North Central Regional Transit District (NCRTD)

Resolution 2019-32

A RESOLUTION WAIVING FARES FOR 255 MOUNTAIN TRAIL FOR THREE DAYS IN NCRTD FY 2020 IN SUPPORT OF THE SANTA FE NATIONAL FOREST FEE-FREE DAYS

WHEREAS, the NCRTD was created through legislative enactment (NMSA 1978, Sections 73-25-1 through 73-25-19); and

WHEREAS, the NCRTD is a subdivision of the State of New Mexico with all the authority and duties of the same; and

WHEREAS, it is lawful for the NCRTD to charge fares for transit services (NMSA 1978, Section 73-25-6 (A) (4)); and

WHEREAS, the NCRTD Board has the non-delegable authority to establish all policies regarding fees, tolls, rates or charges. (NMSA 1978, Section 73-25-5 (A) (4)); and

WHEREAS, the NCRTD currently operates the majority of its routes fare free and only requires fares for flex routing, paratransit, demand services, and two fixed routes; and

WHEREAS, one of the two fixed routes that require fares is 255 Mountain Trail; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe National Forest is offering "fee-free" days to create an opportunity for more Americans to connect with their public lands and participate in outdoor activities; and

WHEREAS, the National Public Lands Day, Veterans Day and National Get Outdoors Day have been identified as "fee-free" days by the Forest Service; and

WHEREAS, the loss of revenue for the three fare free days will not impact the Districts overall budget or funding for the route; and

WHEREAS, the Board deems it consistent with Long Range Strategic Plan goals and objectives to waive the fares for the three days because the fee waiver advances multiple goals and objectives including Objective 3.2 (increase NCRTD's impact on economic development in the region) and Objective 4.2 (Establish stronger working relationships with local municipalities, tribes, government agencies) and Objective 6.2 (expand marketing and promotion efforts to increase new and choice ridership.)
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the North Central Regional Transit District Board of Directors hereby approves the following fee waivers:

1. The NCRTD will provide fare-free service on the 255 Mountain Trail three days per year.
2. The dates of the three days are subject to change based upon direction from the United States Forest Service but shall generally be National Public Lands Day, Veterans Day and National Get Outdoors Day.
3. Staff is directed to coordinate with the Forest Service and that Santa Fe National Forest, and to encourage use of public transportation by visitors accessing the Santa Fe National Forest.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT ON THIS 2nd DAY OF AUGUST 2019.

Daniel Barrone, Chair

Approved as to form:

Peter Dwyer, Counsel