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June 22, 2022

Honorable Governor Steve Sisolak
Grant Sawyer State Office Building
555 East Washington Ave., Suite 5100
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

Re: Board Resolution Requesting Interstate-80 Onramp Improvements at Lockwood, NV

Honorable Governor Sisolak:

With respect, we ask for your acceptance of attached June 21, 2022, Resolution No. 2022-651 from the Board of Storey County Commissioners requesting your direction to the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) to expedite permanent and low-cost interim safety improvements to the westbound Interstate-80 onramp at Lockwood, Nevada.

We appreciate your consideration in this request, and we welcome a conversation with you or your office anytime.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Austin Osborne".

Austin Osborne
Storey County Manager

Enc: Resolution 22-651 of the Board of Storey County Commissioners
Petition Letters to NDOT from Lockwood Residents, 2020

Cc.: Board of Storey County Commissioners

A Resolution of the Storey County Board of County Commissioners requesting the Governor of the State of Nevada to direct the Nevada Department of Transportation to implement safety improvements to the westbound Interstate-80 onramp at Lockwood, Nevada.

Whereas, the Storey County Board of County Commissioners recognizes the increased volume of vehicle and truck traffic on Interstate-80 between Sparks and Fernley; and

Whereas, Lockwood, Nevada is located in Storey County and is situated on the south side of Interstate-80 between Sparks and Fernley; and

Whereas, Lockwood, Nevada is principally accessed by the Interstate-80 interchange, and is otherwise largely landlocked and inaccessible; and

Whereas, the Interstate-80 westbound onramp at Lockwood is antiquated with roughly 700 feet for vehicles to merge into the Interstate-80 westbound lanes; and

Whereas, the posted speed limit on the westbound lanes of Interstate-80 at the subject area is 65 MPH; and

Whereas, Lockwood is home to roughly 1,300 residents, many of whom are moderate to low-income senior-citizens having physical disabilities and/or older model motor vehicles lacking agility needed to safely merge from the onramp into high-speed westbound traffic on the currently substandard onramp; and

Whereas, the Storey County Board of County Commissioners has seen firsthand and has received numerous citizen complaints concerning the ability to safely enter Interstate-80 using the westbound onramp in its current condition; and

Whereas, residents of Lockwood submitted have submitted letters to the Storey County Board of County Commissioners and to the Nevada Department of Transportation expressing their concerns about the safety of the Interstate-80 westbound onramp at Lockwood; and

Whereas, the Storey County Board of County Commissioners submitted to the Nevada Department of Transportation letters of concern about the Lockwood westbound onramp from Lockwood residents; and

Whereas, residents' letters received by Storey County and submitted to the Nevada Department of Transportation are enclosed herewith; and

Whereas, the Storey County Board of County Commissioners and Storey County appointed officials each year express in-writing and in-person to the Nevada Department of Transportation safety concerns about the condition of the Interstate-80 westbound onramp at Lockwood; and

Whereas, the Interstate-80 westbound onramp at Lockwood is the first listed priority of Storey County on the Nevada Department of Transportation's State Transportation Improvement Plan; and

Whereas, the Storey County Board of County Commissioners has asked the Nevada Department of Transportation to consider implementing low-cost interim solutions until the Interstate-80 westbound onramp improvement can be made, and suggested interim solutions include, but are not limited to, widening the shoulder of the westbound onramp facilitating possible lane departure of vehicles unable to merge into traffic, imposing a reduced speed limit for trucks or all vehicles on the westbound lanes of Interstate-80 at the subject area, mandating that trucks

use the left lane only in the subject area to reduce passing and related congestion, installing highly visible and lighted signage indicating upcoming traffic merging, installing traffic calming devices around the subject area, and implementing other safety measures found appropriate by Nevada Department of Transportation traffic engineers prior to the long-term resolution of extending the westbound onramp; and

Whereas, the Storey County Board of County Commissioners does not have the authority or jurisdiction of the construction, maintenance, design, or installation of safety equipment on this section of Interstate-80.

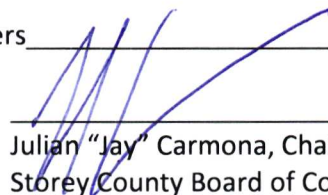
THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, THE STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS respectfully requests that the Governor of the State of Nevada direct the Nevada Department of Transportation to expedite a lane extension capital improvement to the Interstate-80 westbound onramp at Lockwood, Nevada, and until that improvement is complete to impose low-cost interim safety solutions such as, but not limited to, widening the shoulder of the westbound onramp to facilitating momentary lane departure of vehicles unable to merge into traffic, imposing a reduced speed limit for trucks or all vehicles on the westbound lanes of Interstate-80 at the subject area, mandating that trucks use the left lane only in the subject area to reduce passing and related congestion, installing highly visible and lighted signage indicating upcoming traffic merging, installing traffic calming devices around the subject area, and implementing other safety measures found appropriate by Nevada Department of Transportation traffic engineers.

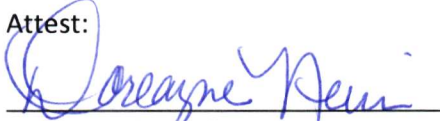
Adopted this 21st day of June, 2022, by the following vote:

Vote: Ayes: Commissioners Chairman Carmona
Vice-Chairman Mitchell
Commissioner Gilman

Nays: Commisioners _____

Absent: Commissioners _____


Julian "Jay" Carmona, Chairman
Storey County Board of County Commissioners

Attest:

Doreayne "Dore" Nevin
Storey County Clerk