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NEW SAHARA DMV OFFICE OPENS

Grand opening ceremony marks the completion of a four-year project

LAS VEGAS – The Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles held a grand opening ceremony for its new office on East Sahara Avenue Monday, December 19, the same day the facility opened for business.

“We’ve been working on this project for 4 years altogether and today, we are finally here to celebrate the grand opening,” said DMV Director Terri L. Albertson. “We are thrilled to be able to open this brand new facility to serve the community, and would like to thank all those involved to help us work toward our goal of providing a better customer experience.”

The new office, located at 2621 E Sahara Ave, took 15 months to build on a construction budget of \$17.8 million. Planning and design began in 2013.

The new building replaces the existing DMV office next door, at 2701 E. Sahara, which closed permanently as of December 3. The old Sahara office will be demolished and paved over for additional parking for the new facility.

The new DMV location has 38,500 square feet of space. It has 48 customer service windows compared to 34 windows in the old facility. It also has an entirely new Emissions Lab, new quarters for the Office of Administrative Hearings and more space in meeting and training rooms. The office employs 167 people.

The building opened to the public at 8 a.m. followed by a grand opening ceremony at 10:30 a.m.

The DMV encourages customers to make appointments for services. Visit our website at dmvnm.com.

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Ceremony Details

What: **Grand Opening for the East Sahara DMV**

When: **10:30 a.m., Monday, December 19, 2016**

Where: **Department of Motor Vehicles
2621 E. Sahara Ave.
Las Vegas, NV 89104**
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Who: **Terri L. Albertson, DMV Director
Councilman Bob Coffin, City of Las Vegas
State Senator Mark Manendo
Joe Ferreira, NV Donor Network**

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Sahara Opening Schedule & Speakers

8:00 a.m.	Building opens to the public
10:30 a.m.	Grand Opening Ceremony Terri L. Albertson, DMV Director Councilman Bob Coffin, City of Las Vegas State Senator Mark Manendo Joe Ferreira, NV Donor Network

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The New Sahara Office

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The construction budget is \$17.8 million. The general contractor is CORE Construction.

Funding for the design of the facility was approved by the 2013 Legislature at a cost of \$1.9 million.

Groundbreaking was held September 17, 2015.

The old Sahara office will be demolished and paved over for parking. The demolition is scheduled for completion in February, 2017.

Facts and Figures

The Sahara office serves 1,200 customers per day or about 29,000 per month. Sahara customers completed 669,642 transactions in Fiscal Year 2016, making the Sahara office the second-busiest DMV after the West Flamingo office.

The Sahara office houses 167 employees:

- 134 in Field Services
- 13 in the Emissions Lab

- Three in Occupational and Business Licensing
- Nine investigators and staff in the Compliance Enforcement Division
- Eight judges and support staff in the Administrative Hearings office.

Brief History

The current Sahara DMV office opened in 1972 and was the DMV's southern headquarters until the West Flamingo office opened in 1995.

1972 also marked the launch of the DMV's first computer system. Records were previously stored on index cards and law enforcement would call on the phone to 'run' records.

There were 434,000 registered vehicles in Nevada in 1972 vs. 2.42 million in 2016. There were 228,000 registered vehicles in Clark County in 1972 vs. 1.52 million in 2016.

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