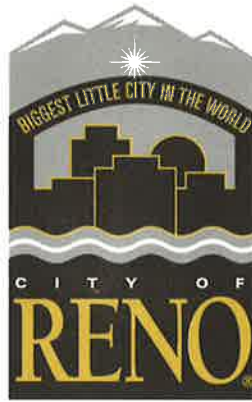


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July 29, 2015

The Honorable Dean Heller  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Heller,

The City of Reno supports the multi-year surface transportation bill currently pending on the Senate floor and would recommend you vote for the measure.

As you know, most successful transportation projects require long-term planning. However, the series of short-term reauthorizations approved by Congress since 2009 have made it difficult for the City, and its partners at the Washoe County Regional Transportation Commission and Nevada Department of Transportation, to properly address transportation infrastructure needs that are so critical to the economic vitality of Northern Nevada.

We believe that the Senate bill represents a serious step toward rectifying that situation, and look forward to working with you and your House counterparts on further improving the bill as it makes its way toward enactment into law. In addition to crafting a robust, six-year funding mechanism for the measure, we hope that provisions to increase the percentage of federal highway formula funds set aside for metropolitan areas and to increase funding for the Bus and Bus Facilities account can be incorporated into the final legislation.

Thank you for your support for transportation initiatives that benefit Northern Nevada and please let us know if you have any questions about how the transportation reauthorization bill would impact the Reno community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hillary L. Schieve", written in a cursive style.

Hillary L. Schieve  
Mayor