



# Development Services Department

---

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 15, 2024

**TO:** Reno City Council

**THROUGH:** Doug Thornley, City Manager Approved Electronically

**FROM:** Grace Mackedon, Senior Management Analyst  
Angela Fuss, Assistant Director of Development Services

**SUBJECT:** RTC and NDOT South Virginia Street Corridor TOD and Safety Studies

---

This memo is intended to provide Council with an update on two studies that are being worked on by RTC and NDOT related to the South Virginia Street corridor. The two studies are independent of each other, but are being done collaboratively with input from multiple agencies and stakeholders. This information is being provided to Council in advance of the public engagement process, which is scheduled to kick-off in late March.

### **RTC South Virginia TOD Corridor Study**

In 2022, RTC was awarded a \$300,000 grant to conduct a corridor study to envision the future of transit and to look at extending the Virginia Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) along South Virginia Street, between the limits of McCarran Blvd and Mt. Rose Highway. The study focuses on identifying transportation investments and land use planning tools that will help to transform South Virginia Street into a safe, vibrant and transit supportive corridor. The study is analyzing a number of transit related topics including:

- Existing transit service
- Future transit needs
- Overall transit connectivity within the corridor
- Improvements to the corridor including landscaping, multi-use pathways and improved bike and pedestrian connections
- Safety concerns

As part of this study, RTC is working with the City of Reno, Washoe County, and Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency to analyze future growth, land use, and development patterns. Over the last 20 years, the South Meadows area has seen significant increases in

growth, both from a residential and employment perspective. This study is looking at where that growth is located and where future growth is planned, in an effort to proactively plan for transit.

### **NDOT Safety Management Plan**

NDOT is also analyzing the South Virginia Street corridor through a Safety Management Plan (SMP) that looks at crash data, accessibility, public and stakeholder input and roadway engineering. The goal of the study is to ultimately improve the safety, mobility and connectivity of the area so pedestrians, bicycles and vehicles can all securely access and share the road.

Since both RTC and NDOT are looking at this corridor, they decided to do concurrent outreach to ensure a strategic and collaborative process. Public outreach meetings will be taking place between March 28<sup>th</sup> and April 26<sup>th</sup>. Both agencies will attend the Ward 2 NAB on April 16<sup>th</sup> to present their findings, and potential options for the corridor.