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RTC receives \$5.86 million RAISE grant for Charleston Boulevard transit upgrade

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A rendering of Charleston Boulevard with high-capacity transit and bike lanes

LAS VEGAS – The Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) is the recipient of a \$5.86 million grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program to plan for future high-capacity transit along Charleston Boulevard.

“This is a significant step forward for our region as we work toward improving mobility infrastructure and the safety of all road users for our community,” said RTC Board Chairman and Clark County Commissioner Justin Jones. “We have our federal delegation to thank for their work in securing this much-needed funding.”

RAISE Grant funds will be dedicated to completing the planning, alternatives analysis, preliminary engineering, and environmental clearance phases for a 16.9-mile long high-capacity transit line along Charleston Boulevard. The current transit service, Route 206, runs between Downtown Summerlin and

the eastern edge of the City of Las Vegas and is the region's third highest ridership route, making it a prime candidate for an upgrade to high-capacity transit.

“Charleston Boulevard is a critically important regional transportation corridor across the heart of the Las Vegas Valley that connects residents to employment opportunities, critical healthcare, social services resources, recreation and more,” said RTC CEO M.J. Maynard. “We appreciate the continued support from our federal delegation.”

The proposed project includes dedicated transit travel lanes; bike lanes; wide sidewalks; enhanced transit station areas with more space, lighting, shade, and real-time bus arrival information; streetscape improvements, such as lighting, trees, wayfinding signage, and ADA-accessible crossings; and safety/traffic management technology. The RTC will work with Clark County, City of Las Vegas, and the Nevada Department of Transportation to develop this project.

More than 231,000 residents live within three-fourths of a mile of Charleston Boulevard with nearly 54,000 below poverty level. The corridor sees relatively high traffic volumes, with an average annual daily traffic of about 35,000 west of I-515 and over 50,000 east of I-515.

About the RTC

The RTC is the regional authority overseeing public transit, metropolitan planning, roadway funding, traffic management, and the public bike share system. The RTC's vision is to advance regionally transformative mobility solutions through equitable, innovative and sustainable infrastructure development. The RTC's mission is to elevate quality of life for residents and visitors through sustainable planning, collaborative problem-solving, and safety and equitable transportation service. For more information about the RTC and our major initiatives or to download the rideRTC app, visit rtcsonv.com. Stay informed by [subscribing to our blog](#) or [following us on social media](#).

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