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Road construction to cause lane closures on Sahara Avenue

LAS VEGAS – Work on the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) of Southern Nevada’s Sahara Express rapid transit project will result in travel lane restrictions on Sahara Avenue over the next two weeks.

As part of the Sahara Express Bus Rapid Transit Project, construction activities requiring lane closures at specific locations will be in place on Sahara Avenue between Hualapai Way and Boulder Highway. In addition to lane closures, construction activities will include the installation of new transit shelters and benches over the next few months. Transit vehicles will begin servicing ten of the new shelters, located on the north side of the street between Mojave Road and Paradise Road, on Friday, Oct. 21.

Utility work will also be taking place between Boulder Highway and Las Vegas Boulevard. Utilities are being raised in the center of the roadway over the next two weeks, requiring traffic to split around intermittent closures. Motorists are advised to follow traffic signs carefully in this area.

Roadway milling, paving, and restriping will also continue moving west from Rancho Drive and east from Hualapai Way. This work is expected to be complete by mid-November.

Specific construction work in the corridor beginning Sunday, Oct. 23 through Friday, Oct. 28 includes:

Sahara Avenue from Hualapai Way to Durango Drive: Crews will raise utilities in the roadway and continue with striping the roadway. Expect 24 hour traffic control in construction areas both east and westbound.

Sahara Avenue from Durango Drive to Rainbow Boulevard: Weather permitting, milling and paving of top layer asphalt will occur and require intermittent traffic stops and detours at intersections. Intersections will be reconstructed to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. Drivers can expect median adjustments at Cimarron Road and Miller Lane and 24-hour traffic control in construction areas.

Sahara Avenue from Rainbow Boulevard to Decatur Boulevard: Weather permitting, milling, paving, and re-striping of top layer asphalt will occur and require intermittent traffic stops and detours at intersections. Work will start at the medians and continue toward the shoulders, beginning at Decatur Boulevard and heading west to Rainbow Boulevard. New traffic signal cabinets and arms will be installed at the intersection of Sahara Avenue and Decatur Boulevard during the evening of Sunday, Oct. 23. Traffic signals will be down for a period between 9 p.m. – 5 a.m. with Las Vegas Metro police traffic control in place and 24 hour traffic control in construction areas east and westbound on Sahara Avenue.

Sahara Avenue from Decatur Boulevard to Rancho Drive: Crews will continue to install landscaping, make adjustments to sidewalks, driveways and curb ramps, and raise utilities in the



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roadway. Roadway striping and signs are also being installed. Expect 24 hour traffic control in construction areas both east and westbound.

Sahara Avenue from Las Vegas Boulevard to Boulder Highway: New bus shelters are being installed in this area. Transit vehicles will begin servicing ten of the new shelters, located on the north side of the street between Mojave Road and Paradise Road, on Friday, Oct. 21. Roadway striping and signs are being installed. Utilities are being raised in the center of the roadway over the next two weeks, requiring traffic to split around intermittent closures. Drivers are advised to watch traffic signs closely in this area and to expect 24 hour traffic control in construction areas both east and westbound. The bus turnout at Paradise Road will also be completed. New traffic signal cabinets and arms will be set at the following intersections: Mojave Avenue (Monday, Oct. 24), McCloud Drive (Tuesday, Oct. 25), Atlantic Street (Wednesday, Oct. 26), Maryland Parkway (Thursday, Oct. 27), Commercial Center Drive (Sunday, Oct. 30) and Santa Rita Drive (Monday, Oct. 31) during the overnight hours. Traffic signals will be down for a period between from 9 p.m. – 5 a.m. with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department directing traffic.

The Sahara Express rapid transit route is expected to be completed in February 2012. It will be another addition to the RTC's expanding network of rapid transit services. The Sahara Express rapid transit line will include dedicated transit lanes along much of Sahara Avenue, from Hualapai Way in the western part of the valley to Boulder Highway in the east. The Sahara Express will then branch to serve neighborhoods north and south of Sahara Avenue and will also connect to the RTC's Deuce on the Strip, Strip & Downtown Express and Boulder Highway Express routes.

In addition to the new rapid transit lanes, the project will also feature solar powered transit shelters, ticket vending machines, elevated station platforms, traffic signal controller upgrades and landscaping and sidewalk improvements along Sahara Avenue that will improve travel for cars, transit vehicles and pedestrians.

The majority of the project's funding was provided by federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act economic stimulus grant funds. The RTC received a \$34.4 million grant through the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program. The project is expected to create nearly 500 private-sector jobs.

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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