



e-News Brief
An update of current RTC issues

RTC e-News Brief for April 2, 2010.

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To schedule a presentation about RTC projects and programs to your organization, employees, business and citizen groups, please contact Michael Moreno, RTC Community Relations Officer @ mmoreno@rtcwashoe.com.

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RTC Listens to Public Input at Pyramid/McCarran Open House Community Meeting

The RTC hosted an open house meeting on March 24, at The Nugget in Sparks, to update the community about the status of the Pyramid/McCarran Intersection Improvement Environmental Impact Statement Study (EIS).

The event was attended by more than four hundred residents and business owners who received information about the study, previously analyzed alternatives, and traffic modeling analysis that will be completed this spring to assess the scope of needed improvements at the intersection.

In my opening remarks, I stressed the importance of public participation for this project and let them know that our staff was there to listen and receive their ideas and suggestions, working together, to address the challenges and ultimately move forward.

Transcripts from the meeting will be posted on our website by April 16, click on HOT TOPICS/Pyramid Corridor/Pyramid McCarran Intersection Improvement EIS. The next open house meeting is scheduled for May 26, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at The Nugget (please check our website for the meeting room location to be announced closer to the event date).

To receive up-to-date information about this project and future meetings, subscribe to MyRTC at www.rtcwashoe.com when viewing this topic.

To learn more about the EIS and share your ideas and suggestions, contact RTC Project Manager Scott Gibson at sgibson@rtcwashoe.com or by phone at (775) 335-1874 or Bill Vann at bvann@rtcwashoe.com or by phone at (775) 335-1877.

NDOT/RTC to Host Public Meeting for Southeast McCarran Boulevard Project

The Nevada Department of Transportation, in partnership with the RTC, will hold a public information meeting on April 20, at Dodson Elementary to introduce and gather public comments on the proposed traffic improvements on Southeast McCarran Boulevard from Virginia Street to Greg Street. The school is located at 4355 Houston Drive, Reno from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The purpose of the proposed improvements is to reduce traffic congestion, enhance safety and improve the performance of the transportation system serving the southeast region of Reno. Proposed improvements include pavement rehabilitation of McCarran Boulevard from Virginia Street to Longley Lane, and increase lanes on Greg Street from four to six.

A brief presentation will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by a public comment period. Before and after the presentation, the public will have the opportunity to view display boards and discuss the project with project representatives from RTC and NDOT.

In the event individuals are not able to attend, information about the project, as well as comments or questions may be addressed to NDOT Project Manager, William Glaser at wglaser@dot.state.nv.us or by phone at (775) 888-7603 or RTC Project Manager Brenda Lee at blee@rtcwashoe.com or by phone at (775) 335-1863.

To receive up-to-date information about this project subscribe to MyRTC at www.rtcwashoe.com under [Streets & Highways/Road Projects](#).

Procurement Opportunities Open House

Project managers and procurement staff from the RTC, NDOT, Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority and Nevada Commission on Economic Development Procurement Outreach Program will host an open house on Wednesday, April 21, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the RTC Administrative Offices Board Room located at 2050 Villanova Drive, Reno.

Interested companies and individuals are invited to come learn how their business can benefit from government purchasing. Each of these agencies will procure different projects and supplies in Fiscal Year 2010 and Fiscal Year 2011, including new street and highway and federally funded projects. This is an opportunity to also receive information about the Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) information first hand and talk to the experts.

The RTC recently introduced a new and free online service for RTC procurement which makes bidding easier for businesses. To learn about procurement opportunities and construction contracts, users can view information and will need to register at www.ebidexchange.com/rtc to download documents. This online service uses eBidexchange which allows governments to post opportunities while the service maintains the database necessary to keep registered members up to date and informed via the website.

This new service will enable RTC to save an enormous amount of paper by not printing some very substantial documents for online bidders. This in turn will continually save the agency money and reduce printing cost expenses.

Additional information is available from RTC Procurement and Compliance Analyst Karen Heddy at kheddy@rtcwashoe.com or by phone at (775) 332-9511.

Wild West Bus Rodeo and Community Safety Fair Scheduled for April 11

RTC RIDE coach operators are set to compete in the annual 'Bus Rodeo' event on Sunday, April 11, at Victorian Square in Sparks. The rodeo will feature buses in a barrel race obstacle course requiring coach operators to navigate 38,000 pound vehicles between tennis balls aligned for precision parking in narrow spaces between orange barrels, as well as other maneuvers that test a driver's safety skills. Winners of the RTC RIDE coach operator competition will advance to a national event that promotes driver skill and safety to be held in May 2010, in Cleveland, Ohio.

A highlight of the event will feature Sparks Mayor Geno Martini, a former bus driver, who will compete against the finalist from the bus rodeo media competition being held prior to Sunday's event. A separate competition will feature commercial drivers from El Camino Trailways and Amador Stagelines.

The public is invited to attend the competition and visit with exhibitors promoting services and information about public safety. The event will also include a bike rodeo for children, with

two free bikes given to raffle winners in each of two divisions, under 6th grade and 6th grade and older competitors based on a skills competition. Food vendors will be onsite along with representatives from multiple community safety agencies including the American Red Cross, Children's Cabinet, REMSA Safe Kids, Nevada Air National Guard and Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Our thanks and appreciation to the Ascuaga family for sponsoring the event. Admission to the event is free.

Event schedule and Information is available at www.wildwestroadeo.com.

“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 for at least one month. To view interviews, click on this link: <http://www.kolotv.com/rtc>.

Scheduled interviews:

- March 30: Upcoming Road Construction Season
- April 6: Wild West Bus Roadeo and Community Safety Fair
- April 13: Procurement Open House
- April 20: Southeast McCarran Boulevard Public Meeting
- April 27: RTC 4TH STREET STATION Commemorative Pavers Program

This is Your RTC.



**TRANSPORTATION NOTICE
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
FOR**



**Southeast McCarran Boulevard Project
Virginia Street to Greg Street**

WHAT: The Nevada Department of Transportation, in partnership with the Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County, will hold a public information meeting to provide an update to the community and to gather public comments on traffic improvements proposed on Southeast McCarran Boulevard from Virginia Street to Greg Street. Proposed improvements include pavement rehabilitation of McCarran from Virginia to Longley and widening McCarran between Longley and Greg from four to six lanes. The project will add a multi-purpose path within the limits of the widening portion. Please join us for an update on this important transportation project.

WHEN AND WHERE: **Tuesday, April 20, 2010, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.** at Dodson Elementary School, Multi-Purpose Room, 4355 Houston Drive, Reno.

WHY: The purpose of the proposed improvements to Southeast McCarran Boulevard is to reduce congestion, enhance safety and improve the performance of the transportation system serving the southeast region of the Reno area.

WHERE YOU COME IN: You are invited to attend the public information meeting between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. There will be a brief project presentation at 5:30 p.m., followed by a short comment period. Before and after the presentation at 5:30 p.m., the meeting will be conducted in an “open house” format to provide you with an opportunity to view the displays and individually discuss the project with the project representatives. If you are unable to attend the meeting, information can be obtained through either of the contacts below.

Your comments may be submitted for the public record in writing at the meeting or verbally to a court reporter who will be available throughout the meeting. In addition to any comments received at the meeting, written or e-mail comments will be accepted through 5 p.m. Friday, May 7, 2010. Please e-mail your comments to info@dot.state.nv.us with a reference to this project in the subject line. You may mail your comments to both of the contacts below.

IF RIGHT-OF-WAY IS NEEDED: The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 will govern the acquisition of right-of-way that may be necessary for this project. More detailed information regarding right-of-way can be obtained from the Nevada Department of Transportation Right of Way Division, 1263 S. Stewart St., Carson City, NV, or by calling 775-888-7480.

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NOTE: Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate physically handicapped persons desiring to attend the meeting. Requests for auxiliary aids or services to assist individuals with disabilities should be made with as much advance notice as possible to Julie Maxey, Nevada Department of Transportation, Public Hearings Officer, at (775) 888-7171.