



## Laughlin-Bullhead City Bridge Project Project History

The Laughlin-Bullhead City bridge project began with the compliance of various regulations, reaching agreements among agencies, meeting requirements for getting the necessary funding and getting the project programmed into budgets. The project is currently in the environmental studies stage.

If the project is found to meet its purpose and need, is technically and economically feasible, environmentally reasonable and feasible, socially responsible and compatible with local transportation and land-use plans, then preliminary engineering for the bridge can begin.

The following is a project history timeline:

- October 2004 – The Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC); Clark County, Nevada; and Bullhead City, Arizona; entered into an agreement to support the consideration and possible development of a new bridge over the Colorado River to connect Laughlin and Bullhead City.
- October 2004 – Meetings with transportation agencies (Federal Highway Administration [FHWA] and Department of Transportation [DOT] for both Nevada and Arizona) supported further project study. Preliminary environmental studies and planning activities then began.
- August 2005 – Passage of federal transportation bill (Safe Accountable Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users, SAFETEA-LU) provides essential funding for project development.
- September 2006 – RTC and NDOT entered into a stewardship agreement for environmental and preliminary engineering activities.
- October 2006 – Nevada State-wide Transportation Improvement Program that includes the project is approved by federal agencies.
- February 2007 – Following approval by the FHWA-NV, NDOT authorized the RTC to initiate environmental activities in accordance with the stewardship agreement. It's officially a formal National Environmental Policy Act project now.
- Approximately \$19.3 million in federal funding has been included in the SAFETEA-LU transportation bill for the project with a major progress deadline of September 30, 2009.