

PARKING AND PLANNING PROJECTS

Airport Transit Study

Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada

The Regional Transportation Commission has recently completed a transit system development study for the Las Vegas Valley area. Eleven major transit corridors were identified and studied, then appropriate transportation modes were recommended for each corridor including automated guideway transit. Parallel to this study, a private consortium has designed and is building a monorail system along the East side of Las Vegas Boulevard to serve some of the major casinos and hotels. Future plans include a completed monorail loop around the West side of Las Vegas Boulevard as well as a segment connecting to Downtown Las Vegas.

One key component not yet analyzed was the potential connection of the McCarran International Airport to the overall transit system. This is a vital element to the transit system as a whole because of the close proximity of the airport to the Strip and Downtown areas.

Albersman & Armstrong, Ltd. was retained by the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) to analyze the existing and planned transit collective to determine the most appropriate and potentially successful method of connecting the McCarran Airport to the transit system and metro area. Included in this process were workshops with the RTC and senior Airport staff. A final recommendation of a monorail connection between the airport and the "Strip" was analyzed and presented.

