



## **NORTHEAST CONNECTOR STUDY FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **1. What is a feasibility study?**

A feasibility study is the first step in evaluating a major transportation project. It identifies opportunities, challenges, and high-level viability before any detailed engineering or environmental review begins. The study helps regional decision-makers understand whether a project is worth advancing to future phases.

### **2. Why is this feasibility study being conducted?**

The feasibility study is being conducted to evaluate whether a new east–west roadway connection between east Sparks/Spanish Springs and the Tahoe-Reno Industrial Center (TRIC) could improve regional mobility, travel-time reliability, and safety while supporting long-term economic development. It helps determine whether a potential connection is feasible and worth advancing to future project development.

### **3. Does this mean the road will be built?**

The feasibility study does not approve or commit the project to construction. It is an early planning step that evaluates whether a new roadway connection could be feasible and beneficial. Any decision to build the road would require additional studies, environmental review, funding, and future approvals before construction could occur.

### **4. If the project were to be built, is it possible this road becomes a toll road?**

There are no plans for the Northeast Connector to be a toll road. Establishing a toll facility would require specific legislative authorization and additional approvals, as well as further studies and public input.

### **5. Is the recommended alignment final?**

The recommended alignment identified in the feasibility study is not final. It represents a planning-level recommendation based on technical analysis of available data and comparative evaluation of corridor options. If the project advances, the alignment would be further refined through future engineering, environmental review, agency coordination, and additional public involvement before any final decisions are made.