



South Central Regional Transit District
Receives \$30,000 in Funding from AARP 2020 Community Grant

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The Transit District was one of two Organizations in Doña Ana County to earn AARP Community Grants. The AARP Community Challenge was nationwide with over 2,800 applications from nonprofits and government entities, resulting in a highly competitive selection process. SCRTD project was chosen among other New Mexico grantees as they work to make immediate improvements in their communities.

This project will add benches, covers and lighting to the area's bus stops to encourage residents to take advantage of public transportation. The District will match these funds to bring the total to \$60,000 for the purchase and installation of the benches and shelters.

David Armijo, Executive Director, said, "these funds will allow us to build shelters and benches around public transit sites that will serve all our passengers, but also protect the most vulnerable of our populations, including our seniors and people with disabilities. This is a much needed amenity as they travel through our community."

In support of this initiative, the District is implementing service changes that include new bus stops, more frequent service on bus routes and later service on both the Red and Turquoise bus routes, and the introduction of the new Silver route operating in south Doña Ana County between Sunland Park and the Westside Transfer Station in El Paso.

These services will enhance our bus service to the community as we recover and respond to the challenge of COVID19. We thank the AARP for their support of public transit through this initiative.

About SCRTD

SCRTD provides fixed-route transit service in Doña Ana, Otero, and Sierra Counties. Information about SCRTD routes, schedules, and fare can be found at the agency's website, scrttd.org or by calling 575-323-1620.