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NYE COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2014-26

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING INTERSTATE 11 AND FUTURE NORTH-SOUTH EXTENSION WITHIN & THROUGH NYE COUNTY

WHEREAS, Interstate 11 is intended to be a new, high-capacity, multi-modal 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; and

Whereas, The Nye County Board of Commissioners strongly supports a more robust connectivity of Las Vegas and the Reno/Sparks area, the two economic centers of the State of Nevada, by Interstate 11 as it would benefit Nye County and the State of Nevada.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Nye County Board of County Commissioners to support the north-south connectivity of Interstate 11 because it would benefit Nye County and the State of Nevada in the following ways:

- It connects the two major urban population and commerce centers of Nevada;
- It improves highway safety between the two major urban population and commerce centers of Nevada;
- It supports the development of an electric vehicle charging network to enhance tourism;
- It promotes the development of new infrastructure to support warehousing, manufacturing, and "cross docking" areas for the transportation industry;
- It ties together Nellis, Creech, Tonopah, Hawthorne and Fallon defense training industries;

- It ties together airport facilities within the State of Nevada for the unmanned aerial vehicle industry;
- It avoids areas in the flight path utilized by the Department of Defense to transport live ordnance;
- It facilitates improvements to connect "feeder" highways like Highway 6 which runs East-West through Tonopah connecting California and Utah, and potential alternative routes like Poleline Road from Tonopah to Fallon;
- It facilitates a Pahrump Valley bypass from Ivanpah to Lathrop Wells that would enhance
 economic development in the Pahrump Valley and reduce congestion and divert through
 going hazardous material traffic from the north/south I-15/I-11 traffic from the Las Vegas
 Valley;
- The presence of a robust transportation corridor that enhances connectivity regionally, nationally, and internationally would enable development of a fully integrated transportation and supply chain management system to enhance cost-efficient movement of goods and personnel within the State of Nevada and to develop manufacturing, warehousing, and market penetration for the sale of those goods.

APPROVED this 15th day of July, 2014.

NYE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

ATTEST:

Dan Schinkofen, Chairman

Sandra L'Merlino, Nye County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board