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RTC welcomes riders with increased bus frequency, high-tech COVID-19 safety plans and new online tracking tool

Starting Monday, 7/20, transit service will begin operating on a Saturday schedule on weekdays to meet ridership demand

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LAS VEGAS – With a large amount of customers using its public transportation system, the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) is responding by increasing weekday service to a Saturday schedule beginning Monday, July 20, while also pursuing additional ways to protect riders during the pandemic. As well as continuing with its ongoing cleaning and safety measures, the RTC is incorporating additional technologies and debuting a new online dashboard feature that will provide information on how the pandemic is affecting the RTC's transit service.

INCREASED FREQUENCY

Effective Monday, July 20, the RTC will transition to a Saturday schedule on weekdays and Saturdays. The system is currently operating on a Sunday schedule because of a severe drop in ridership since mid-March. RTC transit planners have seen an increase in ridership demand recently. The schedule change will add more frequent service to many routes and enhance reliability.

COVID-19 SAFETY PLANS

The RTC has implemented numerous precautions over the past several months from its 14-Point Safety Plan, such as disinfecting vehicles nightly, requiring face coverings and more. The 14-Point Safety Plan details the extensive actions the agency is currently implementing or is planning to implement in the future. [CLICK HERE](#) or see the attachment to view the complete document.

The RTC is exploring additional measures to keep riders safe, including:

- **Air ion cleaners** to kill germs and viruses in the air while RTC vehicles are on the road
- **Live, up-to-the-minute passenger counts** so customers can review a vehicle's current ridership data and make a personal decision about boarding or waiting for another vehicle

- **Sanitation information** displayed on each vehicle to inform riders of when the vehicle was last sanitized
- **Micro-bacterial shields** applied to seats and high-touch surfaces of each vehicle purchased moving forward.

These additional safety measures are still in the planning phase, but the RTC plans to implement most of these technologies by the end of 2020.

DATA DASHBOARD

To be transparent about how the pandemic is affecting RTC's transit service, the agency has created an online data dashboard comprised of ridership numbers, vehicle on-time performance data, vehicle capacity updates and more information. The feature provides a comparison of current data to that before the pandemic. The information will be updated regularly as new information is available. [CLICK HERE](#) to view the new data dashboard feature.

About the RTC

The RTC is the transit authority, transportation planning organization, regional traffic management agency and administrator of Southern Nevada Strong, the regional planning effort for the Las Vegas valley. 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. For more information about the RTC and its major initiatives or to download its transit app rideRTC, visit rtcsonv.com and stay informed by [subscribing](#) to our [blog](#).

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