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Jacob L. Snow,
General Manager

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Office of the Secretary of Transportation
TIGER Discretionary Grants Program
Attn: Program Manager

RE: Southern Nevada Rapid Transit Application

Dear Sir or Madam,

As Chairman of the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC), I am pleased to support the RTC's application for funds through the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program.

This \$40 million rapid transit project will be a cost-effective way to improve the mobility in a community of 2 million people that also welcomes nearly 40 million tourists each year. The project will provide an important link between residential communities and key employment areas in the region. It improves the convenience, efficiency and reliability of the commuter transit system, providing faster service to the key employment center of the Las Vegas Valley, the Resort Corridor. The tourism industry represents 370,000 jobs in Southern Nevada, roughly forty percent of the jobs in the region.

This project will also add a critical east-west link to the RTC's new rapid transit system. It also represents an innovative linkage of transit planning with the land use development policies of Clark County and the City of Las Vegas. Portions of the Sahara corridor have suffered greatly with the economic downturn and this plan creates the potential to stimulate new, long-term employment in the corridor.

If I can be of further assistance, please contact my office at (702) 455-4901.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Larry Brown".

Commissioner Larry Brown
Chairman, Regional Transportation Commission
Clark County Commissioner, District C