



e-News Brief
An update of current RTC issues

RTC e-News Brief for June 11, 2010.

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RTC Engages Citizens for the Pyramid/McCarran Intersection Improvement EIS

The RTC held the second in a series of bi-monthly community meetings for the Pyramid/McCarran Intersection Improvement EIS on May 26. More than 200 residents and business owners attended the meeting. Attendees were given the opportunity to view project display boards and ask questions to RTC staff and consultants before and after a formal presentation that evening.

The information provided to citizens during the presentation included responses to questions asked by the public at the March 24 community meeting; an update of the preliminary data pertaining to the traffic model analysis for the corridor; Information about the Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection EIS (Disc Drive to US 395) and a conceptual layout for the Queen Way/Farr Lane/Wedekind Road improvements for access to Pyramid and neighborhoods. Information about the Uniform Relocation Act was also presented by NDOT representatives. Attendees were very receptive to the information presented and complimented the RTC for its more pro-active role to engage the public.

Transcripts from the May 26 meeting will be posted on our website by June 30, click on HOT TOPICS/Pyramid Corridor/Pyramid McCarran Intersection Improvement EIS.

In between the March and May community meetings, RTC staff, along with NDOT and Parsons Consulting representatives, have been meeting with members of the Immaculate Conception Church and Village Green residents. Additional meetings with business and property owners have also occurred. These meetings are an extension of the on-going public outreach to discuss the EIS project in greater detail, but more importantly to listen and seek ideas and suggestions for solutions to improve the intersection and address neighborhood concerns. Interested members of the public are encouraged to contact us to schedule a meeting.

The next open house meeting is scheduled for July 21, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at The Nugget in the Bonanza meeting rooms (please check our website to confirm the meeting room location in the event of a change).

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.

NDOT and RTC Celebrate the Meadowood Interchange Project Groundbreaking

A groundbreaking event for the \$21.8 million freeway interchange near Meadowood Mall that will serve to reduce traffic congestion on U.S. 395, officially designated as Interstate 580, was held on June 2. The event hosted by the Nevada Department of Transportation in partnership with the RTC was attended by local officials, including Governor Jim Gibbons and RTC Chairman Dave Aiazzi.

This project slated to begin construction later this month is critical to improve traffic flow on I-580 and on these major arterials, South Virginia Street, South McCarran Boulevard and

Kietzke Lane. Additionally, it will provide at least 100 much needed construction jobs that will benefit our local economy.

The project was originally estimated to cost in excess of \$42 million, but given the poor economy bids received for the project were about half of the early estimates. The savings will help fund other important road projects.

The project was designed by the RTC and is being funded by northern Nevada's share of last year's federal stimulus package. It will be built by Meadow Valley Contractors, Inc., a Las Vegas construction company, who will employ many local residents for the construction work. Construction should be completed in about two years.

A public meeting to review for local businesses, residents and property owners the scope of our construction work and solicit comments regarding traffic control is scheduled for June 17. The meeting will be held at the Meadowood Courtyard Super 8 located at 5851 South Virginia Street.

For more information about this project, contact NDOT Project Manager Shane Cocking at e-mail scocking@dot.state.nv.us or by phone (775) 688-1864 at RTC Project Manager Michele Dennis at e-mail mdennis@rtcwashoe.com or by phone at (775) 335-1861.

RTC Introduces New Traffic Signal Hotline: 335-ROAD

The RTC Board approved implementation of a new traffic signal hotline for motorists to call and report traffic lights they believe are not working properly. The RTC is taking on a more active role in cooperation with Reno, Sparks and Washoe County who currently handle signal operations for their respective jurisdictions. While the three entities will continue to maintain their own signals, operations and signal timing will now be managed by RTC staff. The hot line is part of a new strategy to improve the efficiency of traffic signals around the Truckee Meadows.

With more than 375 traffic signals throughout the Truckee Meadows, local governments do not have adequate staff to operate signals efficiently given today's economic conditions. Motorists calling the hotline can leave a recorded message and their complaint will be investigated by the RTC. Motorists are encouraged to use the hotline but not while driving their car.

To learn more about traffic signal operations, contact RTC Traffic Operations Engineer Jim Poston at e-mail jposton@rtcwashoe.com or by phone at (775) 332-2139.

RTC Transit Service Update Open House

A community open house for the public to learn about plans and construction of RTC RAPID stations and RTC 4TH STREET STATION will be held on June 16 at RTC CITICENTER located in downtown Reno. The event will be open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

RTC RAPID and RTC RAPID CONNECT service was introduced to the community in October 2009 and is now in year two with development and construction of new stations on Virginia Street between Meadowood Mall and Liberty Street. These stations, along with

new RTC RAPID 60-foot articulated diesel-hybrid buses that will be put into operation with the opening of RTC 4TH STREET STATION, will provide faster transit service and complement the City of Reno's transit oriented development (TOD) master plans within the South Virginia Street corridor.

Construction of the new RTC RAPID stations is scheduled to begin in December 2010, with a completion date in April 2011. RTC 4TH STREET STATION is currently under construction and is expected to open in early October 2010.

For more information about the open house, contact RTC Senior Transportation Planner Roger Hanson at rhanson@rtcwashoe.com or by phone at (775) 335-1901.

RTC 4TH STREET STATION Commemorative Pavers on Sale through June 30th

Celebrate someone special with a Commemorative Paver that will be installed at the new RTC 4TH STREET STATION transit center. Purchased pavers can be engraved with a personal message or logo to honor someone special, a family member or a business and installed at the new facility which will open by fall 2010.

There are two size options available for purchase: 4" x 8" at \$50 for an individual, family name or non-profit organization; 8" x 8" at \$200 for business entities or organizations (logo option available on this size only), as well as to individuals who want more lines of text. All proceeds will be used to purchase the paver, engraving, installation and maintenance of the pavers over a five year period following installation.

To order, download an application at www.rtcwashoe.com under HOT TOPICS, click on [RTC 4TH STREET STATION Commemorative Pavers](#), or pick up an application form at any RTC office or transit center. **Purchase applications will be accepted until June 30, 2010, at 4 p.m. at RTC Marketing Department, 1105 Terminal Way, Suite 316, Reno, NV 89502.**

"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:

- June 1: Meadowood Interchange Groundbreaking
- June 8: Traffic Signal Hotline
- June 15: RTC Transit Service Open House
- June 22: New RTC ACCESS Management

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