

NEWSLETTER

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BUS RIDERSHIP RISES 28 PERCENT

Ridership rose 28 percent in the past fiscal year, with 99,318 trips generated from communities in Hatch, Las Cruces, Anthony, Chaparral, Sunland Park, and unincorporated areas of Doña Ana County and El Paso. Ridership has grown for three consecutive years in the SCRTD service area. SCRTD 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 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.

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NM FARM & RANCH HERITAGE

The Las Cruces Legislative Finance Committee representatives and others from the staff invited us to participate in the event transporting representatives and others to tour the NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. The event was a success. This transportation movement permitted the district to share exposure to the district operations with members of the legislature among others. The District received compliments and kudos for the service provided by bus operators. Thank you to everyone that contributed to this effort. Knowing that our maintenance team can prepare the buses and that we have qualified drivers that can make such a transit movement on short notice is a tribute to the organization's evolutions, especially in this heat. Thank you all.



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ADOPTED BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2023–2024

On June 28th, the South Central RTD Board of Directors adopted a preliminary Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024 operating budget. It updated a capital plan that supports continued investments in personnel, infrastructure, and equipment to maintain the system in good repair and enhance the overall customer experience for our transit community. This operating budget will support continued system improvements while keeping fares stable. The budget will include a five percent cost of living adjustment (COLA) that will be reflected in the first payroll of the new fiscal year. The district will continue to modify pay and benefits as board approval is received. More details were shared through the Executive Director's letter to the district. The operating and capital funding allows us to continue to build on our progress through new vehicle purchases, new and upgraded infrastructure, and hiring the personnel necessary to improve customer experience further.

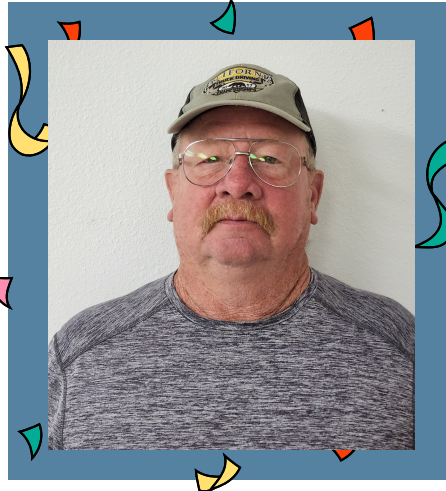


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EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

DEAN ABRAMS

Congratulations to Dean Abrams our July employee of the month. Dean has been a great team player covering for needed routes. Dean has a willingness to help and is reliable and accountable. Lastly, Dean's positive attitude is amazing toward others!



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friends
america
pool
picnic
ruby

family
celebrate
weather
julius
fireworks

icecream
party
heat
waterlily
Independence

Happy Birthday

- EDDIE GALINDO- JULY 1
- SARA VASQUEZ - JULY 11
- RODOLFO GOMEZ - AUG 4

ANNIVERSARIES

- SARA VASQUEZ- JULY 8
4 YEARS
- NANETTE FIGUEROA-JULY
10- 3 YEARS
- AURELIO RUIZ- JULY 18- 1
YEAR
- MARIA ZUBIA- AUG 5- 3
YEARS
- RICARDO NOVOA- AUG 17
- 3 YEARS
- JESSICA DOMINGUEZ-
AUG 20--5 YEARS

Congratulations

2023 JULY						
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