

**CARSON CITY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION**

Date Submitted: June 25, 2014

Meeting Date: July 9, 2014

To: Regional Transportation Commission

From: Patrick Pittenger, Transportation Manager

2014. RTC. R.1

Subject Title: For Possible Action: To adopt Resolution No. _____ expressing support for the construction of Interstate 11 (I-11) from Phoenix, Arizona to Las Vegas, Nevada with a future extension through Carson City, utilizing the existing I-580 corridor.

Staff Summary: The Nevada and Arizona Departments of Transportation (NDOT and ADOT) will soon be finalizing the I-11 and Intermountain West Corridor Study, which evaluates a proposed multi-modal interstate facility between the Phoenix and Las Vegas metropolitan areas. The proposed facility is envisioned as a segment of a larger international facility that would ultimately provide a direct connection between Mexico and Canada. Though an alignment has yet to be determined, the proposed resolution supports a future extension of I-11 through Carson City.

Type of Action Requested: (check one)

(☐) None – Information Only

(☒) Formal Action/Motion

Recommended Commission Action: I move to adopt Resolution No. _____ expressing support for the construction of Interstate 11 (I-11) from Phoenix, Arizona to Las Vegas, Nevada with a future extension through Carson City, utilizing the existing I-580 corridor.

Explanation for Recommended Action: The I-11 and Intermountain West Corridor Study is nearly complete, and the groundwork has been laid for the planning process to begin for a future interstate facility between the Phoenix and Las Vegas metropolitan areas. This facility is anticipated to be a segment of a larger one that will ultimately connect Mexico to Canada. The alignment of a future extension has yet to be determined, but local governments such as the Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County and the Town of Tonopah have already passed resolutions supporting the extension of I-11 through their respective jurisdictions.

A logical alignment would utilize I-580, which has recently been extended from south Reno to connect with the Carson City Freeway, and is currently being extended to U.S. Highway 50 West (Spooner Junction). Should a future extension of I-11 run through Carson City, the economic benefits to Carson City and the greater region would be numerous. In addition, the I-580 facility would be more integrated into the Interstate

highway system and motorists would have a safer and more efficient means of travel to and from Carson City and the surrounding area.

Applicable Statue, Code, Policy, Rule or Policy: N/A

Fiscal Impact: N/A

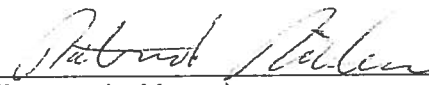
Explanation of Impact: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

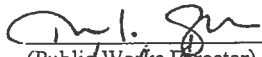
Alternatives: N/A

Supporting Material: Resolution, NDOT presentation on the I-11 and Intermountain West Corridor Study

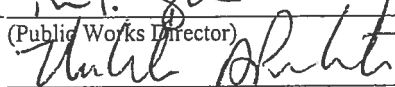
Prepared By: Dan Doenges, Senior Transportation Planner

Reviewed By: 
(Transportation Manager)

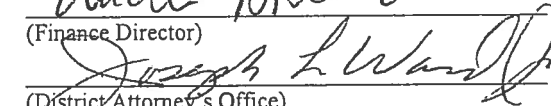
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(Finance Director)

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(District Attorney's Office)

Date: 6/30/14

Commission Action Taken:

Motion: adopt

1) BB Aye/Nay
2) RMC 3-0

 (Vote Recorded By)

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-RTC-R-1

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR INTERSTATE 11 AND A FUTURE NORTH-SOUTH ALIGNMENT THROUGH CARSON CITY

WHEREAS, Interstate 11 is intended to be a new high-capacity, multimodal transportation corridor connecting the metropolitan areas of Las Vegas, Nevada and Phoenix, Arizona; and

WHEREAS, the new Interstate has the potential to become a major north-south transcontinental corridor through the United States Intermountain West from Mexico to Canada; and

WHEREAS, for study purposes, the corridor is divided into five segments; three high priority segments between (and including) the Las Vegas and Phoenix metro areas, and two high-level visioning segments for possible future extensions from Las Vegas to Canada, and from Phoenix to Mexico;

WHEREAS, the Nevada Department of Transportation is examining future connectivity north of Las Vegas through the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, the City of Carson City strongly supports the connectivity of Interstate 11 from Las Vegas to the City of Carson City; and

WHEREAS, connectivity of the nation's interstate system including a significant north and south connection via Interstate 11 will supplement and strengthen existing surface routes, relieve traffic and freight congestion, and enhance existing access points to important multi-modal ports; and

WHEREAS, Interstate 11 in western Nevada and through Carson City will serve to support the economy of the State's Capital and improve the connectivity and accessibility to the Capital from other areas of the State of Nevada and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Interstate 11 through Carson City would utilize the existing Interstate 580 which is a significant existing facility; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Carson City supports the north-south connectivity of Interstate 11 through the City of Carson City and urges the state and Nevada's congressional delegation to advocate for this critical connection.

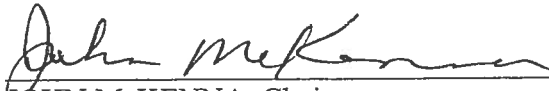
Upon motion by Commissioner Brad Bonkowski, seconded by Commissioner Robert McQueary, the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted this 9th day of July, 2014 by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Brad Bonkowski
Commissioner Robert McQueary
Chairperson John McKenna

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Vice Chairperson James Smolenski

ABSTAIN: None.


JOHN McKENNA, Chair
Carson City Regional Transportation Commission

ATTEST:

for: 
ALAN GLOVER, Clerk-Recorder
Carson City, Nevada