SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
October 28, 2026-1:30 PM
DOÑA ANA COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
845 N MOTEL BLVD. LAS CRUCES, NM 88004
AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA/OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial. The Consent Agenda items will be considered and may be approved by one motion if no member of the Board or Audience wishes to comment or ask questions. If comment or discussion is desired by anyone, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered in listed sequence with an opportunity for any member of the public to address the Board concerning the item before action is taken.

South Central Regional Transit

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SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
October 28, 2026 – 1:30 p.m. Mountain Time
Doña Ana County Government Center
845 N. Motel Boulevard
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Public Input
6. Approval of September 23, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes
7. Executive Director's Report — *David Armijo*
8. Discussion and Consideration of a Resolution Appointing a Representative to the El Paso MPO Transportation Policy Board (TPB) *David Armijo*
9. Discussion and Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the FY2026 Mesilla Valley MPO Urban Funds Suballocation, Including SCRTD's Allocation Position and Proposed Population-Based Funding Policy — *David Armijo*
10. Discussion and Consideration of a Resolution Approving the Solar Access Fund Grant Award No. LSAF-0056 — *David Armijo*
11. Discussion and Consideration of a Resolution Approving a County Funding Request for the Solar Array Local Match — *David Armijo*
12. Discussion and Consideration of a Resolution Approving a County Funding Request for Free Fare Service Through June 30, 2027 — *David Armijo*
13. Discussion and Consideration of a Resolution Approving the Retirement of Buses 5, 6, 7, and 11 — *Liza Alonzo*
14. Discussion On the Proposed FuSE Agreement for Clean Transportation Fuel Credit Brokerage — *David Armijo*
15. Discussion of Three Tax Exempt Properties and Savings — *David Armijo*
16. Discussion and presentation of the Facility Projects Status Update – *Daniela* Gutierrez
17. A Resolution Approving the South-Central Regional Transit District Amendments to the FY2027 Budget — *Adam Shea*
18. A Resolution Approving the South-Central Regional Transit District First Quarter Financials for FY2027 — *Adam Shea*
19. Board Comments
20. Adjournment

Next Board Meeting: November 25, 2026 (Thanksgiving Holiday Thursday November 26)

South Central RTD
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday,
September 23, 2026 - 1:30 PM

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Manuel Sanchez, SCRTD Chair, Doña Ana County/Commissioner
Gabriel Holguin, SCRTD Vice-Chair, City of Anthony/Mayor
Javier Perea, SCRTD Treasurer, City of Sunland Park/Mayor
Biviana Cadena, SCRTD, Member, Town of Mesilla
John Munoz, SCRTD Member, City of Las Cruces/Mayor Pro-Tem
Majorie Powey, SCRTD Member, Village of Williamsburg/Mayor Pro-Tem
Ingo Hoeppner, SCRTD Member, Truth or Consequences/ Commissioner

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Robert Martinez, SCRTD Member, Village of Hatch/Trustee

SCRTD STAFF:

David Armijo, SCRTD Executive Director
Danielle Granados, SCRTD Executive Assistant
Daniela Gutierrez, SCRTD Project Manager
Liza Alonzo, SCRTD Grants Administrator
Sara Vasquez, SCRTD Human Resources
Crystal Gomez, SCRTD Accounting Assistant
Veronica De La O, SCRTD Administrative Assistant
Adam Shea, SCRTD Finance Manager
Armando Baltazar, SCRTD Budget Analyst
Loretta Gallegos, SCRTD Transit Manager

OTHERS PRESENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Manuel Sanchez called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ALL STAND FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

3. ROLL CALL

A quorum was determined to be present.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motioned by Majorie Powey, second by John Munoz. Passed unanimously.

5. PUBLIC INPUT

There were none.

6. APPROVAL OF SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 22, 2026

Minutes motioned by John Munoz, second by Manuel Sanchez. Passed unanimously.

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - DAVID ARMIJO

David Armijo stated September is the last month of the fiscal year for the National Transit Database. Ridership based on the first two weeks of September is at an all time high of 20,165 rides. This is up 25% year to date. And 4.8% month growth since August. This projection would put ridership at 207,256. The microgrid will be done within the next 30 days. There is a need to put up interior fencing as a safety measure around the array. And there is still the exterior fencing. So, some exterior fencing will eventually be replaced with walls which the city of Sunland Park has requested. This will hopefully happen in the next 12-18 months. Solar grid is updated. Sunland Park the next effort is resurfacing and security. Perimeter and interior lighting have been added, as well as a security guard for after hours during the construction. Once the fences are completed, there will be electronic gates and probably will not need a security guard. The city of Sunland Park police has been helping with security. Progress has been made on the Venus facility getting appraisals and working with FTA as the grant is being transferred over. Fleet and charging investments, continuing to work through that. The Yellow Route is leading the increase in ridership and has carried over 100,000 riders. Next is the Purple Route out of Anthony, and Silver Route out of the west side of El Paso. All routes were shown, and the two newest routes are Blue and Magenta. The fastest growing route is Copper which runs from the beginning of Doña Ana Village through Doña Ana County to the Mayfield High School to the Move-It Center and then continues to Mesilla Valley and connects to NMSU. Priorities are to continue to expand the network looking at new routes and new services in the future. This next year will be increasing ADA trips and moving the regional building. Capital projects, the solar array will be done in the next 30-45 days. Just now starting on Sunland Park resurfacing and security. Clearing the brush and the perimeter of the area where the solar array and buses park is going to add almost 2.5 acres giving more space. Modest improvements on the Venus project. Working on fleet and charging investments. Getting more vans on the 5310. There is a good deal with El Paso Sun Metro and working on that grant application being completed this month. ADA Paratransit has contracts and SCRTD is looking to start that the first quarter of next year. The Clean Transportation Fuel Program is coming into the first quarter, by November, December might see some revenues as they sell credits derived from the solar array as well as the electric vehicles. More grants are coming through. Hatch Chile Festival with free shuttle service that was about 400 people a day for a couple of days, and one of the major sponsors. People could take pictures with the bus. Majorie Powey asked about van pooling to the VA. David Armijo stated they have been doing that for almost a year, and it is Monday through Friday. Right now, it is just the veterans center and not the hospital but are open to that should the need arise. Manuel Sanchez stated it is amazing the progress made with funding through the El Paso MPO and the milestones over the past couple of years. He would like a graph to show the growth.

8. A DISCUSSION TO INTRODUCE THE SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT'S NEW EMPLOYEES - ADAM SHEA

Sara Vasquez introduced Armando Baltazar. He has been hired as the budget analyst. He has 18 years of accounting and financial experience including extensive expertise in budget management, financial analyst and forecasting. He has a Bachelor of Arts in Accounting from UTEP and MBA from Baylor University. His background includes senior financial roles in healthcare, higher education, utilities, and corporate environments with experience in budget development, cost reduction, financial reporting, and strategic decision support.

9. DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION FOR THE SANTA TERESA PORT OF ENTRY PEDESTRIAN INTERCEPT SURVEY AND BORDER/WORKFORCE CONNECTOR PLANNING - DAVID ARMIJO

David Armijo stated they are asking the board to approve a recommendation to endorse continued evaluation of the Santa Teresa Port of Entry as part of a planned Workforce Mobility Service. SCRTD has been working to provide some level of service up to BIA and whole area and bus shelters in Santa Teresa. David Armijo feels that this is going to take more than one route to connect with the Border Industrial Alliance and the whole economy that is up there with all those companies. In researching found 5-20% of people coming across the border are using bus service. To do this correctly a point survey would capture the information. This is a good opportunity for this agency to work with the El Paso MPO and work with the city of El Paso and Sun Metro and the regional players and the county. This is asking the board to begin conversations with the appropriate organizations.

Javier Perea asked if this considers a circulator route once the border highway connection is completed. David Armijo stated in the report that a route has been identified and this could be a modification of that route. This would be dependent on the information coming from the intercept survey and working with the partners on the project. Manuel Sanchez stated the board gives the okay to move forward with this.

10. A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT AMENDMENT TO SCRTD HR MANUAL - LIZA ALONZO

Liza Alonzo stated she is requesting the board's approval on a few changes to the HR manual. Change the "Human Resources Manuel" to Employee Handbook." The next change is on bereavement, three days remain the same, and then to immediate family members only, excluding grandparents and in-laws. The next change is the PTO. Right now, employees can cash out up to 80 hours of PTO, and the change is to reduce that to 40 hours. Transferring of 809 hours is the same with the PERA accounts. The fourth change, in the current manual there is a specific list of holidays, this will be changed to a determination annually by the Human Resources person and Executive Director and approved the year prior. There are some other minor changes that are listed. The old manual was in 27 sections that were not categorized. The new handbook has 12 categories with subsections. This has removed redundancies in language. The remaining changes are really formatting and structural changes.

John Munoz stated it looks like some good upgrades. And asked about the other 40 hours of PTO. Liza Alonzo stated employees will be able to use the 40 hours as

vacation, just not cash them out, but they can roll that into their PERA savings. Manuel Sanchez asked about the holidays. David Armijo stated the actual holidays, number of holidays does not change, unless by the board or budget process.

Resolution motioned by John Munoz, second by Igno Hoeppner. Passed unanimously.

11. A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT AMENDMENT TO SCRTD DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY REFLECTING FTA CHANGES - SARA VASQUEZ

Sara Vasquez stated there are very small changes to the Drug and Alcohol Policy that the FTA requires. On page 13 remove "conducting by a person of the same gender as a donor." Also, on the footer reference v0623 and added v0623.1. SCRTD updated the attachment changes and went from using "operators" to "transit operators." Dispatchers and her driving duties changed to "Director drivers on route and drive as needed." Contacts were updated, Loretta Gallegos' title is "Transit Manager" and address is 2001 Futurity Dr., Sunland Park, NM 88063."

Resolution motioned by John Munoz, second by Manuel Sanchez. Passed unanimously.

12. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES MEMBERSHIP DUES ADJUSTMENT AN DRAFT AGREEMENT - DAVID ARMIJO

David Armijo stated the only member that requires an MOU is City of Las Cruces. When the board took action to raise the membership fees last February/March, that went forward and became effective July 1st. However, the City of Las Cruces, because they have an agreement, did not approve, so they felt that their agreement still holds, and from a legal basis that is true. The only way to change the agreement is to cancel the agreement and either side can do that with 30 days' notice. That became a problem as SCRTD still needs to get paid for the year. So, what is being asked today as an interim measure until next year's agreement, and they will be advocating for a new agreement, is simply based on the resolution items one through four. Item one, SCRTD hereby approves a budget adjustment to account for the reduction in anticipated membership revenue resulting from Las Cruces declining to pay the approved membership increase. So, this is budget adjustment to reduce the funds out of the budget. Secondly the Executive Director is hereby authorized to make the necessary budget adjustments to revenues and expenditures to maintain a balance of fiscally responsible district budget. And three, the Executive Director is further authorized to prepare and submit any required budget adjustment documentation to the appropriate federal, state, or local agencies and take all actions necessary to implement the approved adjustment. And lastly, the adjusted budget shall be administered in accordance with applicable federal and state laws and district reporting requirements. They would begin discussion and dialogue with the City of Las Cruces that would entertain a new agreement. David Armijo is hoping to have that discussion without cancelling the current agreement, as cancelling the agreement becomes problematic for the SCRTD. This has been reviewed by the attorney for SCRTD, and he approves everything in this resolution.

John Munoz asked since he is a member of the City of Las Cruces, should he abstain. Manuel Sanchez stated that is up to him.

Resolution motioned by Biviana Cadena, second Igno Hoeppner. Passed, one abstention.

13. A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT FY2028 SECTION 5311 GRANT OVERVIEW - DAVID ARMIJO

David Armijo states these grants are very important to the district. When service was first rolled out in 2016, they did not have federal funds. With the support of the state SCRTD was allowed to apply for their first grant. The 5310 allows for capital funds for paratransit or small urban (5307). The 5311 is really the core of the budget where most of the funds are for providing rural and intercity service. There are only four agencies in the state of 27 that do get these funds that are used both for rural and intercity. David Armijo's when he is doing the NTD report he has to break it out as to how much intercity service is in the El Paso service area under the El Paso MPO and how much is in the Mesilla Valley MPO area.

This resolution is asking for funding for two vehicles. The vehicles being used right now as a standard on the blue route up in Elephant Butte and Sierra County and Truth or Consequences and the Village of Williamsburg. That is a low floor vehicle that is a little more expensive, about $200,000 per vehicle. SCRTD currently has four of these and they are currently performing well. These buses have a ramp and a lift, and do not break down, and operate with good efficiency. These could also be used for ADA as they grow in the Las Cruces area. They will have to come up with a 20% match, approximately $80,000.

Resolution motioned by Majorie Powey, second by Manuel Sanchez. Passed unanimously.

14. A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT FY2028 SECTION 5310 GRANT OVERVIEW - DAVID ARMIJO

David Armijo stated this application is due in about two weeks. Total budget increase of about 16%. Need to either add more service frequency like on weekends or at night, and in some cases improve service frequency during the day which may add another vehicle. So additional funds are being programmed for that. Also been catching up to other systems, they have been number one for four years in a row, number one in ridership the last two years. They do not get funded as well as NCRTD, and some others have been doing this lower than SCRTD. Total budget is estimated to be $2,889,468.63. That is about six times what it was in the first grant application, a decade ago. This breaks down to $344,427 for administration, $587,926 for capital, and $1,957,114 for operations. The key to the resolution is the commitment for SCRTD to commit $1,165,028.05 for the local match. These will be with the applications to be submitted in two weeks.

Resolution motioned by John Munoz, second by Manuel Sanhcez. Passed unanimously.

15. ADJOURNMENT - NEXT BOARD MEETING - OCTOBER 28, 2026

Meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

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Chairperson

Board Reports:

Item # 6: Approval of South-Central Regional Transit District Meeting Minutes of September 23, 2026

The board will review and approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

Item # 7: Executive Director's Report

An oral report will be provided that will include current activities, including ridership growth.

Item # 8: Discussion of SCRTD Board to appoint a Representative to the El Paso MPO Transportation Policy Board (TPB)

El Paso MPO staff is requesting SCRTD Board members to appoint a representative to the El Paso MPO Transportation Policy Board (TPB). EPMPO Executive Director Eduardo Calvo asked SCRTD to send written confirmation of the appointment, including the representative's name, title, email and phone number. EPMPO staff will then work with the representative on meeting schedules and orientation.

Item # 9: Discussion and Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the FY2026 Mesilla Valley MPO Urban Funds Suballocation, Including SCRTD's Position and Proposed Population-Based Funding Policy

The distribution of Fiscal Year 2026 urban transit formula funds between the City of Las Cruces' RoadRUNNER Transit and SCRTD remains unresolved. Discussions involve the Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization and the New Mexico Department of Transportation.

The principal issues concern the reporting year used to calculate each provider's share and the proposed inclusion of paratransit, senior van, and New Mexico State University contract mileage. SCRTD has also proposed a population-based allocation policy, which the District believes is the most equitable path forward.

Item #10: A Resolution Approving the Solar Access Fund Grant Award No. LSAF-0056

Staff is requesting Board approval of a resolution to accept the New Mexico Finance Authority (NMFA) Local Solar Access Fund (LSAF) Project Grant Award No. LSAF-0056. On September 24, 2026, the NMFA Board of Directors conditionally approved a grant of up to $400,000 for eligible uses.

Item # 11: A Resolution Approving the County Funding Request for the Solar Array Local Match

Staff is requesting Board approval of a resolution to ask Doña Ana County for $100,000 as the local match for SCRTD's solar array project. The project is tied to the NMFA Local Solar Access Fund Grant Award No. LSAF-0056, which conditionally approved up to $400,000, with the City of Sunland Park as project sponsor. The resolution also authorizes the Executive Director to submit the request to the County Commission and coordinate with the County, the City of Sunland Park and NMFA.

Item # 12: A Resolution Approving the County Funding Request for Free Fare Service through June 30, 2027

Staff is requesting Board approval of a resolution to ask Doña Ana County for $70,000 to keep SCRTD's fares free through June 30, 2027, the end of Fiscal Year 2027. The resolution also authorizes the Executive Director to submit the request to the County Commission. Free fares through June 2027 depend on the County approving the funding.

Item # 13: A Resolution Approving the Retiring of Buses 5, 6, 7, and 11

Staff are requesting Board approval of a resolution to retire Buses 5, 6,7 and 11 from the SCRTD fleet. These vehicles have exceeded their maximum useful life and are no longer cost-effective to maintain or operate.

Retiring them allows staff to proceed with disposition in accordance with applicable state and federal requirements.

Item # 14: Information and Status Update on the Proposed FuSE Agreement for Clean Transportation Fuel Credit Brokerage

SCRTD is preparing to sell credits through New Mexico's Clean Transportation Fuel Program as part of the district's integrated transportation and energy initiative. Credit sales would provide an additional revenue source associated with eligible electric transportation activities and strengthen the financial return from the district's fleet and charging infrastructure.

The proposed agreement with Energy Mission Control, Inc., doing business as FuSE Carbon Technologies, would provide brokerage services to market and sell SCRTD's credits. Staff is preparing to support the district's planned October 15, 2026, submission.

Item # 15: Three Tax Free Properties and Savings

Staff is presenting that Doña Ana County has approved property tax exemptions for three SCRTD properties, starting with the 2026 tax year: 2001 Futurity Drive, 245 Quinella Road and 830 Anthony Drive. Based on the 2025 tax bills, the exemptions will save the District about $20,722.48 a year, money that can go to transit operations and other District needs. The County Assessor confirmed the exemptions in letters dated September 30, 2026, and staff signed the protest withdrawal forms on October 1, 2026, so the protests will be closed.

Item # 16: Facility Projects Status Update

This report updates the Board on electronic gates, the ground clearing, and the solar array. The project update reports that the ground clearing is complete, with debris removal pending, and the electronic gate remains under construction. Solar system coordination and project closeout remain active.

Item # 17: Annual Budget Adjustment

Staff is requesting Board approval of a resolution adopting Budget Amendment #1 for FY2027. The amendment raises operating expenditures by $103,500, to $4,584,960.32, and operating revenues by $133,777.13, to $4,864,029.69, including $70,000 from Doña Ana County to cover free fares. It also adds about $1.05 million in capital funding, including the $400,000 Local Solar Access Fund grant, DFA local match funds, a paratransit study and Section 5339 funds for building rehabilitation and van expansion.

Item # 18: First Quarter Budget Report

Staff is requesting Board approval of the FY2027 First Quarter Financial Report for July through September 2026. Expenditures totaled $1,189,533.40, or 25.9% of the revised budget, and the District received $1,022,785.38 in operating revenue, with another $410,107.88 invoiced but not yet received. Cash on hand was $174,344.22 as of September 30, 2026.

RESOLUTIONS:

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA

Resolution No. FY2027-13

A RESOLUTION
APPOINTING A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE EL PASO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD (TPB)

WHEREAS, the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (EPMPO) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the El Paso Urbanized Transportation Study Area, which includes portions of southern Doña Ana County; and

WHEREAS, the EPMPO Transportation Policy Board (TPB) is the policy-making body responsible for establishing regional transportation planning policies and approving transportation plans and programs for the study area; and

WHEREAS, the South Central Regional Transit District (SCRTD) seeks to appoint a representative to the TPB to represent the District's interests in regional transportation planning;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the South Central Regional Transit District that:

1. The Board appoints _____, as SCRTD's representative to the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Board, effective upon adoption of this Resolution and until a successor is appointed by the Board.

2. The appointed representative shall represent SCRTD at TPB meetings and keep the Board informed of TPB actions affecting the District.

3. The Executive Director is authorized to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Executive Director of the EPMPO and coordinate with EPMPO staff as needed to complete the appointment.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED by the governing body at its meeting of October 28, 2026.

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Manuel A. Sanchez
SCRTD Board Chair

ATTEST:

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David Armijo
Executive Director, South Central Regional Transit District

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA

Resolution No. FY2027-14

A RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT'S POSITION ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF FY2026 LAS CRUCES URBANIZED AREA TRANSIT FORMULA FUNDS AND ITS PROPOSED POPULATION-BASED FUNDING ALLOCATION POLICY

WHEREAS, the distribution of Fiscal Year 2026 urban transit formula funds for the Las Cruces urbanized area between the City of Las Cruces RoadRUNNER Transit and SCRTD remains unresolved, with discussions involving the Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MVMPO) and the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT); and

WHEREAS, the parties initially agreed to allocate funds based on fixed-route vehicle revenue miles using FY2024 National Transit Database (NTD) data, which were the most recent approved data when discussions began, and the development of an interlocal agreement has since delayed the allocation for more than a year; and

WHEREAS, the City of Las Cruces has proposed including paratransit, senior van, and New Mexico State University (NMSU) contract mileage in the calculation, which would reduce SCRTD's share of the available funding, and SCRTD has requested supporting records to review the function, accessibility, and reporting of these services; and

WHEREAS, SCRTD has proposed that the MVMPO adopt a **population-based allocation policy**, modeled on the El Paso urban area, that would allocate funds according to the population within each provider's assigned urban service area, establishing a predictable and equitable basis for future funding; and

WHEREAS, SCRTD has requested that NMDOT obtain written Federal Transit Administration (FTA) clarification of the disputed issues, and staff recommends that the Board of Directors support the District's position;

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

1. The South Central Regional Transit District supports the use of the most recent validated NTD data, with consistent definitions applied to both providers, in calculating the FY2026 distribution.

2. The South Central Regional Transit District supports retaining the fixed-route mileage basis originally discussed while the proposed paratransit, senior van, and NMSU contract service categories undergo review.

3. The South Central Regional Transit District supports obtaining written FTA clarification of the disputed issues through NMDOT.

4. The South Central Regional Transit District supports continued consideration of its proposed **population-based allocation policy** as the most equitable framework for regional urban funding.

5. The Executive Director is hereby authorized to continue negotiations with the City of Las Cruces, the MVMPO, and NMDOT, and shall return to the Board with the proposed distribution and any agreement requiring Board approval.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED by the governing body at its meeting of October 28, 2026.

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Manuel A. Sanchez
SCRTD Board Chair

ATTEST:

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David Armijo
Executive Director, South Central Regional Transit District

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA

Resolution No. FY2027-15

A RESOLUTION

APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE NEW MEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY LOCAL SOLAR ACCESS FUND PROJECT GRANT AWARD NO. LSAF-0056 IN AN AMOUNT UP TO $400,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO SECURE AND ADMINISTER THE GRANT

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Finance Authority (NMFA) administers the Local Solar Access Fund (LSAF) Program, which provides grant funding to local government entities for eligible solar energy projects; and

WHEREAS, an application for an LSAF Project Grant was submitted on behalf of the City of Sunland Park and the South Central Regional Transit District; and

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2026, the NMFA Board of Directors approved the application and granted conditional approval of LSAF Project Grant Award No. LSAF-0056 in an amount up to $400,000 for eligible uses; and

WHEREAS, to secure the grant funds, NMFA requires the submission of Readiness to Proceed items by November 6, 2026, including a current Open Meetings Act Resolution, a completed Closing Questionnaire, and a Certificate of Good Standing, if applicable, before the grant agreement can be scheduled to close; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends that the Board of Directors approve the acceptance of LSAF Project Grant Award No. LSAF-0056 and authorize the actions necessary to secure and administer the grant funds;

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

1. The South Central Regional Transit District hereby approves and accepts NMFA Local Solar Access Fund Project Grant Award No. LSAF-0056 in an amount up to $400,000 for eligible uses.

2. The Executive Director is hereby authorized to prepare and submit all required Readiness to Proceed items to NMFA on or before November 6, 2026.

3. The Executive Director is hereby authorized to execute the grant agreement and all other documents, and to take all actions, necessary to close, accept, and administer the grant.

4. The grant funds shall be used only for eligible purposes and administered in accordance with the grant agreement, NMFA requirements, applicable District policies, and state law.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED by the governing body at its meeting of October 28, 2026.

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Manuel A. Sanchez
SCRTD Board Chair

ATTEST:

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David Armijo
Executive Director, South Central Regional Transit District

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA

Resolution No. FY2027-16

A RESOLUTION
APPROVING A COUNTY FUNDING REQUEST FOR THE SOLAR ARRAY LOCAL MATCH

WHEREAS, the South Central Regional Transit District (SCRTD) seeks $100,000 from Doña Ana County to provide the local match for its solar array project; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Finance Authority Board approved the City of Sunland Park's Local Solar Access Fund application on September 24, 2026, and its September 28, 2026 award letter provides conditional approval of up to $400,000 for eligible uses under Project Grant Award No. LSAF-0056; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sunland Park serves as sponsor for the SCRTD solar array project, and grant funding remains subject to applicable readiness to proceed requirements and grant closing; and

WHEREAS, county funding for the local match would support implementation of the solar array project associated with this award;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the South Central Regional Transit District that:

1. The Board approves requesting $100,000 from Doña Ana County to provide the local match for the solar array project associated with Local Solar Access Fund Project Grant Award No. LSAF-0056.

2. The Executive Director is authorized to submit the funding request to the Doña Ana County Board of County Commissioners and coordinate with County staff, the City of Sunland Park, and NMFA regarding the requested funding and supporting documentation.

3. Any county funding received shall be used for the solar array local match and incorporated into SCRTD's budget through the applicable budget approval process.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED by the governing body at its meeting of October 28, 2026.

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Manuel A. Sanchez
SCRTD Board Chair

ATTEST:

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David Armijo
Executive Director, South Central Regional Transit District

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA

Resolution No. FY2027-17

A RESOLUTION
APPROVING THE COUNTY FUNDING REQUEST FOR FREE FARE SERVICE THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027

WHEREAS, the South Central Regional Transit District (SCRTD) seeks to continue free fare service through June 30, 2027, the end of Fiscal Year 2027; and

WHEREAS, continued free fare service supports access to public transportation by removing the fare cost for riders; and

WHEREAS, SCRTD seeks $70,000 from Doña Ana County to support free fare coverage through the end of Fiscal Year 2027;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the South Central Regional Transit District that:

1. The Board approves requesting $70,000 from Doña Ana County to support continued free fare coverage through June 30, 2027.

2. The Executive Director is authorized to submit the funding request to the Doña Ana County Board of County Commissioners and coordinate with County staff regarding the requested funding and supporting documentation.

3. Any county funding received shall be used for continued free fare coverage through June 30, 2027, and incorporated into SCRTD's budget through the applicable budget approval process. Continued free fare coverage under this request is subject to receipt of the requested funding.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED by the governing body at its meeting of October 28, 2026.

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Manuel A. Sanchez
SCRTD Board Chair

ATTEST:

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David Armijo
Executive Director, South Central Regional Transit District

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA

Resolution No. FY2027-18

A RESOLUTION

APPROVING THE RETIREMENT AND DISPOSAL OF SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT BUSES 5, 6, 7, AND 11, WHICH HAVE EXCEEDED THEIR MAXIMUM USEFUL LIFE

WHEREAS, the District maintains a fleet of buses to provide safe and reliable public transportation services to its riders; and

WHEREAS, staff has identified **Buses 5, 6, 7, and 11** as vehicles that have exceeded their maximum useful life and meet the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) guidelines for disposal by minimum useful life and mileage; and

WHEREAS, due to their age, condition, and the cost of needed repairs, these buses are no longer cost-effective to maintain or operate; and

WHEREAS, removing these buses from the fleet will allow the District to reduce maintenance costs and focus resources on vehicles that can be safely and reliably operated; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends that the Board of Directors approve the retirement of Buses 5, 6, 7, and 11 and their removal from the District fleet;

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

1. The South Central Regional Transit District hereby approves the retirement of **Buses 5, 6, 7, and 11** and their removal from the District fleet.

2. The Executive Director is hereby authorized to dispose of Buses 5, 6, 7, and 11 in accordance with NMDOT guidelines and applicable state and federal requirements.

3. The Executive Director is hereby authorized to execute all documents and take all actions necessary to complete the retirement and disposal of these vehicles, including any required notifications to NMDOT.

4. The District's fixed asset and vehicle inventory records shall be updated to reflect the removal of Buses 5, 6, 7, and 11 from the fleet.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED by the governing body at its meeting of October 28, 2026.

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Manuel A. Sanchez
SCRTD Board Chair

ATTEST:

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David Armijo
Executive Director, South Central Regional Transit District

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA

Resolution No. FY2027-19

A RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING THE SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT'S POSITION ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF FY2026 LAS CRUCES URBANIZED AREA TRANSIT FORMULA FUNDS AND ITS PROPOSED POPULATION-BASED FUNDING ALLOCATION POLICY

WHEREAS, the distribution of Fiscal Year 2026 urban transit formula funds for the Las Cruces urbanized area between the City of Las Cruces RoadRUNNER Transit and SCRTD remains unresolved, with discussions involving the Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MVMPO) and the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT); and

WHEREAS, the parties initially agreed to allocate funds based on fixed-route vehicle revenue miles using FY2024 National Transit Database (NTD) data, which were the most recent approved data when discussions began, and the development of an interlocal agreement has since delayed the allocation for more than a year; and

WHEREAS, the City of Las Cruces has proposed including paratransit, senior van, and New Mexico State University (NMSU) contract mileage in the calculation, which would reduce SCRTD's share of the available funding, and SCRTD has requested supporting records to review the function, accessibility, and reporting of these services; and

WHEREAS, SCRTD has proposed that the MVMPO adopt a **population-based allocation policy**, modeled on the El Paso urban area, that would allocate funds according to the population within each provider's assigned urban service area, establishing a predictable and equitable basis for future funding; and

WHEREAS, SCRTD has requested that NMDOT obtain written Federal Transit Administration (FTA) clarification of the disputed issues, and staff recommends that the Board of Directors support the District's position;

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

1. The South Central Regional Transit District supports the use of the most recent validated NTD data, with consistent definitions applied to both providers, in calculating the FY2026 distribution.

2. The South Central Regional Transit District supports retaining the fixed-route mileage basis originally discussed while the proposed paratransit, senior van, and NMSU contract service categories undergo review.

3. The South Central Regional Transit District supports obtaining written FTA clarification of the disputed issues through NMDOT.

4. The South Central Regional Transit District supports continued consideration of its proposed **population-based allocation policy** as the most equitable framework for regional urban funding.

5. The Executive Director is hereby authorized to continue negotiations with the City of Las Cruces, the MVMPO, and NMDOT, and shall return to the Board with the proposed distribution and any agreement requiring Board approval.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED by the governing body at its meeting of October 28, 2026.

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Manuel A. Sanchez
SCRTD Board Chair

ATTEST:

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David Armijo
Executive Director, South Central Regional Transit District

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA

Resolution No. FY2027-20

A RESOLUTION
APPROVING THE SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT AMENDMENT TO THE FY2027 BUDGET

WHEREAS, during the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2027, it has become necessary to amend the adopted budget to accurately reflect changes in anticipated revenues, expenditures, grant funding, capital projects, and other operational requirements; and

WHEREAS, Amendment No. 1 to the FY2027 Budget increases budgeted expenditures by $103,500.00, from $4,481,460.32 to $4,584,960.32, as shown in the Expense Amendment; increases budgeted operating revenues by $133,777.13, from $4,730,252.56 to $4,864,029.69, as shown in the Revenue Amendment; and increases budgeted capital appropriations by $1,048,329.25, from $10,212,931.01 to $11,261,260.26, as shown in the Capital Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget amendment is necessary to ensure that the District's financial records accurately reflect current fiscal conditions and to maintain compliance with the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration, the New Mexico Department of Transportation, and all other applicable federal and state requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has reviewed the proposed FY2027 Budget Amendment No. 1 and finds that the amendment is in the best interest of the South Central Regional Transit District and supports the continued delivery of safe, reliable, and efficient public transportation services throughout the District's service area.

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

1. The South Central Regional Transit District hereby approves Amendment No. 1 to the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget, including the Expense Amendment, Revenue Amendment, and Capital Amendment, as presented.

2. The Executive Director is hereby authorized to submit the approved FY2027 Budget Amendment No. 1 to the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration, Local Government Division, and any other appropriate federal or state agencies, as required.

3. The Executive Director is further authorized to execute all documents and take all actions necessary to implement the approved FY2027 Budget Amendment No. 1 in accordance with applicable federal and state laws, regulations, and District policies.

4. The South Central Regional Transit District shall administer the amended Fiscal Year 2027 Budget in compliance with all applicable budgetary, financial, and reporting requirements.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED by the governing body at its meeting of October 28, 2026.

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Manuel A. Sanchez
SCRTD Board Chair

ATTEST:

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David Armijo
Executive Director, South Central Regional Transit District

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA

Resolution No. FY2027-21

A RESOLUTION
APPROVING THE SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027

WHEREAS, the District has prepared the Fiscal Year 2027 First Quarter Financial Report for the period of July 1, 2026 through September 30, 2026, which includes a Cash Report, an Expenditure Report, an Operating Revenue Report, and a Capital Appropriations Report; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2027 First Quarter Financial Report reflects total cash on hand of $174,344.22 as of September 30, 2026; year-to-date expenditures of $1,189,533.40, or 25.9% of the revised budget of $4,584,960.32; year-to-date operating revenues received of $1,022,785.38, or 21.0% of the revised budget of $4,864,029.69; and year-to-date capital revenues received of $241,316.03 against an adjusted capital budget of $11,261,260.26; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has reviewed the Fiscal Year 2027 First Quarter Financial Report and finds that it accurately reflects the financial position and operations of the District for the reporting period; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors recognizes the importance of regularly reviewing the District's financial condition to ensure responsible fiscal management and compliance with applicable federal, state, and local financial reporting requirements.

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

1. The South Central Regional Transit District hereby approves the Fiscal Year 2027 First Quarter Financial Report, including the Cash, Expenditure, Operating Revenue, and Capital Appropriations Reports, as presented.

2. The Board of Directors acknowledges receipt of the Fiscal Year 2027 First Quarter Financial Report and finds that it provides an accurate summary of the District's financial activities through September 30, 2026.

3. The Executive Director is authorized to take any actions necessary to ensure continued compliance with all applicable financial reporting, budgeting, and accounting requirements.

4. The South Central Regional Transit District shall continue to monitor its financial performance and provide periodic financial reports to the Board of Directors in accordance with District policies and applicable federal and state requirements.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED by the governing body at its meeting of October 28, 2026.

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Manuel A. Sanchez
SCRTD Board Chair

ATTEST:

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David Armijo
Executive Director, South Central Regional Transit District