Tropicana & University Center Grade Separation

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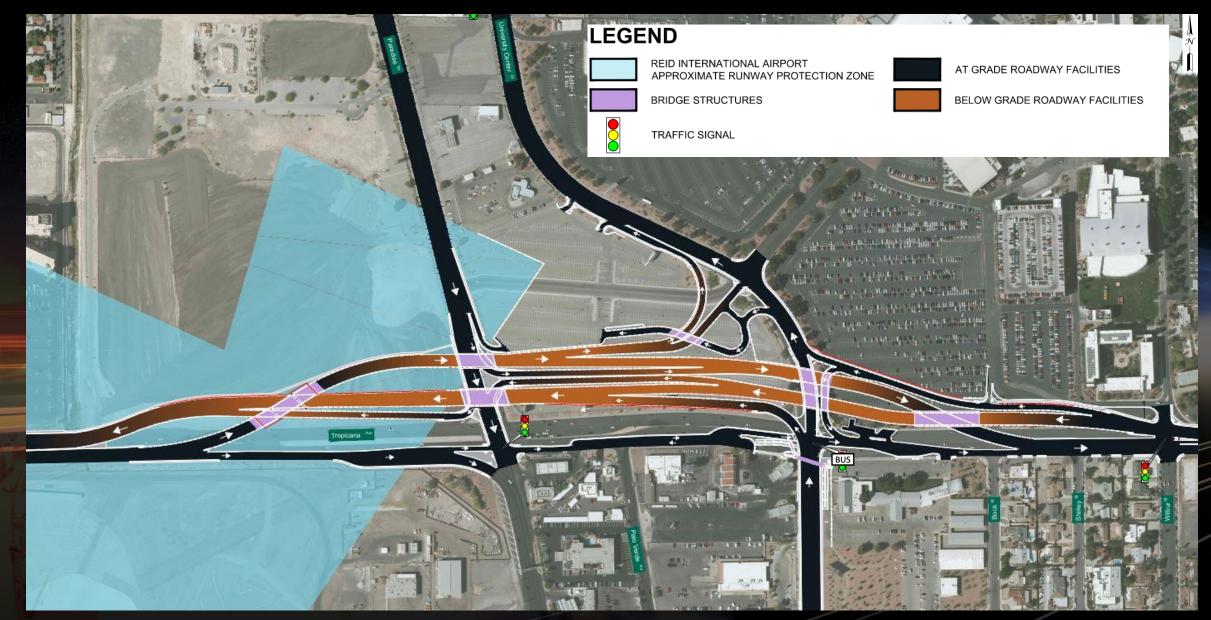
Purpose of this project:

- Relieve congestion
- Improve safety
- Improve access for:
 - Airport traffic traveling to the Resort Corridor
 - Traffic traveling north via University Center Drive
 - Traffic traveling to airport via Paradise Road
 - Traffic traveling south via Paradise Road
 - Traffic traveling to/from Thomas & Mack and the University

Update

- July 7, 2020: Original Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) presented to the Board
 - Jan 12, 2022: FAA approval of DDI Alternative
- Summer 2023: Phase 1 drainage construction to start
- Groundwater Permit submitted
- FAA Environmental Cat Ex being prepared in conjunction with DOA
- Ongoing coordination with UNLV, DOA, RTC & Utilities
- Recent construction cost escalations led us to create a revised alternative

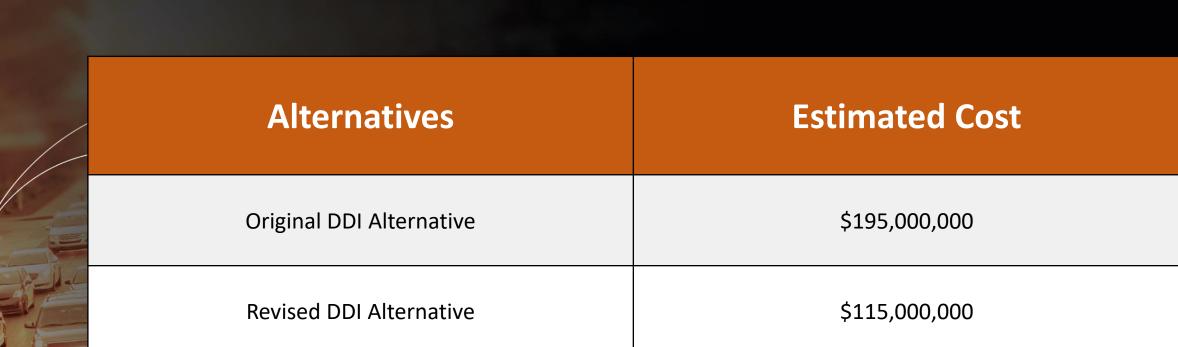
Original DDI Alternative

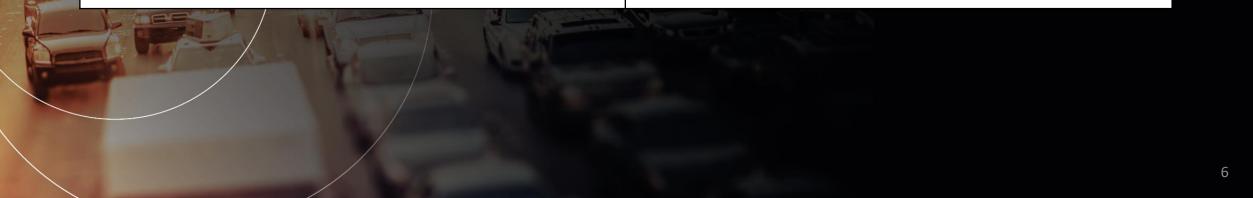


Revised DDI Alternative



Alternative Comparison





Pros and Cons of the New Alternative

(in comparison with the Original DDI)

	Pros	Cons
	Lower cost	Less traffic operations benefits
	Better transit access	Two additional traffic signals
	 Better pedestrian and bicycle accessibility 	 More points of conflict at intersections
£	 Less construction impact in the airport RPZ 	 More at-grade roadway within the airport RPZ
	Shorter construction duration	
	 Less below-grade roadway = less groundwater mitigation 	