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Re: Interstate 11 (I-11) and Intermountain West Corridor Study

Dear Ms. Rosenberg:

The Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority (RTAA) was pleased to participate in the two-year Interstate 11 (I-11) and Intermountain West Corridor Study, jointly led by the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT). The I-11 and Intermountain West Corridor has the potential to open up significant commerce, tourism, and international trade opportunities across the western states and will improve the safety and time travel reliability of the movement of people and goods between Mexico and Canada. The RTAA concurs with the overall findings of this study and supports further collaboration among current and new federal, state, regional, local, public, and private partners.

As owner and operator of the Reno-Tahoe International Airport, the 66th busiest commercial airport in the nation, which serves as a regional conduit for business, leisure and air cargo transportation, and the Reno-Stead Airport, a general aviation airport, which supports the emerging unmanned autonomous systems (UAS) industry as an Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) designated test site, the RTAA advocates for the continuation of the congressionally-delegated corridor north via the "Northern Nevada Future Connectivity Corridor" along US 95 and US 395 through the cities of Reno and Sparks. A northerly extension through Reno and Sparks will connect Nevada's largest population centers while also relieving traffic and freight congestion. Furthermore, it will improve connectivity between air and ground transportation options, increase rail capacity by closing gaps in the existing north/south network, and most importantly, strengthen existing industry, transportation, and economic activity centers in Reno, Sparks, Tahoe Reno Industrial Center (TRIC), Fernley Industrial Park, and Las Vegas.

NDOT and ADOT have demonstrated true collaboration and outstanding stakeholder outreach during this multi-phase, bi-state study, and the RTAA looks forward to being an active participant in further efforts to advance the I-11 and Intermountain West Corridor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marilyn M. Mora".

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