



# NMTA 511

## Legislative Update

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### Gov. Gibbons Names Public Private Partnership Panel

On Thursday Governor Jim Gibbons named 12 community, business and government leaders to a Public-Private Partnership Advisory Panel. The panel will review and possibly facilitate the use of public-private partnerships (PPPs) as a tool to address the funding shortfall anticipated in addressing Nevada's future transportation needs. The members of the panel are:

Kirk Clausen, Wells Fargo Bank – Chair  
State Treasurer Kate Marshall  
Senator Dina Titus (D – Clark)  
Senator Dennis Nolan (R – Clark)  
Assemblyman Kelvin Atkinson (D – Clark)  
Assemblyman Joe Hardy (R – Clark)  
Clark County Commissioner Chip Maxfield  
Mayor Mike Montandon, City of North Las Vegas  
Rod Cooper, Granite Construction  
Pat Lundvall, McDonald Carano Wilson LLP  
Lesley Pittman, Station Casinos, Inc.  
Carole Vilardo, Nevada Taxpayers Association

Among the issues the advisory panel will consider are alternatives and options available for PPPs in Nevada, cost estimates for PPPs, and the experiences in other states that have utilized the programs. The meetings will be open to the public and convene next month.

## **Staggered Registration Passes out of the Assembly**

On Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, A.B. 5 which would allow 100% Nevada based carriers to register their fleets at various times throughout the year passed out of the full Assembly in a 41-0 vote. A.B. 5, sponsored by Assemblyman Joe Hardy, will allow the Department of Motor Vehicles to set regulations allowing 100% Nevada based carriers to register on either March 31<sup>st</sup> or September 30<sup>th</sup>. This is a win-win situation for both the DMV and the affected trucking companies, as it spreads out the burden on the Department of Motor Vehicles throughout the year, and allows trucking companies to better manage their cash flow. This is the fourth time that this measure has been brought before the Legislature. The bill will now be transmitted to the Senate.

## **Mandatory Tarp Bill Considered in Senate**

On Thursday the Senate Committee on Transportation considered S.B. 236 which would require a person driving on a highway with a load which consists of loose material such as sand, aggregate, rock or gravel shall cover the load with a secure covering such as a tarp.

If passed the bill would have a detrimental impact on many trucking companies. At a cost of anywhere from \$800 to \$3,800 per tarp it could cost companies with a large fleet upwards of \$1,000,000 per company. N.M.T.A. would like to thank all of the companies who attended the hearing and testified to the impact of the bill.

## **Over-weight and Over-dimensional Permits**

On Thursday the Senate Transportation Committee unanimously passed S.B. 450, Sponsored by State Senator Dennis Nolan, which will give the Nevada Department of Transportation the sole authority in issuing over-weight and over-dimensional permits in Clark County. A certain local government in Southern Nevada had made obtaining these permits extremely difficult and costly, which was encouraging some companies to

break the law. This legislation will help ensure that trucking companies are able to operate in an efficient, safe and legal manner.

We would like to thank Senator Nolan for bringing this legislation forward, AGC, Las Vegas Chapter and N.M.T.A. members Paul DeLong of Paul DeLong Heavy Haul and Julie Frehner of Nu Equipment for their assistance with this legislation



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