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Reno Sparks Chamber Applauds County Commission for Giving Final Approval to 3,000 Jobs, Road Improvements

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For Immediate Release (08-25-2009) – Moments ago, the Washoe County Commission unanimously approved the county ordinance that will implement the will of the voters and the Nevada State Legislature. The RTC-5 ballot question was passed by 55% of Washoe County voters in 2008. Its legislative version, SB 201, received overwhelming approval in both houses of the Nevada Legislature in 2009. The Reno Sparks Chamber of Commerce, northern Nevada's largest business organization, applauds the Commission for ensuring that our region maintains the high quality of life necessary in which to maintain and create jobs.

The implementation of this ordinance will create 3,000 jobs and \$250 million in roadwork over the next three years. By its action tonight, the County Commission has ensured that our business owners and their employees will be able to utilize an updated, modern roadway system to get to work, home and school. RTC-5 will also ensure that goods can move into, around, and out of this region in a safe and efficient manner. The Chamber also believes that the implementation of RTC-5 will benefit economic development and diversification efforts by ensuring that congestion-free roads are another tool to entice businesses to expand and move here.

“This is the final step in a very long process and we applaud the County Commission for their action today,” stated Doug Kurkul, Chamber CEO. “The Chamber supported this effort with campaign funds, through education of our members, by testifying in public meetings, and talking with our elected leaders. We are proud that this vote today will put people back to work and benefit all of our members. The positive impacts of this decision will be felt for decades to come.”

Attachment: Business impact statement submitted to the Washoe County Board of Commissioners by the Reno Sparks Chamber of Commerce).

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