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The Federal Transit Administration selects SCRTD to receive \$3.6 million from the Bus and Bus facilities programs.

We are excited to have been selected by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to receive (2) two federal grants totaling \$3,623,419. The first grant is for \$2.8 million to fund the Venus Bus Facility and Electric Charging Station, which will support the District's Zero-Emission Bus Initiative. The second grant is an Urban Grant Award of \$908,159. Local matching funds for both grants, \$733,271, will be provided via New Mexico Matching Funds, a separate grant awarded to the Transit District.

The grant will support electric vehicle charging for five battery-electric buses scheduled for delivery this winter, as well as the purchase of one (1) new battery-hybrid bus and a new facility for transfers, maintenance, and bus storage in Las Cruces. The new facilities will support future services in East Mesa and facilitate easy transfers between the new route and existing SCRTD and RoadRUNNER routes in Las Cruces.

Our commitment to sustainable and eco-friendly transportation solutions is further demonstrated by the introduction of electric buses and the establishment of a charging station. These initiatives bring a host of benefits, including a significant reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, lower operational and maintenance costs, and a quieter operation compared to traditional diesel-powered buses. The new electric charging station will ensure the continuous operation of our fleet, providing uninterrupted service to our community.

This initiative is a powerful testament to our shared commitment to a greener, healthier environment. It reflects our collective dedication to sustainable and eco-friendly transportation solutions, and we are excited to continue our journey towards a more environmentally conscious future.

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