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.

Manuel A. Sanchez
SCRTD Board Chair

ATTEST:

David Armijo
Executive Director, South Central Regional Transit District