

Blue bus BULLETIN

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Taos Operations and Maintenance Facility Open!

The Blue Bus 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.

On Wednesday, June 25, the Blue Bus held a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony with remarks from Executive Director Anthony Mortillaro, Board Chair Lee A. Garcia and representatives from the offices of U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich, U.S. Senator Ben Ray Lujan and Congresswoman Teresa Leger Fernández and the New Mexico Department of Transportation.

Guests were invited to take guided tours of the new facility, where they got an inside look at how the space will support daily operations, vehicle maintenance and service coordination. Along the way, they learned about the specialized equipment and systems that will help keep the Blue Bus fleet running safely and efficiently with advanced maintenance bays and energy-efficient features designed to reduce our environmental footprint. With on-site fueling, fleet storage, and dedicated driver areas, the Taos Operations and Maintenance Facility represents a major step

forward in supporting transit operations and improving working conditions for staff.



Following the ribbon-cutting ceremony, the Blue Bus hosted a community open house where families were invited to see the facility that will provide them with better service throughout their community. Guided tours mirroring that of the ribbon-cutting ceremony let community members see first-hand the impact this facility will have on Blue Bus service.



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Celebrate Rural Transit Day With Us

Every year on July 16, the National Rural Transit Assistance Program (National RTAP) and transit agencies around the country celebrate Rural Transit Day. This event highlights the benefits, challenges and solutions in rural transit as well as the efforts of transit employees to serve their rural communities.

The Blue Bus joined National RTAP in pledging to show our commitment to rural transit. We pledge to:

1. Understand the unique needs of rural and tribal passengers and plan services to meet those needs.
2. Provide all passengers with helpful, courteous, and respectful customer service.
3. Deliver equal service to all passengers, regardless of age, background, abilities, income, or gender.
4. Coordinate with community organizations to provide transportation to as many destinations as possible.
5. Involve passengers, community stakeholders, and elected officials in service planning.
6. Assure that vehicles and facilities are safe, clean, well-maintained, and

comfortable.

7. Invest in training and education that keep staff current, knowledgeable and skilled.
8. Contribute to an organizational culture where staff are motivated and successful.
9. Have a plan for potential emergencies and disasters and communicate that plan to all stakeholders.
10. Keep up-to-date with and invest in new technologies and funding opportunities to continually improve services.

Join us in celebrating Rural Transit Day and our rural transit heroes on Wednesday, July 16!

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