



ROAD RELINQUISHMENTS AND ROAD TRADES



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Brief History

- In 1999, NDOT was directed by the Legislature to identify roads that no longer met the Department's needs. Attempts were made to transfer some of these roads to local agencies.
- In 2005, an internal audit found that a very limited number of roads had been transferred.
- After the 2005 audit, the Department continued to attempt road transfers using the NRS that was in effect during that time.
- In 2012, a presentation was made to the Transportation Board that updated the Board on transfer actions and the number of limited transfers that had occurred.



- Because of the 2012 presentation, the Department realized the need to revitalize the road relinquishment process and revise NRS 408.527, which describes the relinquishment process.
- Direction was given to the NDOT Roadway Systems Unit to revise the NRS and develop a better process for road relinquishments while working with local agencies.
- A working committee was established with participants from NDOT and various agencies and organizations, with the goal of developing language for the NRS revision.



NRS Revision

- NRS 408.527, dealing with road relinquishments was revised during the 2013 Legislative session.

Main Element of Revision:

- *It required the Department work with local government agencies to develop a regulation that would govern procedural documents that address the process of road transfers and relinquishments.*



Creation of the Regulation and Guide

- Efforts to develop language for a regulation and guidebook to direct the relinquishment process have taken place over the past 12 months.
- Draft language has been created for adoption as a regulation.
- The regulation will require the use of a Guide to Roadway Relinquishments which will define the process to develop, process, and finalize road relinquishments between State and local government agencies.

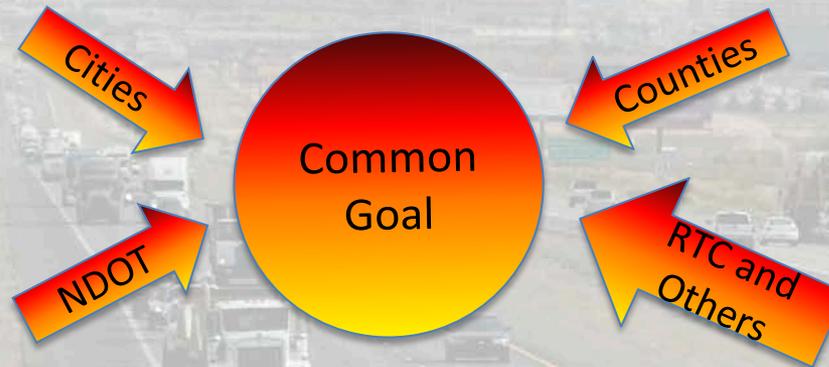
The Guide Will:

- Delineate the process from beginning to end.
- Set up and allow for pre-evaluations both internal and external of the road in question.
- Allow for documenting the process.
- Allow for open negotiation for a transfer.



Who Was/Is Involved

- Over 50 representatives from various agencies have been involved to date in the drafting of the guidebook and regulation language.
- Presentations to the NACO Board, EAC committee and RTCSN Board were conducted.
- Offers were made to all Nevada cities and counties for one-on-one meetings to discuss the draft regulation and guidebook.



- The draft regulation and guide are out for final review to all Nevada cities and counties with an expected return of comments by the end of August 2014.



What's Next

- Resolution of any change issues are expected to be completed by September 2014.
- Submission to the LCB, following the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) for a regulation, is expected in October 2014.
- The process is expected to take 5 to 6 months to complete and involves public meetings throughout the state.
- The completion of the regulation process is expected by March/April 2015.
- The regulation is expected to be brought to the Transportation Board for final approval in April/May 2015.