



South Central Regional Transit District named Transit Agency of the Year

The South Central Regional Transit District (SCRTD) has received the State of New Mexico's Rural Transit System of the Year Award for 2022. The award was presented by Ricky Serna, Secretary of Transportation for the State of New Mexico at the New Mexico Transit Association Annual Leadership Conference and Expo on Monday, March 20, 2023, at Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico.

The award honors one rural transit operator among similar-sized transit agencies serving rural areas across the state which has demonstrated excellence in system performance based upon ridership, customer service, service expansion and financial management. Additionally, the SCRTD was acknowledged for providing emergency services to Sierra County's Senior Meals program during the pandemic when there were no resources available to transport critical meals to over 300 families every month for over two years.

"This award exemplifies the collective work and effort by our employees and our community who continue to support and ride SCRTD service," said David Armijo, Executive Director of SCRTD. Sunland Park Mayor and SCRTD Board Chairman added, "Ridership has grown each of the past three years as we continue to prepare for the future with the addition of zero emission, battery electric buses."

SCRTD has successfully executed key projects that have helped to improve safety, increased ridership, improved communication while increasing regional service levels. "New buses, a new mobility initiative, new passenger amenities and enhanced service hours, both evening and weekends are improvements that our community has asked for and we are providing", said Perea.

About SCRTD

The South Central Regional Transit District was established in 2006 and began bus service in 2016. The district operates eight fixed-bus routes traveling over 500,000 miles annually across a four-county service area.