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Clark County Commission
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RE: Clark County 215 Beltway in the Northwest

Dear Commissioners:

The City of Las Vegas is very concerned with the recent discussions held by the Board with regard to the potential reallocation of the \$140 million earmarked for the Clark County 215 Beltway expansion in the northwest. As you are aware, the northwest area has been one of the fastest growing parts of the valley for several years. This growth has created much traffic congestion along the major corridors serving this area, including the Clark County 215 Beltway.

The proposed improvement to upgrade this segment of the Clark County 215 to a freeway type facility is critical to ensure the safety of those using this roadway. Currently, traffic along this corridor travels at highway speeds and is required to stop at signalized intersections including Jones, Bradley and Decatur. This speed and the stop-and-go interaction have resulted in many accidents along this route. Between January 1, 2006 and December 31, 2008, there have been 221 reported traffic accidents at these three intersections resulting in 81 injuries. Most of these injuries could be eliminated with the grade separation improvements proposed with the project.

Funding for the proposed improvements comes from a combination of development tax and Question 10 funding. The rapid growth in the northwest has contributed too much of this funding, and it is only appropriate that these funds be invested on this segment of the Beltway at this time and not on improvements to other segments of the Beltway.

We urge you to reconsider any plans to reallocate the funding already programmed for these much needed improvements in the northwest and

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continue to resolve any pending bidding issues related to this project. These improvements will go a long way in improving the safety and quality of life to county and city residents who live in this part of our valley.

Respectfully,



Oscar B. Goodman
Mayor



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Councilman, Ward 6