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RTC Recommends Alternate Routes During I-15 Construction

Construction on Interstate 15 between U.S. 95 (the Spaghetti Bowl) and Craig Road is expected to create major delays for motorists, but the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) and the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) are working to provide motorists with alternate routes during the construction.

Motorists are advised to use north and south arterials such as Lamb Boulevard, Decatur Boulevard and Rancho Road as alternatives. Las Vegas Boulevard North, Pecos Road, Civic Center Drive, Eastern Avenue and the Clark County 215 Beltway are also routes that motorists may consider using to avoid the construction. Using arterials as far east and west of I-15 as possible will help to minimize delays. The RTC, in cooperation with NDOT and the City of North Las Vegas, is retiming traffic signals on several arterials to accommodate the additional traffic that is expected due to the construction. The RTC will monitor arterials during the lane closures on I-15 and make additional traffic signal adjustments as needed during the construction. Dynamic message signs, ramp meters and traffic cameras will be used to help manage the freeways during the construction.

Commuters may consider carpooling or taking transit as alternatives to driving in the construction area, as well. Drivers are also encouraged to combine trips in the area whenever possible. Fewer cars traveling in the area will help to minimize the severity of the travel delays expected in the area. The RTC's Club Ride program can help commuters find carpool partners and other alternative transportation options. Several transit routes operate on the arterials near the I-15 construction area, including along Las Vegas Boulevard North, Rancho Road, Losee Road, Simmons Avenue, Eastern Avenue, and Martin L. King Boulevard. For information on the Club Ride program or transit routes, visit www.rtcnv.com.

The lane closures are expected to begin in mid-July and last for approximately 13 months. The closures will allow the I-15 project to be completed five months earlier than previously planned. Lane restrictions are expected to be in place through August of 2009. NDOT, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, is working to improve the I-15 corridor from U.S. 95 to Craig Road. For closure updates and more project information, visit www.i15project.com.

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 www.rtcnv.com.

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