

# DISCUSSING THE VALUE OF IMPLEMENTING NEW TECHNOLOGY TO IMPROVE PUBLIC SECTOR OUTCOMES

AV, CV, Smart Pedestrian Intersections & Smart Transit Shelters

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# PROJECT INTRODUCTION



- A transformative Intelligent Transportation
  Systems (ITS) initiative in the Las Vegas Medical District (LVMD).
- Developed by the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) and City of Las Vegas (CLV).
- Designed to deliver safe, sustainable, and connected mobility in a vital community hub.
- Key Features:
  - Autonomous shuttles as a stress-free and accessible mobility solution.
  - Smart Transit Shelters with real-time digital signage.
  - Advanced pedestrian detection systems for enhanced safety

### Impact:

- Supports nearly 200,000 patient, staff and medical student commutes annually.
- Improves access to medical facilities, educational institutions, and community destinations.



## STAKEHOLDERS AND BENEFICIARIES

## **Key Stakeholders:**

- Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) of Southern Nevada
- City of Las Vegas
- Contractors
- Technology providers

## **Beneficiaries:**

- Broader community (healthcare, education, employment access)
- Elderly residents
- Persons with disabilities



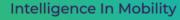














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## **TECHNOLOGIES BEING IMPLEMENTED**



Pedestrian Detection Systems

Sensors and systems enhancing pedestrian safety

- Iteris (radar)
- FLIR (thermal)



Connected Vehicle Road Side Units

Infrastructure providing information to connected vehicles

- Iteris RSU



**Smart Transit Shelters** 

Shelters with real-time information and safety and convenience features (Smart displays, smart trashcans, cameras, sensors)



**Autonomous Shuttles** 

Self-driving shuttles connecting key locations



## **TIMELINE OF THE PROJECT**

#### 2018

• USDOT \$5.3M Grant Awarded

2024/2025

Construction

2026

Project Go-Live











2022/2023

• Design

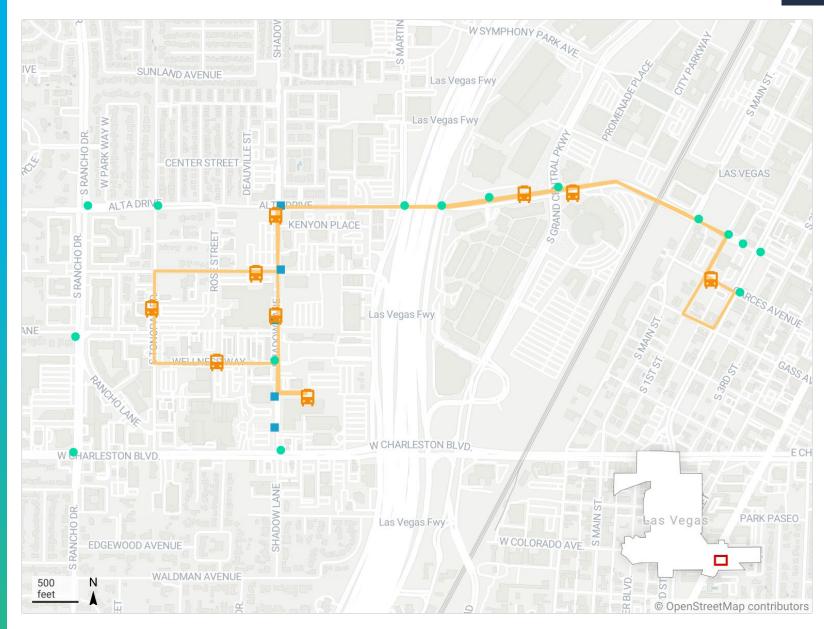
2025

• Equipment Integration



## DEPLOYMENT AREA

- Las Vegas Medical District
- 674-acre (273-hectare) cluster of hospitals, clinics, and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Medicine
- Shuttles from a downtown transit hub to the LVMD





**Smart Transit Shelter** 

RSL

RSU + PDS

AV Shuttle Route



## **GOALS AND VALUE PROPOSITION**

## Goals

- Improve mobility for vulnerable populations.
- Enhance safety and quality of life.
- Reduce congestion and emissions.
- Demonstrate the feasibility of innovative technologies.

## **Value Proposition:**

- Connecting people to vital services with short wait times, accessible vehicles and stops, safer crossings and easy wayfinding.
- Reliable, low-speed, ADA-friendly service that connects vulnerable users (elderly, persons with disabilities) to vital services for first/last-mile and short circulator trips.
- Potential to lower labor-driven operating costs at maturity;
  right-sized vehicles better match demand; data-driven routing and maintenance.





## **IMPLEMENTATION AND LESSONS LEARNED**

## Implementation:



- Collaboration between state and local agencies.
- Integration of AV/CV technologies with existing infrastructure.
- Deployment of smart pedestrian intersections and transit shelters.
- Leveraging existing projects and procurements:
  - Implementation team
  - Building off another successful national AV deployment in Florida

## **Lessons Learned:**



- Challenges around:
  - Public acceptance
  - Technical hurdles
  - Interoperability
  - Implementing new technologies into legacy infrastructure
- Successes
  - Improved accessibility, safety outcomes
  - Great public interagency collaboration
  - Trust between public and private implementors

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