

# MEDIA ADVISORY



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## RTC SOUTHEAST CONNECTOR PROJECT PHASE I GROUNDBREAKING

- What:** The public is invited to attend the official groundbreaking of the SouthEast Connector Project, Phase I joining local dignitaries, community representatives and the Nevada National Guard Honor Guard and the VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System Women Veterans Color Guard.
- When:** Friday, December 14  
10:30 am
- Where:** Parking lot directly across from the Alamo Travel Center (casino/truck stop) which is located at 1950 E. Greg Street (between Sparks Blvd. and Vista Blvd.) in Sparks, NV
- Details:** The SouthEast Connector project is an important investment in the Truckee Meadows addressing long-term transportation needs to improve the mobility of people, goods and services throughout Reno, Sparks and Washoe County. It will be a new six-lane, high access control arterial roadway that will provide connection from employment centers in the south and east to residential development in the north and south. This project provides the last 5.5 miles of roadway connectivity along the Veterans Parkway/Sparks Boulevard corridor. The SouthEast Connector is the largest investment to the region's transportation network in RTC history. It is a significant project for the region that will improve safety and connectivity; improve multi-modal options in the corridor; enhance wildlife and habitat restoration and preservation; include bicycle and recreational improvements and create economic prosperity in the region. Phase I of the project, which is construction of a new bridge over the Truckee River, is scheduled to begin in January 2013. It will take approximately 20 months to build. The SouthEast Connector has been envisioned for many decades.

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