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Work continues to upgrade traffic signals on Sahara Avenue

LAS VEGAS – As part of the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) of Southern Nevada’s Sahara Express rapid transit project, crews continue to make progress on the necessary road construction, including upgrading numerous traffic signals along the corridor.

Thus far, crews have also upgraded more than a dozen traffic signals along Sahara Avenue. Traffic signal upgrades will continue to occur from Sunday, Nov. 20 through at least Thursday, Dec. 1, during the overnight hours, including at the following intersections:

- Sahara Avenue at Lindell Road
- Sahara Avenue at Grand Canyon
- Sahara Avenue at Steve Rigazzo / El Camino
- Sahara Avenue at Rainbow Boulevard
- Sahara Avenue at Tenaya Way
- Sahara Avenue at Cimarron Road
- Sahara Avenue at Village Square Center
- Sahara Avenue at Jones Boulevard

Traffic lights at these intersections will be off from 9 p.m. until 5 a.m. and Las Vegas Metropolitan Police will be directing traffic.

Additionally, there will continue to be intermittent lane closures throughout the length of the Sahara Avenue corridor as needed for pedestrian access improvements, landscaping, passenger shelter installation, traffic signal upgrades, and intelligent transportation system network facilities.

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, construction will not occur from 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 23 through 9 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 27.

Construction of the new Sahara Express rapid transit route improvements are expected to be complete in February 2012. It will be another addition to the RTC’s expanding network of rapid transit services. The project includes the installation of 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.



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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 rtcsnv.com.

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