



South Central Regional Transit

Designation Grant Recipient Process
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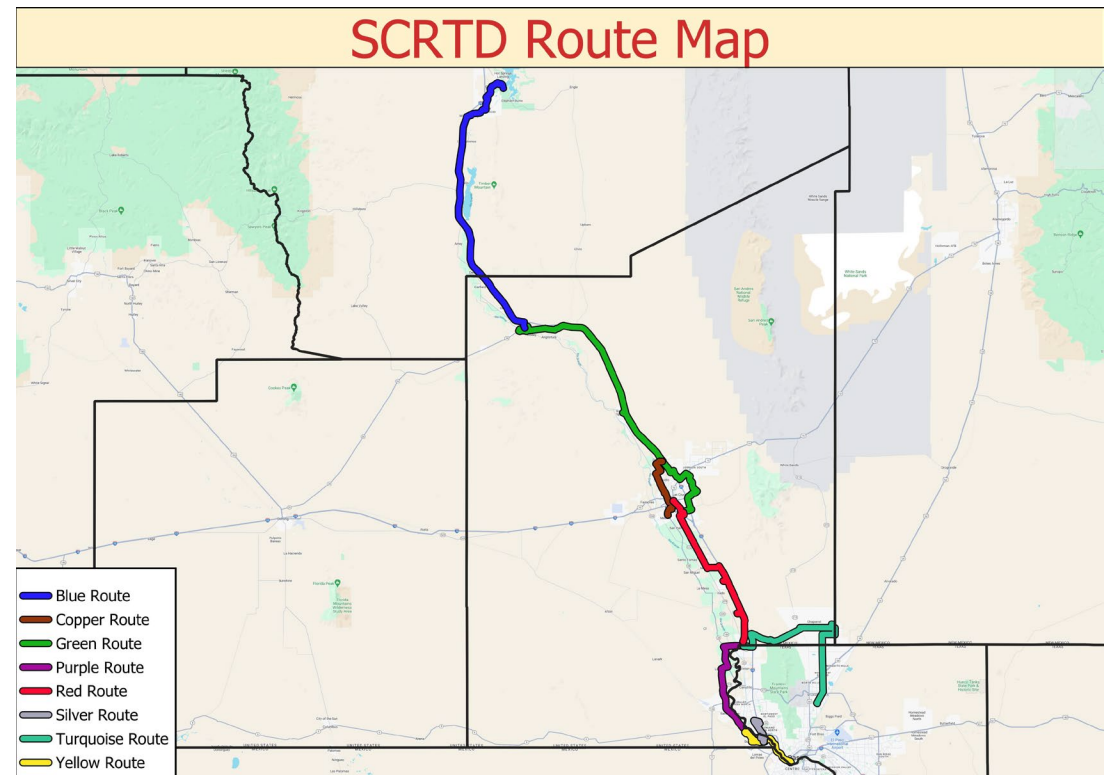
SCRTD Qualifies Designated Grant Recipient

SCRTD
qualifies
based on
the
following:

- State of New Mexico 2003 Intergovernmental Agreement and State designation as a Regional Transit District.
- As a subgrant recipient, the district submits grants through the NM Department of Transit and Rail
- Grant proceeds are delayed up to 60 days or more

Designated
Grant
Recipient

- Program funding via the FTA process
- Using Trams and Echo payment executed within 3 to 5 days



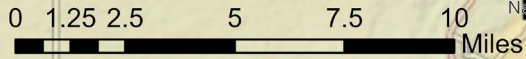
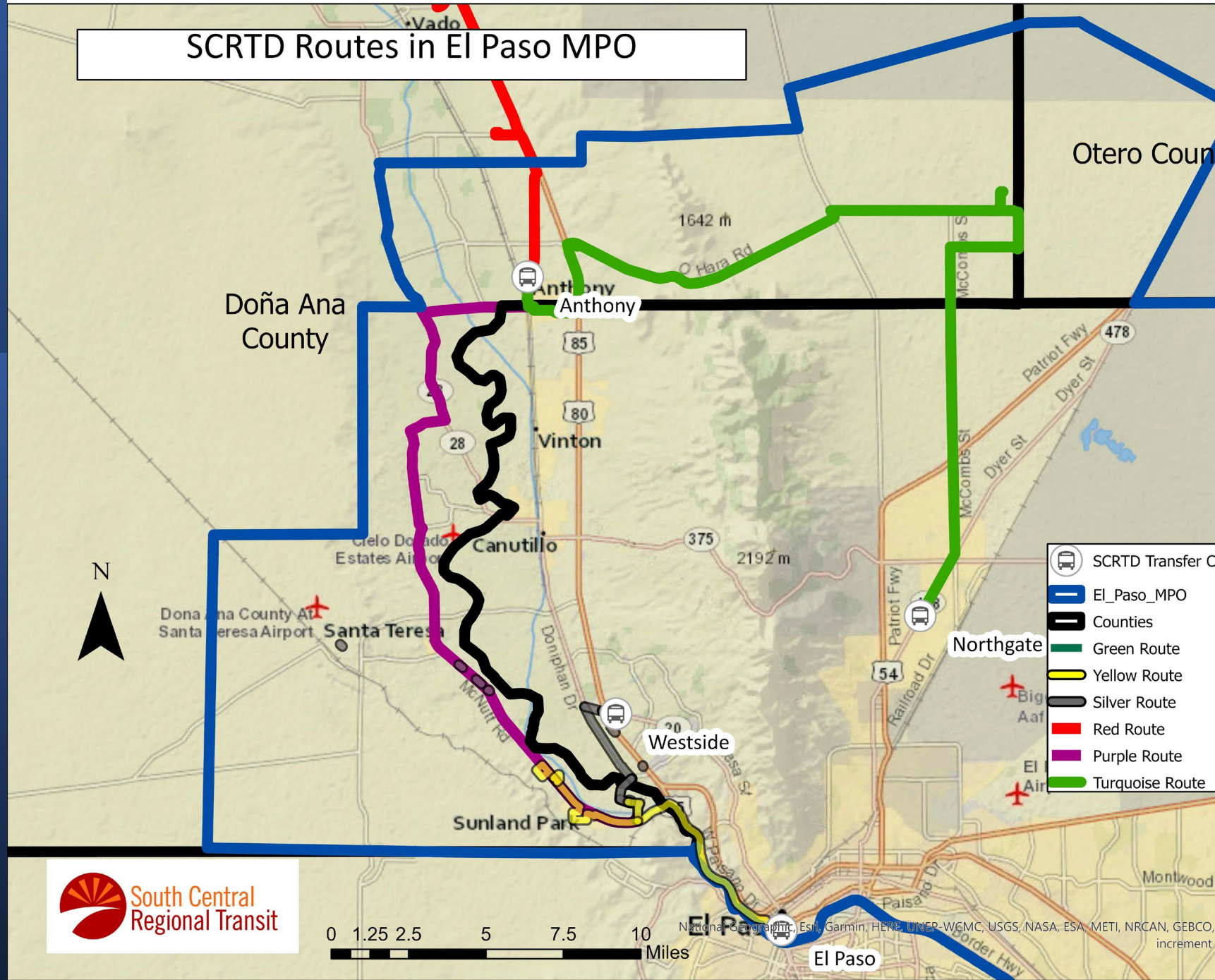
Qualifications to Designation

The recipient(s) so designated in each UZA must be a governmental authority and have the legal authority to receive and dispense federal funds in the UZA

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Regional Transit District

El Paso MPO – Urbanized Zone Area (UZA)



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FTA Considerations

FTA encourages the designation of a single designated recipient for each UZA 200,000 or more in population, including such UZAs that span more than one state, in order to streamline the administration of the program and foster coordination.

However, nothing precludes the designation of multiple designated recipients

New Mexico Governor's Role



THE GOVERNOR OF A STATE OR THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICIAL
DESIGNEE MAY ALSO DESIGNATE A SINGLE RECIPIENT FOR
MULTIPLE CONTIGUOUS LARGE UZAS.



IN CASES WHERE A UZA EXTENDS INTO MORE THAN ONE
STATE, AND THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS ARE
ALSO LOCATED IN MORE THAN ONE STATE, THE GOVERNOR OF
EACH STATE MUST PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESS TO
DESIGNATE A RECIPIENT.

New Mexico Governor's Role

- The governor or the governor's designee performs the role of the designated recipient for UZAs under 200,000 in population, and for the state's portion of any multi-state UZAs under 200,000 in population.
- Although the governor may authorize a local entity, such as a metropolitan planning organization, to develop and recommend funding allocations, the governor must approve the final allocation of program funds for these areas.
- Additionally, the governor may authorize eligible public transportation operators to apply directly to FTA for grants as direct recipients.

New Mexico Governor's Role

- Designations for UZAs of 200,000 or more in population become effective when the governor of a state officially notifies the appropriate FTA regional administrator(s) in writing of that designation and remain in effect until changed by the governor of a state by official written notice of re-designation to the appropriate FTA regional administrator.
- The written designation notice must include:
 - (1) A letter expressing the governor's concurrence; and
 - (2) Documentation of concurrence in selecting the designated recipient by the providers of publicly owned public transportation service in the UZA and an appropriately certified resolution of the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) concurring in the designation.
- For each designated recipient, the state must submit an Opinion of Counsel certifying the entity's legal capacity to perform the functions of a designated recipient.

Next Steps

Make contract with the Governor's Office

Coordinate action with the Secretary of Transportation and the Transit and Rail Department

Work with Stakeholders for support, including SCRTD members, Dona Ana County, others

