



NMTA Winter 2025 Newsletter

News from the NM Transit Association President



This year continues to be a busy year for NMTA working with its lobbyist and preparing for NMTA's 2025 Bus Rodeo, Conference and Expo as well as the joint 2026 NMTA/SWTA Conference.

The Legislative Committee submitted its funding request to Rebecca Rouse, the Governor's Infrastructure Advisor. The amount of funding for the state match fund was less than the Governor's request in HB 2.

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News from NM Department of Transportation



FY26 Budget Award Recommendation Meeting – SAVE THE DATE!

It's that time of year again...the Annual Budget Award meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 10:00 AM for all 5310 and 5311 subrecipients**. This meeting outlines funding requests, distribution index and recommended 5310 Capital and 5311 Administrative/Operating and 5339 Capital Awards. This meeting will be held virtually.

Bike to Work Week May 12-18, 2025

Bike to work week encourages bicycling for fun, fitness, and as an option to commute to work and this year the NMDOT Active Transportation team is hosting a Bike to Work event at the South Capitol Station Bus

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Highlighting New Mexico Transit Members

The City of Las Cruces Announces Richard Hanway As The New Transit Director



The City of Las Cruces announces the appointment of Richard Hanway to the position of Transit Director. Richard has nearly 30 years of experience in the transportation industry and a bachelor's degree in business administration.



He joined the City of Las Cruces in 2010 as a Bus Operator. He was promoted to Route Supervisor in 2014, followed by a quick advancement to Transit Manager in 2015. He also served as the Interim Fleet Administrator for several months before returning to the Transit department.

His efforts played a key role in securing a significant grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration, enabling the Roadrunner Transit to acquire five electric buses for its fleet in 2024, and six electric buses in 2025. Richard succeeds Michael Bartholomew who retired March 31, 2025, after serving over 23 years as the director of Roadrunner Transit.



Retirement Announcement: Congratulations Mike Bartholomew!

After nearly 43 years of dedication to the people-moving industry, with over 23 years as the director of Roadrunner Transit and serving 14 years on the NMTA Board of Directors, we want to take a moment to express our sincere gratitude for his unwavering commitment and invaluable service.

Over the past 14 years, Mike has served on the NMTA Board, taking on various officer roles and most recently contributing to the Membership and Sponsors Subcommittee. His leadership and tireless work have made a lasting impact on improving transit throughout New Mexico. Mike's contributions have not only helped shape the future of transportation but have also inspired countless colleagues and peers. His passion for bettering transit systems and advocating for the community is a testament to his character and work ethic.



On behalf of the entire NMTA and the many people who have benefited from his efforts, we extend our sincerest thanks to Mike for his exceptional service. We wish him all the best in this

next chapter of his life, knowing that his legacy will continue to inspire and guide the future of transit in New Mexico.

Congratulations on your retirement, Mike! Your hard work has truly made a difference.



News from ABQ RIDE

Next Stop: ABQ RIDE Updates

7 Million Rides Strong

ABQ RIDE's 2024 ridership count is in and totals 7,362,536 rides provided to the community across three services: bus (fixed route and ART), paratransit (Sun Van), and microtransit (ABQ RIDE Connect) services.

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News from Rio Metro Regional Transit District

Ageless Achievers Series



In February 2025, Rio Metro introduced *Ageless Achievers: Spotlight on Senior Passengers*, a series celebrating the vibrant lives of seniors across Central New Mexico. Each month, two inspiring individuals aged 60+ are featured on Rio Metro's website, social media, and e-newsletter. These stories showcase how seniors who have ridden the New Mexico Rail Runner Express remain active, engaged, and continue making meaningful contributions to the community. Visit www.riometro.org/agelessachievers to read their stories.

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News from South Central Regional Transit District

South Central Regional Transit District Transports Doña Ana County Firefighter Cadets

Regional Transportation Agency Meets Regional Needs for All Types of Transportation

Sunland Park, NM – The South Central Regional Transit District (SCRTD) proudly supported the Doña Ana County Firefighter Cadet Training Program by transporting 30 cadets to the Fire Fighters Training Academy in Socorro, New Mexico, on Friday, December 6, 2024.



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National Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP) Upcoming Tribal & Rural Mini-Conference

TRAINING DETAILS: Days 1–2 (Grant Writing) and Day 3 (NEPA or PASS Securement+ Training Workshops)

DATES: 6/24/25 - 6/25/25 (Grant Writing) and 6/26/25 (NEPA or Customer Service/Problem Passenger/PASS Securement) **CONCURRENT WORKSHOP TRAINING ROOMS:** Grant Writing (Chapel), NEPA (Chapel), and PASS+ Training (Pinon)

COST: \$100 per person. Click here for Eventbrite registration. PASS Securement attendees must also email here to indicate interest. **BEVERAGES & SNACKS INCLUDED:** All-day beverage station plus snack stations at the AM & PM breaks. Lunch on your own.

INSTRUCTORS: Michia Casebier, M.G. Tech-Writing, LLC (Grant Writing); plus, Steven Matthews, The Akana Group (NEPA), and John Filippone, Filippone Consulting (Customer Service/Dealing with Problem Passengers/PASS Securement Training)

Registration Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2025-national-rtap-rural-tribal-transit-mini-conference-santa-fe-nm-tickets-1291325743059?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

HOTEL/ROOM BLOCK RATE: Hilton-Santa Fe/Historic Plaza, 100 Sandoval Street, Santa Fe, NM. 87501 - GSA per diem rate of \$167/night by 6/2/25. Mention: "NRTAP" if you call to make your reservations at 1-800-236-3190.)

[More Information on the National RTAP Mini-Conference](#)

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