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Delays expected near Airport Connector Tunnel ***Construction to tie existing roadways with new Terminal 3 road system will*** ***require detours & lane closures; non-airport traffic should seek alternate routes***

LAS VEGAS -- Motor vehicle traffic in and around McCarran's Airport Connector Tunnel will be significantly impacted by road work that is scheduled to get under way during the early morning hours of Monday, Oct. 19. Drivers who are not headed directly to or from the airport are encouraged to seek alternate routes that avoid the Airport Connector altogether until these necessary and safety-enhancing improvements are completed in summer 2011.

"The Airport Connector has become a popular shortcut for local commuters traveling between southern portions of the Las Vegas Valley and points north of McCarran. But many drivers who use the tunnel are probably unaware that these roadways were built by the Department of Aviation for the specific purpose of moving airport users more easily in and out of McCarran," said Randall H. Walker, Clark County Director of Aviation.

"Over the next two years, McCarran contractors will be conducting additional road work that is necessary to improve roadway safety, and tie the tunnel into the new Terminal 3 roadway system. We recognize this work may cause delays, so we're suggesting that drivers attempt to avoid this area unless they're specifically coming to or from McCarran," Walker added.

The Airport Connector Tunnel was built in the early 1990s and was paid for using airport revenue, not local tax dollars. Prior to the Dec. 31, 1994, opening of this southerly route, most traffic coming in and out of the airport utilized Paradise Road or Swenson Street between McCarran's terminals and Tropicana Avenue. Without the tunnel, those northerly roadways would have become severely congested in recent years as airport passenger levels increased to an annual peak of nearly 48 million.

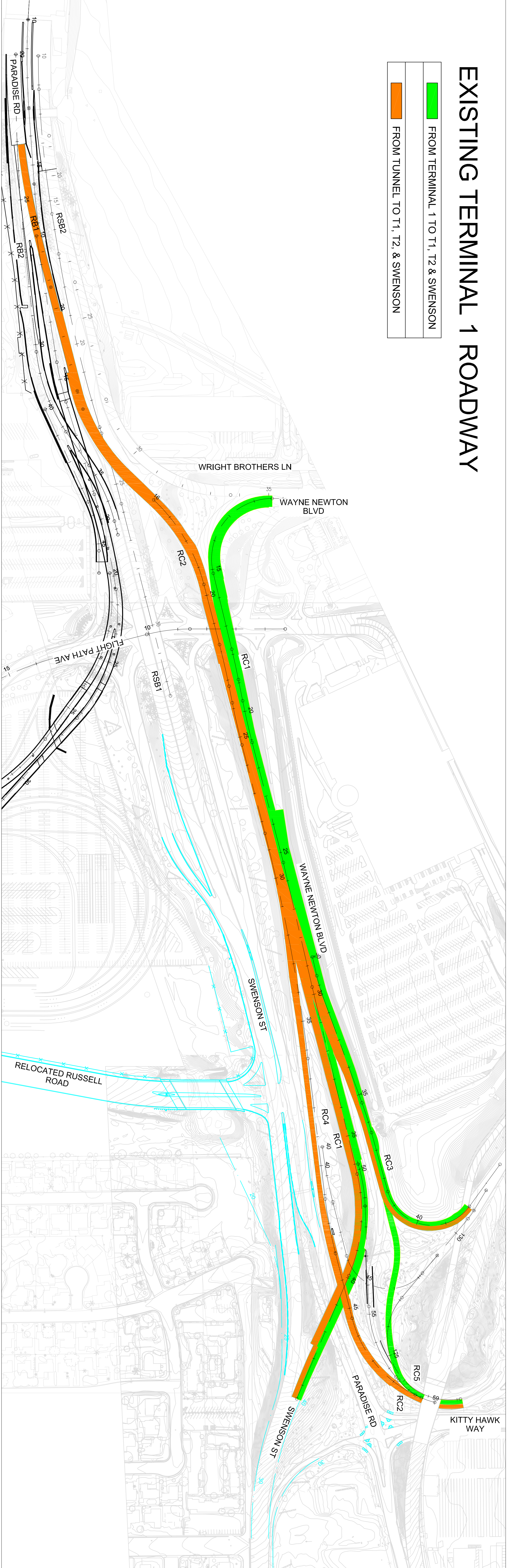
The road construction will affect various travel lanes between Kitty Hawk Way and the tunnel (**See attached map**). Improvements will ultimately include new lanes for entering and exiting Terminal 3; a safety barrier that will prevent exiting and entering traffic from weaving within shared lanes; as well as new bridges to ease access between the tunnel and McCarran's Terminal 1 and 2. This \$22.2 million project was approved by the Clark County Board of Commissioners in August 2009.

This road work is a critical component of McCarran's ongoing development of Terminal 3, a \$2.4 billion airport expansion that is scheduled to open in mid-2012. Upon completion, T3 will add 14 gates and other infrastructure necessary for McCarran to reach its ultimate sustainable capacity of approximately 53 million arriving and departing passengers per year.



EXISTING TERMINAL 1 ROADWAY

<div></div>	FROM TERMINAL 1 TO T1, T2 & SWENSON
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TERMINAL 1 ROADWAY RECONFIGURATION

<div></div>	FROM TERMINAL 1 TO T1, T2 & SWENSON
<div></div>	FROM TUNNEL TO T1 & T2

