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## RTC and NDOT Urge Commuters to Plan Ahead for Heavy Traffic, Holiday Transit Schedule this Memorial Day Weekend

Those traveling by car should prepare for longer commutes

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**LAS VEGAS** – In observance of Memorial Day, <u>The Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC)</u> and the <u>Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT)</u> encourage commuters to plan accordingly in preparation for heavy traffic and delays throughout the weekend. Additionally, RTC transit service will follow a Sunday schedule on Monday, May 30.

As the RTC and NDOT work to coordinate travel across Southern Nevada, Memorial Day weekend is one of the heaviest traffic weekends of the year. AAA predicts 39.2 million people will travel 50 miles or more from home this Memorial Day weekend. This is an increase of 8.3% over 2021, bringing travel volumes near 2017 levels. For residents and visitors traveling by car in and out of town, the RTC's regional traffic management center advises mapping out travel plans ahead of time in anticipation for longer commutes.

For those traveling southbound along I-15, the RTC's regional traffic management center predicts the best days to travel will be Friday and Saturday ahead of Memorial Day. Despite heavier traffic than usual, Sunday is predicted to be a good day to travel as well. Travelers can expect the heaviest traffic on Memorial Day and are advised to avoid traveling until Tuesday.

To help accommodate, during the holiday weekend, NDOT crews will suspend work on some of the region's most impactful projects, including paving efforts on I-15 near Mesquite, the I-15/215 northern interchange, the Centennial Bowl, and the I-515 (US-95) viaduct rehab project through downtown Las Vegas. All work will resume on Tuesday, May 31.

Those looking to utilize public transit service during the holiday weekend can purchase passes through the free <a href="rideRTC">rideRTC</a> app, where users have the ability to plan trips and buy passes through a contactless and convenient mobile application. For those visiting over the holiday weekend, the Deuce on the Strip, which runs 24 hours a day, provides convenient access along the Las Vegas Strip.

For those flying over the holiday weekend, free parking is available at the Centennial Hills Transit Center or the <u>South Strip Transit Terminal (SSTT)</u>, with direct access to McCarran International Airport's Ground Level Zero at Terminal 1 via the <u>Centennial Express (CX)</u> or <u>Route 109 Maryland Parkway</u>.

For more information on the RTC and how to travel this holiday weekend, visit <a href="rtcsnv.com/ways-to-travel">rtcsnv.com/ways-to-travel</a>.

## **About the RTC**

The RTC is the transit authority, designated metropolitan planning organization, regional traffic management agency and administrator of the Southern Nevada Strong comprehensive regional plan for the Las Vegas valley. 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 safe and equitable transportation service. For more information about the RTC and its major initiatives or to download its transit app rideRTC, visit <a href="recently.com">recently.com</a> and stay informed by <a href="subscribing to our blog">subscribing to our blog</a>.

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