



e-News Brief
An update of current RTC issues

RTC e-News Brief for April 10, 2009. This e-newsletter was created to keep you informed about key activities and issues pertaining to your RTC. I encourage you to share this information with your board members, citizen advisory groups, colleagues, employees and others who may find this information useful. If you would like additional information about a topic in this update, or another topic of interest, please let me know.

RTC staff is also available to present any RTC transportation related topic(s) to your organization, company employees, or business and citizen groups. Contact Michael Moreno, RTC Speakers Bureau @ mmoreno@rtcwashoe.com to schedule a presentation.

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RTC Marks Groundbreaking Celebration for RTC 4TH STREET STATION

Today, the RTC celebrated the long-awaited groundbreaking for RTC 4TH STREET STATION with a gathering at the site of the region's future main transit hub. The event was attended by several dignitaries and special guests that included U.S. Congressman Dean Heller, Mayors Bob Cashell and Geno Martini, along with Reno Aces general manager, Rick Parr and West Coast Contractors of Nevada vice president Andy Ramirez, among others. The groundbreaking event was sponsored by West Coast Contractors of Nevada, Inc. and HDR, Inc.

The \$30 million state-of-the-art facility was made possible through the significant efforts of our congressional delegation and the vision and leadership of the RTC Board of Commissioners. RTC 4TH STREET STATION will serve to meet the future needs for public transportation in the Truckee Meadows, replacing our current facility RTC CITICENTER which has outgrown its capacity to serve the more than 8,000 daily transit passengers.

Principal funding for the project (95%), comes from federal dollars, and includes \$3.7 million in federal stimulus funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. This project marks the beginning of a very impressive [FY2009 construction](#) season that includes construction of the new transit center and several road construction and rehabilitation projects in the region. RTC Chairman and Reno councilmember Dave Aiazzi stated, "At \$30 million, this new transit center is a great investment for our community; and for the future of public transportation in Washoe County, in addition to the redevelopment efforts for downtown Reno, right here in the heart of the "Baseball Stadium District."

West Coast Contractors of Nevada, Inc., who built RTC CENTENNIAL PLAZA last year was awarded the contract to build RTC 4TH STREET STATION. HDR, Inc., will serve as construction managers for the project. Construction is expected to begin in May and will last approximately fifteen months for an expected opening date in fall 2010. RTC 4TH STREET STATION was designed by the architect firm of Parsons Brinckerhoff.

To learn more about RTC 4TH STREET STATION visit www.rtcwashoe.com and click on New Transit Centers or contact RTC Project Manager Chris Tschirhart at e-mail ctschirhart@rtcwashoe.com or by phone at (775) 335-1876.

SB201 Update

RTC-5 Senate Bill 201 remains under review in the Senate Taxation Committee. At this time, we have been informed that the bill has received a "waiver" exempting it from various procedural deadlines and not to expect it to move until late in the session. The waiver means that it will not die if not passed out of the Senate Taxation Committee by the end of Friday, 10 April. I will not speculate as to why this bill is being held but we are working through multiple channels to see if we cannot get it moving again. We have now reached the point where this delay is beginning to impact how quickly we can get people back to work this season and our ability to create as many jobs in 2009 as we were originally projecting.

As I learn more, I will update you accordingly.

RTC Facilities Assigned American Recovery & Reinvestment Act Funding

At the March RTC Board Meeting, staff received authorization to proceed with several facility improvement capital projects. Approximately \$3.7 million of the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) has been assigned for RTC 4th Street Station and another \$3.7 million for HVAC and energy efficiency projects at Villanova, Terminal and Sutro, as well as solar improvements at Sutro (and possibly Terminal, funding permitting).

Staff anticipates annual operating cost savings to be in the neighborhood of \$135,000 - \$150,000, attributed to reduced energy consumption and system repairs, with increasing savings each year as energy costs continue to rise. HVAC design is complete for Villanova and Terminal. Design of the Sutro HVAC and energy efficiency projects at Villanova, Terminal and Sutro are underway and should be completed this spring. Preliminary estimate of direct job creation for these energy-related projects is 40-50 jobs, with total job impacts estimated at 160 – 200 jobs in the region.

Public Information Meeting Scheduled for Mill Street Reconstruction Project

The RTC will be rehabilitating Mill Street from Rock Boulevard to East McCarran Boulevard this summer. The project will involve complete pavement and base construction and should take approximately three months to complete. As design moves towards finalization, the RTC is providing an opportunity for local businesses, residents and property owners to preview the scope of our work and to solicit comments regarding the important issue of traffic control.

The public information meeting for this important project is scheduled for Thursday, April 16 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the RTC Administrative Offices located at 2050 Villanova Drive in Reno. Project information and location map is attached to this eNews Update.

For more information contact RTC Project Manager Brenda Lee at e-mail blee@rtcwashoe.com or by phone at (775) 335-1863.

RTC ACCESS Receives 2008 Safety Gold Club Award

At the MV Transportation national meeting of general managers, RTC ACCESS was awarded the 2008 Safety Gold Club Award. This award was based on RTC ACCESS achieving its safety goals and decreasing the frequency of passenger incidents and vehicular accidents. MV Transportation manages RTC ACCESS for the RTC and is an international company with over 120 properties and 12,000 employees.

Congratulations to RTC ACCESS General Manager Jeff Matland and his team for an impressive accomplishment.

“The Road Ahead with RTC” on KOLO-TV

“The Road Ahead with RTC” airs on Tuesdays at 6:20 a.m. during “Daybreak.” This weekly news segment features experts discussing a wide range of transportation issues. Following each broadcast, webcasts of each interview will be available on [kolotv.com](http://www.kolotv.com) for at least one month. To view interviews, click on this link: <http://www.kolotv.com/rtc>.

Scheduled interviews:

- April 7: RTC 4TH STREET STATION Groundbreaking
- April 14: Reno Aces Transportation Plan
- April 21: Earth Day (tentative)

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SUBJECT: PROJECT NO. 212010 – Mill Street Reconstruction Project

Dear Resident\Property Owner:

The Regional Transportation Commission will be rehabilitating Mill Street from Rock Boulevard to E. McCarran Boulevard this summer. The project will involve complete pavement and base reconstruction and should take approximately 3 months to complete. Enclosed for your information is a sheet showing project information and the limits of construction. Required traffic control may extend beyond these limits. There will be no widening of the roadway. Bike lanes will be incorporated by means of adjusting the existing roadway striping.

As design moves towards finalization, we would like an opportunity to preview for local businesses, residents, and property owners the scope of our work and to solicit comments regarding the important issue of traffic control. Therefore, you are cordially invited to attend an informational meeting on this important project between 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 16, 2009, at the Jerry L. Hall Regional Transportation Center, 2050 Villanova Drive, Reno.

Any property owner who is planning to install gas, water or sewer laterals, telephone or television cable, etc., which will require street trenching within the limits of the project, is requested to do so prior to construction. The purpose of this request is to avoid cutting into newly constructed pavements and the associated street cut penalties assessed by the City of Reno.

If you have any questions concerning this project, please call Brenda Lee, RTC Project Manager at 775-335-1863.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Robert J. Russell, P.E.' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert J. Russell, P.E.
Engineering Director

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Enclosure

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**MILL STREET
RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT
Project Information**

LIMITS: Rock Boulevard to E. McCarran Boulevard

SCOPE:

- Reconstruct asphalt pavement (~327,000 sq. ft.)
- Add bike lanes (by striping)
- Replace asphalt curb by concrete curb & gutter
- Replace/retrofit ADA Ramps
- Small bus pads, incidental sidewalk, & pedestrian crossing
- Replace traffic loops
- Adjust utility covers
- Install striping and additional signage (as needed)
- Provide construction traffic control

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE:

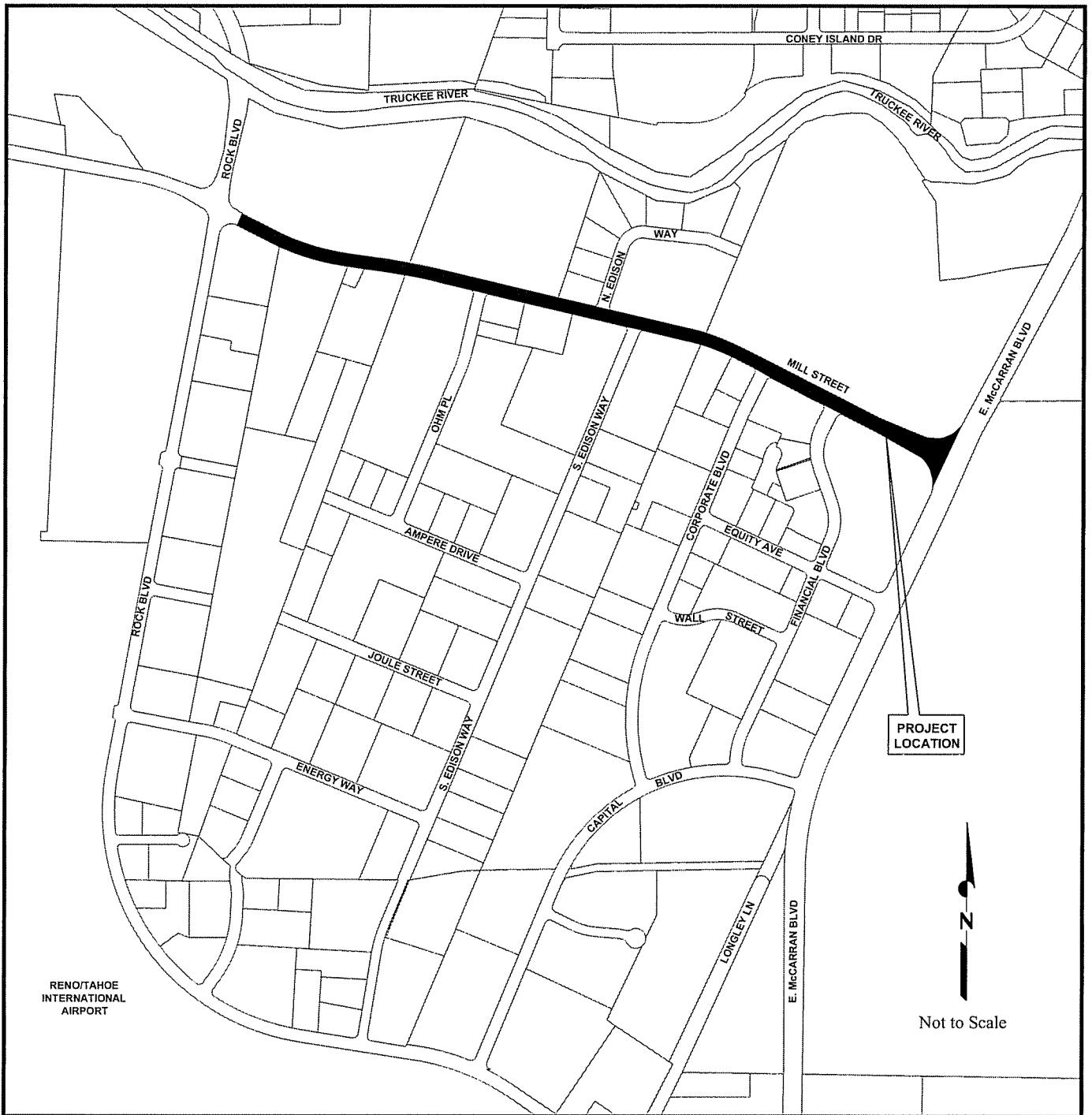
- Advertise Early May 2009
- Bid Early June 2009
- Construction Late July or Early August 2009
- Completion Late October 2009 (60 working days)

ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST:

- \$2 to \$3 Million

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MILL STREET REHABILITATION/RECONSTRUCTION
Rock Boulevard to E. McCarran Boulevard

PROJECT LOCATION MAP