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## Office of Governor Steve Sisolak

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## Re: Request to accelerate capital projects to create immediate jobs for Nevadans

Dear Local Leader:

The COVID-19 pandemic has had significant impacts on Nevada's economy and on our workforce. In my State of the State address last week, I spoke about the need for the State to collaborate with our local partners to find ways to create good paying jobs and economic opportunity for our residents to reenergize our State's economy.

As public servants, I know we are all committed to doing everything we can to get Nevadans back to work. One of the fastest and most effective ways to do this is through the acceleration of capital projects. By working to streamline projects that will help rebuild our roads, modernize our schools, and improve wastewater and flood control systems, we can create thousands of construction jobs this year alone.

Nevada's state agencies and local governments have billions of dollars of potential infrastructure projects in various stages of planning. The faster we can turn planned projects into actual projects, the more Nevadans we put back to work. With interest rates at a record low, we can save our residents hundreds of millions of dollars in borrowing costs by accelerating critical infrastructure projects while also creating opportunities to leverage federal assistance in the process.

In the next few weeks, I will ask State and local leaders to join me to discuss the capital projects that can be moved forward. I hope you'll join me during this conversation. My Office will be in touch soon to confirm logistics and scheduling.

In order to hit the ground running, I'm asking that you prepare the following prior to the meeting:

- A list of any capital projects which can be accelerated in the year 2021; and
- Any potential barriers that might exist to getting these projects off the ground. These could include available capital, regulatory hurdles, planning resources, or anything else that we can collaboratively find a solution for.

Our State Treasurer Zach Conine is assisting my Office in coordinating this meeting and is helping to ensure that State government is as responsive as possible to our local partners for their infrastructure needs.

If you have any questions leading up to the meeting, please feel free to reach out to the State Treasurer's Office, and they will be happy to help. Additionally, please e-mail any materials that will be helpful for this meeting to the Treasurer's Office by February 5, 2021 so we can have a productive conversation about putting Nevadans to work.

The Treasurer's Office can be reached at the following contact information:

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As someone whose spent many years of my career in local government, I know firsthand how important collaboration is to building out our regional infrastructure priorities. That's why you have my commitment that the State will be an active partner with you going forward. I am confident that if we work together, we can work to build up Nevada's critical infrastructure while creating thousands of immediate jobs in the process.

Thank you for your service to the State of Nevada, it means the world to me. Let's get back to work.

Sincerely, Governor Steve Sisolak

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