



Schedule & Speakers

- 9:30 a.m. Nancy Wojcik, Field Services Administrator, Nevada DMV
Governor Brian Sandoval
Mike Purtill, Project Manager, TSK Architects
Seth Maurer, Project Manager, CORE Construction
- 9:45 a.m. Ceremonial Groundbreaking and Pictures

Links

- Press Release: dmvnm.com/news/15012-sahara-groundbreaking.htm
- Hi-Resolution Renderings: dmvnm.com/news/15012/sahara-images.zip

The New Sahara Office

The new DMV location will have 38,000 square feet of space. It will have 40 customer service windows compared to the current 34. It will also have new quarters for the Emissions Lab and the Office of Administrative Hearings.

The Sahara office houses 136 employees:

- 109 in Field Services
- 13 in the Emissions Lab
- Seven compliance enforcement investigators
- Seven judges and support staff in the Administrative Hearings office.

Completion is scheduled for December 2016. The office is scheduled to open in February, 2017. The old building will be demolished shortly thereafter. The site will be paved for parking.

The construction budget is \$17.8 million. It is being financed by general obligation bonds that will be repaid from the state Highway Fund and the Pollution Control Account (2015 Assembly Bill 491). CORE Construction estimates the project will create 173 direct jobs.

Funding for the design of the facility was approved by the 2013 Legislature at a cost of \$1.9 million (2013 Assembly Bill 505).

Location

The new building will be constructed on the site of the current Nevada Buildings and Grounds Division facility at 2621 E. Sahara Ave., which will be demolished.

The Buildings and Grounds Division is being relocated to the Department of Agriculture facility at 2300 McLeod, which is to the northeast of the current DMV office. The Department of Agriculture is being relocated to the former Las Vegas Metropolitan Police substation at St. Louis Ave. and Atlantic Dr.

The current DMV office will remain open during construction. However, parking is limited and some services have been eliminated or curtailed:

- Motorcycle drive tests
- Stand-by drive tests
- Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) inspections for assembled vehicles, salvage vehicles and confidential VIN
- VIN assignments for assembled vehicles
- Occupational licensing and registration services have been curtailed

The current DMV office will be demolished when the new office is open. The site will be paved over for parking.

Brief History

The current Sahara DMV office opened in 1972 and was the DMV's southern headquarters until the West Flamingo office opened in 1995.

1972 also marked the launch of the DMV's first computer system. Records were previously stored on index cards and law enforcement would call on the phone to 'run' records.

There were 434,000 registered vehicles in Nevada in 1972 vs. 2.32 million in 2015. There were 228,000 registered vehicles in Clark County in 1972 vs. 1.46 million in 2015.

The Sahara office currently serves 1,200 customers per day or about 29,000 per month. Sahara customers completed 642,000 transactions in Fiscal Year 2015, making the Sahara office the second-busiest DMV after the West Flamingo office.