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Road construction to cause lane closures on Sahara Avenue *Intermittent closures to occur from Hualapai Way to Durango Drive*

LAS VEGAS – Work on the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) of Southern Nevada’s Sahara Express rapid transit project will result in continued travel lane restrictions on Sahara Avenue through at least Friday, October 28.

Crews will be working on a variety of construction projects on Sahara Avenue 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. In addition to lane closures, construction activities will require intermittent removal of bus stop shelters and benches which will be replaced with new transit stations before the project is complete. Construction work in the corridor includes:

Sahara Avenue from Hualapai Way to Durango Drive: Crews will be repaving the roadway from October 5 through October 15. During the repaving, Sahara Avenue may be intermittently reduced to a single travel lane in each direction from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lane restrictions are also expected on Hualapai Way and Durango Drive as you go through the intersection at Sahara Avenue. Flaggers may be directing traffic so drivers should use caution.

Sahara Avenue from Durango Drive to Rainbow Boulevard: Reconstruction of driveways to comply with ADA requirements. Lane restrictions may reduce travel to two lanes in each direction 24-hours per day.

Sahara Avenue from Rainbow Boulevard to Decatur Boulevard: Reconstruction of driveways to comply with ADA requirements, and median adjustments at Rainbow Boulevard, Torrey Pines Drive, and Lindell Road. Weather permitting, milling, paving, and re-striping of top layer asphalt will require intermittent traffic stops and detours. Work will start at the medians and continue toward the shoulders, beginning at Decatur and heading west to Rainbow. Traffic signal upgrades will take place at the intersection of Sahara Avenue and Decatur Boulevard.

Sahara Avenue from Decatur Boulevard to Rancho Drive:

Reconstruction of sidewalks and driveways to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. New transit station platforms, electrical work, and utility work. Complete new roadway striping. East & Westbound: 24 hour traffic control will be in effect in construction areas.

***Sahara Avenue from Rancho Drive to Las Vegas Boulevard:**

*The Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) is working on an overlay project on I-15 between Tropicana Avenue and the Spaghetti Bowl. Traffic control for this project includes restricted left turns in both directions on Sahara Avenue at the north and southbound on-ramps to I-15. Both onramps are also reduced to one lane of travel. This work is expected to run through October 22. For more information, visit the [NDOT's Southern Nevada Road Construction Report](#).



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Sahara Avenue from Las Vegas Boulevard to Boulder Highway:

Landscaping, electrical work, utility work, and new bus turnouts. Permanent bus shelters will be installed at 22 locations in this area. New traffic signal arms will be installed at the intersections of Sahara Avenue and Mojave Road, McLeod Drive, Atlantic Street, Burnham Avenue, and Maryland Parkway. East & Westbound: 24 hour traffic control will be in effect in construction areas. Evening lane restrictions will be in effect at intersections for as crews install traffic control devices.

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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