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March 2nd Groundbreaking Date Set for Construction to Begin in Historic Las Vegas Railroad District Renovation

The City of Las Vegas, New Mexico and Main Street de Las Vegas are excited to announce that the groundbreaking for Phase 1 and 2 Great Blocks construction to renovate the Historic Las Vegas Railroad District will be held at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, March 2nd at the corner of Railroad Avenue and Lincoln Street. Las Vegas Mayor Louie Trujillo will lead the ceremony and speakers include New Mexico Main Street Director Daniel Gutierrez and New Mexico Economic Development Cabinet Secretary Alicia J. Keyes as well as Main Street de Las Vegas Board President Reina Fernandez.

The New Mexico Main Street Great Blocks Program is structured to catalyze economic reinvestment into commercial property. It is a comprehensive, innovative, and intensive initiative that focuses on streetscape vitality, placemaking, creative economy enhancement, safety, and pedestrian accessibility. These public improvements are designed to leverage building and business owner reinvestment. In case studies across the country, enhanced pedestrian street design has shown to increase retail sales, attract new businesses, and create new jobs.

“With this groundbreaking, Las Vegas is beginning a vital project that will renovate the Historic Railroad District and complete construction on two blocks in the heart of downtown. This project will improve pedestrian access and public infrastructure, and direct traffic to the businesses in the district. Capital Outlay and Great Blocks projects are challenging and rewarding – congratulations to Las Vegas for starting this process,” Economic Development Department Cabinet Secretary Alicia J. Keyes said.

