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RTC and Rep. Berkley break ground on Bonneville Transit Center

Federal stimulus funds new LEED Gold certified transit facility downtown

The Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) broke ground today on a new transit facility in downtown Las Vegas. The new facility is being funded in part from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), the federal economic stimulus bill. The Bonneville Transit Center will serve as the central transit hub for the RTC's ACE Rapid Transit system, ACEXpress Commuter services, and the RTC's fixed route transit system.

The \$17 million facility is being funded with \$5.5 million in ARRA funding, one of three transit projects that will be built using stimulus funds. A number of federal grants make up the majority of the funding for the construction. The facility is scheduled to open in July 2010.

The RTC is seeking a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification for the facility. It will feature shade canopies with solar panels to generate electricity, preferred parking for hybrid vehicles and water-efficient landscaping. Cyclists will enjoy an on-site bike storage area with space for 100 bikes and a self-service bike repair shop.

"The Bonneville Transit Center will be a critical part of the RTC's efforts to make transit service more commuter-friendly," said RTC General Manager Jacob Snow. "The new facility will provide a safe, cool and comfortable environment for passengers. ACE Rapid Transit and ACEXpress routes will provide convenient service to downtown and this facility will allow passengers to transfer to other routes, if needed."

The RTC's ACE Gold line, which will connect downtown Las Vegas with the Las Vegas Convention Center and the Strip, will stop at the Bonneville Transit Center. That line will open in the spring of 2010. The ACE Blue line (the current MAX line on Las Vegas Boulevard North) and the ACE Green line, which will be constructed on Boulder Highway, will stop at the facility. The ACEXpress C line, which will provide fast commuter transit service from Centennial Hills to downtown Las Vegas, will also stop at the new Bonneville Transit Center.

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 rtcsonv.com.

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