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AGENDA

January 15, 2016

Greenspun Hall Auditorium at UNLV

- 7:30 – 8:00 a.m. **Coffee and pastries**
- 8:00 - 8:10 a.m. **Welcome and Introductions**
William E. Brown Jr., UNLV Director, Brookings Mountain West
- 8:10 - 8:45 a.m. **Session I: “What Is Light Rail and What System Do We Need in the Las Vegas Valley?”**
Robert Lang, Executive Director, Brookings Mountain West
- A. Comparison of Rail Systems in the United States
 - 1. High-Speed Rail
 - 2. Long-Haul Inter-Metro Passenger Rail Long-Haul Commuter Rail
 - 3. Heavy-Rail Systems
 - 4. Light Rail Systems
 - 5. Street Car Systems
 - 6. Regions with multi-systems
 - B. The Best Choice for the Las Vegas Valley
 - 1. Definition of “The Las Vegas Valley”
 - 2. Rail System Requirements: placement of rail lines; location of stations/stops; and geographic reach of system?
 - 3. The Big Question: elevated rail, street level, below ground?
- 8:45 – 9:20 a.m. **Session II: “Why Build Light Rail in the Las Vegas Valley?”**
Robert Lang, Executive Director, Brookings Mountain West
- A. Relief of Traffic Congestion at the Las Vegas Strip, McCarran International Airport, and the Las Vegas Convention Center
 - 1. The Evidence for Multi-modal Traffic Solutions
 - 2. How Competing Metros Address This Challenge
 - B. Environmental Impact
 - 1. Air quality and energy use
 - 2. Land use and water conservation
 - C. Economic Impact
 - 1. Real estate development and tax yield along rail corridors
 - 2. Recruitment and Retention of Millennial Generation Workers
 - 3. Tourism and Conventions/Events/Tradeshows
 - 4. Economic Diversification: Attracting New Industries to the region
 - 5. Stimulus in Construction Industry
- 9:20 – 9:30 a.m. **Closing Remarks and Next Steps**