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April 28, 2009

VIA E-FILE

The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Suite 101
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: STB Finance Docket No. 34914—Reply of DesertXpress Enterprises, LLC to
Joint Petition to Intervene and Reopen

Dear Secretary Quinlan,

Enclosed for filing in this proceeding is a letter in support of the above-referenced
DesertXpress Reply from Oscar B. Goodman, Mayor of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, dated
April 28, 2009.

Respectfully Submitted,



Charles H.P. Vance

Counsel for DesertXpress Enterprises, LLC

Enclosure



JOSCAR B. GOODMAN
MAYOR

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Re: Finance Docket No. 34914
DesertXpress Enterprises LLC, Petition for Declaratory Order

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan:

After learning more about the major milestone that the DesertXpress project has achieved with the recent release of the draft EIS and the public hearings being held in Las Vegas, Barstow and Victorville over these next few days, I have reconsidered my position on high speed rail service to Las Vegas.

Environmentally responsible solutions to this country's transportation infrastructure needs are critical to protecting our national resources and sustaining long-term economic growth. Therefore, I am in support of any project that will connect Southern California to Southern Nevada with those concerns in mind. I have since come to understand that with the costs and time associated with the California-Nevada Interstate Maglev Project, it just may not make sense to not consider a privately funded alternative that has come this far, such as DesertXpress.

In that regard, we would urge the federal and state agencies involved in the permitting process to thoughtfully and expeditiously consider the DesertXpress project such that it can move ahead diligently toward implementation as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Oscar B. Goodman
Mayor
City of Las Vegas

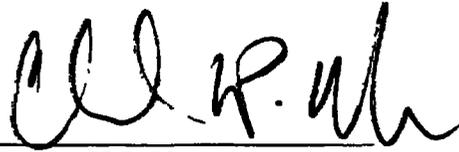
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Charles H.P. Vance, hereby certify that, on the 6th day of May, 2009, I caused a copy of the foregoing document to be served by first-class mail, postage prepaid, on all parties of record in Finance Docket No. 34914.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C.H.P. Vance", written over a horizontal line.

Charles H.P. Vance