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RTC selected for \$7.5 million federal grant to improve onboard cameras, bus wash system

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LAS VEGAS – The Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) has been selected for a \$7.475 million Bus and Bus Facilities grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT). The RTC will use the funding to replace and update current security cameras and software on its fixed-route and Paratransit fleet in addition to improving its bus washing system.

After the grant awarding process is completed within three to six months, the RTC will upgrade cameras and software for 811 vehicles in its total fleet. In addition, a new wash facility for its Paratransit vehicles will be built and the existing wash facility will be rehabilitated, as it is 10 years old and currently the only such facility for all buses and Paratransit units. Both projects will take up to two years to complete.

“I am excited to be selected,” said RTC CEO MJ Maynard. “It’s an incredibly competitive national process and this funding is needed. I’m very proud of our team’s hard work and appreciative for the support of our congressional delegation allowing us to aggressively and successfully compete in the selection process. Providing the latest technology in onboard livestreaming security cameras and software supports our top priority to provide a safe and reliable transit experience for visitors and residents alike.”

Maynard added that the new wash facility for the shorter 26-foot Paratransit units will free up the bus washing facility, which is designed for 40-and-60-foot vehicles. Rehabilitating it now is critical, she said, because “it is at the end of its life cycle.”

Local sales tax contributed \$4 million, bringing the total funding to \$11.5 million.

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 rtcsonv.com and stay informed by [subscribing](#) to our [blog](#).

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