

PRESS RELEASE

Sunday Bus Service – Sunland Park to El Paso Downtown & Westside Transit Centers

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Anthony, New Mexico- Sunday bus service on both the Yellow and Silver bus routes returns this weekend, effective Sunday, February 4th. Sunday service was cut due to the pandemic and service reductions by Sun Metro. These two bus routes support bus service to the communities of Santa Teresa, Sunland Park, and both the downtown area of El Paso and El Paso’s Westside Transit Center located at Remcon Drive near Mesa Street.

Ridership in January rose 12 percent with the advent of free fares. This follows a 19 percent growth in ridership in the past fiscal year. Ridership has grown for the past three consecutive years in the SCRTD service area.

The district is preparing to transition its bus fleet to zero-emission vehicles. New battery-electric buses are scheduled for delivery this coming fall. Federal, state, and local funds have been secured to support the acquisition of nine electric buses during the next two years.

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 102,000 riders in the past year, a 19 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 and via Google Maps. Schedule information is also available by calling (575)-323-1620.



Hybrid Electric Bus operates on the Yellow bus route at a downtown El Paso bus stop.