

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-7012

September 25, 2009

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am writing to you today in support of the joint application by the Clark County Department of Public Works and the Nevada Department of Transportation and their application for grant funding through the *Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER)* discretionary grant program.

Nevada is home to nearly 2 million residents and hosts millions of visitors every year. It is critical to the economic health of our region residents and visitors have proper access to our roads and highways. The grant would fund the construction of the Airport Connector Interchange creating a much needed connector from McCarran Airport to the highway. The project will improve the convenience, efficiency, and reliability of the highway system in Southern Nevada to accommodate our growing population.

I offer my support to the joint application by the Clark County Department of Public Works and the Nevada Department of Transportation and their application for funding to provide fundamental transportation options to the residents of Nevada. I hope that you will keep my recommendations in mind while making your funding decisions. Thank you for your time and consideration.

My best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Harry Reid", written in a cursive style.

HARRY REID
United States Senator
Nevada