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Public Reminded to Stay Out of SouthEast Connector Construction Site

Reno, Nevada (January 30, 2018) – The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) is reminding the public not to trespass on the SouthEast Connector project site during construction. Moving equipment, uneven surfaces and construction materials all pose a safety hazard to anyone who enters the 360-acre project site.

“As crews get closer to completing the SouthEast Connector, we know people are excited to use the new road and multi-use path, but we’re asking for the public’s patience so we can safely complete the last phase of the construction process,” said Brian Stewart, RTC Director of Engineering.

All project-site entrances are clearly marked and monitored by security cameras 24-hours a day. If theft or vandalism occurs at the project site, a trespasser’s camera-captured image could be associated with that theft or vandalism.

Anyone entering the project site for work, a delivery or other business must check in with project staff at the onsite office. Due to construction-safety regulations, everyone on the job site must wear the required safety equipment.

For safety, drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians should obey all construction warning signs and follow posted speed limits near the construction zone.

The RTC would also like to remind the public to use extra caution and watch for construction workers and equipment where the SouthEast Connector crosses Pembroke Drive and Mira Loma Drive. Rosewood Lakes and the new Veterans Memorial Bridge are also still active construction zones.

In addition, the RTC is reminding people not to fly drones over the project site without approval from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the project team. Currently, Granite Construction does one drone flyover each month for engineering and project management purposes. The videos are made available to the public on the [project website](#). Granite Construction has gone through the certification process and obtained a UAV License with the FAA. All Granite Construction-operated flights are preregistered with the control tower at the Reno-Tahoe International Airport.

The SouthEast Connector Project is anticipated to be complete in early summer of 2018. For project updates, visit [SouthEastConnector.com](#) to sign up for stakeholder email notifications, or follow RTC on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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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 email updates using MyRTC or call (775) 348-0400. Follow RTC on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).*

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