

January 9, 2026

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: January 2026 Brightline West Report

Dear Chairman Smith and Members of the Board:

Since our last report in July 2025, 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.

As our progress has grown, so has our team, which now totals close to 70 employees in our headquarters in Las Vegas and in two satellite offices in Southern California.

From July through December 2025, BLW conducted ongoing public affairs and stakeholder outreach across Nevada and Southern California, engaging elected officials, agencies, first responders, and community organizations. These efforts supported timely information-sharing on construction activity, safety coordination, and project milestones as work advanced into active construction phases.

BLW has executed an agreement with its design-build contractor to perform the railroad right-of-way civil work in Nevada. It has also executed agreements for construction of the Las Vegas high-speed rail station and the Vehicle Maintenance Facility. Early work has begun on all three of these scopes. In December 2025, BLW and NDOT executed an updated Design and Construction Agreement for the BLW system within the I-15 right-of-way between Las Vegas and the Nevada/California border. We are advancing multiple other agreements that we expect to execute soon related to construction and operations in both Nevada and California.

Manufacture of the Siemens high-speed trainsets is also progressing. Testing of certain components has been completed or is underway. The first two trainsets are being manufactured in Germany. The new Siemens facility in New York state, where the remaining trainsets will be completed, is under construction.

Our team is available to answer any questions.

Sincerely,



Sarah Watterson  
President