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**Heller Applauds Amtrak’s “X Rail” Announcement**

**Washington, D.C.** –U.S. Senator Dean Heller (R-NV) is welcoming an announcement made today by Amtrak Board of Directors that approves the Las Vegas Railway Express (LVRE) to operate its proposed X Rail line, a high-speed passenger rail service from Los Angeles to Las Vegas. “X Rail” would use two rail lines: Union Pacific and BNSF. The line would operate once a week.

“I am incredibly excited about Amtrak and X Rail Enterprises moving forward on this project to connect Los Angeles to Las Vegas, bringing even more people to Nevada,” **said Heller**. “With tourism serving as the backbone of our state’s economy, I will continue to fight for solutions that lay the ground work for companies like X Rail to bring even more people to Nevada.”

In 2016, Heller specifically asked Amtrak to consider a line between Los Angeles to Las Vegas, then the proposal was called X Train.

Earlier this year, [Heller was announced as the newest co-chair of the Senate Travel and Tourism Caucus.](https://www.heller.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/2017/2/senate-travel-tourism-caucus-welcomes-new-co-chair-senator-dean-heller) He will co-chair the caucus with Senators Roy Blunt (R-MO), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), and Brian Schatz (D-HI). The Travel and Tourism Caucus works to promote common-sense policies and raise awareness of the importance of the job-creating travel and tourism industry.

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