

PRESS RELEASE

Bus Ridership Rises 28 Percent

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Anthony, New Mexico- 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.

The district is preparing to transition its bus fleet to zero-emission vehicles. Funding to support this transition will come from federal and state grant funding received in Fiscal Year 2023. These funds will support the acquisition of ten electric buses, delivering the first four buses by June 2024.

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 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 SCRTD: SCRTD was formed in 2006 and began service operations in 2016. The agency operates seven bus routes that serve three counties carrying over 99,318 riders in the past year, a 28 percent annual growth rate. SCRTD services connect riders with Las Cruces’ Roadrunner, El Paso’s Sun Metro, and other regional services.

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



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