#### Tropicana & University Center Grade Separation

Board of County Commissioners Meeting | May 2, 2023 Presented by: Department of Public Works



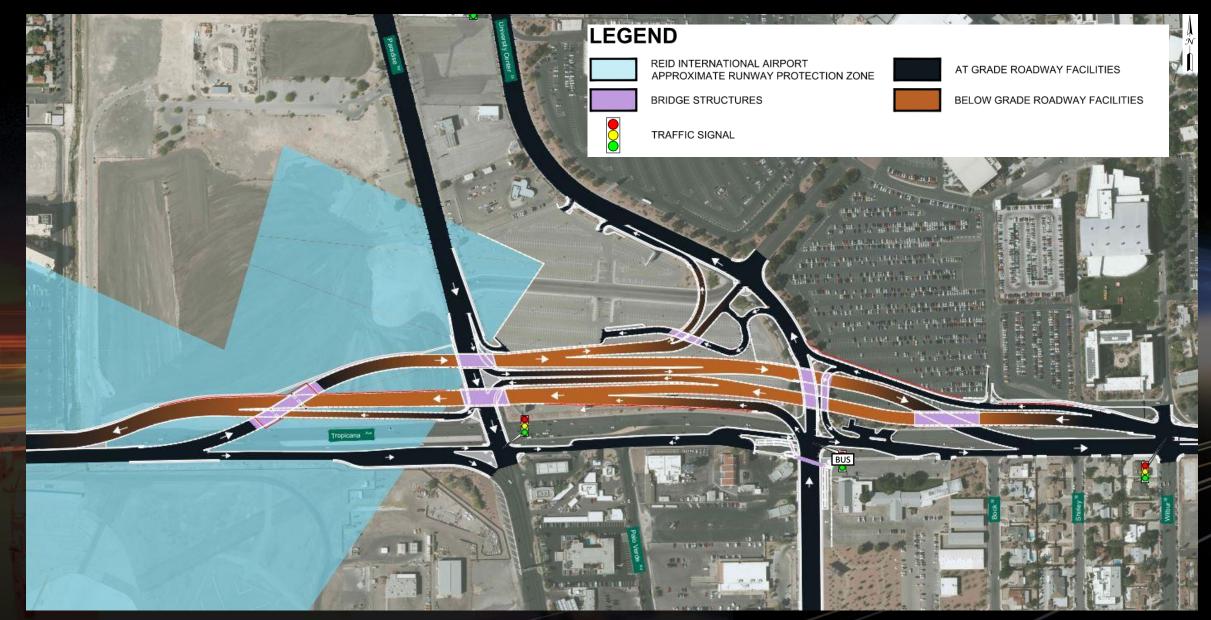
# Purpose of this project:

- 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

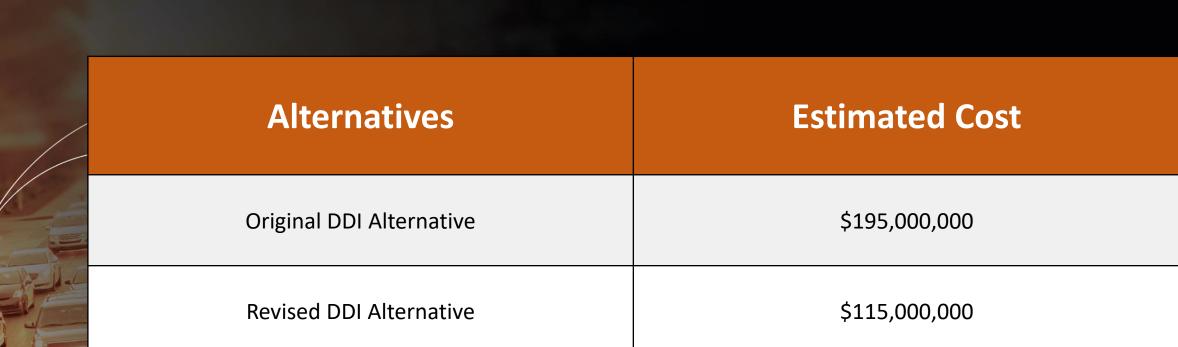
# **Original DDI Alternative**

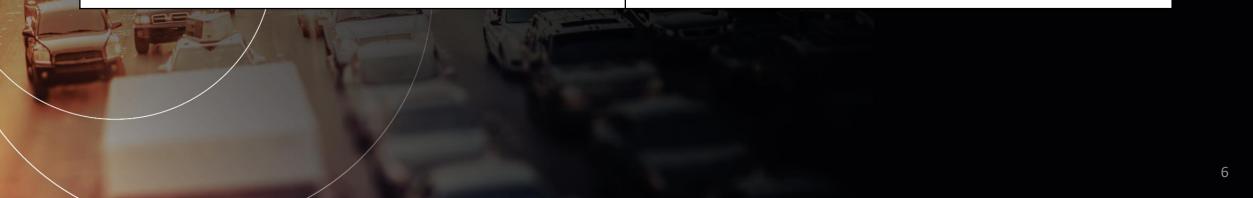


#### **Revised DDI Alternative**



#### **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
	<ul> <li>Better pedestrian and bicycle accessibility</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>More points of conflict at intersections</li> </ul>
£	<ul> <li>Less construction impact in the airport RPZ</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>More at-grade roadway within the airport RPZ</li> </ul>
	Shorter construction duration	
	<ul> <li>Less below-grade roadway = less groundwater mitigation</li> </ul>	