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# RTC bus stop additions light the way for safer transit experience

Federally-funded projects provide additional lighting at nearly 1,400 RTC transit stops

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LAS VEGAS – The Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) is proud to announce the latest improvements to enhance safety for transit riders, with the installation and upgrade of lighting at nearly 1,400 transit bus stops. Two different projects include new lighting equipment that not only creates a safer environment at otherwise dark bus stops, but also increases visibility, allowing bus drivers approaching the stop to better see waiting passengers.

The RTC is leveraging \$4 million in federal grant funding to pay for the projects and has spent \$22.4 million since 2008 to help improve bus and bus stop safety for our transit passengers.



### 1,100 bus shelters with lighting system

The RTC has been installing a robust lighting system at nearly 1,100 bus shelters throughout the valley. Construction for the bus shelter lighting project has been ongoing since March 2020 and is anticipated to be complete by November 2020.

### 300 bus stops with solar lights

The RTC has initiated a separate lighting project to install standalone solar lights at a total of 300 bus stops that currently lack a shelter and/or nearby lighting from a streetlight or other source. The solar lights are able to remain illuminated from dusk until dawn. Installation across Southern Nevada began in June 2020 and is expected to be complete by December 2020.



"The lighting projects are yet another move on our behalf to put our passengers' safety first," said Francis Julien, RTC deputy chief executive officer. "We heard the message loud and clear from riders who said they didn't feel safe at some of our bus stops due to the lack of lighting. We are addressing those concerns with these projects to make our riders feel comfortable and safe while using our system."

## Click the image below to watch the RTC Blog video for more on the new lighting projects



Click here to download additional pictures of shelter lighting

### **Dusk 2 Dawn Campaign**

The RTC is partnering with the Southern Nevada Pedestrian Education Task Force to promote this year's Dusk 2 Dawn Campaign, which encourages pedestrian safety especially as daylight saving time comes to an end and the sun sets earlier in the day. Drivers are reminded to be aware of pedestrians, but the campaign advocates that pedestrians should also take the following precautions:

- Wear reflectors.
- Cross at corners and crosswalks.
- Watch out for headlights.
- Don't assume drivers can see you.

To learn more about #Dusk2DawnNV, CLICK HERE.

#### **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 rtcsnv.com and stay informed by subscribing to our blog.