



THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

September 23, 2009

The Honorable Jim Gibbons
Governor of Nevada
Carson City, NV 89701

Dear Governor Gibbons:

It has come to my attention that you were recently quoted in the media as saying that Nevada expected to receive funds this week from the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) under the Deployment of Magnetic Levitation Transportation Project (Maglev), authorized by Section 1307 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). If such a statement was made, it is not accurate.

As you may be aware, the U.S. Department of Transportation is heavily involved in a number of Recovery Act matters, including High Speed Rail and the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery ("TIGER") discretionary grant applications. We are currently prioritizing our resources to address the country's transportation infrastructure and stimulus needs in these difficult economic times.

I have asked Joseph Szabo, the Federal Railroad Administrator, to review the status of the Maglev project. However, I cannot commit to a date certain when FRA will take final action on this proposed project.

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

Sincerely yours,

Ray LaHood

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