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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **RTC, NDOT, federal, state and local leaders to celebrate I-11 groundbreaking on April 6** *Critical and long-awaited interstate project will help support Nevada's economic prosperity*

**LAS VEGAS** –The Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC), along with the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) will join federal, state and local elected officials and business leaders to celebrate the historic groundbreaking of Interstate 11 (I-11) on Monday, April 6, at 10 a.m., across the street from the Hoover Dam Lodge in Boulder City, Nev.

The event marks the launch of construction on I-11 from I-515 to U.S. 93, a landmark project that will support Nevada's continued economic prosperity through enhanced commerce, increased tourism and improved connectivity between Nevada and Arizona as well as to Canada and Mexico. I-11 will connect Las Vegas and Phoenix, the only two cities in the nation with populations of more than one million residents not currently linked by an interstate. In addition to the significant economic benefit, when completed, I-11 will relieve congestion and improve safety for the millions of cars and trucks travelling annually between the two metropolitan areas.

**WHAT:** Groundbreaking ceremony for I-11

**WHO:** U.S. Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid  
U.S. Sen. Dean Heller  
U.S. Rep. Joe Heck  
U.S. Rep. Cresent Hardy  
Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval  
Nevada State Senator Joe Hardy  
Clark County Commissioner and RTC Board Chairman Larry Brown  
Clark County Commissioner Mary Beth Scow  
Boulder City Mayor Roger Tobler  
Federal Highway Administration Acting Administrator Gregory Nadeau

**WHEN:** Monday, April 6 at 10 a.m.

**WHERE:** Across the street from the Hoover Dam Lodge (formerly the Hacienda Hotel and Casino)  
18000 U.S. 93, Boulder City, Nev. 89005 ([MAP](#))

The I-11 construction project will occur in two simultaneous phases coordinated by the RTC and NDOT. The RTC will build approximately 12.5 miles from U.S. 95 to U.S. 93 near the Hoover Dam Bypass Bridge. NDOT will construct 2.5 miles of roadway improvements from I-515 to U.S. 95. Work on both phases is made possible through a combination of Fuel Revenue Indexing (FRI), state and federal funding.

#### **About the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC)**

The RTC is the transit authority, transportation planning and funding organization 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 a variety of transportation choices to help reduce traffic congestion, clean the air and improve the quality of life in Southern Nevada. [rtcsnv.com](http://rtcsnv.com).

#### **About the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT)**

The Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) is a 98-year-old, 1,800 employee public agency that is responsible for the planning, construction, operation and maintenance of the 5,400 miles of highway and 1,100 bridges that make up the state



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highway system. NDOT is overseen by a seven-member Board of Directors, chaired by the governor, and directed by senior staff.

**About FRI**

This project is paid for, in part, by fuel revenue indexing. Fuel revenue is generated each time a motorist fills up their vehicle with gas. A portion of what they pay at the pump helps fund transportation projects throughout Clark County. The Clark County Commission approved fuel revenue to be tied to the rate of inflation from January 2014 to December 2016. This funding measure will help keep up with material and labor costs, raise \$700 million, fund 199 projects and create 9,000 jobs. For motorists, this averages out to about a dime a day over the next three years. For more information, visit [www.rtcnv.com/fri](http://www.rtcnv.com/fri).

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