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AGENDA

January 15, 2016

Greenspun Hall Auditorium at UNLV

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| 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 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Comparison of Rail Systems in the United States<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. High-Speed Rail2. Long-Haul Inter-Metro Passenger Rail Long-Haul Commuter Rail3. Heavy-Rail Systems4. Light Rail Systems5. Street Car Systems6. Regions with multi-systemsB. The Best Choice for the Las Vegas Valley<ul style="list-style-type: none">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 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Relief of Traffic Congestion at the Las Vegas Strip, McCarran International Airport, and the Las Vegas Convention Center<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. The Evidence for Multi-modal Traffic Solutions2. How Competing Metros Address This ChallengeB. Environmental Impact<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Air quality and energy use2. Land use and water conservationC. Economic Impact<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Real estate development and tax yield along rail corridors2. Recruitment and Retention of Millennial Generation Workers3. Tourism and Conventions/Events/Tradeshows4. Economic Diversification: Attracting New Industries to the region5. Stimulus in Construction Industry |
| 9:20 – 9:30 a.m. | Closing Remarks and Next Steps |