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## **Groundbreaking for Sahara Express route will be held Feb. 24** *Sahara rapid transit route will further improve mobility in Southern Nevada*

LAS VEGAS – The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) of Southern Nevada will commemorate the beginning of construction of the new Sahara Express rapid transit project on Thursday, Feb. 24, at noon outside Gaudin Ford, 2121 East Sahara Ave.

The groundbreaking ceremony will include Jacob Snow, RTC general manager; board members of the Regional Transportation Commission; Peter Rogoff, Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA); and U.S. Sen. Harry Reid.

**WHAT:** Groundbreaking on RTC's Sahara Express rapid transit line  
**WHEN:** Thursday, Feb. 24, at noon  
**WHERE:** Gaudin Ford, 2121 East Sahara Ave

The Sahara Express will be another addition to the RTC's expanding network of rapid transit services. The RTC's rapid transit services seek to provide enhanced connectivity throughout the Las Vegas Valley and are designed with speed in mind.

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 RTC received \$34.4 million in federal Transportation Infrastructure Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grants through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The project is expected to improve mobility, connectivity and accessibility in Las Vegas, as well as to help spur local economic growth. Expected to be complete by early 2012, the project is estimated to create nearly 500 private-sector jobs.

The new dedicated transit lanes will be constructed by utilizing the far right parking lane on Sahara Avenue. In addition to the new rapid transit lanes, the project will also feature solar powered transit shelters, ticket vending machines, elevated station platforms, and improvements to traffic signals along Sahara Avenue that will improve travel for both cars and transit operations.

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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