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RTC Transit to Implement Service Changes Effective Sunday, March 28, 2010

The changes will impact all of RTC Transit's routes and will include the introduction of an ACE rapid transit route and an ACExpress route

The Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada's (RTC)'s Transit system will implement a major service change on Sunday, March 28, 2010. The RTC implements transit service changes periodically in order to ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of its transit system.

This service change will introduce two new premium service networks, ACE and ACExpress, two new general market routes, two new types of transit passes, several significant routing changes and some type of schedule change to all of the RTC's transit routes. These impacts range from minor frequency adjustments to more major routing changes. RTC Transit riders can reference the changes in the RTC's new Transit Pocket Guide, available on all RTC vehicles, on the RTC's Web site at rtcsonv.com, or by contacting RTC Customer Service at 228-RIDE (7433). In addition, the RTC's new complete Transit Guide is available for sale at all RTC facilities and on board many transit vehicles.

Premium services

The RTC's first ACE rapid transit line – the ACE Gold line – will launch along with the start of the service changes on Sunday, March 28. The ACE Gold line will provide a rapid transit connection between Downtown Las Vegas, the Las Vegas Strip and the RTC's South Strip Transfer Terminal. The state-of-the-art line will feature sleek, train-like vehicles and will offer faster service thanks to dedicated, transit-only lanes for portions of its route, limited stops, level, platform boarding and a pre-paid fare system called Ticket Now.

The ACE Gold line will compliment the Deuce on the Strip route, which will also see adjustments as part of the service changes. Beginning on Sunday, March 28, the Deuce will no longer service the Downtown Las Vegas area but will operate from Palace Station to Mandalay Bay. The ACE Gold line will provide a faster connection from the southern and central portions of the Strip to Downtown, while Route 108 will connect the northern portion of the Strip to Downtown.

The RTC's first ACExpress line – the ACExpress C line – will also debut along with the start of these service changes. The ACExpress C line will provide an express transit route that will begin at the RTC's new Centennial Hills Transit Center and Park & Ride facility at U.S. 95 and Durango. From there, the line will provide an express connection to Downtown Las Vegas, utilizing the high-occupancy-vehicle (carpool) lanes along U.S. 95. The ACExpress C line will then continue on, making stops on the Las Vegas Strip at Spring Mountain Road and at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. The route will be ideal for commuters and students and will also feature sleek ACE vehicles, limited stops and Ticket Now boarding.

Ticket Now, which is currently in place along the RTC's Metropolitan Area Express (MAX) route in North Las Vegas, will be featured on ACE and ACEXpress routes. This system allows riders to purchase their fares from ticket vending machines prior to boarding their vehicle, thereby speeding up the boarding process. Fareboxes will not be available on ACE or ACEXpress vehicles. Deuce on the Strip riders will also have the option of utilizing Ticket Now, however, fareboxes will remain available on Deuce vehicles.

New passes

At its February 2010 Board meeting the RTC Board of Commissioners approved the introduction of two new types of transit passes. Both passes will be made available to transit riders with the start of the March service changes. The first, a 5-day All Access Pass, will be available to riders for \$20. The second, a 2-hour All Access Pass, will be available to riders for \$5. The RTC is hopeful that these new passes will offer riders increased flexibility and access to the RTC Transit system.

New general market routes

The RTC's March service changes will introduce two new general market routes. The first, route 408, will serve as a southwest business loop. It was designed to provide service to major employment areas in the southwest during traditional weekday commute hours. It will connect the RTC's South Strip Transfer Terminal at Sunset and Gillespie and RTC Transit Route 103 with the Beltway Business Park and the Valley View / Sunset area. For maximum rider convenience, trips are timed around major employment shifts at the Beltway Business Park.

The second new route, route 409, will replace a small portion of routes 108 and 116. It will serve Main Street in both directions, as well as northbound Industrial between Sahara and Wyoming and the RTC's Downtown Transportation Center. This will preserve service to the residential neighborhood behind the Stratosphere. This new route will operate hourly from approximately 5:30 a.m. to 1:30 a.m., seven days per week.

Significant routing changes

While all of the RTC's Transit routes will see some type of changes, the following routes will experience the most significant routing changes:

- **Route 101 (Rainbow)** – south-end loop will be modified to serve the Opportunity Village Engelstad Campus (Buffalo Road and Patrick Lane)
- **Routes 106A and 106B (Rancho / Centennial Hills)** – will serve the Centennial Hills Transit Center and Park & Ride for easy transfers with the ACEXpress C line; Route 106B, instead of Route 106A, will now operate in the evening hours
- **Route 109B (Maryland Parkway)** – will be eliminated; all trips will now serve McCarran International Airport and the South Strip Transfer Terminal as Route 109
- **Route 115 (Nellis / Stephanie)** – will now be serviced by double-deck vehicles; extension of route to Russell Road and Mountain Vista
- **Route 116 (Koval / Industrial)** – will be eliminated; Route 119 will serve Koval Lane and selected trip will service Circus Circus; Route 409 will serve Industrial Road / Wyoming Avenue
- **Route 117 (Las Vegas Boulevard South / Silverado Ranch)** – will serve South Point and the Grandview of Las Vegas on northbound trips, rather than southbound trips

- **Route 119 (Simmons / Koval)** – will extend south along Koval Lane and west on Hacienda Avenue to terminate at Russell Road and Polaris Avenue; selected trips will serve Industrial to provide service to Circus Circus during employment shifts
- **Route 201 (Tropicana)** – will be branched at the west end; Route 201A will replicate the current 201 west end routing; all Route eastbound 201A trips (except overnight) will now serve Peace Way; Route 201B will extend south along Rainbow Boulevard to Robindale Road, providing service to the Rainbow Boulevard / Clark County 215 Beltway area
- **Route 204 (Sahara)** – will be branched at the east end; Route 204A will serve Sahara Avenue to Hollywood Boulevard as well as the Vegas Valley / Hollywood Boulevard area; Route 204B will serve Vegas Valley between Lamb Boulevard and Cabana Drive and will then serve portions of Cabana Drive and Desert Inn Road as part of the loop
- **Route 206 (Charleston)** – will return to its original east-end loop, serving Tree Line Drive to Sahara Avenue to Sloan Lane
- **Route 211 (Smoke Ranch / Carey)** – will operate differently on Sundays to facilitate continuing as Route 104; see Transit Guide for details
- **Route 402 (Crosstown Connector / Boulder City)** – will no longer serve Meadows Mall; it will terminate at the Downtown Transportation Center; Route 207 will still connect the Downtown Transportation Center and the Meadows Mall

The RTC is the transit authority, transportation planning 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.

RTC Transit service carried nearly 58 million passengers in 2009. The system is one of the most cost-efficient transit systems in the nation. For more information, visit rtcsnv.com.

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