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MAYOR

March 30, 2009

Ray LaHood, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: California-Nevada Interstate Maglev Project

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the City of Las Vegas in support of the California-Nevada Super Speed Train Commission's efforts to implement a maglev project between Las Vegas, Nevada and Anaheim, California. In addition, I would request that the California-Nevada Super Speed Maglev Train project be one of those you select for funding with the \$8 billion made available under the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act.

Over the past 27 years, the City of Las Vegas has wholeheartedly supported this project and recognized that maglev technology provides a green, convenient, safe, 300 mph ground transportation system that makes available direct access into the population centers of Orange and Los Angeles Counties. We do not have passenger train service in this corridor and desperately need an alternate mode of transportation to mitigate increasingly heavy air and vehicular travel between Southern California and Las Vegas. The maglev system can provide a feeder system for moving people and light freight quickly, efficiently and safely throughout a corridor now only serviced by Interstate 15 and McCarran International Airport. In the future, the maglev system can be efficiently expanded to connect us to other regions in the Western States such as San Diego, Phoenix and Tucson.

Forward thinking and action today can secure the future of ground transportation for California and Nevada and provide the foundation for other corridors throughout the United States. Finally, this project will introduce a brand new industry to the United States, create thousands of temporary and permanent jobs and provide the country with an environmentally sustainable solution to the nation's transportation needs.

As Mayor of Las Vegas, I look forward to you taking this important step to revolutionize ground transportation through the allocation of a portion of the funds targeted to high speed rail contained in the President's recently approved stimulus package.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Oscar B. Goodman".

Oscar B. Goodman
Mayor
City of Las Vegas

cc: U.S. Senator Harry Reid
Congresswoman Shelley Berkley
Congresswoman Dina Titus
California-Nevada Super Speed Train Commission Chairman Bruce Aguilera

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