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## **TRAFFIC ADVISORY**

***Overnight lane closures to affect traffic near McCarran International Airport beginning at 7 p.m. today, Wednesday and Thursday; additional closures to occur after Labor Day***

Road improvements north of the McCarran International Airport Connector Tunnel are rapidly moving toward their conclusion. However, before contractors can wrap up several ongoing changes to McCarran's roadways, they'll first need to implement a series of overnight lane closures and detours scheduled to begin daily at 7 p.m. today, Wednesday and Thursday. These closures will conclude at 5 a.m. the following mornings in order to reduce congestion during the weekday rush hour period.

On Friday morning, road work will cease for several days to minimize delays over the Labor Day holiday period before contractors resume their efforts on Tuesday, Sept. 7. Barring any setbacks, the majority of the improvements planned for the roads north of the Airport Connector Tunnel will be finished in September.

"The good news is that there *is* light at the end of the tunnel. The bad news it will take a few more evenings of inconvenience before we finally reach our intended destination," said Randall H. Walker, Clark County Director of Aviation.

The upcoming detours and closures will affect drivers who use the northbound portions of Wayne Newton Boulevard and Swenson Street. Tunnel traffic will still be able to continue northward to Tropicana Avenue, though drivers will experience flaggers, alternate routes and other impediments which are expected to create temporary delays. Those who can avoid the area are encouraged to use an alternate north-south route, including Las Vegas Boulevard, Interstate 15 or Eastern Avenue.

McCarran's roadways are being realigned to increase motorists' ability to reach McCarran's existing terminals, and to prepare for the scheduled opening of Terminal 3 in mid-2012. The changes will also greatly improve safety in areas north of the tunnel through the use of bridges and a new barrier wall that will physically separate commuter drivers from inbound and outbound airport traffic.



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