ORDER ESTABLISHING THE SOUTHERN NEVADA TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE
COMMITTEE
Executive Order 2015-09

WHEREAS, tourism is vitally important to the economy of the State and the general welfare of its inhabitants;

WHEREAS, the economy of Southern Nevada is dependent on the resort, gaming, and convention industries;

WHEREAS, Las Vegas has long been a world class business and recreation destination for millions of visitors a year and Las Vegas repeatedly ranks among the top-five destinations for conventions and business meetings;

WHEREAS, the economic viability of Clark County is dependent upon increasing the number of tourists and business travelers to Las Vegas;

WHEREAS, the growth and success of tourism depends upon continual investment in tourism, entertainment, convention, and transportation infrastructure;

WHEREAS, Las Vegas is in competition with other destinations that are investing significantly in convention and entertainment facilities and related infrastructure;

WHEREAS, investment in tourism infrastructure will result in increased employment and revenue for the State;

WHEREAS, there is critical need to expand, improve, develop, and revitalize public and private tourism infrastructure in Southern Nevada to stay competitive and increase the number of business and pleasure travelers to Las Vegas; and

WHEREAS, Article 5, Section 1 of the Nevada Constitution provides: "The supreme executive power of this State, shall be vested in a Chief Magistrate who shall be Governor of the State of Nevada."

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of Nevada, I hereby direct and order:

1. The Southern Nevada Tourism Infrastructure Committee ("Committee") is hereby established.
2. The Committee shall make recommendations in a report to the Governor that identifies and prioritizes tourism improvement projects in Southern Nevada and suggests and identifies funding mechanisms for such projects.
3. The Committee shall:
   • Evaluate existing public and private convention facilities and assess and prioritize the need to revitalize existing facilities and construct new facilities;
   • Assess public and private entertainment facilities, including but not limited to, existing and planned sports stadiums and large-scale entertainment facilities, and make recommendations regarding the need and viability of new facilities;
   • Evaluate current tourism related transportation modes and infrastructure, including but not limited to, airport facilities, public and private mass transit, and transportation infrastructure, and identify areas of need and make recommendations for improvements; and
   • Identify and analyze funding for tourism infrastructure improvement projects.
4. The report shall be submitted to the Governor and the Interim Finance Committee of the Nevada Legislature on or before July 31, 2016, and the Committee shall thereafter expire, unless further directed by the Governor.
5. Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Governor and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Committee shall include eleven members and be composed of the following:
   • The Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Economic Development;
   • The Mayor of the City of Las Vegas;
   • The Chairman of the Clark County Commission;
   • The President and Chief Executive Officer of the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce;
   • The President of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas; and,
   • Six representatives of the Nevada Resort Association.

6. The Committee shall be assisted by the non-voting Technical Advisory Committee composed of the following:
   • The City Manager of the City of Las Vegas;
   • The Manager of Clark County;
   • The General Manager of the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada;
   • The Director of Aviation of McCarran International Airport;
   • The President and Chief Executive Officer of the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority; and
   • An expert in economic and financial analysis appointed by the Chairman of the Committee.

7. The Committee shall be headed by a chair and vice-chair to be appointed by the Governor.

8. The Members of the Committee shall receive no compensation for their service.

9. The Committee may call on any other professionals with expertise in these issues.

10. The Committee shall hold its first meeting no later than July 15, 2015, and thereafter, as often as necessary to complete its report.

11. Any meetings conducted by the Committee shall be subject to the Open Meeting Law, as codified in Nevada Revised Statute Chapter 241.

12. The Governor’s Office of Economic Development shall provide administrative support. The Office may hire or retain contractors, sub-contractors, advisors, consultants, and/or agents, and may make and enter into contracts as necessary, in accordance with relevant statutes, rules, and procedures of state regulations.

13. All records documenting the Committee’s activities shall be retained and transferred to the State Archives for permanent retention in accordance with the State record retention policy.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 6th day of July, in the year two thousand fifteen.

[Signature]
Governor of the State of Nevada

By the Governor:

[Signature]
Secretary of State

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Deputy Secretary of State