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## **RTC to offer transit schedule information via text messaging service, *rideRTC***

LAS VEGAS – Whether you’re driving home or taking transit, the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) can help you get up to the minute information on your commute via text messages. The RTC has launched a new mobile SMS text service, *rideRTC*, enabling transit riders to find out when the next transit vehicle is scheduled to arrive at their stop by sending a text message to the RTC from their mobile phone.

“We continue to work towards making transit more convenient and accessible for riders in Southern Nevada,” said Jacob Snow, general manager of the RTC. “With *rideRTC*, riders now have the convenience of obtaining relevant schedule information right on their mobile phone. Finding out when the next transit vehicle will arrive is simply a text message away.”

Snow added that riders will find that using *rideRTC* is easy. Simply send a text message to 41411 and type in the body of the text message *rideRTC* followed by a space, and then the bus stop identification number that can be found on the shelter or on signage at the stop. For example, riders would text ‘*rideRTC* 292’ to 41411. Within seconds, the rider will receive a reply text message with the arrival times of the next three scheduled vehicles at that location.

With this new text messaging service, riders can obtain schedule information without having to carry a hard copy of the RTC transit guide. Additionally, *rideRTC* will provide scheduled arrival information for any transit stop in the valley, while the transit guide provides schedule information only for certain timepoints along a route.

The RTC also provides alerts and information regarding traffic and incident reports on I-15, US-95 and the 215 Bruce Woodbury Beltway via RTC FAST Freeway Traffic Alerts sent by email or text message. Commuters can sign up to receive both e-mail and text message alerts at the RTC’s website, <http://rtcsonv.com/mpo/fast/freewaytraffic.cfm>. Drivers are reminded to check messages before they get behind the wheel to drive.

Standard text messaging rates apply for both *rideRTC* and the FAST text message alerts.

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 [www.rtcsonv.com](http://www.rtcsonv.com).

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