



Annual Bus Rider Up 45%

Transit District ridership rose by 45 percent in fiscal year 2022 carrying over 77,697 rides, an increase of 24,355 riders. The district added two routes, the Copper and Silver routes serving Doña Ana Village area to downtown Las Cruces and connecting service from Sunland Park City Hall and the Casino to El Paso's Westside Transfer Station. David Armijo, Executive Director stated, "that these investments of new transit services are contributing to the growth of ridership by better serving our transit community."

Free fares were introduced during April and will continue through the Labor Holiday in September. The community has been very supportive, and ridership has increased about 15 percent for the past three months.

The State of New Mexico Transportation Department evaluated all rural transit operators, and based on its performance, the South Central Regional Transit District was recommended for additional funding. More specifically, for efficiency by ranking number one for administrative operating expense. Further, the district is now ranked number four in the state for ridership. We now move 11 percent of the state's ridership with only 4.2 percent of the state funding. Javier Perea, Sunland Park Mayor, and Board Chair commented, "the district's transit operation has continued to improve and transport more local residents across the county. For many riders, transit service is a lifeline to reaching medical services and traveling to jobs. "We had a very good year and are planning to improve our transit services further in the future."

SCRTD route and schedule information is available at scrted.org, via Google Maps or by calling 575-323-1620.

About Doña Ana County

Doña Ana County is in southern New Mexico bordering Texas and Mexico. With a population of 219,561, it is the second largest county in the State of New Mexico. The County seat is in Las Cruces and is the largest majority-Hispanic county in the state.

About SCRTD

SCRTD was formed in 2006 and began operation of service in 2016. The regional transit agency operates eight bus routes that serve three counties carrying over 77,697 riders in 2022. SCRTD services connect riders with Las Cruces Roadrunner bus service, El Paso's Sun Metro, and other local operators.