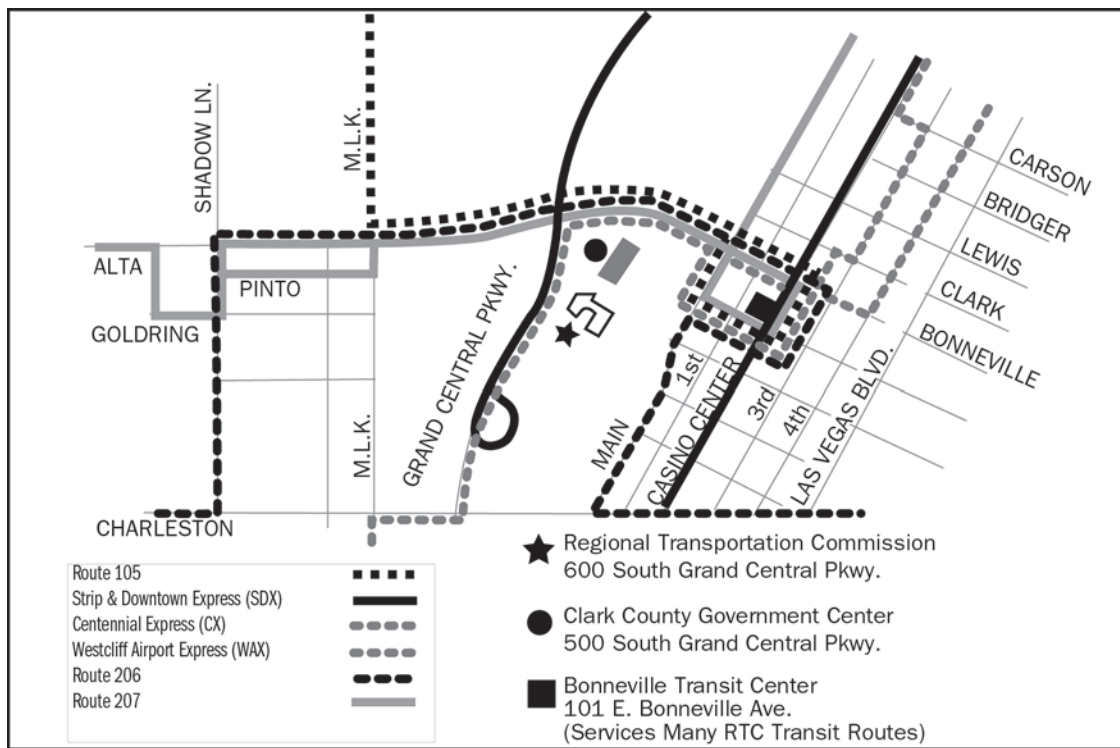


**NOTICE AND AGENDA OF**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**

**NEVADA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY**

**3:00 P.M. NOVEMBER 18, 2015**

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1. CONDUCT A COMMENT PERIOD FOR CITIZENS PARTICIPATION
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Meeting of October 28, 2015 (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)
3. RECEIVE PRESENTATIONS AND QUESTION FRANCHISE APPLICANTS REGARDING THEIR SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS
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## NEVADA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

### AGENDA ITEM

<b>SUBJECT:</b> CITIZENS PARTICIPATION
<b>PETITIONER:</b> BOARD MEMBERS NEVADA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY
<b>RECOMMENDATION BY PETITIONER:</b> THAT THE NEVADA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY CONDUCT A COMMENT PERIOD FOR CITIZENS PARTICIPATION
<b>GOAL:</b> SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NEVADA HIGH-SPEED RAIL SYSTEM

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

None

#### **BACKGROUND:**

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November 18, 2015*



**MINUTES  
NEVADA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY  
OCTOBER 28, 2015**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. George Smith, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. in Meeting Room 108 of the Regional Transportation Commission Administration Building.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

George Smith, Chair  
Fred Dilger  
Tina Quigley  
Hualiang Teng  
Peter Thomas

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**RTC STAFF:**

Angela Castro, Senior Director of Government Affairs and Media Relations  
David Clyde, Government Affairs Administrator  
Marin DuBois, Management Analyst

**INTERESTED PARTIES:**

K. Absher, Faiss Foley Warren  
C. Holman  
Dave Brough, SkyLink  
Josh Griffin, Griffin Company

**Item:**

1. CONDUCT A COMMENT PERIOD FOR CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

**Comments:**

No comments were made.

**Motion:**

No motion was necessary.

**Vote/Summary:**

No vote was taken.

**Item:**

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Meeting of September 29, 2015 (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

**Comments:**

Mr. Fred Dilger requested two changes be made to the meeting minutes. First, he mentioned the meeting date in the header was incorrect and should be updated to reflect the meeting date of September 29, 2015. Additionally, Mr. Dilger asked that Item 4 be updated to say he had indicated the franchisee would need to receive approvals from the Surface Transportation Board.

**Motion:**

Mr. Peter Thomas made a motion to approve the meeting minutes with the suggested changes.

**Vote/Summary:**

5 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried.

**Item:**

3. RECEIVE A REPORT REGARDING ALL FRANCHISEE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

**Comments:**

Mr. David Clyde, Government Affairs Administrator for the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC), provided a brief overview of the timeline for receiving franchisee applications as approved by the Nevada High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) at its September 29, 2015 meeting. He remarked that the Public Notice inviting franchisee applications was posted on September 20, 2015. Applications, he added, were accepted through the Authority approved October 26, 2015 deadline. The Authority, Mr. Clyde continued to say, received three applications for franchisee by the deadline. Mr. Clyde indicated he worked with a fourth applicant into the evening of October 26, 2015, and subsequently, the completed application was received the following day. He explained the late submission would be discussed in an ensuing agenda item. Mr. Clyde said the applications received by the deadline included submissions from XpressWest, David Brough and Nevada Intercity Passenger Railroad Co. LLC. Additionally, the fourth submission received was from Sky Tram International.

**Motion:**

No motion was necessary.

**Vote/Summary:**

No vote was taken.

**Item:**

4. DISCUSS AND APPROVE A TIMELINE AND SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE NEVADA HIGH-SPEED RAIL SYSTEM'S FRANCHISEE (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

**Comments:**

Following a detailed PowerPoint presentation [attached], Mr. David Clyde, Government Affairs Administrator for the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC), summarized the responsibilities of the Nevada High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) as they pertained to Senate Bill 457 passed during the 2015 State of Nevada legislative session. The Authority, he explained, was responsible for selecting a franchisee for constructing and operating the Nevada High-Speed Rail System (System). Upon selection, he continued, the Authority would take on a supervisory role in order to facilitate and

support the franchisee. Mr. Clyde emphasized that the responsibility for constructing and operating the System rests on the franchisee and the Authority cannot obligate any government entity to participate in the process. He added it would be done voluntarily and negotiated by the franchisee.

Chair George Smith inquired as to what would happen if a construction issue arises for the franchisee. Mr. Clyde reiterated the responsibility to resolve the issue would be that of the franchisee.

Mr. Clyde reminded the Authority that there was a four-factor selection criteria established by the statute which included the completion of environmental studies, level of private investment or commitment, readiness to engage in construction and pending or completed applications for construction.

Additionally, Mr. Clyde said staff suggested extending the application deadline another week to allow additional applicants, or applicants who felt the original deadline did not offer an adequate amount of time to gather the required information, an opportunity to submit items to the Authority. He said staff recommended extending the deadline to November 4, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. He continued to say the applications would be forwarded to Authority members for their review. Franchisee applicants, Mr. Clyde stated, would have the opportunity to present their information to the Authority and answer any questions members may have at the November 18, 2015 meeting.

Chair Smith inquired if the Authority already had the applications. Mr. Clyde replied that he would forward the applications to the members following the meeting for their review before the following meeting.

Ms. Tina Quigley asked if the Authority would be able to select a franchisee at the November 18, 2015 meeting, if it could agree on one. Mr. Clyde responded affirmatively. He added that the agenda item could be composed to allow the Authority the ability to vote to approve a franchisee at the meeting or postpone the vote a later date. She also inquired as to when the applications would be available to the Authority members. Mr. Clyde said he would forward the applications he had to the members after the meeting. He added that he would forward any new applications or amendments as he received them.

**Motion:**

Mr. Fred Dilger made a motion to approve extending the deadline to November 4, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. Ms. Tina Quigley made a motion to approve the timeline and indicated and direct staff to produce an agenda item that would allow the Nevada High-Speed Rail Authority, if so inclined, to select a franchisee at the November 18, 2015 meeting.

**Vote/Summary:**

5 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried.

5 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried.

**Item:**

5. CONDUCT A COMMENT PERIOD FOR CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

**Comments:**

Chair George Smith called on Mr. Dave Brough who provided the following public comment:

*My concern is what's actually happening around here. There is an old saying that your mother probably said to you. If Johnny jumped off a train bridge, would you follow? Well, my paraphrase is, if California jumps off a train bridge, does Nevada follow? I think it's very important because I think you people have been had. I don't want to raise any hackles, but certainly this whole issue as we know of, has raised mine. I am very concerned about the process. Concerned about that we have here is public participation that could fit in a phone book. We don't have the word out. You only had your website, as David pointed out, published this morning. How are you able to get people informed, advised, stirred up, whatever? I*



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*recall when Ms. Quigley's Maryland Parkway came up there was a public meeting, they had a display over at the mall. You guys don't have anything. I had to go hunt and peck around and find out, and actually David was very helpful in finding out these things. People I'm sure are interested in high speed rail between Nevada and California, but are you guys really doing your job, your due diligence in getting the word out? You are having a public hearing, a public meeting, but there is another part that is missing I think that should be an open house where people are informed on high speed rail. They're informed, I think there should also be a little spot where they can get alternatives around. Why is Maglev, as an example, not considered? I know what you're going to say is because your hands are tied. You have Bill 457 that said this is how it's going to be. Who drafted Bill 457? The fact is that the new technology and other technologies around that could do the job and do it a lot cheaper and more expeditious. I just want you guys to start thinking about that. Especially with having that open public meeting between now and your other meeting. Any questions on that? Thanks.*

Chair Smith thanked Mr. Brough.

**Motion:**

No motion was necessary.

**Vote/Summary:**

No vote was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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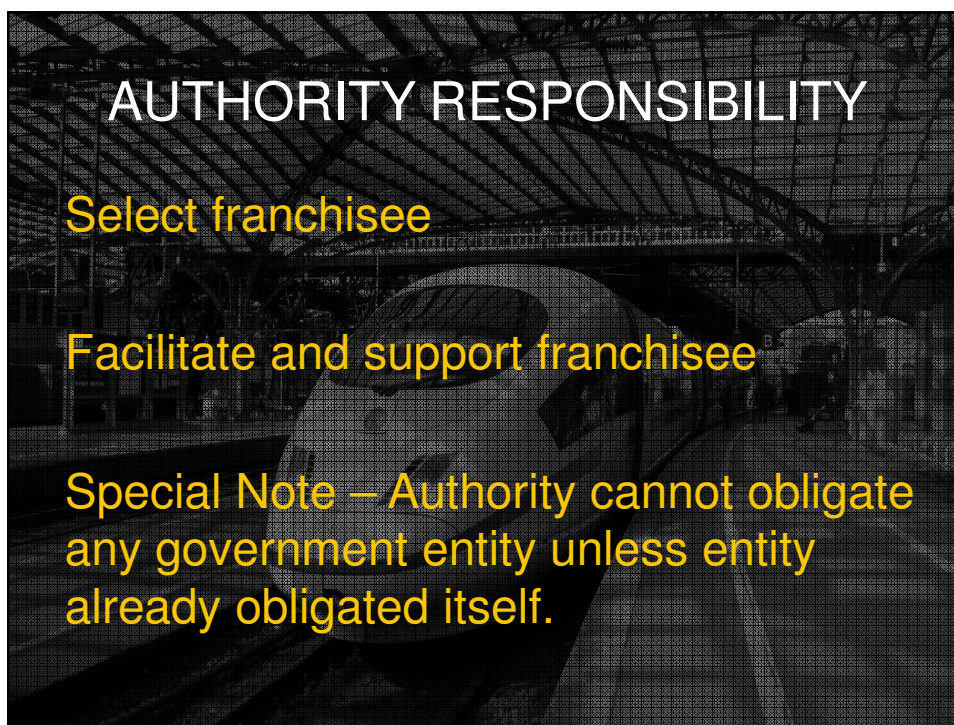
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October 28, 2015*

*Item #4  
Presentation*





## CRITERIA

1. Completion of environmental studies
2. Level of private investment
3. Readiness to engage in construction
4. Pending or completed permit applications

## TIMELINE

1. Application deadline extension until 5:00 pm November 4, 2015
2. Meeting on November 18, 2015 to review applications and interview applicants
3. Meeting end of November to select franchisee



AGENDA ITEM SUBJECT: MARKET SURVEY

PETITIONER: DAVE BROUGH, STAKEHOLDER

RECOMMENDATIONS BY PETITIONER:

1. THAT THE NEVADA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY COMMISSION A SURVEY TO DETERMINE HOW TRAVELERS TO LAS VEGAS WOULD LIKE TO GET THERE AND WHAT THEY WOULD BE PREAPRED TO PAY

GOAL: SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A NEVADA HIGH-SPEED RAIL SYSTEM THAT THE PUBLIC ACTUALLY WANTS AND WILL PAY FOR

FISCAL IMPACT: MAJOR

BACKGROUND: Section 8.7 of Senate Bill 475, passed during the State of Nevada's 78th legislative session, states that the Nevada High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is responsible for selecting "a franchisee for the construction and operation of a high-speed rail system, to be commonly known as the Nevada High Speed Rail System.

Asking the market what it wants and how much it will pay for high speed rail is a critical unasked/unanswered question.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave B Brough". The signature is fluid and stylized, with a large loop at the beginning and a trailing flourish.

Dave B Brough  
Petitioner, Applicant and Resident of Nevada  
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Suggested survey question:

*If you had a choice of travel between southern California and Las Vegas, which would you choose:*

**A. a multi-part, multi-hour experience consisting of driving from your home through traffic to get to a station where you park, walk with luggage to a ticketing machine, pay separate fare for each rider, walk to waiting area, wait, stand in line, wait until boarding, lug luggage onto train, which departs on its schedule, share seating space with others, ride for an hour and a half, get yourself and luggage off the train, drag luggage to a cab, take cab to destination.**

**Elapsed time 6 hours. Total (round trip) cost for party of 3: \$900**

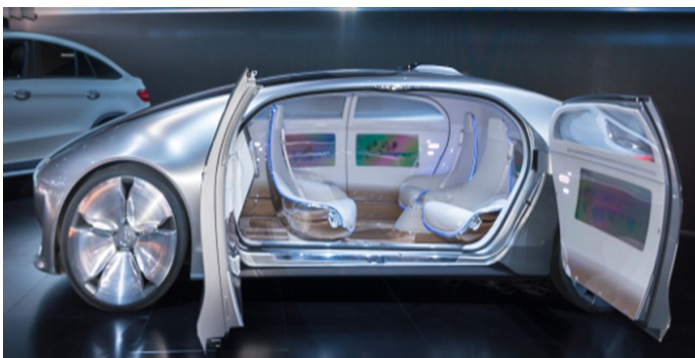
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**B. A single-part experience in which you get picked up at your doorstep at exact time you want, travel directly to where you want to go in a private, unshared vehicle for a single price regardless of number in vehicle.**

**Elapsed time: 2 hours. Total (round trip) cost for party of 3: \$100.**

**Representative photos:**



AGENDA ITEM SUBJECT: GET A WEBSITE (ACT LIKE YOU'RE AUTHENTIC)

PETITIONER: DAVE BROUGH, STAKEHOLDER

RECOMMENDATIONS BY PETITIONER:

1. THAT THE NEVADA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY OBTAIN ITS OWN WEBSITE
2. THAT THE NHSRA UTILIZE PRESS RELEASES AND OTHER AVAILABLE MEANS TO DISTRIBUTE INFORMATION AND SEEK PUBLIC INPUT.

GOAL: SUPPORT THE TRANSPARENT IMPLEMENTATION OF NEVADA HIGH-SPEED RAIL SYSTEM

FISCAL IMPACT: None

BACKGROUND: Section 8.7 of Senate Bill 475, passed during the State of Nevada's 78th legislative session, states that the Nevada High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is responsible for selecting "a franchisee for the construction and operation of a high-speed rail system, to be commonly known as the Nevada High Speed Rail System

By hiding within a website that has nothing to do with its intent, the Authority has made itself invisible to the public and to those that might like to participate in the processes.



Dave B Brough  
Petitioner, Applicant and resident of Nevada

I request that the following be posted to the October 28/15 agenda:

SUBJECT: APPLICATION SELECTION PROCESS

PETITIONER: DAVID B BROUGH, SKYLINK TECHNOLOGIES tba

RECOMMENDATIONS BY PETITIONER:

1. THAT THE NEVADA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY DISCUSS AND APPROVE A LIST OF MUST-HAVEs FOR SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE NEVADA HIGH-SPEED RAIL SYSTEM'S FRANCHISEE (FOR ACTION). As attached.

FISCAL IMPACT: major

GOAL: SUPPORT THE SAFE, ECONOMICAL, RAPID IMPLEMENTATION OF NEVADA HIGH-SPEED RAIL SYSTEM

BACKGROUND: Section 8.7 of Senate Bill 475, passed during the State of Nevada's 78th legislative session, states that the Nevada High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is responsible for selecting "a franchisee for the construction and operation of a high-speed rail system, to be commonly known as the Nevada High Speed Rail System. The selection criteria is lacking and needs to be upgraded to reflect safety, implementation and state of the art.



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The petitioner hereby requests that the following be added to the selection criteria:

#### MUSTS

- have interoperability with the existing road system
- conform to existing federal crash standards
- have door-to-door capability with no need for stations
- be terrorist-proof
- be elevated for the entire route
- be on-demand
- no intermediate stops
- serve the entire Las Vegas domain
- accommodate light freight
- over-fly floods
- be capable of modular, incremental acquisition
- accommodate those with disabilities;
- have safety far better than automobile and rail
- be private. No ride sharing
- be reliable with clear strategy for removal of disabled vehicles and their occupants
- minimize noise/visual footprint;
- have a guideway design that is easy assembly/replacement and accelerated build time with minimal disruption to adjacent activities;
- be zero or ultra-low emissions vehicles
- vehicles easily maintained
- have low vehicle purchase price
- maintain HVAC in the event of becoming disabled;
- have capacity significantly greater than conventional roadway or rail
- be capable of moving in platoon grouping
- direct origin-to-destination service with no intervening stops
- dedicated guideway
- be privately financed
- use existing rights-of-way and interface to adjacent conventional roads in a seamless manner;
- be expandable to include future technologies such as maglev and hyperloop
- be capable of moving large volumes of water
- transport electrical and other utilities
- capable of multi-lane guideway - one in each direction with middle lane for diverted traffic in event of emergency/maintenance/repair/contra-flow needs;
- all-weather operation without impact to performance or safety;
- use vehicles that use stationary electric grid power while mobile on the guideway;
- have terminal-to-terminal automated/driverless freight movement;
- utilize guideway with hardened infrastructure such that it can withstand severe stress;
- provision for utilities including electrical and communications cables and water and small package delivery.
- guideway accommodates street lighting, traffic signals
- handle steep inclines such as mountain passes



# NEVADA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

## AGENDA ITEM

Metropolitan Planning Organization [ ]	Transit [ ]	Administration and Finance [ ]
<b>SUBJECT:</b> FRANCHISEE APPLICATION PRESENTATIONS AND QUESTIONS		
<b>PETITIONER:</b> BOARD MEMBERS NEVADA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY		
<b>RECOMMENDATION BY PETITIONER:</b> THAT THE NEVADA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY RECEIVE PRESENTATIONS AND QUESTION FRANCHISE APPLICANTS REGARDING THEIR SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS		
<b>GOAL:</b> SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NEVADA HIGH-SPEED RAIL SYSTEM		

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

None

### **BACKGROUND:**

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*NHSRA Item #3  
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Non-Consent



# NEVADA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

## AGENDA ITEM

Metropolitan Planning Organization [ ]	Transit [ ]	Administration and Finance [ ]
<b>SUBJECT:</b> FRANCHISEE SELECTION		
<b>PETITIONER:</b> BOARD MEMBERS NEVADA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY		
<b>RECOMMENDATION BY PETITIONER:</b> THAT THE NEVADA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY DELIBERATE REGARDING THE FRANCHISE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND POTENTIALLY AWARD THE FRANCHISE TO AN APPLICANT OR MAKE A RECOMMENDATION FOR THE FUTURE SELECTION OF THE FRANCHISEE (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)		
<b>GOAL:</b> SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NEVADA HIGH-SPEED RAIL SYSTEM		

### FISCAL IMPACT:

None

### BACKGROUND:

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*NHSRA Item #4  
November 18, 2015*

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Non-Consent



## NEVADA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

### AGENDA ITEM

<b>SUBJECT:</b> CITIZENS PARTICIPATION
<b>PETITIONER:</b> BOARD MEMBERS NEVADA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY
<b>RECOMMENDATION BY PETITIONER:</b> THAT THE NEVADA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY CONDUCT A COMMENT PERIOD FOR CITIZENS PARTICIPATION
<b>GOAL:</b> SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NEVADA HIGH-SPEED RAIL SYSTEM

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

None

#### **BACKGROUND:**

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