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RTC announces sidewalk and roadway improvements on Water Street *Work will start on Wednesday, March 30*

LAS VEGAS – The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) of Southern Nevada will be making sidewalk and roadway improvements along Water Street to make way for the Boulder Highway Express rapid transit project that will begin service this fall.

Starting on Wednesday, March 30, 2011 to Friday, April 8 2011, improvements will occur at Basic Road and Water Street. Work will also occur to construct a transit stop near Water Street and Atomic Street.

Starting on Monday, April 18, 2011 to Friday, May 6, 2011, improvements will continue at Water Street and Basic Road. Work will also occur to construct a transit stop near Water Street and East Army Street.

Lane restrictions are anticipated on Water Street and Basic Road. Businesses along the corridor will remain open and access will be maintained at all times.

The Boulder Highway Express will be another addition to the RTC's expanding network of rapid transit services. The Boulder Highway rapid transit line will feature dedicated curbside lanes from downtown Las Vegas to Tropicana Avenue. From Tropicana Avenue, it will travel south on Boulder Highway in mixed-flow traffic to Horizon Drive, servicing downtown Henderson via Water Street. There will be four stops located in downtown Henderson.

There will be 23 transit stations that will feature level platform boarding, protection from the sun, ticket vending machines and displays announcing the next vehicle's arrival. In addition, 10 simplified transit stops will include a ticket vending machine and a transit route identifier. These new rapid transit stations and stops will make it more comfortable and convenient for riders.

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.

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