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## **RTC offers free and safe transit rides this New Year's Eve**

*Riders should plan for holiday transit schedules and traffic detours*

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**LAS VEGAS** – The Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) is again offering free rides on all of its transit routes on New Year's Eve, while continuing to take COVID-19 precautions in order to ensure safe travels. From 6 p.m. on New Year's Eve until 9 a.m. on New Year's Day, transit riders can board any vehicle on the RTC's 38 fixed routes without purchasing a pass or presenting fare.

The free rides include transit service on major streets throughout the valley, with direct access to and from the Las Vegas Strip. Transit service to both the Las Vegas Strip and downtown Las Vegas is also offered from the South Strip Transit Terminal (6675 S. Gillespie St.) via the Deuce and the Maryland Parkway Route 109.

### **SERVICE DETAILS:**

The RTC is also making transit even more convenient for the festive holiday by [adding 24-hour service to two routes](#), in addition to the 13 RTC routes that regularly run 24/7, and extending service hours on several others.

And while this year's celebrations are scaled down due to the pandemic, some road closures will still be in place on the Las Vegas Strip & Downtown Las Vegas. Riders are advised to plan for significant transit detours on New Year's Eve. The RTC encourages customers to plan their trip via the [rideRTC transit app](#), which provides real-time information about bus locations. For complete detour and route details, visit [rtcsnv.com](http://rtcsnv.com).



Additionally, the RTC transit system will operate on a Sunday schedule on the following days: Christmas Eve, Thursday, Dec. 25; Christmas Day, Friday, Dec. 25, 2020; New Year's Eve, Thursday, Dec. 31; and New Year's Day, Friday, Jan. 1, 2021.

### **SAFETY MEASURES**

The RTC remains committed to keeping our riders safe as we celebrate this season amid the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to the governor's mask mandate, we have implemented a number of actions to slow the spread, including:



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- Providing more space on routes by incorporating as many larger, high-capacity 60-foot or double-decker buses as possible, even on routes that do not typically need them.
- Reducing close-proximity seating on buses by installing signs on seats that prompt riders to sit farther apart.
- Adding extra buses into circulation when buses on routes begin to get crowded.
- Using operator safety doors regularly to promote distance, as well as installing extensions to those existing enclosures to provide an even more thorough layer of protection.
- Cleaning all surfaces inside the vehicles daily with hospital-grade disinfectant.

For additional transit safety measures and new efforts coming in the near future, visit [rtcsonv.com/coronavirus](https://rtcsonv.com/coronavirus).

The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department also reminds everyone celebrating New Year's Eve that strollers, backpacks, glass bottles, and bags larger than a standard grocery bag are not allowed on the Las Vegas Strip. [Read more online](#) about the prohibited items on New Year's Eve.

### **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](https://rtcsonv.com) and stay informed by subscribing to our [blog](#).

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