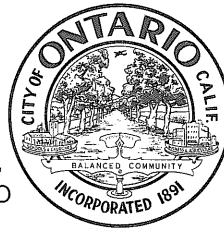


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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

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

Re: California-Nevada Interstate Maglev Project

Dear Secretary LaHood:

The City of Ontario would like to take this opportunity to express its support for the letter sent to you by the California-Nevada Super Speed Train Commission, dated March 2, 2009, and its request that this important project be one of those you select for funding with the \$8 billion made available to you by President Obama and Congress under the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

Over the past 10 years the City of Ontario has been supportive of the Commission's efforts to perform pre-construction design, engineering and environmental studies including a Cooperative Agreement dated August 21, 2002, pursuant to which the City of Ontario contributed matching funds to the Commission to prepare a study specifically relating to the Anaheim-Ontario segment of the project. This segment is particularly exciting to not only the City of Ontario, but all of Orange, Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties as well, as it will facilitate access and usage of Ontario International Airport with a 14.5 minute ride on the maglev train from Anaheim (at its newly planned ARTIC multi-modal station) directly to Ontario International Airport. This high-speed rail connection has strong support throughout Southern California as attempts are being made by city and county transportation planners and political leaders to encourage additional use of Ontario International Airport by Los Angeles, Orange County and San Bernardino residents who must now make the trip on heavily congested highways (i.e., SR-91, HW-57, I-10 and I-15) to catch their flight connections at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) or John Wayne Airport, both of which are already operating at near capacity.

Secretary Ray LaHood

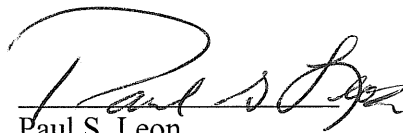
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It is estimated that by 2015 there will be 52 million people traveling along the I-15 corridor to be serviced by the California-Nevada Interstate Maglev Project. Existing highways and airports, however, have an annual capacity of only 38 million people, leaving 14 million with no means of travel. Building the California-Nevada Interstate Maglev Project will avoid the need to expand airports and freeways, reduce existing congestion and avoid future congestion while providing far fewer emissions and other lifestyle benefits utilizing a 300 mph emissions-free "green" high-speed train technology. This system will also service the Inland Empire cities of Victorville and Barstow, California. It is worth noting in this regard that the growth in Southern California over the next 20 years will be eastward into the Inland Empire, which is in dire need of upgrading its infrastructure capacity.

Thank you very much for your attention to this letter, and recognition of the widespread support for the California-Nevada Interstate Maglev Project, 80% will be built within the state of California.

Very truly yours,



Paul S. Leon

Mayor

City of Ontario

cc: Mark Yachmetz (FRA: Associate Administrator – Office of Railroad Development)
cc: U.S. Senator Harry Reid
cc: Congresswoman Shelley Berkley (1st District-NV)
cc: Congresswoman Dina Titus (2nd District-NV)
cc: Congressman Gary Miller (42nd District-CA)
cc: Congressman David Dreier (26th District-CA)
cc: Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez (47th District-CA)
cc: Congressman Joe Baca (43rd District-CA)
cc: Congressman Jerry Lewis (41st District-CA)