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**Paving work to cause lane closures on Sahara Avenue between  
Boulder Highway and Las Vegas Boulevard**  
*Intermittent closures elsewhere along the corridor*

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 between Las Vegas Boulevard and Boulder Highway beginning on Monday, Aug. 8, 2011. At least one travel lane will remain open in either direction. The lane closures are expected to remain in effect through the end of August.

Crews will mill the existing pavement and will place new pavement during the overnight hours, from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Lane closures will remain in effect during the daytime hours, as well. Crews are working on a variety of projects from Boulder Highway to Hualapai Way. Intermittent lane closures may be in effect throughout the corridor while work is underway. Drivers are urged to take precautions and allow extra time when traveling through the impacted areas. Additional work in the corridor this week includes:

**Sahara Avenue from Hualapai Way to Durango Drive:** Crews will reconstruct sidewalks and driveways at Hualapai Way, Crystal Water Way and east and west of Fort Apache Road. Expect lane closures both eastbound and westbound.

**Sahara Avenue from Durango Drive to Decatur Boulevard:** New transit platforms are being installed. Expect intermittent lane closures in this area both eastbound and westbound.

**Sahara Avenue from Decatur Boulevard to Rancho Drive:** Demolition and replacement of sidewalks and driveways, construction of new transit station platforms, electrical work, landscaping and irrigation are underway this week. Expect intermittent lane closures both eastbound and westbound.

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](http://rtcsonv.com).

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