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Via Email: srosenberg@dot.state.nv.us

Ms. Sondra Rosenberg
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Dear Ms. Rosenberg:

This letter expresses interest from the Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association (OOIDA) for further analysis of the "Land Ferry" concept currently being studied in Nevada.

OOIDA is the largest trade association representing the views of small-business truckers and professional truck drivers. We have more than 160,000 members nationwide, including roughly 1,310 who reside in Nevada and thousands more who operate on Nevada highways every day.

OOIDA is receptive to any idea that will improve highway safety and increase operational efficiency. Like any new concept, we have many questions regarding the feasibility (technical, financial, regulatory, etc.) of a Land Ferry system. With that in mind, we are supportive of the proposed Phase II assessment.

We would also offer some initial comments regarding the proposed scope:

1. Define the cost of a Land Ferry operation to potential truck users.
 - a. In our opinion, this is the most important question. If it's not cost-effective, owner-operators will not use it.
2. Define productivity savings to truckers from a highway-competitive Land Ferry operation.
 - a. Similar to costs, if there are no meaningful productivity benefits, owner-operators will not use it.
3. Define liability and regulatory issues of importance to truckers; e.g. on-board time qualifying as mandatory rest period.

- a. This question must consider a multitude of liability and regulatory issues, such as federal and state hours of service, insurance liability/responsibility of the truck, trailer and cargo while on the Land Ferry, etc.
4. Examine economics and feasibility of various truck loading and unloading schemes.
 - a. This question should address loading and unloading times, access to highways at end points, reliability of trains, etc.

Again, we are interested in additional study of the Land Ferry system and look forward to working with the project managers to properly determine the scope of review as it relates to trucking. Please contact me directly at (816) 229-5791 ext. 1603 or mike_matousek@oida.com should you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,



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