

Senate Joint Resolution No. 13–
Committee on Transportation

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Expressing support for certain applications for capital grant funding to assist in financing bus and bus-related capital projects that will benefit Nevada’s transit system and urging the Nevada Congressional Delegation to pursue the attainment of these grants from money appropriated for this purpose.

WHEREAS, The Federal Government, through the Federal Transit Administration, provides financial assistance to develop new transit systems and improve, maintain and operate existing transit systems; and

WHEREAS, Under the Capital Investment Grants and Loans Program, the Federal Transit Administration oversees thousands of grants to hundreds of state and local transit providers for new and replacement buses and facilities, modernization of existing rail systems and new fixed guideway systems; and

WHEREAS, Projects associated with buses and bus-related facilities would benefit all Nevadans, including residents of rural areas, tribal reservations and small urban areas, by providing a means of public transit for the elderly, persons with disabilities, persons of low income and other persons who find it difficult to procure necessary transportation; and

WHEREAS, These projects are critically needed and would aid this state in attaining the goals of reduced air pollution, more efficient maintenance of buses, increased sources of employment in small communities, development of sites as connection hubs for intracity transportation, safe and comfortable rides for passengers, and the availability of multipurpose buildings which serve both the transit system and other community needs, including use as meeting rooms, museums and office space; and

WHEREAS, Each year as part of the Congressional transportation appropriations process, the Nevada Department of Transportation sends a list of projects to the Nevada Congressional Delegation requesting additional funding in the Transportation Appropriations Bill; and

WHEREAS, At the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Nevada Department of Transportation on April 6, 2001, the Board supported the submission of requests for appropriations for fiscal year 2002 from the Transportation Appropriations Bill which includes \$39.9 million for projects dealing with bus and bus-related facilities throughout Nevada, of which approximately \$4 million would be used for critically necessary ongoing projects for rural and small urban areas; and

WHEREAS, Congressional action on these vitally important applications may be influenced by the support of the Nevada Congressional Delegation and the Nevada State Legislature and the involvement of persons and civic organizations in the communities receiving the benefit of these grants; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the Legislature of the State of Nevada hereby expresses its strong support for the submission of applications for capital grant funding that will assist in financing critically needed bus and bus-related projects in Nevada; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Legislature of the State of Nevada hereby respectfully requests each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation to support and work diligently toward obtaining full funding of Nevada's applications for grants from Congressional appropriations to the Federal Transit Administration for these purposes; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Director of the Nevada Department of Transportation and to each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.