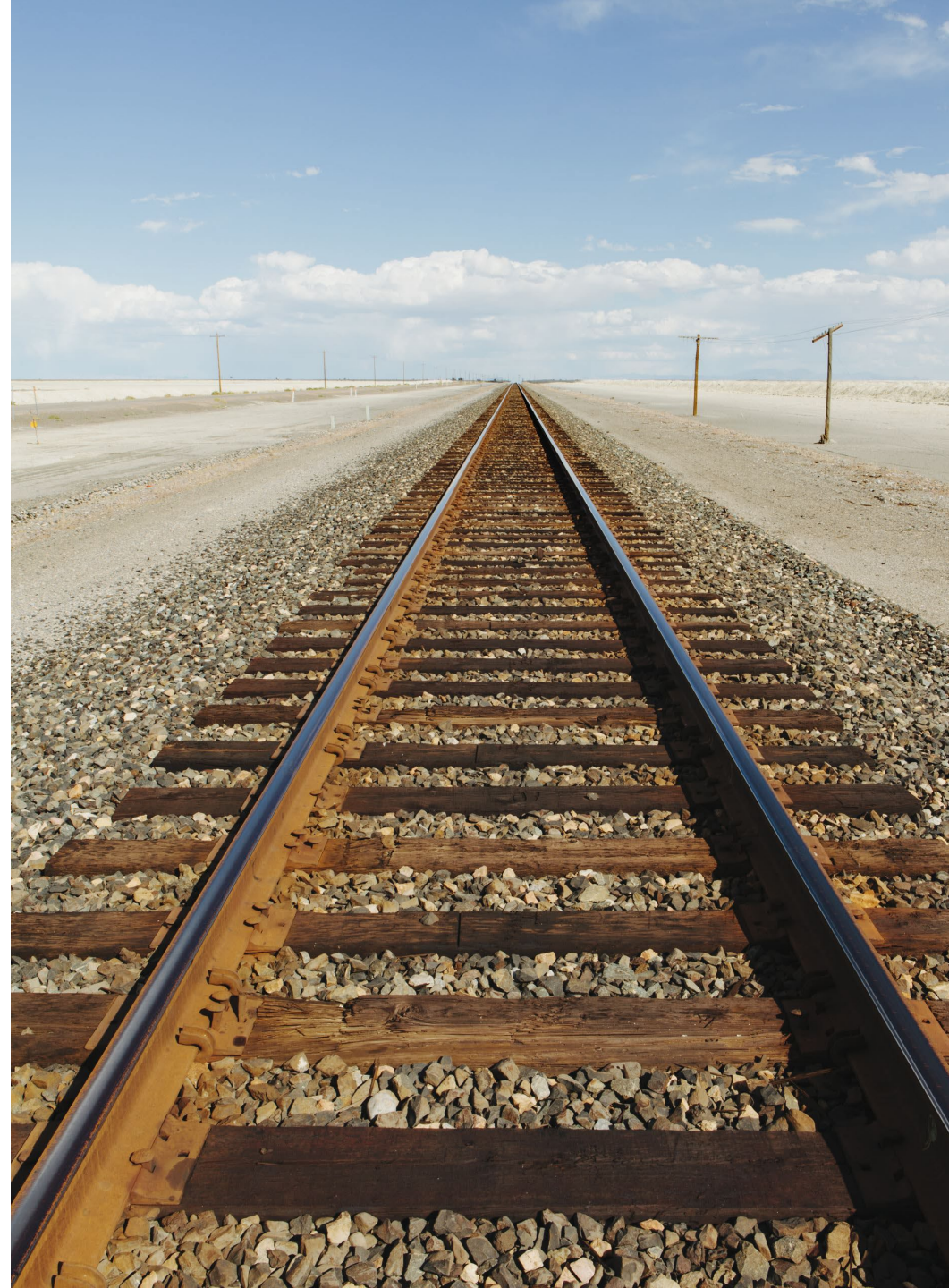


# **2021 NV State Rail Summit**

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## **Nevada Technology Corridor**

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# Connecting Western Nevada

**Vision:** North-South Linkage between Storey and Clark Counties for Economic Prosperity and Resilience

**Mission:** Leverage and expand the existing freight rail network that operates through Western Nevada and launch passenger rail as the core economic building blocks for this 400+ mile area

**Strategy:** Transformation of Nevada's infrastructure for the missing middle of Western Nevada by providing essential economic building blocks

# Need: Infrastructure

- ❖ ***Solution:*** NDOT Fernley Multimodal Freight Facility Feasibility Study
- ❖ ***Solution:*** Revision of Nevada State Rail Plan
- ❖ ***Solution:*** State Infrastructure Bank
- ❖ ***Solution:*** Connect Western Nevada for economic growth



# Nevada Technology Corridor



- ❖ Nevada rural counties not benefitting economically from statewide technology boom
- ❖ Lack of essential economic building blocks – **Broadband**, **Natural Gas**, and **Transportation**

# Nevada Technology Corridor

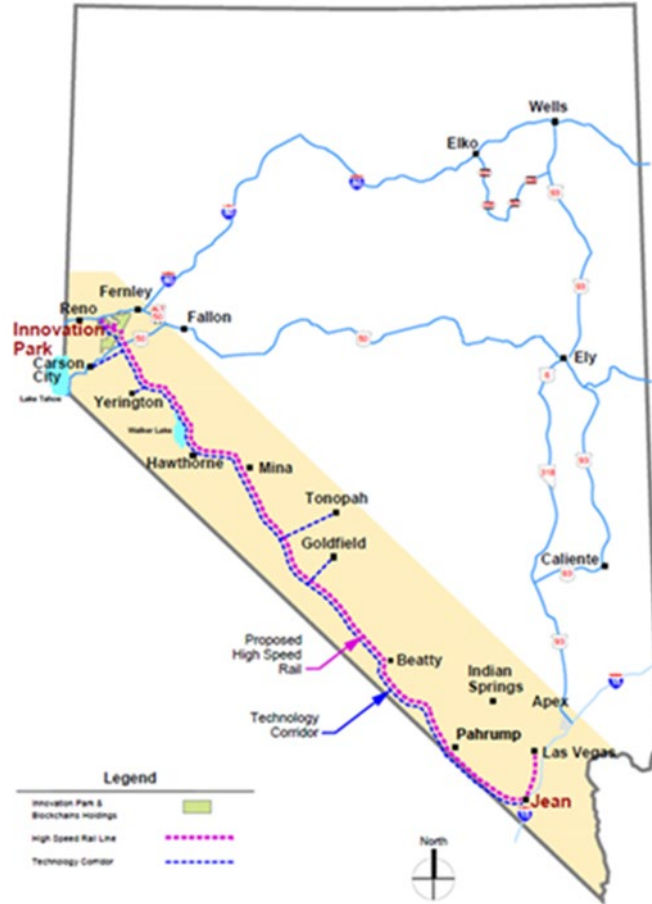


Nevada Technology Corridor -Exhibit B

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- ❖ Adverse economic impacts of COVID-19 amplified ongoing barriers to economic growth and stability in Western Nevada
- ❖ North-South linkage fosters economic diversification, growth and resiliency
- ❖ Incorporates Blockchains' technology
- ❖ Integrates with NV Energy Greenlink Nevada project within the corridor

# NV Tech Corridor Establishment Plan



Nevada Technology Corridor -Exhibit B

- ❖ Strategic Transformation of Nevada's Infrastructure for the Missing Middle of Western Nevada
- ❖ Establishment of two Inland Ports linked by north-south rail lines
  - North – Fernley and Innovation Park
  - South – Jean and Ivanpah Valley

# NRS 277B Inland Port Authority Act

- ❖ **NRS 277B.050 “Inland port” defined.**  
“Inland port” means an area located away from traditional borders but having direct access to highway, railway and air transport facilities and, if applicable, intermodal facilities.
- ❖ **NRS 277B.110 Construction of chapter.**  
This chapter shall be liberally construed in order to facilitate economic development, trade and commerce in the State of Nevada.
- ❖ **Managed by an Inland Port Authority board of directors.**
- ❖ **Establishment and governance role assigned to GOED.**



# Proposed Changes for Inland Port Act

## 2021 BDR 22-356 Proposed Amendments to NRS 277B

- Allows port boundaries to be non-contiguous
- Permits residential properties to be included within the inland port boundaries
- Allows inland ports to be owned and operated by private or public entities, or a combination of the two
- Requires an inland port authority to create, establish, manage, and be fiscally responsible for its board of directors
- Defines when authority board meetings must comply with Open Meeting Law
- Authorizes GOED to promulgate certain regulations





# Summary

- ❖ Lack of essential economic building blocks are making it difficult for rural counties to benefit from statewide boom
- ❖ A North-South linkage would foster economic diversification, growth and resiliency
- ❖ Plan would create two Inland Ports linked by north-south rail lines
  - **North** – Fernley and Innovation Park
  - **South** – Jean and Ivanpah Valley
- ❖ Proposed changes are needed for Inland ports to be successful

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