
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 63—COMMITTEE
ON GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE

(ON BEHALF OF STOREY COUNTY)

PREFILED NOVEMBER 16, 2022

Referred to Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

SUMMARY—Requires the Director of the Department of Transportation and the Director of the Department of Public Safety to review, study and prepare reports regarding certain issues relating to traffic safety. (BDR S-406)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to public safety; requiring the Director of the Department of Transportation and the Director of the Department of Public Safety to review, study and prepare reports regarding certain issues that affect a certain segment of Interstate 80 in this State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 **Section 1** of this bill requires the Director of the Department of Transportation
2 to conduct a safety study of the segment of Interstate 80 in this State that is between
3 Vista Boulevard in the City of Sparks and the Wadsworth Interchange. **Section 1**
4 further sets forth certain requirements for conducting the study, including setting
5 forth certain issues that the Director must study. **Section 1** further requires the
6 Director to seek the cooperation and collaboration of the counties of Lyon, Storey
7 and Washoe and the cities of Fernley, Reno and Sparks in conducting the study.
8 Not later than July 1, 2024, the Director is required to prepare and submit a report
9 of the findings and recommendations of the study and the estimated fiscal cost to
10 implement any recommendations to: (1) the Governor; (2) the Office of Finance in
11 the Office of the Governor; (3) the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for
12 transmittal to the 83rd Session of the Legislature; (4) the boards of county
13 commissioners of the counties of Lyon, Storey and Washoe; and (5) the city
14 councils of the cities of Fernley, Reno and Sparks. Finally, **section 1** authorizes the
15 Director to accept gifts, grants and donations for the purpose of: (1) funding the



16 study; and (2) expediting the implementation of any traffic safety measure within
17 that segment of Interstate 80.

18 **Section 2** of this bill requires the Director of the Department of Public Safety to
19 conduct a safety study to determine the law enforcement resources that are
20 necessary to improve public safety within the segment of Interstate 80 in this State
21 that is between Vista Boulevard in the City of Sparks and the Wadsworth
22 Interchange. **Section 2** requires the study, without limitation, to determine the fiscal
23 amount that is necessary to provide increased enforcement of traffic laws to
24 improve public safety within that segment of Interstate 80. **Section 2** further
25 requires the Director to seek the cooperation and collaboration of the Department of
26 Transportation and counties of Lyon, Storey and Washoe and the cities of Fernley,
27 Reno and Sparks in conducting the study. Not later than July 1, 2024, the Director
28 is required to prepare and submit a report of the findings and recommendations of
29 the study and the estimated fiscal cost to implement any recommendations to: (1)
30 the Governor; (2) the Office of Finance in the Office of the Governor; (3) the
31 Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the 83rd Session of the
32 Legislature; (4) the boards of county commissioners of the counties of Lyon, Storey
33 and Washoe; and (5) the city councils of the cities of Fernley, Reno and Sparks.
34 Finally, **section 2** authorizes the Director to accept gifts, grants and donations for
35 the purpose of funding the study.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** 1. The Director of the Department of
2 Transportation shall conduct a safety study of the segment of
3 Interstate 80 in this State that is between Vista Boulevard in the City
4 of Sparks and the Wadsworth Interchange. The traffic safety study
5 must, without limitation:

6 (a) Determine the feasibility of and the fiscal amount necessary
7 for:

8 (1) Designating that segment of Interstate 80 a special safety
9 corridor that has enhanced traffic calming and control measures;

10 (2) Reducing vehicular speed limits within that segment of
11 Interstate 80;

12 (3) Restricting commercial trucks or vehicles with more than
13 two axles to one lane of the highway within that segment of
14 Interstate 80;

15 (4) Upgrading signage within that segment of Interstate 80,
16 including, without limitation, signage related to merging traffic; and

17 (5) Beginning the process to add within that segment of
18 Interstate 80 one additional eastbound travel lane and one additional
19 westbound travel lane within the next 24 months;

20 (b) Establish a timeline for upgrading the Lockwood
21 Interchange and Patrick Interchange; and

22 (c) Establish a timeline for the completion of adding within that
23 segment of Interstate 80 one additional eastbound travel lane and
24 one additional westbound travel lane.



1 2. In conducting the study required pursuant to this section, the
2 Director of the Department of Transportation shall seek the
3 cooperation and collaboration of the counties of Lyon, Storey and
4 Washoe and the cities of Fernley, Reno and Sparks.

5 3. Not later than 90 days after the effective date of this act, the
6 Director of the Department of Transportation shall meet jointly with
7 the county managers of Lyon County, Storey County and Washoe
8 County, or a designee thereof, and the city managers of the City of
9 Fernley, the City of Reno and the City of Sparks, or a designee
10 thereof, to seek the input of each respective county and city on the
11 scope of the study required to be conducted pursuant to this section.

12 4. Not later than July 1, 2024, the Director of the Department
13 of Transportation shall prepare and submit a report of the findings
14 and recommendations of the study and the estimated fiscal cost to
15 implement any recommendations to:

16 (a) The Governor;

17 (b) The Office of Finance in the Office of the Governor;

18 (c) The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for
19 transmittal to the 83rd Session of the Legislature;

20 (d) The boards of county commissioners of the counties of
21 Lyon, Storey and Washoe; and

22 (e) The city councils of the cities of Fernley, Reno and Sparks.

23 5. The Director of the Department of Transportation may
24 accept gifts, grants and donations for the purpose of:

25 (a) Funding the study required to be conducted pursuant to this
26 section; and

27 (b) Expediting the implementation of any traffic safety measure
28 within the segment of Interstate 80 that is between Vista Boulevard
29 in the City of Sparks and the Wadsworth Interchange.

30 **Sec. 2.** 1. The Director of the Department of Public Safety
31 shall conduct a study to determine the law enforcement resources
32 that are necessary to improve public safety within the segment of
33 Interstate 80 in this State that is between Vista Boulevard in the City
34 of Sparks and the Wadsworth Interchange. The study must, without
35 limitation, determine the fiscal amount that is necessary to provide
36 increased enforcement of traffic laws to improve public safety
37 within that segment of Interstate 80.

38 2. In conducting the study required pursuant to this section, the
39 Director of the Department of Public Safety shall seek the
40 cooperation and collaboration of the Department of Transportation
41 and the counties of Lyon, Storey and Washoe and the cities of
42 Fernley, Reno and Sparks.

43 3. Not later than 90 days after the effective date of this act, the
44 Director of the Department of Public Safety shall meet jointly with
45 the county managers of Lyon County, Storey County and Washoe



1 County, or a designee thereof, and the city managers of the City of
2 Fernley, the City of Reno and the City of Sparks, or a designee
3 thereof, to seek the input of each respective county and city on the
4 scope of the study required to be conducted pursuant to this section.

5 4. Not later than July 1, 2024, the Director of the Department
6 of Public Safety shall prepare and submit a report of the findings
7 and recommendations of the study and the estimated fiscal cost to
8 implement any recommendations to:

9 (a) The Governor;

10 (b) The Office of Finance in the Office of the Governor;

11 (c) The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for
12 transmittal to the 83rd Session of the Legislature;

13 (d) The boards of county commissioners of the counties of
14 Lyon, Storey and Washoe; and

15 (e) The city councils of the cities of Fernley, Reno and Sparks.

16 5. The Director of the Department of Public Safety may accept
17 gifts, grants and donations for the purpose of funding the study that
18 is required to be conducted pursuant to this section.

19 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

