

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA**

Resolution No. FY2027-07

**A RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF THE VENUS PROJECT AND EXPRESSBUS
PROJECT FEDERAL GRANTS FROM THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION TO THE SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the South Central Regional Transit District ("SCRTD" or "District") is a regional transit district organized pursuant to the laws of the State of New Mexico and is an eligible direct recipient of Federal Transit Administration funding; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration awarded the New Mexico Department of Transportation ("NMDOT") federal funding on behalf of SCRTD for the Venus Project and the ExpressBus Project; and

WHEREAS, SCRTD's portion of the Fiscal Year 2024 Bus and Bus Facilities and Low or No Emission Grant award totals \$2,434,886 and includes funding for the purchase of one 35-foot hybrid-electric bus, property acquisition, and development of the Venus Operations and Maintenance Facility; and

WHEREAS, NMDOT was awarded \$4,049,179 on behalf of SCRTD through the Fiscal Year 2025 Low or No Emission Grant Program for the ExpressBus Project; and

WHEREAS, the two awards represent a combined federal investment of \$6,484,065 for projects to be implemented, owned, and operated by SCRTD; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2026, SCRTD requested that NMDOT transfer the Venus Project and ExpressBus Project grants to the District for direct administration; and

WHEREAS, NMDOT consulted with Federal Transit Administration Region VI and confirmed that the grants may be transferred to SCRTD, subject to approval by the Federal Transit Administration and completion of the applicable grant, planning, local-match, and administrative requirements; and

WHEREAS, the transfer will require SCRTD to affirm its legal, financial, administrative, and technical capacity to serve as the federal grant recipient and administer the awards through the Federal Transit Administration's Transit Award Management System; and

WHEREAS, SCRTD will be responsible for confirming the required local matching funds, satisfying applicable Transportation Improvement Program and Statewide Transportation Improvement Program requirements, preparing the grant applications in TrAMS, and complying with all applicable federal and state requirements; and

WHEREAS, acquisition of property for the Venus Project will require completion of an appraisal and review appraisal in compliance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act and other applicable federal requirements; and

WHEREAS, NMDOT has stated that it will support SCRTD's decision and provide technical assistance during the transfer process and has recommended that SCRTD submit future federal discretionary grant applications as a direct recipient; and

WHEREAS, the SCRTD Board of Directors finds that direct administration of these grants will improve accountability, project oversight, reimbursement processing, grant management, procurement coordination, financial reporting, and communication with the Federal Transit Administration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT THAT:

Section 1. Authorization of Grant Transfers. The Board authorizes SCRTD to proceed with the transfer from NMDOT to SCRTD of: (1) SCRTD's portion of the Fiscal Year 2024 Bus and Bus Facilities and Low or No Emission Grant for the Venus Project, totaling \$2,434,886; and (2) the Fiscal Year 2025 Low or No Emission Grant for the ExpressBus Project, totaling \$4,049,179.

Section 2. Acceptance of Administrative Responsibility. SCRTD affirms its willingness and capacity to serve as the direct recipient and to assume legal, financial, administrative, and technical responsibility for administering the transferred federal grants.

Section 3. Executive Director Authority. The Executive Director is authorized to prepare, execute, and submit all letters, grant applications, certifications, assurances, planning amendments, agreements, resolutions, and other documents necessary to complete the transfers and administer the grants.

Section 4. Local Matching Funds. The Executive Director and Finance Officer are directed to confirm and document the eligible local matching funds required for each project. Any request requiring additional District funding beyond previously approved amounts shall be presented to the Board for consideration.

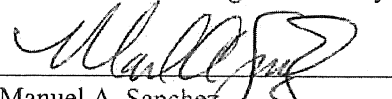
Section 5. Federal and State Compliance. SCRTD shall comply with all applicable Federal Transit Administration, NMDOT, federal, state, and local requirements, including TrAMS requirements, financial management standards, procurement requirements, environmental requirements, civil rights obligations, grant reporting, asset management, and grant closeout requirements.

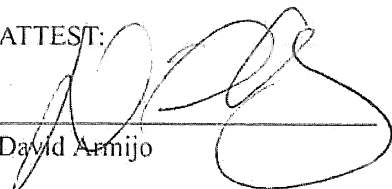
Section 6. Planning Requirements. District staff is authorized to coordinate with the appropriate metropolitan planning organizations, NMDOT, and the Federal Transit Administration to complete all required Transportation Improvement Program and Statewide Transportation Improvement Program actions.

Section 7. Property Acquisition. No property shall be acquired for the Venus Project until all applicable appraisal, review appraisal, environmental, Uniform Act, and Federal Transit Administration requirements have been completed and documented.

Section 8. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

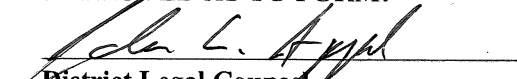
PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the South Central Regional Transit District at its meeting held on July 22nd, 2026.


Manuel A. Sanchez
SCRTD Board Chair

ATTEST:

David Armijo

Executive Director, South Central Regional Transit District

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


District Legal Counsel

Reference: NMDOT Grant Transfer Request Response dated July 17, 2026.