

## VISUAL RESOURCES

### What elements are studied?

- The area in which the Downtown Access Project would be visible
- Types of existing landscapes
- Views of the freeway and from the freeway
- Visual character and quality

### What guidance is used?

- Visual impact assessment guidance from FHWA – learn more at [https://www.environment.fhwa.dot.gov/env\\_topics/other\\_topics/VIA\\_Guidelines\\_for\\_Highway\\_Projects.pdf](https://www.environment.fhwa.dot.gov/env_topics/other_topics/VIA_Guidelines_for_Highway_Projects.pdf)

### How would DAP impact visual resources?

- Consistent design theme and aesthetic treatments
- Structures removed for freeway widening
- Noticeably wider freeway adjacent to Downtown Las Vegas
- For Alternatives 5, 6, 7: Elevated freeway; traffic noise and visual screening walls along the freeway proposed between Las Vegas Blvd. and Mojave Rd.
- For Alternative 8: No elevated freeway; traffic noise and visual screening walls proposed between Las Vegas Blvd and Mojave Rd

### How would DAP mitigate any visual impacts?

- Proposed mitigation measures to reduce visual changes will be identified in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (tentatively scheduled for May 2024).