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RTC to launch new express transit services and transit service changes on Sunday, Sept. 18

LAS VEGAS – The Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) will launch two new rapid transit services, the Henderson & Downtown Express (HDX) and the Boulder Highway Express (BHX), in the southeastern portion of the Las Vegas valley on Sept. 18. Additional changes to the RTC transit system will also take effect.

New Routes:

The new Henderson & Downtown Express (HDX) route will provide an express connection between Henderson and Downtown Las Vegas, with access to major transfer routes along the way. On weekdays, the HDX will operate from the Bonneville Transit Center (BTC) through downtown Las Vegas with stops at the Government Center, Las Vegas Premium Outlets, Las Vegas City Hall, downtown casinos, and Symphony Park to the College of Southern Nevada (CSN) campus and on to the Nevada State College (NSC) campus via Boulder Highway and Water Street.

On weekdays, the HDX will run every 30 minutes between 5 a.m. and 7 p.m. and hourly between approximately 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. On weekends and holidays, the route will operate hourly with a modified route from the BTC to Horizon & College Drives, without serving Grand Central Pkwy, CSN Henderson, or NSC.

The Boulder Highway Express (BHX) will provide faster service through the southeast portion of the valley. Specifically, the route will operate from the BTC in downtown Las Vegas to the Galleria Mall area and will replace Route 107 north of Sunset Road. Stops will be located on average approximately every one-half mile along Boulder Highway.

The BHX will operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with a peak frequency every 20 minutes, Monday through Saturday, from approximately 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. During the overnight hours (1 a.m. to 4 a.m.), the route will run hourly. From approximately 10 p.m. to 5 a.m., the BHX will not serve the Galleria Mall area; instead, it will continue south along Boulder Hwy to terminate at Horizon & College Drives.

Both of the new express routes will utilize the RTC StreetCar vehicles that offer the look and feel of a light rail system but with the flexibility of running on regular streets. The new routes will also run in dedicated bus lanes along Boulder Highway from downtown Las Vegas to Tropicana Avenue.

The new southeast valley express routes are part of the RTC's growing rapid transit system to connect Southern Nevada and were built, thanks in part, to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's federal transit stimulus funding.

In addition to the launch of the new express services, other proposed transit service changes will also take effect on Sept. 18 to ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of its transit system.



Route/Schedule Changes:

- Route 107 (Boulder Highway)– The numerical designation of this route is eliminated; however, the route’s service area will be covered by the new Boulder Highway Express, Route 402 (via modified routing) and the new Henderson & Downtown Express.
- Route 111 (Pecos/Green Valley Parkway) – Routing will be modified all day Sunday and evenings seven days a week, to operate as Route 111B southbound and Route 111A northbound. It will also use a simplified south end loop and will serve northbound Green Valley Parkway between Warm Springs and Sunset Road.
- Route 117 (Las Vegas Blvd. South / Silverado Ranch) – Northbound routing will be modified to continue on Las Vegas Boulevard to connect directly with the Strip & Downtown Express at the Callaway Golf (Town Square) station before terminating at the South Strip Transfer Terminal.
- Route 119 (Simmons / Koval) – South end routing will be modified to terminate near Las Vegas Boulevard and Mandalay Bay Road. This route will no longer provide service along Hacienda Avenue or to the Valley View Boulevard and Russell Road area. Service north of Carey Avenue will operate hourly, seven days a week, and will no longer serve Clayton Street. “Selected Trips” service along Industrial Road will be eliminated.
- Route 203 (Spring Mountain / Twain) – This route will merge with Route 213 east of Maryland Parkway. The current Route 203 routing east of Maryland Parkway and “Selected Trips” to Nevada Cancer Institute will be eliminated.
- Route 206 (Charleston) – Routing will be changed to serve the Bonneville Transit Center (BTC). The route will also use double deck vehicles on most trips.
- Route 213 (Desert Inn / Lamb)– The Route 213 numerical designation will be eliminated and the route’s service will merge with Route 203. Thus, Route 213 will become Route 203. All service west of Maryland Parkway on the current Route 213 will be eliminated.
- Route 214 (H Street / D Street)– The eastbound loop on weekends and holidays will be eliminated, resulting in one-way hourly service.
- Route 402 (Henderson Connector / Boulder City)– Route restructured to operate from Boulder City to Sunset Road and Stephanie Street area only. Route will serve all stops along Boulder Highway south of Gibson Road and will no longer serve Nevada State College. Service into and out of Boulder City will end between 10 p.m. and 11 p.m.
- Route 408 (Southwest Business Loop) – Due to low ridership, this route will be eliminated entirely.
- The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Paratransit Service Area will also be adjusted to maintain the mandated three-quarters of a mile border on each side of the fixed route boundary.

Minor changes to other transit routes will also occur and can be found at www.rtcnv.com. The modified routes & schedules will also be published in the RTC’s Transit Guide. Riders with questions can also call the RTC’s Customer Service line at 702.228.RIDE (7433).

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. RTC Transit service carried nearly 55 million passengers last year. The system is one of the most efficient transit systems in the nation. For more information, visit rtcsonv.com.

Below are route maps of the HDX and BHX express transit routes.

