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**\$45 Million in Transportation Funding Heading to Southern Nevada**  
***Funding to help create private sector construction jobs***

A plan to widen the 215 Beltway and to improve the McCarran Airport Connector Tunnel will move forward, thanks to federal funding that will be made available for use here in Southern Nevada. As much as \$45 million will be available for the project, which includes widening the 215 Beltway between Las Vegas Boulevard and Windmill Lane, as well as improvements to the Airport Connector Tunnel from the Beltway Airport Interchange north to the airport.

The funding was provided through reprogramming of federal funds that had not been used for other projects. Half of the funding will be available for use this year. The remaining \$22.5 million is expected to be available next year.

The project has been a high priority for the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) of Southern Nevada. The first phase of construction may begin as early as this fall.

“The \$45 million in funding for this project will improve access to the 215 Beltway and McCarran International Airport, one of the key economic engines of the Las Vegas valley,” said RTC Chairman Larry Brown.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid reprogrammed the funding to allow the Airport Connector project to move ahead. Without the reprogrammed funds, the project would be stalled indefinitely.

“I thank NDOT and the RTC of Southern Nevada for putting this money to work on a project that has a long-term benefit for our state’s economy and creates jobs,” Reid said.

The Airport Connector Tunnel interchange project, along with several other roadway projects that will begin this year, are expected to create more than 4,000 private sector construction jobs. Those projects are being funded from a variety of federal and local sources.

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. For more information, visit [rtcsonv.com](http://rtcsonv.com).

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