

## **“What Is Light Rail and How Can It Benefit Las Vegas?”**

### 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**