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RTC offers free transit rides for everyone on New Year's Eve

Riders should plan for holiday transit schedules and traffic detours during the next two weeks; media can perform NYE live shots at Southern Nevada Traffic Management Center

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LAS VEGAS – [The Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada \(RTC\)](#) is again offering free rides on all its transit routes on New Year's Eve, enabling anyone attending holiday festivities to do so without having to drive. From 6 p.m. on New Year's Eve until 9 a.m. on New Year's Day, transit riders can board any vehicle on the RTC's 39 fixed routes without purchasing a pass or presenting fare.



The free rides include express transit services between RTC operated [park-and-ride facilities](#) and partner lots located across the valley. Those celebrating New Year's Eve can take advantage of the facilities, where it is free to park, to avoid the holiday traffic. Transit service to both the Las Vegas Strip and downtown Las Vegas is offered at the following RTC operated park & ride facilities:

- **SOUTH:** South Strip Transit Terminal (6675 S. Giles St.) via the Strip and Downtown Express (SDX) and Maryland Parkway Route 109.
- **NORTHWEST:** Centennial Hills Transit Center and Park & Ride (7313 Grand Montecito Pkwy.) via the Centennial Express (CX)
- **WEST:** Westcliff Transit Center and Park & Ride (25 S. Durango Dr.) via the Westcliff Airport Express (WAX)

In addition to free transit service, the RTC is making transit even more convenient for the holiday by adding service. In addition to the thirteen RTC routes that regularly run 24/7, several other routes will run on a 24-hour schedule or with extended hours, including the Strip and Downtown Express (SDX) service, which will run from midnight to 3:30 a.m.

Riders are advised to plan for extensive transit detours on New Year's Eve due to celebrations on the Las Vegas Strip. The RTC encourages customers to plan their trip via the [rideRTC transit app](#), which provides real-time information about bus locations. For complete detour and route details, visit www.rtcsonv.com.

Additionally, the RTC transit system will operate on alternate schedules during the Christmas and New Year's holidays. On Christmas Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2019, and on New Year's Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2019, routes will operate on a Saturday schedule. Routes will operate on a Sunday schedule on both Christmas Day, Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2019, and New Year's Day, Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020.

The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department reminds everyone celebrating New Year's Eve that strollers, backpacks and glass bottles are not allowed on the Las Vegas Strip and that all bags must be 12" x 6" x 12" or smaller. Read more [online](#) about the prohibited items on New Year's Eve.

While the holidays fall in the middle of the week this year, travelers can expect a variety of delays along I-15 southbound as they travel to the Nevada-California border. According to the Southern Nevada Traffic Management Center, delays ranging from 30 to 60 minutes or more may occur on Thursday, Dec. 26 through Sunday, Dec. 29. Delays of up to 60 minutes may occur on Wednesday, Jan. 1 and Thursday, Jan. 2, as well as on Sunday, Jan. 5, as revelers who have celebrated all week long travel back home.

For up-to-the-minute information regarding delays and accidents along I-15, 215, and US-95, sign up for alerts [via text or email at \[rtcsonv.com\]\(http://rtcsonv.com\)](#) or follow the [@RTCSNV Twitter account](#).

Drivers are encouraged to download [Waze](#), a free traffic navigation smartphone app, to plan their commutes and join other drivers in Southern Nevada who share real-time traffic and road information. Through its partnership with Waze, the RTC provides construction, crash and road closure data to Waze to implement one of the most succinct, thorough overviews of current road conditions.

For media interested in late afternoon/early evening live shots at the Traffic Management Center, please contact Catherine Lu at LuC@rtcsonv.com to coordinate by Monday, Dec. 30.



The Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC), with the Nevada Department of Transportation and Nevada Highway Patrol, manages the Southern Nevada Traffic Management Center. The RTC coordinates the valley's 1,480 traffic signals, 650 cameras, 548 freeway flow detectors, 70 ramp meters, 120 dynamic message signs and 16 travel time signs.

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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