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President and Chief Executive Officer

4/21/16

Chris J. Melville  
City Manager  
City of West Wendover  
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Dear Mr. Melville:

The National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) would like to take this opportunity to express its support for the City of West Wendover's grant application submitted in response to the Notice of Funding Opportunity for the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) National Infrastructure Investments under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016, a program also referred to as "TIGER Discretionary Grants." This Notice announced the availability of \$500 million to be awarded by the USDOT for infrastructure projects that will have a significant impact on the nation, a metropolitan area, or a region.

Amtrak's support relates to the following project:

***West Wendover Rail Passenger Station Project***

It is our understanding that this project, upon completion, has the potential to improve intercity passenger rail service and benefit the Amtrak system. Based on the information made available to us regarding the project's eligibility, and subject to the development of such project-specific agreements as USDOT and Amtrak may require, we support this application as a potential candidate for funding. It is Amtrak's expectation that, prior to the obligation of grant funds for this project, the City of West Wendover and Amtrak will enter into an agreement setting forth our roles and responsibilities with respect to the project, with terms acceptable to Amtrak.

The advancement of projects like this will not only significantly improve our nation's transportation infrastructure, but will also contribute to the economic competitiveness of the United States. We appreciate your leadership in filing this application and look forward to working with you on this and future opportunities to improve intercity passenger rail transportation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph H. Boardman".

Joseph H. Boardman  
President and Chief Executive Officer

cc: The Honorable Anthony Foxx, Secretary  
United States Department of Transportation



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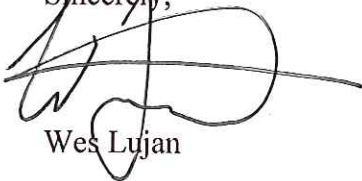
Honorable Anthony Foxx  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx,

It is Union Pacific Railroad's (UPRR) understanding the City of West Wendover, Nevada has submitted a 2016 TIGER grant application to construct a pocket track, platform, shelter, and parking with drop off/loading zone area for a proposed passenger stop in their community. The City of West Wendover's desire for a new passenger stop enjoys strong support in the community and UPRR supports their effort to pursue a TIGER grant.

UPRR values our relationship with the City and will continue to work with them and Amtrak on this project if awarded a 2016 TIGER grant. On behalf of UPRR, we pledge to work with the parties involved to develop a project meeting UPRR's engineering, operational and capacity requirements, and safety standards. Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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## Office of the Governor

April 18, 2016

The Honorable Anthony Foxx  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

As Governor of the State of Nevada, I am writing to express support for the proposed West Wendover Amtrak Station Project by the City of West Wendover (City), which is being submitted under the USDOT FY 2016 TIGER Discretionary Grant Program. The project being proposed by the City, when completed, will have a positive impact on the quality of life for residents of Northeastern Nevada.

This project includes the construction of a new rail passenger stop on the California Zephyr line operated by Amtrak. While the project would be located in West Wendover, it would serve many rural communities in Nevada and Utah and would remedy the gap of more than 200 miles between the stops in Salt Lake City, Utah and Elko, Nevada. These stops have been in place for decades and have negatively impacted the growth of the area due to limited access to the National Transportation System.

The lack of system access impacts a population which has one of the highest Low Moderate Income (LMI) ratios at 63 percent. The inability to access the National Transportation System in a convenient and cost effective way is an obstacle for this community and the addition of this station would significantly improve this rural region.

The City is committed to this project and after several years of work the City and Amtrak executed a Memorandum of Understanding in 2015 covering the proposed stop for rail passenger service. In March of this year, at a meeting in my office in Carson City, Union Pacific Railroad also granted approval for the proposed project based upon Amtrak and the City meeting certain requirements related to accessing the single main line via related switching and a station track.

I understand there are other supporters of this project including Northeastern Nevada Regional Development Authority which is tasked with assisting its member communities and the State with economic development. This project meets that goal by enhancing economic development while simultaneously achieving National Transportation System access.

I support this project and the impact it will have not only for the population of West Wendover and the surrounding area, but the positive impact it will have for the State of Nevada. Thank you for your consideration of this grant request.

Sincere regards,

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BRIAN SANDOVAL  
Governor

MARK E. AMODEI  
2ND DISTRICT, NEVADA

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April 21, 2016

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

Re: DTOS59-16-RA-TIGER8 / FY 2016 National Infrastructure Investments

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am honored to have the opportunity to express my support of the City of West Wendover, Nevada, as they apply for the FY 2016 TIGER Discretionary Grant Program.

The West Wendover Amtrak Station Project will create a vital new stop on the California Zephyr passenger line operated by the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak). This stop will service a large geographic area of Eastern Nevada and Western Utah, and will fill a current 230 mile gap between the existing stops in Elko, Nevada, and Salt Lake City, Utah.

The West Wendover Amtrak Station Project will have a tremendous positive impact on the City of West Wendover and improve the quality of life for a number of constituents in Nevada. The increased rail access this project provides will also help facilitate economic growth in the western United States. The benefit of this project for rural communities cannot be overstated.

I appreciate your full consideration of the City of West Wendover's 2016 TIGER Grant application. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Stacy Parobek in my Reno office, at 775-686-5760.

Sincerely,



Mark E. Amodei  
Member of Congress

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-7020

April 14, 2016

The Honorable Anthony Foxx  
Secretary  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
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Dear Secretary Foxx:

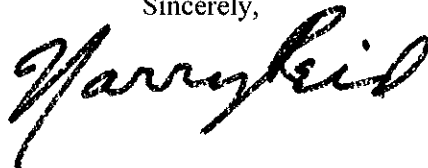
I am writing today in support of the City of West Wendover and its 2016 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) application for the West Wendover Amtrak Station Project. This funding will be used to construct a new rail station in West Wendover on Amtrak's California Zephyr passenger line.

Currently there is a gap in passenger rail service on Amtrak's California Zephyr line between Salt Lake City, Utah and Elko, Nevada. This gap is over 230 miles and has created significant negative impacts to the growing population of Northeast Nevada as it limits the population's access to the National Transportation System. To address this concern, the West Wendover Amtrak Station Project will create a new rail station that will not only serve residents of West Wendover, but also several communities in both Nevada and Utah. This project will result in a significant positive impact on the quality of life for residents in West Wendover and surrounding communities by providing scheduled passenger rail service which currently does not exist.

I understand the importance of railroads to Nevada's transportation network. By improving our nation's rail system, we decrease America's dependence on foreign oil, take a significant step towards reducing vehicle emissions, and give Americans access to an efficient and economical mode of transportation. The West Wendover Amtrak Station Project will improve rail infrastructure in Northeast Nevada and eliminate the current gap in passenger rail service for several communities in Nevada and Utah.

I support the City of West Wendover in this application and hope that you will keep my recommendation in mind when making your decision. Thank you for your time and consideration.

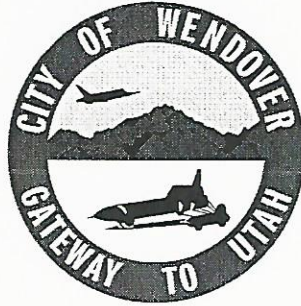
Sincerely,



HARRY REID  
United States Senator

MAYOR  
Mike Crawford

CITY ADMINISTRATOR  
Glenn Wadsworth



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April 28, 2016

The Honorable Anthony Foxx  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am writing today as representative of the City of Wendover, Utah to support the Amtrak Station Project grant application being submitted by the City of West Wendover, Nevada, under the 2016 TIGER Discretionary Grant Program of USDOT. The purpose of the grant funding is to finalize the financial components for the project which will include construction of a new rail passenger station in West Wendover that will be serviced by Amtrak's California Zephyr passenger line.

As you are likely aware, there is a significant gap in service of over 230 miles on the Zephyr line between Salt Lake City, Utah and Elko, Nevada. This gap has had a significant negative impact on our communities and our population given the limitation that gap places on our residents and visitors accessing the National Transportation System.

West Wendover along with the support of Wendover, Utah, the State of Nevada, Amtrak, Union Pacific Railroad and other local/regional entities has taken on the issue in a direct way through planning processes stretching back a decade and resulting in the proposed project. The project will provide not only for a rail passenger station that will serve our area residents and those of several outlying communities but, will have a positive impact on our business environment as well; leading to additional business activity and increases in employment over time. Thus in great part this proposed project will address several issues including those related to quality of life and providing needed options to transportation access for the residents of our cities and the surrounding area through Amtrak's scheduled rail passenger service which does not exist in our community today.

In review of West Wendover's application, you will find a community that has committed significant leveraging to complete the project and meet the requirements of the TIGER Discretionary Grant Program. The community on whole, including the City of Wendover, Utah, understands the positive long-term impact this project will have and we offer our full support in this endeavor.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Mike Crawford  
Mayor



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April 13, 2016

The Honorable Anthony Fox, Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx,

As the Economic Development Authority for the region that includes West Wendover, I would like to express my strong support for the West Wendover Amtrak Station project proposed by the City of West Wendover, Nevada, being submitted under the FY2016 TIGER Discretionary Grant Program.

The completion of the cities proposed project will not only create additional jobs in this small rural City but more importantly, provide occupational diversification within the economy. Currently, primary employment in West Wendover is within the gaming and tourism industry. Jobs created within an Amtrak Station is very important in realizing our goal of economic diversification.

Of equal importance is providing an additional transportation medium to this remote rural community that is affordable. West Wendover is one of the most populated Low to Moderate Income (LMI) communities in Nevada.

Due to the rural nature of communities like West Wendover, it is extremely difficult to recruit business; additional transportation options will, most certainly, make West Wendover more attractive to potential investors or vendors considering doing business in the community. We believe this project has great potential and should kick start growth for West Wendover and as such urge you to approve the project.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can provide additional information.

Respectfully,

Pamela Borda  
Executive Director

# WENDOVER NUGGET HOTEL & CASINO

April 14, 2016

The Honorable Anthony Foxx  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

As the *Managing Partner* representing Generation 2000, LLC, and Generation 2010, LLC, I am pleased to write this letter and express the support of our companies for the West Wendover Amtrak Station Project proposed by the City of West Wendover, Nevada, which is being submitted under the FY 2016 TIGER Discretionary Grant Program.

As one of the largest employers and businesses in the City of West Wendover, we understand what a positive effect this project will have not only on the business community but more importantly, the ultimate impact it will have on the quality of life for the residents of West Wendover and the surrounding area, including our very own employees.

We see this project impact being three-fold:

First, the construction related component of the project will create new specialized construction jobs related to rail that will require such workers to be brought into the community. These workers will have positive impact on hotel occupancies as well as retail food and other sales during the term of the construction. Additionally once the project is completed it will require long-term maintenance which will also result in additional employment opportunities in the community.

Second, the completed project will result in new ridership on Amtrak's California Zephyr line. As a result of the new rail passenger service, West Wendover will be an intermediary and/or a final destination for those passengers many of which will be business customers. Over time, this increase in customer base will result in increased employment within our own companies and within the community on whole.

Third, as a result of the proposed project, the community will now have readily available and convenient access to scheduled rail passenger service. A service, which I might add, has been non-existent to date for a population and business base truly in need of such service and substantially disadvantaged due to a lack thereof.

We believe in review of the City's application you will see a community that has provided significant leveraging to complete the project and meet the requirements of the USDOT TIGER grant program. Our City, its Elected Officials and the community on whole know full well the positive long-term impact this project will have.

As a member of the community we are pleased to offer our full support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at: (775)664-4503.

Sincerely,



David Ensign  
*Managing Partner*





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April 19, 2016

The Honorable Secretary  
Anthony Foxx  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am writing to support the City of West Wendover who has filed an application under the USDOT FY 2016 TIGER Discretionary Grant Fund for the proposed West Wendover Amtrak Station Project. The proposal has much support from local and State government, community leaders, and business interests in both communities of West Wendover and Wendover, Utah.

The project being located in West Wendover, Nevada, will service a surrounding geographic region which includes not only communities in Nevada but as well some communities in Northwestern Utah; all outside of West Wendover proper. The California Zephyr line will have the ability to significantly improve the competitive environment for local businesses in the local, state and national marketplace as well as allow the public greater access to safe and reliable transportation.

Newmont Mining Corporation is very supportive of the initiative to bring Amtrak passenger service to West Wendover and would appreciate your consideration of West Wendover USDOT FY 2016 TIGER Discretionary Grant Fund for the proposed West Wendover Amtrak Station Project. Thank you for your time reviewing their application.

Sincerely,

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Pamela M. Smith  
External Relations Specialist  
Newmont Mining Corporation

# RESORTS AT WENDOVER

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April 27, 2016

The Honorable Anthony Foxx  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am writing today as the owner of the Peppermill Casino Inc. and Wendover Casino Inc., a group that includes several resort facilities which are among the largest employers in West Wendover, employing well over 1,700 residents. We are pleased to support the City of West Wendover's application for the West Wendover Amtrak Station Project under the 2016 TIGER Discretionary Grant Program of USDOT. The grant funding provided through the program will be a financial component to construct a new rail passenger station in West Wendover which will be serviced by Amtrak's California Zephyr passenger line.

Today there is a significant gap in Amtrak's California Zephyr line between Salt Lake City, Utah and Elko, Nevada. This gap is over 230 miles which has created a significant negative impact to the growing population of West Wendover and Northeast Nevada by way of the limitation placed on accessing the National Transportation System.

West Wendover along with the support of the State of Nevada, Amtrak, Union Pacific Railroad and others has taken this issue on directly with the proposed project which will provide not only for a rail passenger station that will serve West Wendover residents and those of several surrounding communities but will have a positive impact on businesses in the area; ultimately leading to an increase in business activity and an increase in employment over time. Thus, the project addresses a specific quality of life issue related to transportation access for the residents of West Wendover and the surrounding area by providing scheduled passenger rail service, a service which does not exist today.

Through a review of the City's application, you will find a community that has provided significant leveraging to complete the project and meet the requirements of the USDOT TIGER Discretionary Grant Program. Our City, its Elected Officials and the community on whole understand the positive long-term impact this project will have.

Again, we are pleased to offer our full support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



William Paganetti  
President

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