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RTC celebrates groundbreaking for new rapid transit line, ACE Green Line, connecting downtown Las Vegas and Henderson

The Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) broke ground today on the ACE Green Line, the newest addition to the valley's rapid transit system. U.S. Rep. Shelley Berkley (D-Nev.), U.S. Rep. Dina Titus (D-Nev.), RTC Vice Chairman and Las Vegas Mayor Oscar B. Goodman, RTC Board Member and Clark County Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, RTC Board Member and Henderson City Councilwoman Debra March and RTC General Manager Jacob Snow heralded the groundbreaking as another major step forward for the valley's transit system.

The ACE Green Line will travel a 15-mile corridor that extends from downtown Las Vegas to Horizon Drive in Henderson. Like the ACE Gold Line, which began service on March 28, the ACE Green Line will have the look and feel of a light rail system but with the flexibility of running on regular streets, including in dedicated transit lanes. The new ACE Green Line will travel in dedicated curbside lanes from downtown Las Vegas to Tropicana Avenue and continue to Horizon Drive in mixed-flow traffic.

"We are committed to building a rapid transit system that can eventually connect all corners of the Las Vegas valley," said Snow. "Anticipated to begin service next year, the ACE Green Line will provide valley residents with a faster, limited-stop transit option from downtown Las Vegas to Henderson. The ACE Green Line will join our ACE and ACEXpress services, including the recently debuted ACE Gold Line and ACEXpress C-Line, as a modern, convenient and comfortable rapid transit option."

The new ACE rapid transit stations will provide a comfortable and attractive place for riders to wait. There will be 23 transit stations on the ACE Green Line that house amenities such as protection from the sun, generous lighting, level platform boarding, ticket vending machines, and displays announcing the next vehicle's arrival. In addition, eight simplified transit stops will include a ticket vending machine and a transit route identifier.

The ACE Green Line is one of several new rapid transit lines that the RTC is providing to connect Southern Nevada. Built, thanks in part, to American Recovery and Reinvestment Act transit stimulus funding, the ACE Green Line is scheduled to begin service in 2011.

The RTC is the transit authority, transportation planning and streets / highways funding agency, and the 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 rtcnev.com.

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