

# “F” Street

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portation failed to notify them of the project or give them opportunities to object before the first shovels hit the ground. NDOT maintains that residents were properly notified. Since the street's closure on Sept. 7, traffic has been re-routed to D Street. The F Street closure is part of a \$240 million project that will widen Interstate 15 from the Spaghetti Bowl interchange to Craig Road.

The City Council, which signed off on the project, has said that the closure resulted from a fatal moped accident and residential complaints about the proliferation of construction truck traffic.

Rev. Leon Smith said his church, the Pentecostal Temple Church of God in Christ, has been on F Street for 69 years.

“I operate a childcare center and it [the closure] has cut off the accessibility from Bonanza. It has really crippled some of the efforts of working mothers, parents



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**A longtime resident of West Las Vegas, Roger Cook voices his opinion of the way his neighborhood has been treated by municipal and state officials over the past few decades.**

and parishioners... I want to see people in the Westside have a voice. Without the

people, democracy does not exist. This is a mark that the community is rising to stand against injustice.”

City Councilman Ricki Barlow, in whose ward F Street is located, said he was encouraged by the march's turnout but wished that the issue could've been resolved without court intervention. Former County Commissioner Matthew McAllister, who is a practicing attorney, filed a lawsuit on behalf of the residents and several civil rights groups to halt construction and re-open F Street.

“It handcuffs me as a representative,” he said. “Now it's stuck in the court's hands. Unfortunately, this particular item was buried and it got passed. In the future, we'll have to keep a closer eye to avoid things like this again.”



**In a strong sign of support, members of Ward 5 marched to City Hall in Downtown Las Vegas to object to the closure of F Street in the Historic Westside on Wednesday morning.**



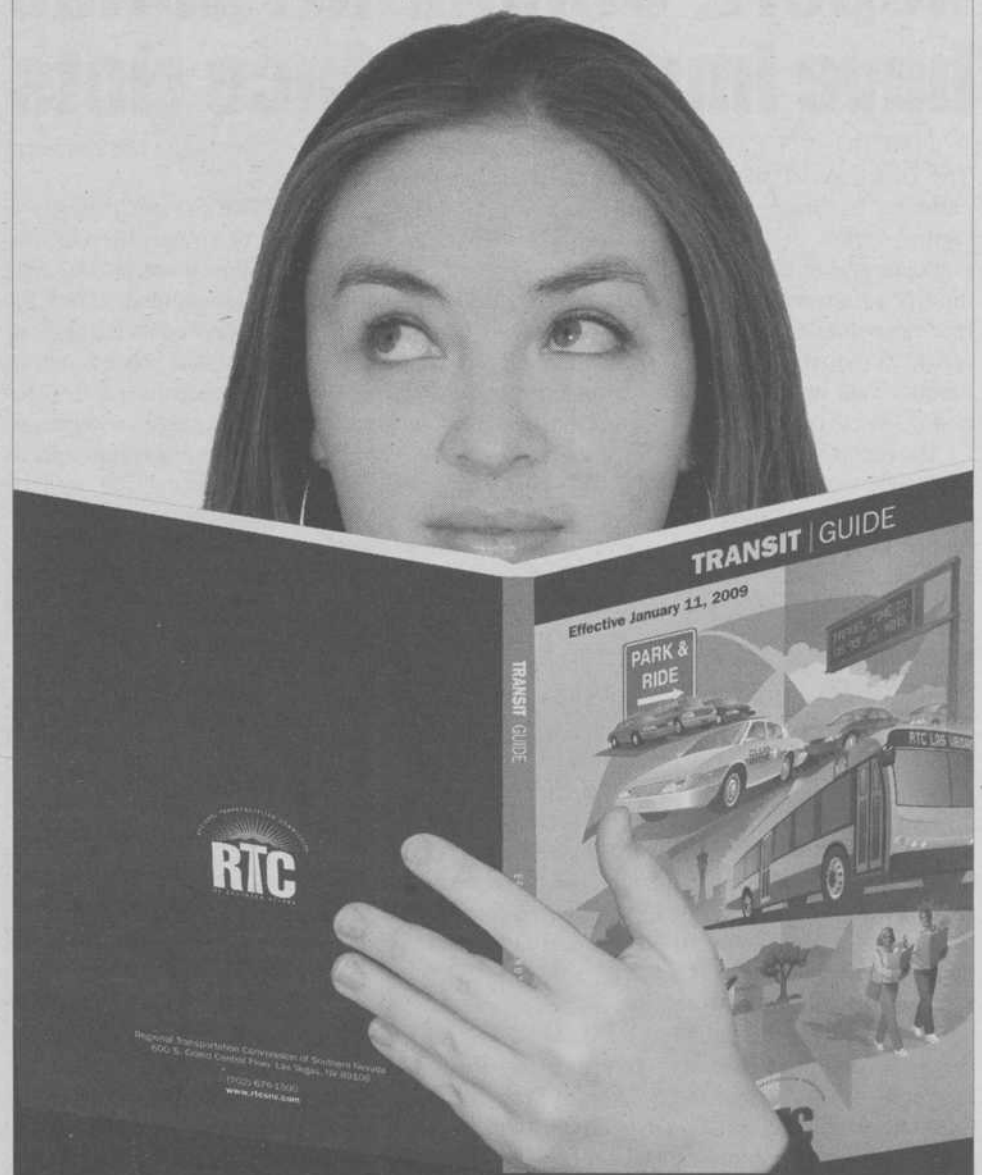
## 1st DAY OF SCHOOL (BOARD DUTY)

Las Vegas Federal Judge Johnnie Rawlinson, right, swears in the new Clark County School Board Trustee of District C, Dr. Linda Young on Monday. The oath of office was administered at the special meeting of the Board of School Trustees at the Edward A. Greer Education Center, Board Room. Her first official board meeting will take place on this week. Young is one of seven trustees on the Clark County School Board.

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