



South Central Regional Transit District Achieves Over 30% Increase in Ridership and Unveils New Zero-Emission Fleet.

Las Cruces, NM – The South Central Regional Transit District (SCRTD) has announced a landmark achievement in ridership for fiscal year 2024, carrying over 139,994 passengers – an impressive increase of more than 30% over the previous year. This surge in ridership reflects SCRTD’s commitment to accessibility, environmental stewardship, and community connectivity.

A key driver behind this ridership growth is SCRTD's fare-free policy, which has eliminated financial barriers and made public transportation accessible. Additionally, implementing a new route to Sierra County, connecting services to Hatch and Las Cruces, has expanded SCRTD’s reach, allowing even more residents access to reliable, efficient transit options.

Continuing its pledge to environmental sustainability, SCRTD launched its zero-emission fleet this year, comprised of two electric vans and five battery-electric buses. These new vehicles will reduce the district’s carbon footprint and offer a quieter, cleaner mode of transportation. The battery-electric buses are expected to roll into service this winter, marking a significant milestone in SCRTD’s sustainability journey.

In recognition of its achievements in ridership and cost-effectiveness, SCRTD received a record level of funding from the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT). The department has ranked SCRTD as the number one transit agency in New Mexico, highlighting the district's commitment to providing efficient and accessible transit services that meet the needs of its community.

“We are thrilled to see our community embracing public transit and are proud to continue our work in building a cleaner, more connected future for southern New Mexico,” said David Armijo, Executive Director of SCRTD. “With strong support from the NMDOT, we look forward to expanding our services, enhancing accessibility, and making public transit a preferred mode of travel for even more residents.”

For more information on SCRTD routes, schedules, and the zero-emission fleet launch, please visit SCRTD.ORG.

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