

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11—ASSEMBLYMEN
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Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Urges Congress to ensure that the Intermountain West Corridor does not bypass Mineral County. (BDR R-561)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION—Urging Congress to ensure that the Intermountain West Corridor does not bypass Mineral County.

1 WHEREAS, On December 4, 2015, the 114th Congress passed
2 the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, which
3 designated the Intermountain West Corridor as a high-priority
4 corridor on the National Highway System; and

5 WHEREAS, The FAST Act established that the Intermountain
6 West Corridor, from the vicinity of Las Vegas north to Reno, should
7 follow U.S. Route 95 and terminate at Interstate 80; and

8 WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of the Nevada Department of
9 Transportation voted unanimously to designate U.S. Route 95 as the
10 primary route of the Intermountain West Corridor from the Las
11 Vegas vicinity extending north, terminating at Interstate 80; and

12 WHEREAS, U.S. Route 95 runs through the heart of Mineral
13 County, home of the Hawthorne Weapons and Ammunition Depot
14 (HWAD) which encompasses 147,000 acres and where Army, Navy
15 and Marine special forces are trained year-round in the unique
16 aspects of mountainous terrain and a high desert environment
17 similar to that found in Afghanistan; and

18 WHEREAS, Through the U.S. Army’s Armament Retooling and
19 Manufacturing Support (ARMS) Program, the 16,800-acre
20 Hawthorne Technology and Industry Park at HWAD is the only



1 facility of its kind west of Missouri certified as an ARMS site,
2 which is a site designed to encourage commercial use of the facility
3 through various incentives, encourage businesses to locate there,
4 create jobs and new industries, yet retain the Depot's ability to carry
5 out its primary mission; and

6 WHEREAS, Hawthorne and Mineral County possess both the
7 natural and man-made resources to support the original mission of
8 the Interstate Highway System and the goals of the Intermountain
9 West Corridor project, including existing rail service, a dedicated
10 railroad bed extending to Tonopah, existing geothermal and solar
11 installations with the capacity to greatly expand renewable energy
12 opportunities with the addition of transmission lines within the U.S.
13 Route 95 and the Intermountain West Corridor, an airport capable of
14 landing a C-130 cargo plane, an on-site fire and emergency rapid
15 response department and 24-hour security; and

16 WHEREAS, Hawthorne is centrally located 265 miles from
17 Sacramento, 385 miles from Los Angeles, 513 miles from Salt Lake
18 City, 612 miles from Phoenix, 133 miles from Reno and 314 miles
19 from Las Vegas, and is strategically located to provide excellent
20 highway access to surrounding states and the entire west coast
21 region; and

22 WHEREAS, Regionally, it is estimated that the Intermountain
23 West Corridor will result in a \$24 billion economic benefit, create
24 240,000 jobs and provide up to \$39 billion in travel benefits; and
25 now, therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE OF THE STATE OF
27 NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the members of the 79th Session of the
28 Nevada Legislature hereby urge Congress to continue to pursue the
29 original intent of the FAST Act and establish that the Intermountain
30 West Corridor, from the vicinity of Las Vegas north to Reno, will
31 follow U.S. Route 95 and terminate at Interstate 80 and not bypass
32 Mineral County; and be it further

33 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and
34 transmit a copy of this resolution to each member of the Board of
35 Directors of the Nevada Department of Transportation, the Director
36 of the Nevada Department of Transportation, the Vice President of
37 the United States as the presiding officer of the United States
38 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and each
39 member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

40 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon
41 passage.

