

July 1, 2021

Chairman Smith and Members of the Board
Nevada High-Speed Rail Authority
c/o Southern Nevada Regional Transportation Commission
600 S. Grand Central Parkway, Suite 350
Las Vegas, NV 89106

Re: July 2021 Brightline West Report

Dear Chairman Smith and Members of the Board:

Since our last report in January 2021, Brightline West continues to make significant progress in the development of high-speed rail service between Las Vegas and Southern California. The purpose of this letter is to provide a status update on the project.

We continue to work with our Federal partners, including the Federal Railroad Administration, Bureau of Land Management, Surface Transportation Board, Federal Highway Administration, and US Army Corps of Engineers, on key requirements, including environmental review and safety in consultation with state, local, and other project stakeholders.

Design and engineering work continues to advance in close coordination with Caltrans and NDOT for project elements within the I-15 corridor. Additional coordination is on-going with the High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Authority and their technical team as they continue to advance the connection between the Victor Valley and Palmdale, including a detailed service development plan.

In addition, we are exploring additional connections that would reach further into Greater Los Angeles. Conceptual and design development has advanced in coordination with key local and regional stakeholders including the San Bernardino County Transportation Agency, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the City of Rancho Cucamonga, the City of Hesperia, Metrolink, and others.

With respect to project financing, we continue to expect that private activity bonds at both the state and federal levels will play a meaningful role in the success of this project. To that end, we have decided to make our allocation request in 2022.

Outreach efforts also continue to stakeholders throughout Southern Nevada, including elected officials, government agencies and entities, business organizations, service groups, and other interested parties. Our team provides project updates on a regular basis to several of these groups and organizations and continues to field questions from the general public through its outreach channels. The team has also presented to several organizations that represent different areas of interest throughout the community, including those focused on the hospitality industry, citywide service and community strengthening, environmental stewardship, public safety, economic development, and workforce development. Interest and support for Brightline West continue to grow through these outreach efforts.

Our team is available to provide an in-person briefing at a future meeting of the Nevada High Speed Rail Authority.

Sincerely,



Sarah Watterson
President
Brightline West