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RTC announces roadwork 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 between Boulder Highway and Paradise Road beginning June 15.

Existing pavement will be removed and new structural pavement will be placed on Sahara Avenue, between Boulder Highway and Paradise Road. As a result, intermittent closures of the shoulder and far outside lane both eastbound and westbound will occur until at least June 30. Crews will work from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. and from 5:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

While work is taking place, drivers should take precautions and allow extra time when traveling through the impacted area.

Expected to begin service in early 2012, the Sahara Express 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.

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.

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 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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