

## New Mexico Department of Transportation Park & Ride History and Facts through FY 2019



### History

- In May 2003, NMDOT Park & Ride started with 9 buses on 3 routes.
- In December 2003, the Purple Route between Albuquerque and Santa Fe began.
- In July 2005, the Orange Route to Las Vegas began.
- In January 2006, the Silver Route from Las Cruces to White Sands Missile Range was established.
- On July 2, 2007, the Turquoise Route from Moriarty and Sedillo to Albuquerque Uptown and Alvarado Transit Centers was established. A stop in Edgewood was added January 2, 2008.
- On August 3, 2009, the Purple Route became an express route between the NM-599 Rail Runner Express Station and Los Alamos. The Purple route was expanded on August 29, 2011, to provide one morning run from Albuquerque.
- On September 1, 2009, the Gold Route began operating between Las Cruces and El Paso, Texas, with a stop in Anthony, Texas, and connections with the Silver Route going to White Sands Missile Range.

### Current Service

- NMDOT Park & Ride is the fifth largest public bus transit operation in New Mexico based on ridership.
- Service is provided by 23 fifty-seven passenger buses, with two fifty-seven passenger spare buses.
- The service operates on eleven routes (including three shuttle routes).
- Buses make 111 daily runs, covering 502 departures.
- The daily service totals 4,329 bus route miles and serves 23 Park & Ride lot bus stops and 36 regular bus stops in the system.
- Park & Ride Shuttles provide connections with the Rail Runner Express at the South Capitol Station and the NM-599 Station.
- Affordable passenger fares average 7¢ per mile.
- All buses are accessible for persons with disabilities and have storage for bicycles and luggage.
- NMDOT Park & Ride provided 232,830 passenger trips in State Fiscal Year 2019 (July 1 – June 30).

### Benefits of Park & Ride in State Fiscal Year 2019

- Reduced traffic congestion by removing 7.68 million vehicle miles of travel from our highways during the busiest commute hours
- Reduced carbon dioxide emissions (a Greenhouse Gas) by 3,725 tons
- Reduced gasoline consumption by 384,142 gallons (assumes 25 mpg average)
- Served an Average Daily Ridership of 931 passengers
- Reduced commute costs by 52¢ per mile\*
- Saved the average Park & Ride monthly pass holder \$601 per month as opposed to driving a personal vehicle\*
- Provided a safe means of travel: In FY 2019, Park & Ride buses provided over 7.68 million passenger miles without a fatality or serious injury.

\* Based on the AAA 2018 Edition of "Your Driving Costs:" 59¢/mile per average vehicle, 15,000 miles per year; in comparison to 7¢/mile with an NMDOT Park & Ride monthly pass.

### New Mexico Park & Ride Summary Table - State Fiscal Year 2004 to 2019

State FY	Trips	Trips % Change From Previous Year	Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Reduced	VMT Reduced % Change From Previous Year	CO <sup>2</sup> Emissions Reduced (Tons)
2003	21,251	--	520,403	--	252
2004	170,403	701.86%	6,526,435	1154%	3,166
2005	230,248	35.12%	8,818,498	35.12%	4,277
2006	289,984	25.94%	11,102,290	25.90%	5,385
2007	302,054	4.16%	11,647,929	4.91%	5,649
2008	370,315	22.60%	14,473,577	24.26%	7,019
2009	316,223	-14.61%	11,133,461	-23.08%	5,399
2010	258,086	-18.38%	7,679,362	-31.02%	3,724
2011	292,476	13.33%	8,881,337	15.65%	4,307
2012	310,128	6.04%	9,561,978	7.66%	4,637
2013	312,320	0.71%	9,741,573	1.88%	4,724
2014	315,738	1.09%	9,865,970	1.28%	4,785
2015	291,892	-7.55%	9,205,243	-6.70%	4,464
2016	264,221	-9.48%	8,338,761	-9.41%	4,044
2017	247,100	-6.48%	7,874,567	-5.57%	3,819
2018	240,117	-2.8%	7,739,094	-1.72%	3,753
2019	232,830	-3.03%	7,682,833	-0.73%	3,725
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4,232,556</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>143,110,478</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>69,404</b>