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RTC, local leaders elevate National Infrastructure Week with events May 13-17
Western Summit, 'Careers in Motion,' Small Business Expo focus on technology, jobs, clean energy

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LAS VEGAS – In conjunction with the 7th Annual [National Infrastructure Week](#) (NIW), the [Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada \(RTC\)](#), local leaders and community partners are elevating the importance of the region's infrastructure – for now and tomorrow – with three special events, May 13-17. They join about 500 NIW affiliates nationwide raising awareness about the foundational role infrastructure plays in building and ensuring the economic vibrancy of communities.

Schedule of events: *(media are invited to attend all events)*

Monday, May 13, 7:30 to 10 a.m.: Western Summit hosted by the RTC and National Infrastructure Week, at the Springs Preserve, 333 S. Valley View Blvd., Las Vegas

Southern Nevada was recognized and selected by the NIW organization to host the Western Summit this year, showcasing how the nation's future will be shaped by the infrastructure choices we make today.

There will be four summits held throughout the nation during the week and Las Vegas will be the host city to kick off the festivities on Monday. With a theme of "Technology and Innovation: The New Infrastructure of Tomorrow," Southern Nevada will kick off the event with a line-up of speakers including:

- U.S. Department of Transportation Deputy Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Aviation and International Affairs David Short
- Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) Director Kristina Swallow
- Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITS America) President Shailen Bhatt will moderate a panel of national leaders, including Roger Millar, Washington State Department of Transportation Secretary; Dr. Mahmud Farooque, ASU School for the Future of Innovation in Society Associate Professor; and others who will discuss how smart communities, technology and innovation are solving today's transportation challenges.

Wednesday, May 15, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Careers in Motion | Workforce of Tomorrow in the Dallas Ballroom at Texas Station Hotel and Casino, 2101 Texas Star Lane, North Las Vegas

Targeted towards those just starting their careers as well as unemployed and underemployed job seekers, the event features opportunities to meet one-on-one with representatives from various training programs, labor unions and employers as well as limited conditional on-site hiring. Attendees will hear from Guy

Martin of Martin-Harris Construction and a panel of experts about what it takes to launch a career in the transportation, design, engineering and construction industries that are helping to build the region's infrastructure of tomorrow. Panelists include: Kristina Swallow, Director of Nevada Department of Transportation; Dr. Federico Zaragoza, President of the College of Southern Nevada; Jaime Cruz, Executive Director of Workforce Connections; Juan Mendez, President of M Con Inc.; and Mel Greene, Principal at KME Architects.

Friday, May 17: Latin Chamber of Commerce Small Business Expo and Luncheon Discussion from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Suncoast Hotel and Casino, 9090 Alta Dr., Las Vegas

Focused on "Clean Energy | Our Economy, Transportation and Future," this special event begins with a small business expo where local businesses will gain a better understanding of how to work with companies focused on building clean energy infrastructure. During the luncheon, guests will hear from U.S. Senator Jacky Rosen and Ray Fakhoury of Advanced Energy Economy, followed by a panel of local leaders on the importance of a clean energy economy and its role in social and economic development. Panelists include: Clark County Commissioner Justin Jones, RTC Chief Engineering and Technology Officer David Swallow, and representatives from the NV Energy and the Nevada Conservation League.

Local NIW sponsors include NDOT, Atkins (design, engineering and project management), Metro Chamber of Commerce, Urban Chamber of Commerce, Latin Chamber of Commerce, NV Energy, Las Vegas Paving, Nevada Contractors Association, Nevada Conservation League, Keolis North America and Jacobs (engineering). For details about the RTC's National Infrastructure Week activities, visit <http://rtcsnv.com/iweek/>.

About the RTC

The RTC is the transit authority, transportation planning organization, regional traffic management agency and administrator of Southern Nevada Strong, the regional planning effort for the Las Vegas valley. The RTC's vision is to provide a safe, convenient and effective regional transportation system that enhances mobility and air quality for citizens and visitors. The RTC encourages residents and visitors to use a variety of transportation choices to help reduce traffic congestion, clean the air and improve the quality of life in Southern Nevada. For more information about the RTC and its major initiatives or to download its transit app rideRTC, visit rtcsnv.com.

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