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Rep. Sam Graves Chairman Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

Rep. Rick Larsen Ranking Member Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

Ref: FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024:

Thank you for your leadership in aviation policy, and the opportunity to lend our voice in support of the FAA *Reauthorization Act of 2024.* We appreciate the hard work and collaboration this legislation represents, and respectfully request its swift consideration and enactment.

Vertiports are the enabling safe infrastructure for electric vertical take-off and landing (eVTOL) aircraft that will provide new transportation options for the movement of people and goods. This nascent industry is generally referred to as Advanced Air Mobility (AAM). Multiple US companies are poised to bring eVTOL aircraft to market in the next five years, and we believe this legislation makes prudent preparations for American leadership in AAM.

Ferrovial has 25 years of experience in the investment, development, construction, and operation of thirty-six airports worldwide, including the United States. Working with leading manufacturers and air service operators, Ferrovial Vertiports, backed by Ferrovial's 70 years of transportation infrastructure experience, is developing agnostic vertiports networks the United States.

Ferrovial's Vertiports will be intermodal centers integrated into the community landscape that are adapted to the environment, reduce acoustic impacts, produce no emissions, and meet the highest energy efficiency standards through innovative design. They will be adaptable to safely serve multiple eVTOL aircraft types and diverse business models.

As a global leader in vertiport development, Ferrovial Vertiports supports the inclusion of pro-growth policies in FAA Reauthorization. AAM represents an opportunity for the aviation industry to safely expand, reaching new locations and use cases through innovation. As new entrants grow the proverbial pie, we respectfully request that FAA Reauthorization includes policies that support a healthy aviation ecosystem and not unduly burden new entrants.

Ferrovial Vertiports supports *FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024* because it will foster the next generation of aviation. Subtitle B of Title IV provides a clear mandate for sensible Federal policies for AAM. Specifically, Section 953 creates a path for vertiport projects at airports to receive a streamlined environmental review



process, putting vertiports on par with other types of aviation infrastructure. This provision will accelerate projects and reduce costs while ensuring safety, environmental, and community engagement standards are upheld.

Ferrovial Vertiports appreciates the thoughtful, researched, and engaged legislative process that brought us to this point. The *FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024* will make American aviation safer, more efficient, and innovative. Thank you for your leadership and engagement.

Sincerely,

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