



Fact Sheet

Taos Operations & Maintenance Facility – Project Overview

Location:

1320 Salazar Road, Taos, NM

Project Background

The North Central Regional Transit District (NCRTD) broke ground on September 6, 2023, on a \$17 million Operations and Maintenance Facility in Taos, New Mexico. Construction remained on time and on budget, with the facility to begin operations by August 2025. The facility will serve as a key operations base for Blue Bus service in the greater Taos area, supporting improved transit reliability, efficiency, safety, and sustainability.

This project provides the infrastructure needed to continue enhancing the region's resilient, equitable, and effective public transportation system—strengthening service for thousands of daily riders across rural northern New Mexico.

Project Cost & Funding

- Federal Funding Sources	\$ 12,876,990
- Bond Financing and Reserves	4,701,504
TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	\$ 17,578,494

Construction Team

- Prime Contractor: Weil Construction
- Design Lead: Huitt-Zollars, Inc.
- Northstar: Owner's Representative

Facility Details

- Total Facility Size: 18,000 square feet
 - Administrative Space: 7,200 sq ft
 - Maintenance Space: 10,800 sq ft
- Site Features:
 - Bus, employee, and visitor parking
 - Vehicle maintenance, repair, and wash bays
 - Fueling station and EV charging infrastructure

- Administrative offices and meeting rooms
- Locker rooms, training rooms, and wellness space
- Space reserved for potential future workforce housing

Environmental Features

- Rainwater collection barrels for reuse as non-potable water use activities
- Sun sensors and skylights for natural lighting and reduced energy use
- Electric vehicle charging stations for MyBlue electric fleet
- Energy-efficient HVAC and lighting systems
- Use of recycled and regionally sourced materials where possible

Benefits for the Region

- Local maintenance capacity reduces bus downtime
- More timely and reliable service delivery
- Serves approximately 34,482 Taos County residents
- Reduces congestion and emissions through expanded transit use

Benefits for Drivers, Maintenance, and Operations Staff

- Modern maintenance bays and equipment for efficient repairs
- On-site fueling and wash facilities streamline operations
- Locker rooms and wellness space for employee comfort
- Multipurpose break room and training space for skills development and safety
- Administrative space promotes collaboration

Fleet Expansion and Rural Rapid Transit Network

The District is acquiring three state-of-the-art New Flyer Xcelsior Hybrid Electric Buses that will be based at this facility. These advanced, fuel-efficient vehicles are part of the NCRTD's Zero Emission Bus Plan as part of its 20-Year Strategic Plan, the District commits to a full-transition ZEB fleet to reduce carbon emissions and improve air quality

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