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THE RTC'S SOUTHEAST CONNECTOR PERMIT STILL UNDER REVIEW BY THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Reno, NV (Jan. 28, 2014) – The Regional Transportation Commission's permit application for a Section 404 of the Clean Water Act is still under review by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and has not been denied. The Corps has permit decision authority, not the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The EPA provided comments to the Corps as part of the normal Public Comment process. The EPA advised the Corps to seek additional information in regards to the alternatives analysis conducted to select a corridor for the SouthEast Connector road and the environmental mitigation and monitoring plan for the impacted wetlands including the containment of the existing mercury contamination.

The RTC is currently working on addressing all issues to the satisfaction of the Corps to continue their review of the permit application. The RTC anticipates a permit decision that will allow construction of Phase 2.

"We support the public comment process and appreciate the comments provided to the Corps for their consideration to ensure the RTC is in compliance with the restrictions on discharges per the Federal Guidelines of the Clean Water Act," said Lee Gibson, RTC Executive Director.

For information about the SouthEast Connector project visit www.southeastconnector.com and www.rtcwashoe.com click on Hot Topics.

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***About RTC:** The Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County, Nevada serves the citizens of Reno, Sparks and unincorporated areas of Washoe County. As the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the region, the RTC provides leadership in planning, public policy development and implementation of quality transportation systems through a commitment to excellence and stewardship to meet the community's present and future transportation needs. For more information about RTC projects visit rtcwashoe.com and sign up for free email updates using MyRTC or call (775) 348-0400.*

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