RTD History

- In 2003, Governor Richardson signed into law the Regional Transit District Act. This legislation authorized the creation of RTD’s in New Mexico.
- In 2004, Governor Richardson signed legislation that allowed City and County Governments that were members of an RTD to go to the voters for approval to implement a Gross Receipts Tax (GRT) of up ½ of one percent to transportation services.
- In 2008 the South Central Regional Transit District was certified by NMDOT.

Members

2 Counties        Dona Ana and Sierra
8 Municipalities   Las Cruces, Hatch, Mesilla, Sunland Park, Elephant Butte, T or C, Williamsburg, and Alamogordo

Why the Regional Transit District?

- It creates Regional Multi-Government Partnerships
- Allows state, and local governments to form a true Regional Transit Connection with existing local transit systems
- Allows for expanded transit services to UN-SERVED areas
- Reduces traffic congestion and air pollution around Southern NM communities

Types of Agreements the RTD operates under

- Partner Resolutions
- Cooperative Agreements
- Memorandum of Agreement
- Memorandum of Understanding
• Service Plans
• Fiscal Agent Agreement
• Joint Funding Grant Applications
• Policies and Procedures
• All other governmental requirements for a new entity

**Role of the RTD**

Responsible for the coordination of transit systems in the member area.

1. Develop a single, seamless transit system for member area residents from existing fragmented systems.
2. Coordinate transit with other existing modes within and adjacent to member area residents. Connect services with
   - Roadrunner Transit,
   - Z-Trans
   - Ben Archer
   - Park and Ride

• Responsible for operating contracts
  Manage operating contracts and/pilot projects, North and South Valley, Organ, Chaparral

• Responsible for consolidating existing transit services in the following communities: