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Funding for Railroad Museum and Linear Park Expansion Passes Unanimously through Assembly Committee in Carson City

BOULDER CITY – In a unanimous vote by the Nevada Assembly Ways and Means Committee Thursday, Assembly Bill 84 (A.B. 84), a bond reauthorization bill that includes funds for State Museums, passed. Testimony for the bill suggested up to \$25 million for construction of the Southern Nevada Railroad Museum and Linear Park in Boulder City, bringing the expansion project one step closer to a reality. Testimony of support came from leaders of the City of Boulder City, Boulder City Chamber of Commerce, the Southern Nevada Water Authority, Get Outdoors Nevada and some two dozen other conservation and historic preservation groups across the state.

Mayor Rod Woodbury and City Council have been dedicated to the project. A.B. 84 covers phases one and two of the three phased, \$35 million project, which includes:

- A new 9,700 sq. ft. visitor's center
- New boarding platforms
- Boulder City Linear Park that would include children interactive amenities

"We established five goals in our Strategic Plan 2020-2025; three of these goals are 'Promote Historic Preservation,' 'Invest in Infrastructure' and 'Manage Growth and Development,'" Mayor Rod Woodbury stated. "This project helps the City accomplish these. Expansion of this important community asset will bring more tourists to share and learn our rich history of Boulder City and the region. Thank you to Committee Chair Maggie Carlton and Committee Members for approving the Bill and moving it forward."

The Chamber of Commerce has been working closely with the state for several years to obtain funding for the project. "State investment here strengthens other nearby tourist attractions and businesses. This project would be a win for the entire region," said Jill Lagan, CEO of Boulder City Chamber of Commerce. "The Museum sees 50,000+ visitors a year on a part-time schedule. This expansion could potentially double that draw."

Assembly Bill 84 provides \$217.5 million in state bonding authority for projects across the State of Nevada. Voters originally approved the bond in 2001. The reauthorization will not impact Nevada's general fund.

The City has its own bill, Senate Bill 64 (S.B. 64), which originally requested \$15 million for the project. The City amended that request to a \$2 million request to cover final design plans. "Once the bonding on A.B. 84 starts, the funds will be going to those projects that are 'shovel-ready,'" said City Manager Al Noyola. "We want to be sure that this project gets started as soon as possible as this expansion will have a great economic and historic impact on our great community."

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