

Soft Opening for the Laughlin Transit Facility

On January 8th, the new operations center for the Southern Nevada Transit Coalition had a “soft opening” with U.S. Senator Harry Reid in attendance. The Senator was responsible for obtaining \$990,000, in federal funds for the Southern Nevada Transit Coalition so the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) could move forward with the facility. They also provided around \$200,000 towards the construction of the facility. The Laughlin Town Board provided \$1,000,000 from the Ft. Mohave Development Fund for the local match.



The RTC of Southern Nevada contributed additional funding and provided construction management oversight of the project. The “soft opening” was done to accommodate Senator Reid’s schedule since he will be unable to attend the formal opening in mid-February.

In his remarks, [Senator Reid](#) pointed out the importance transportation plays for the senior population, particularly in the more remote communities of the State. He also complimented the Southern Nevada Transit Coalition for their enthusiastic support of not only the transportation for seniors, but the providing of transportation so workers have access to employment.



[Jacob Snow](#), General Manager of the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada, introduced the Senator and [Debbie Dauenhauer](#), Executive Director of the Southern Nevada Coalition. The Coalition became the transit operator in December of 2002 after the RTC terminated their agreement with ATC Vancom and the Coalition assumed responsibility for the transit service in Laughlin.



Debbie thanked all those that contributed to the facility which will improve the operations of the transit system, increasing the efficiency. She also mentioned that the Coalition is assisting the Laughlin Family Resource Coalition, who distributes food to seniors of Laughlin, by picking up the commodities in Las Vegas and transporting them to the Laughlin Family Resource Coalition for



distribution. The Southern Nevada Transit Coalition also picks up and delivers the commodities for the seniors of Searchlight and has provided that service for several years.

The Laughlin transit center is an example of the federal, regional and local partnerships that are becoming more important to the senior population as funding for all senior services are being cut back. Thank you to U.S. Senator Harry Reid, the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada and the Laughlin Town Board for assisting the Southern Nevada Transit Coalition in meeting the needs of the growing senior population in the rural areas of Clark County.

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