

**Carson City  
Agenda Report**

**Date Submitted:** October 11, 2011

**Agenda Date Requested:** October 20, 2011  
**Time Requested:** Consent Agenda

**To:** Board of Supervisors  
**From:** Larry Werner, City Manger

**Subject Title:** For Possible Action: To ratify the City Manager's signature on a letter sent to Jeffrey Fontaine, Executive Director of the Nevada Association of Counties (NACO), in support of the Historic Virginia & Truckee Railway Reconstruction Project for the US Department of Transportation Tiger III Discretionary Grant. *(Larry Werner)*

**Staff Summary:** A letter of support was sent from the City Manager to Jeffrey Fontaine, Executive Director of the Nevada Association of Counties (NACO), for the US Department of Transportation Tiger III Discretionary Grant Program. Support was given to the Historic Virginia & Truckee Railway Reconstruction Project Eastgate Station 1 Improvements.

**Type of Action Requested:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution | <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance       |
| X Formal Action/Motion              | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |

**Does This Action Require a Business Impact Statement:**  Yes  No

**Recommended Board Action:** I move to ratify the City Manager's signature on a letter sent to Jeffrey Fontaine, Executive Director of the Nevada Association of Counties (NACO), in support of the Historic Virginia & Truckee Railway Reconstruction Project for the US Department of Transportation Tiger III Discretionary Grant.

**Explanation for Recommended Board Action:** Affirmation of the letter by the Board of Supervisors is requested by the City Manager.

**Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation:** N/A

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

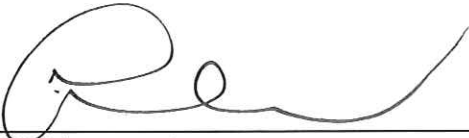
**Explanation of Impact:** N/A

**Funding Source:** N/A

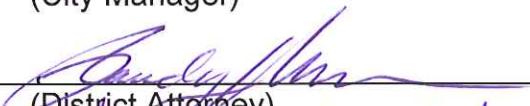
**Alternatives:** N/A

**Supporting Material:** Letter of support from the City Manager to NACO.


**Prepared by:** Heidi Eskew-Herrmann, Executive Offices

Reviewed by:   
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(City Manager)

Date: 10/24/11

  
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(District Attorney)

Date: 10/24/11

  
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(Finance Director)

Date: 10/24/11

**Board Action Taken:**

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_

Aye/Nay  
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**CARSON CITY, NEVADA**  
CONSOLIDATED MUNICIPALITY AND STATE CAPITAL

October 6, 2011

Jeffrey Fontaine, Executive Director  
Nevada Association of Counties (NACO)  
304 S. Minnesota Street  
Carson City, NV 89703

RE: Letter of Support for the Historic Virginia & Truckee (V&T) Railway Reconstruction Project,  
Carson City, NV  
Tiger Discretionary Grants (TIGER III) program

Dear Mr. Fontaine:

On behalf of Carson City, I'd like to express my support of the application for funding under the TIGER III Discretionary Grant program for the Historic V&T Railway Reconstruction Project (Eastgate Station 1 Improvements) in Carson City, Nevada.

The V&T Railway is an important piece of Carson City history and an integral part of the community's future success as a tourism destination. The V&T Railway reconstruction effort is one of the most significant attempts to boost local tourism in recent history.

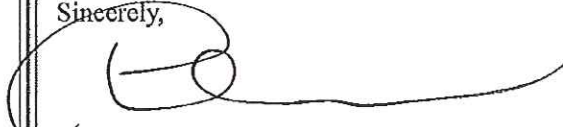
This project is a major public/private partnership venture with significant support and participation from multiple agencies and organizations. In fact, this project is considered to be so important for the region that voters in Carson City and Storey County passed tax measures, totaling \$23 million, to benefit the project.

Data released in August 2011 indicates that Nevada is continuing to suffer from an incredibly high unemployment rate of 13.4%. All of the counties in the region surrounding the V&T, including those it runs through, have a 24-month unemployment rate higher than the national average, which qualifies them as "Economically Distressed Areas."

Our region is in desperate need of economic reinforcement and the V&T Railway promises to be a major provider – creating approximately 790 full-time jobs within the region.

I urge you to consider this project among the highest priorities for economic recovery so that the citizens of Carson City and the surrounding region can finally begin to feel the economic benefits that the V&T Railway intends to produce.

Sincerely,



Lawrence A. Werner  
City Manager