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RTC celebrates the completion of the Bonneville Transit Center
Stimulus funded project built to LEED Gold Specifications

The Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) celebrated the completion of the Bonneville Transit Center today. The facility is located at 101 E. Bonneville Ave., in the heart of downtown Las Vegas. It will serve as the central hub for the RTC's transit services, including the Strip & Downtown Express, Deuce, Centennial Express, MAX and 12 other routes. Passengers can access the many downtown businesses from the Transit Center, or they can connect to routes to travel to other parts of the valley.

The 20,000 square foot facility features 16 on-site vehicle bays, preferred parking for hybrid vehicles, and on-site bicycle storage and repairs. Nearly 100 bikes can be stored at the center. Bicycle storage and access to lockers and showers will be available for a fee.

The Bonneville Transit Center was funded in part with \$5.5 million in funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

"This project has a two-fold benefit for our community: It will improve transportation for both residents and visitors and it provided much-needed construction jobs," Snow said. "More than 1,200 laborers, electricians and landscapers from private sector firms worked on the project during its construction."

The facility is also an important element in the revitalization of downtown Las Vegas.

"The City of Las Vegas operates around the clock, so offering safe, reliable, and comfortable public transportation choices for workers and visitors is essential," said FTA Administrator Rogoff. "The Bonneville Transit Center is a great example of a modern, sustainable transportation facility that not only improves access to the Strip and other attractions, but also opens up new opportunities for economic development in Las Vegas' downtown business district."

The facility was developed with a commitment to sustainability and is designed to achieve the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) Gold Certification. It features photovoltaic solar panels that will generate nearly 50 percent of the electricity for the facility. The RTC received a rebate of \$359,450 from NV Energy for the solar panel installation. The building also features water-efficient landscaping and plumbing, used recycled building materials, and a solar thermal system to heat domestic water and help to supplement the heating and ventilation system.

Transit routes will begin operating at the new facility on Sunday, November 7. The RTC's routes and schedules will change on that date, as well. For more information, visit rtcsonv.com.

The RTC is the transit authority, transportation planning agency and regional traffic management agency for Southern Nevada. The RTC's vision is to provide a safe, convenient and effective regional transportation system that enhances mobility and air quality for citizens and visitors. The RTC encourages residents and visitors to use alternate commute modes to help reduce traffic congestion, clean the air and improve the quality of life in Southern Nevada.

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