

July 1, 2024

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

Re: July 2024 Brightline West Report

Dear Chairman Smith and Members of the Board:

Since our last report in January 2024, Brightline West (BLW) has continued to make progress in the development of high-speed passenger rail service between Las Vegas and Southern California. The purpose of this letter is to provide a status update on the project.

On April 22, BLW celebrated a groundbreaking ceremony held on the site of its future Las Vegas station. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg, Governor Joe Lombardo, Senator Catherine Cortez Masto, Senator Jacky Rosen, and U.S. Representatives from Nevada and California were among those who made remarks during the program. More than 600 people, including union representatives, project supporters, and other state and local officials from California and Nevada, attended the event. During his remarks, Brightline founder Wes Edens said, "This is a historic project and a proud moment where we break ground on America's first high-speed rail system and lay the foundation for a new industry."

In May, at the conclusion of a competitive procurement process, BLW selected Siemens Mobility (Siemens) as the preferred bidder to build the high-speed trainsets for the BLW project. This selection will introduce a new generation of innovative high-speed technology with the Siemens AP220 trainsets as an evolution of the service-proven Siemens Valero platform. Siemens will manufacture the trainsets through an American supply chain, including establishment of a new facility to build the AP220 at a location to be announced when the contract is finalized.

On June 4, Governor Joe Lombardo and representatives from the Nevada Department of Transportation and the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada visited Brightline Florida for a tour of our operations and facilities. Additional guests included local Florida government and business leaders.

Sincerely,



Sarah Watterson  
President