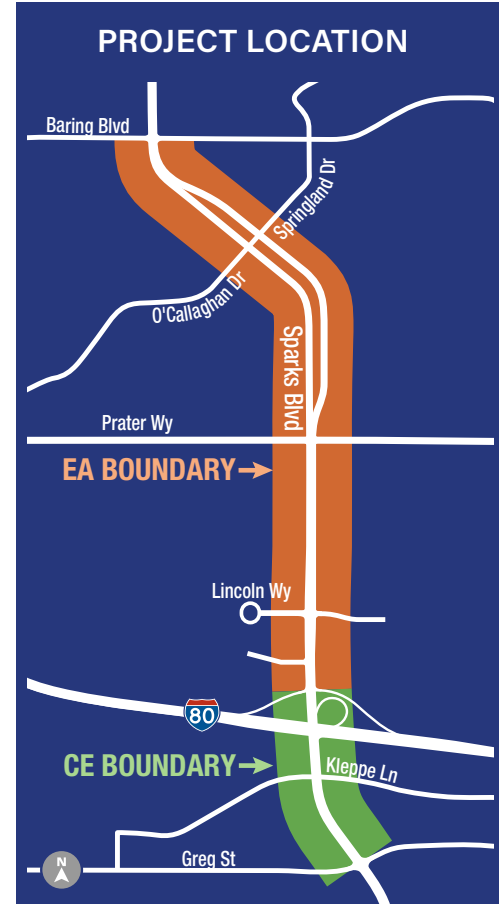
- Alternatives Analysis (Complete)

Environmental Assessment (In Progress)

- Under review by FHWA, NDOT & City of Sparks

Phase 2 (Final Design)

- Final Design (Spring 2024)
- Construction (2025 --2028)



ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT VIEWING LOCATIONS

- Sparks Public Library**, 1125 12th Street, Sparks, NV 89431
- Alf Sorensen Community Center**, 1400 Baring Blvd, Sparks, NV 89434
- Washoe RTC**, 1105 Terminal Way Suite 211; Reno, NV 89502
- City of Sparks**, 431 Prater Way, Sparks, Nevada 89431

WHERE YOU COME IN

The RTC is seeking the public's comments on the Sparks Boulevard Project. Comments will be accepted until 5 p.m. Friday, May 5, 2023.

- A virtual room is available on the project website, SparksBoulevardProject.com. Click on each exhibit and leave your comment on a specific topic.
- Attend our in-person meeting from 4 pm - 7 pm, April 19, 2023, at Lena Jupiter Elementary School, 225 Queen Way, Sparks, NV
- Mail your comments to Jeff Wilbrecht, P.E., RTC Project Manager, P.O. Box 30002, Reno, NV 89520
- Submit your comments via email to Jwilbrecht@rtcwashoe.com