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Sahara Avenue road construction update

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 roadwork and construction, including final paving and restriping, installation of new bus shelters, traffic signal upgrades utility work from Hualapai Way in the west to Boulder Highway in the east.

Currently, final paving and restriping on Sahara Avenue is underway and will continue over the next several weeks. Specifically, final paving on Sahara Avenue is occurring between Rainbow Boulevard and Durango Drive and is anticipated to be complete by the end of November.

Because weather and cooler temperatures impact paving conditions, it is now necessary for the remaining project paving activities to be done during the daytime hours of 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays and possibly weekends. Daytime paving will have temporary traffic impacts, including lane restrictions, and traffic delays are expected. Construction flaggers will direct traffic. Drivers are urged to be cautious as they drive through the area.

Additionally, bus shelters will be removed during the overnight hours on Sahara Avenue between Rancho Drive and Decatur Boulevard, and new bus shelters and benches will be installed during the day. Numerous new, solar-powered shelters have already been installed along the Sahara Avenue corridor, and the installation of shelters between Rancho Drive and Decatur Boulevard is anticipated to be complete in several weeks.

Thus far, crews have also upgraded more than a dozen traffic signals along Sahara Avenue. Additional traffic signal upgrades will take place from Sunday, Nov. 13 through Dec. 15, during the overnight hours, from Boulder Highway to Hualapai Way, including at the following intersections:

- Sahara Avenue at Paradise Road
- Sahara Avenue at I-15 Ramp
- Sahara Avenue at Rancho Drive
- Sahara Avenue at Palace Station
- Sahara Avenue at Paseo Del Prado
- Sahara Avenue at Lindell Road
- Sahara Avenue at Jones Boulevard
- 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 Grand Canyon



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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.

Lastly, utility work from Durango Drive to Hualapai Way will take place during daytime hours from Nov. 13-17 and Nov. 20-23. Other utility work in the project area will be done overnight. All utility work is anticipated to be completed by the end of November.

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.

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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