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OPEN HOUSE FOR SOUTHEAST CONNECTOR PROJECT

Reno, NV (February 4, 2016) – The RTC invites the community to an open house to view the SouthEast Connector project in its entirety, which includes Phase 1 and 2, and meet the project team. The event will be held on Thursday, February 11 from 11 am to 7 pm at the Best Western Airport Plaza Hotel, located at 1981 Terminal Way in Reno.

The open house will include information about the benefits the project will bring to the region including ways the project restores the environment, connects communities and creates prosperity through much needed local construction jobs and future economic opportunities. Additionally, the construction schedule will be shared with the public.

Slated to be finished in late 2017, the SouthEast Connector will link Sparks to south Reno relieving congestion on existing regional roads and provide benefits for our air quality. The project includes creating a new 80-acre wetland complex and planting more than 600 new trees; removal of invasive weeds, primarily Whitetop, and returns the creek banks to a more natural state. Cleaning up decades of trash left in the environment, already 3.7 million pounds of trash and debris has been removed. This includes concrete, tires and auto parts that were dumped throughout the project site. This phase of the project will result in more than 250 jobs.

Beginning later this month, the RTC is also hosting project tours on the fourth Thursday of the month to anyone interested in seeing firsthand the construction of this regional road investment. For details and to sign up go to: <http://southeastconnector.com> and click the Stay Involved tab.

To view a virtual animation of the project, go to: https://youtu.be/Me_qVViA1Sc

To learn more and receive project updates, go to: <http://southeastconnector.com>

What: SouthEast Connector Project Open House

When: Thursday, February 11, 11 am to 7 pm

Where: Best Western Airport Plaza Hotel, 1981 Terminal Way in Reno

Who: SouthEast Connector Project Team

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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 and implements quality transportation systems 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. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter at RTCWashoe.*

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