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CONSTRUCTION STAGING TO BEGIN FOR SOUTHEAST CONNECTOR

Reno, NV (April 17, 2015) – Construction activities for Phase 2 of the SouthEast Connector will begin on Monday, April 20, 2015. Local contractor Granite Construction will begin delivering equipment and materials in an effort to facilitate staging for heavy construction operations to begin in the very near future. Additionally, Granite Construction will be placing environmental controls and fencing to delineate where construction operations will occur.

“The environmental controls will help establish a barrier around the construction site to protect the surrounding environment and ensure that nothing within the work site is released that is not permitted,” RTC Project Manager Garth Oksol said.

Additional work in the area will include more intensive site specific cultural exploration as well as establishing a construction office on site. Continuation of previous Nesting Bird Surveys will be conducted and ongoing wildlife surveying as well.

The RTC received a fully executed and signed permit on Thursday, April 16, 2015, from the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). The RTC has all the permits it needs from state and federal regulatory agencies to begin construction of the SouthEast Connector. There is no additional review that is needed or that will be conducted by the USACE or any regulatory agency. Standard construction permits are in the process of being pulled that will allow full construction to begin. “The community has waited long enough. What began just over two years ago with Phase 1, the Veterans Memorial Bridge is now a ‘Bridge to Prosperity.’ It’s time to begin work on this much needed roadway,” stated RTC Chair and Reno Councilmember Neoma Jardon.

The remainder of the road to be constructed is just south of Clean Water Way to Veterans Parkway and is about four and a half miles of the overall five and a half mile roadway. Completion is expected in late 2017 and will link Sparks to south Reno. For project updates visit: <http://SouthEastConnector.com> and <http://RTCwashoe.com>.

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