

RESORT CORRIDOR WORKGROUP RECOMMENDATIONS

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Recommendations in boxes are ones the County is actively working on or are ones that are pending awaiting the final pedestrian study report – the shading indicates that the recommendation has been implemented including adoption of any necessary ordinances

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Public Sidewalks – Newsracks	1. The County should continue the periodic review of the number and location of newsracks in the resort corridor especially on Las Vegas Blvd.
	2. To provide for uniformity of newsracks on Las Vegas Blvd., the County should replace the current system that provides for installation and maintenance of newsracks by permittees with a county-owned and maintained system of newsracks. The County should evaluate different newsrack styles (freestanding and modular) to determine the most appropriate style(s) for use on Las Vegas Blvd.
	3. The County should also attempt to purchase newsracks that use an anti-graffiti or graffiti-resistant coating and/or material that would help with maintenance issues.
	4. The County should continue to enforce code provisions on maintenance of and standards for newsracks installed by permittees through regular inspections in the resort corridor and to take corrective actions when necessary.
	5. The County should provide a trash can at each newsrack location on Las Vegas Blvd.
Public Sidewalks & Pedestrian Bridges – Litter & Cleanliness	TRASH CANS:
	6. The County should continue to make sure that trash cans are the same style at specific county-maintained locations (each pedestrian bridge, Harmon intersection, etc.) The County will review the style of trash cans it uses to determine whether the style should be changed in an effort to maintain a cleaner appearance for the can and the sidewalk area surrounding it (i.e. should all cans be required to have some type of covering or should all cans be off the ground). The number of trash cans at

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Public Sidewalks & Pedestrian Bridges – Litter & Cleanliness (cont.)	<p>pedestrian bridges and on sidewalks seems to be sufficient except that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ County will install a trash can at each bank of newsracks; and ○ County will install additional trash cans where the right-of-way exists at locations selected by the County.
	<p>7. The County should notify resort properties if it observes containers being used as trash cans on their properties especially vacant properties (example, 50 gallon drums being used as trash cans).</p> <p>8. RTC of Southern Nevada should require that the franchisee for a bus stop shelter use the same style of can for a specific shelter (if shelter contains multiple cans) with the style chosen to blend with the shelter if desired. RTC of Southern Nevada should also ensure that the trash cans are emptied on a regularly scheduled basis.</p> <p>9. Resort properties, as well as other properties, should establish a regular schedule for the emptying of trash cans on those properties.</p> <p>SIDEWALKS AND PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES (for which the County is responsible) – See also recommendation #18 under Graffiti/Unauthorized Advertising relating to "hotline" to the County for use outside of normal Public Works office hours</p>
	<p>10. The County should maintain 24 hr. custodial service on the pedestrian bridges.</p> <p>11. The County should modify its currently established Monday/Wednesday/Friday morning schedule for sidewalk cleaning and maintenance to a Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday/Sunday morning schedule (between the hours of 5 a.m. and 9 a.m.) and provide for an additional cleaning and maintenance, if warranted, on any Monday following a special event.</p> <p>12. The County should modify the maintenance contract on the pedestrian bridges to provide for the pressure wash no earlier than 5:00 a.m. every Saturday morning and Sunday morning during the months of April-October.</p>
	<p>LITTER SPECIFICALLY FROM HANDBILLERS</p>
	<p>13. Based on information concerning the source of litter obtained from the new pedestrian study, the</p>

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	<p>County should consider whether to make handbillers responsible for periodically cleaning up discarded handbills in a specific area around the location of the handbiller (suggested timeframe of every 30 minutes and area within 15 feet of the handbiller).</p> <hr/> <p>14. In order to identify the companies that employ handbillers, the County should research whether companies can be required to include their name and identifying information on each handbill.</p>
<p>Graffiti/ Unauthorized Advertising Graffiti/ Unauthorized Advertising</p>	<p>15. The County should continue to provide for the cleaning of graffiti on public property in the resort corridor through its graffiti abatement contract.</p> <p>16. The County should investigate the use of anti-graffiti or graffiti resistant coatings on public property within the resort corridor and consider a pilot program to determine the impact on graffiti removal costs. If determined appropriate, the County, with respect to bids relating to public property in the resort corridor, should include as a bid requirement, the use of anti-graffiti or graffiti resistant coatings.</p> <p>17. The County, through Code Chapter 11.12, should enforce provisions on the covering and removal of graffiti on nonresidential property, especially vacant property, in the resort corridor and cooperate on the removal of graffiti on bus shelters maintained by RTC of Southern Nevada franchisees and above-ground utility features maintained by NV Energy and LVVWD.</p> <p>18. Public Works should provide resort properties with a telephone "hotline" number (or other notification process) that can be used to directly notify Public Works of graffiti or other unauthorized advertising/materials on public property within the resort corridor outside of the normal Public Works office hours. Direct notification can speed up abatement in situations that warrant an immediate response.</p> <p>19. LVMPD and the resort properties should establish a procedure for sharing graffiti information (photos of tags or signatures) to help identify and prosecute graffiti offenders.</p>
<p>Public Sidewalks & Pedestrian Bridges – Safety of</p>	<p>20. County Public Works should continue to enforce its established policy that prohibits the storing of traffic cones or barricades on sidewalks, in gutters, or in the median when not in use.</p>

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Pedestrians	<p>21. County Public Works should evaluate the lighting along the Strip (specifically along vacant properties) to identify any "dark spots" and take measures with respect to county rights-of-way to address any identified "dark spots". Public Works should also notify owners of "dark spots" on non-public property.</p>
	<p>23. The County should amend existing county code or adopt a new ordinance that restricts activities on the public sidewalks on the Strip that pose a potential risk to the safety of pedestrians. The ordinance might address the following issues, with exceptions for special events or permitted activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The use of unicycles, bicycles and other types of cycles, skateboards, roller skates, in-line skates, hula hoops larger than 4 feet in diameter and shopping carts. ○ The launching or throwing of projectiles or other objects into or through the air. ○ The use of items or engaging in actions that pose a potential risk to pedestrians.
Public Sidewalks & Pedestrian Bridges - Commercial Activities – water vendors, etc.	<p>24. The County should amend existing county code or adopt a new ordinance that clearly states that it is unlawful to engage in a commercial activity in the public right-of-way.</p>
	<p>25. (a) The County should continue the program began in June 2011 that provided for the special handling of business license violations by a Deputy District Attorney and monitor the impact of the program. In addition, the County should continue to pursue special handling of business license violations by a single designated Las Vegas Justice of the Peace or JP pro temp.</p> <p>(b) The County should examine the use of civil penalties as an alternative to the current method of enforcement of business license violations through criminal prosecutions.</p> <p>26. The County should maintain the number of signs relating to commercial activities that are currently mounted at or near the pedestrian bridges. In addition, County Public Works should consult and cooperate with LVMPD in determining the need for additional signage.</p> <p>27. The County and resort properties should consider ways to provide information to visitors concerning prohibited activities on the Strip (i.e., no business activity in the right-of-way, sales vs. solicitations for tips or donations).</p>

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Public Sidewalks & Pedestrian Bridges – Obstruction Issues due to Congestion	<p>28. In order to provide for pedestrian safety and to eliminate pedestrian congestion, each resort property may work with the County to clarify the boundaries between public and private sidewalks.</p> <p>29. With respect to the provisions of Clark County Code Chapter 16.11 on obstructive uses of public sidewalks, the County should:</p> <p>(a) Revisit the criteria for the current designations of "no obstruction zones" and renew the enforcement of the "no obstruction zones" that still meet the criteria.</p> <p>(b) Review the provisions of Chapter 16.11 including contracting for a new pedestrian study.</p> <p>(c) Following the completion of the new pedestrian study, update the zones and amend provisions of Chapter 16.11 as necessary.</p> <p>(d) Amend the relevant provisions of Chapter 16.11 to clarify that pedestrian bridges are for the prompt and safe movement of pedestrians and that, like crosswalks, stopping and standing on pedestrian bridges are prohibited.</p> <hr/> <p>30. The County is encouraged to adopt an ordinance that prohibits animals on Strip sidewalks and pedestrian bridges with exceptions (like service animals) but allows for household pets to be on the Strip between the hours of 5 a.m. and noon. NOTE: The County adopted the ordinance on March 6, 2012 – BCC asked for a one-year review.</p>
First Amendment Activities	<p>31. Following the completion of the new pedestrian study provided for in the recommendation above and depending on the results of such study, the County may consider adopting an ordinance that establishes time, place and manner restrictions on First Amendment activities on the Strip that would promote public safety and welfare and be within the limits established by 9th Circuit Court of Appeals decisions concerning access to public forums. Such an ordinance could address any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Designation of certain locations along the Strip where First Amendment activities are allowed and locations where activities are limited or prohibited because of impact on pedestrian traffic. ○ Management of the time and manner of use of locations designated for First Amendment activities

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	(hours of operation and types of activities), if justified by the study.
Additional Public Safety Issues	<p>32. The LVMPD is encouraged, subject to available funding, to proceed with a proposal to add a closed circuit television system along the Strip including the funding of the necessary resources to monitor the system.</p>
	<p>33. The County should study the possibility of setting up a "Night Court" on specified nights to handle certain offenses that occur on the Strip. The purpose of the "Night Court" would be to expedite the adjudication of offenders in a prompt and consistent manner. The County District Attorney's Office and LVMPD are encouraged to send representatives to Philadelphia to observe the Night/Nuisance Court used there.</p>
	<p>34. The County, LVMPD, and the resort properties should further explore the possibility of additional law enforcement resources to handle the area encompassed by the resort corridor.</p>