

PRESS RELEASE

Bus Ridership Rises for Third Consecutive Year

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Anthony, New Mexico- Transit District ridership has grown each of the past three years with a strong transit recovery following the pandemic. Ridership rose 36 percent in the past fiscal year, with 85,075 trips. Ridership has continued to rise another 30 percent in the first quarter of fiscal year 2023 with 22,219 rides. At the present pace, the District will approach 100,000 rides this year.

The District has taken steps to acquire three electric buses with delivery by April 2024. A prototype of the bus was displayed at the Pump Up Conference held a week ago at the Las Cruces Convention Center. The El Paso MPO is considering a Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) grant award to the District for another five electric buses.

South Central RTD Executive Director David Armijo said “that the continued rise in ridership is due to the district attracting more riders by increasing service on its bus routes that operate across the Mesilla Valley. Adding zero emission electric buses adds another challenge but will improve air quality and reduce maintenance costs by lowering vehicle emissions.” The District is working with El Paso Electric to prepare for the transition to zero emission electric buses.

About SCRTRD: SCRTRD was formed in 2006 and began operation of service in 2016. The agency operates seven bus routes that serve three counties carrying over 85,000 riders in 2022, up some 36% over 2021 total. SCRTRD services connect riders with Las Cruces’ Roadrunner, El Paso’s Sun Metro, and other regional services.

General information about the agency is available at scrtd.org. Bus schedules are available for review at scrtd.org/all-lines. Schedule information is also available by calling (575)-323-1620.



Electric Buses in route to North Carolina. Similar to buses on order to SCRTD.