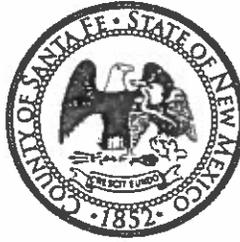


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Liz Stefanics
Commissioner, District 5

Katherine Miller
County Manager

DATE: January 13, 2015

TO: Board of County Commissioners

VIA: Katherine Miller, County Manager *KM 1.16.15*

FROM: Tony Flores, Deputy County Manager *[Signature]*

RE: *Request Authorization to Execute the North Central Regional Transit District Amended Intergovernmental Agreement*

Background and Summary

The North Central Regional Transit (NCRTD) was created through legislative enactment (NMSA 1978, Section 73-25-1 et seq.) which allowed the formation of Regional Transit Districts intended to provide safe and efficient public transit systems. As a Subdivision of the State of New Mexico, the NCRTD was approved and certified by the New Mexico Department of Transportation on September 16, 2004.

The NCRTD was formed through unprecedented cooperative efforts by local governments and the pueblos of northern New Mexico and the NCRTD began providing service in 2007 and continues to provide safe, secure and efficient public transportation within north central New Mexico in order to enhance the quality of life of its citizens by providing mobility options and to spur economic developments throughout the region.

The NCRTD is entering its 10th year since of existence as the first Regional Transit District in the State of New Mexico.

The NCRTD has provided the County with an amended Intergovernmental Agreement (Agreement) for consideration due to the fact not all NCRTD Members have executed previous versions of the Agreement and to confirm the members and their respective voting strength.

Exhibit A – November 20, 2014, Letter from the NCRTD

Exhibit B – Amended Agreement

Exhibit C – Redline Version of Agreement

Exhibit D – NCRTD Voting Strength Analysis of November 7, 2014

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November 20, 2014

Commissioner Daniel Mayfield
Board of County Commissioners, Chair
Santa Fe County
102 Grant Avenue
Santa Fe, NM 87504

Dear Commissioner Mayfield:

The North Central Regional Transit District (NCRTD) is writing to encourage all fourteen of its current Members to execute the attached Inter Governmental Contract (IGC). The agreement is the fundamental link between our members and confirms the roles and responsibilities of all Members within the structure provided for under the Regional Transit District Act (NMSA 1978, Section 73-25-1 et seq.)

After 10 years the NCRTD has arrived as an exemplary intergovernmental agency and a model transit agency. In 2013 we received from the New Mexico Department of Transportation the Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) System of the Year Award. Recently we were awarded the Federal Transit Administration Administrator's Award for Outstanding Public Service in Rural Public Transportation on a national level. In addition the Board has consistently demonstrated the ability to form a true consensus among city, county and tribal governments throughout the region. The success of this regional cooperation should be a point of pride for each and every Member.

In order to ensure that the NCRTD continues its success we request that each member take the attached IGC to its respective governing body, obtain approval through its own process, and then return a signed copy to the NCRTD. This will ensure that all fourteen members confirm their willingness to go forward with their participation in the District.

The attached agreement is a "novation" of the prior 2006, 2008 and 2013 IGCs because not all members have executed and sent in signed copies of the prior agreements. We would like to have all Members current by February of 2015 and therefore request that you take action to approve and sign this agreement before the end of February.

In addition to confirming the membership, the 2014 IGC will make adjustments to the voting strength of the Members matrix. The changes include adding a voting unit to the City of Santa Fe to reflect new population from its annexations, and additional voting units and quorum requirements due to new members such as the towns of Edgewood, Taos and Nambe Pueblo. The voting strength chart is attached to the IGC as Appendix B.

- Daniel Barrone
Chair
- Anthony J. Mortillaro
Executive Director
- Governmental
Board of Directors
- City of Española
- City of Santa Fe
- Town of Edgewood
- County of Rio Arriba
- County of Santa Fe
- County of Los Alamos
- County of Taos
- Nambe` Pueblo
- Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo
- Santa Clara Pueblo
- Pueblo of Pojoaque
- Pueblo of Tesuque
- Pueblo de San Ildefonso

If you have questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact our Executive Director, Anthony Mortillaro, at (505) 629-4713. He can explain the history of the agency and the voting strength matrix.

I thank you for your assistance in this matter and congratulate you and your organization on the success you have helped bring about through participation in this regional enterprise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel Barrone', written over a horizontal line.

Daniel Barrone, Mayor Town of Taos and
Chair of the North Central Regional Transit District

cc: County Manager Katherine Miller
Commissioner Miguel Chavez
Commissioner Liz Stefanics

Exhibit B

**NORTH CENTRAL
REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT**

**AMENDED
INTERGOVERNMENTAL
CONTRACT**

**APPROVED
BY
NCRTD BOARD
_____, 2014**

**NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONTRACT**

By and among:

**TOWN OF EDGEWOOD
CITY OF ESPAÑOLA
COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS
PUEBLO OF NAMBE
PUEBLO OF OHKAY OWINGEH
PUEBLO OF POJOAQUE
COUNTY OF RÍO ARRIBA
PUEBLO OF SAN ILDEFONSO
PUEBLO OF SANTA CLARA
CITY OF SANTA FE
COUNTY OF SANTA FE
COUNTY OF TAOS
TOWN OF TAOS
AND
PUEBLO OF TESUQUE**

Dated as of November 7th, 2014.

**Providing for the creation and operation of
the “North Central Regional Transit District” as a Regional Transit District
pursuant to the New Mexico Regional Transit District Act,
Chapter 73, Article 25, Sections 1-18, NMSA 1978 (2003)**

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**NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONTRACT**

THIS NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONTRACT (hereinafter, this "Contract") is entered into as of the date indicated on page 2 of this Contract by and among the **TOWN OF EDGEWOOD, CITY OF ESPAÑOLA, COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS, PUEBLO OF NAMBÉ, PUEBLO OF OHKAY OWINGEH, PUEBLO OF POJOAQUE, COUNTY OF RÍO ARRIBA, PUEBLO OF SAN ILDEFONSO, PUEBLO OF SANTA CLARA, CITY OF SANTA FE, COUNTY OF SANTA FE, COUNTY OF TAOS, THE TOWN OF TAOS, AND PUEBLO OF TESUQUE.**

RECITALS

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Regional Transit District Act, Chapter 73, Article 25, Sections 1-18, NMSA 1978, (hereinafter the "Act"), New Mexico governmental units are authorized to establish, by contract, regional transit districts, which, upon the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Article II hereof, are authorized to finance, construct, operate, maintain, and promote regional transit systems; and

WHEREAS, governmental units may contract with one another to provide any function, service, or facility lawfully authorized to each of the contracting units and any such contract may provide for the joint exercise of the function, service, or facility, including the establishment of a separate legal entity to do so; and

WHEREAS, the Initial Members were governmental units located in North Central New Mexico, which desire to form a regional transit district pursuant to the Act for the purpose of financing, Constructing, operating, maintaining, and promoting regional transit systems; and

WHEREAS, transit services promote independent living for the frail, the elderly, the disabled, and those without access to automobiles by providing essential links to a variety of medical, social, and other services, and the region recognizes the need to improve mobility options for this growing segment of the population; and

WHEREAS, the Initial Members began working together on the goal of forming a regional transit district in the Spring of 2003; and

WHEREAS, the Initial Members formed a working group in September 2003, which has met regularly to consider the interests of the Initial Members; and

WHEREAS, the working group has specified the terms of this Contract and other necessary documents based on comments received from and extensive discussions with the Governing Bodies of each of the Initial Members; and

WHEREAS, the Initial Members have duly voted for and approved the addition of new members whose Governmental Units are within the boundaries of the district; and

WHEREAS, new members have been added since the formation of the NCRD in 2004 whose memberships and voting rights should be acknowledged and ratified by a novation of this Contract.

AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants set forth below, the Initial Members along with the new members hereby agree to a novation of this Contract

thereby confirming and amending the membership and voting rights of all the members listed herein as follows:

ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

Section 1.01. Definitions from the Act. The following terms shall, when capitalized, have the meanings assigned to them in Section 73-25-3 of the Act:

"*Board*" means the board of directors of a district;

"*Bond*" means a revenue bond;

"*Combination*" means two or more governmental units that exercise joint authority;

"*Commission*" means the New Mexico state transportation commission;

"*Construct*", "*Constructing*", or "*Construction*" means the planning, designing, engineering, acquisition, installation, construction, or reconstruction of a regional transit system;

"*District*" means a regional transit district that is a political subdivision of the state created pursuant to the Act;

"*Governmental Unit*" means the state, a county or a municipality of the state, or an Indian nation, tribe or pueblo located within the boundaries of the state;

"*Regional Transit System*" means a property, improvement, or system designed to be compatible with established state and local transportation plans that transports or conveys passengers within a region by means of a high-occupancy vehicle, including an automobile, truck, bus, van, or railcar; and

"*Revenues*" means tolls, fees, rates, charges, assessments, grants, contributions, or other income and revenues received by the district.

Section 1.02. Other Definitions. The following terms shall, when capitalized, have the following meanings:

"*Act*" is defined in the Recitals hereto.

"*Advisory Committee*" means two or more persons appointed by the Board, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3 hereof, for the purpose of providing advice to the Board and includes the Citizen Advisory Committee.

"*Boundaries*" means the boundaries of the District determined in accordance with Appendix A hereto, as such Appendix and term may be amended from time-to-time in accordance with Articles IX and XI hereof.

"*Citizen Advisory Committee*" means the special Advisory Committee described as such in Article III, Section 3 hereof.

"*Contract*" means this North Central Transit District Intergovernmental Contract, as amended from time to time in accordance with the terms hereof.

"*Director*" means any person appointed as a Director pursuant to Article 4 hereof.

Whenever the person appointed as a Member's Director pursuant to Article 4 hereof is absent from a Board meeting, the term "Director" shall mean the Official Designee, if any, appointed by such Member pursuant to Article 4 hereof.

“*Governing Body*” means, when used with respect to a Member, the city council, board of trustees, board of commissioners, pueblo council, or other legislative body, as appropriate, of such Member.

“*Initial Boundaries*” means the Boundaries of the District on the date the District is originally certified pursuant to Article II hereof, as such Initial Boundaries are determined in accordance with Appendix A hereto.

“*Initial Members*” means the initial signatories who become Members on the date on which the District is originally certified pursuant to Section 2 hereof.

“*Member*” means the Initial Members and any Governmental Unit that becomes a member of the District pursuant to Article XI hereof.

“*NCRTD*” is defined in the Recitals hereto.

“*Officer*” means the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, or Treasurer of the District, and any subordinate officer or agent appointed and designated as an officer of the District by the Board.

“*Official Designee*” means any person appointed as an official designee, pursuant to Article VII hereof.

“*Regional Transit Services*” means the transit services described in Appendix D.

ARTICLE II

NAME AND PURPOSE OF THE DISTRICT AND THE REGIONAL TRANSIT SYSTEMS TO BE PROVIDED

Section 2.01. Name. The name of this transit district is the North Central Regional Transit District (hereinafter, “the District”).

Section 2.02. Purpose. The purpose of the District, being a multimodal public transit district formed pursuant to the Act, recognizes as its purpose to finance, construct, operate, maintain, and promote an efficient, sustainable, and regional multi-modal transportation system at any location or locations, subject to compliance with the Act.

Section 2.03. Members. Membership in the District is open to Governmental Units within or containing the boundaries of Los Alamos, Río Arriba, Taos or Santa Fe Counties. Members may be added or deleted pursuant to Section 73-25-17 of the Act and Article XI hereof.

Section 2.04. Establishment. The North Central Regional Transit District shall be established as a separate political subdivision and body corporate of the State pursuant to the Act and as a separate legal entity created by a contract among the Initial Members, effective upon satisfaction of the following conditions:

- (a) Each Initial Member and new member has held at least one public hearing on the subject of this Contract in accordance with Section 73-25-4 of the Act including relevant attention to requirements for public notice; and
- (b) Each Initial Member has executed the original Contract.

Section 2.05. Regional Transit Systems to Be Provided.

The NCRTD will provide, but not be limited to, the type of regional transit services described in Appendix D, “Regional Transit Mobility Concept for the North Central Regional Transit District.”

Section 2.06. Specific Responsibilities. In addition to the general powers described in Article V hereof, the District shall have the responsibilities described in this Section and shall

have all powers necessary to carry out such responsibilities, subject to the availability of funds and, to the extent required by law, annual appropriation of funds by the Board. The description of specific responsibilities and powers in this Section shall not, however, limit the general powers of the District described in Article V hereof.

- (a) **Regional Transit Planning.** The District shall work in coordination with the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT), Regional Planning Organizations (RPOs), and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to provide regional transit planning services needed to plan and direct the Regional Transit Services of the District, to pursue state and federal funding, and to coordinate overall transportation policy within the area in which it provides Regional Transit Services.
- (b) **Regional Transit Services.** The District shall use its best efforts to provide the Regional Transit Services described in Appendix D hereto.
- (c) **Contract Transit Services.** The District may enter into contracts with any Member or other Person for the provision of transit services in the manner and subject to the terms of such contracts.
- (d) **Local Service.** The District may fund Regional Transit Services that serve the residents and businesses of a Member (as distinguished from regional services) but, except as otherwise specifically provided herein, only pursuant to an agreement in which such Member pays the District for the services provided on the same fully allocated cost basis used to determine costs of District services throughout the District's service area.

ARTICLE III BOUNDARIES

Section 3.01. Original Boundaries. Membership in transit districts is open to Governmental Units, which means the State, a County or Municipality of the State, or an Indian Nation, Tribe, or Pueblo located within the boundaries of the State. The North Central Regional Transit District may include any Governmental Unit within or containing the boundaries of Los Alamos, Río Arriba, Taos or Santa Fe Counties, as described in Appendix A.

Section 3.02. Amendments to Boundaries. The original boundaries of the NCRTD may be amended according to the process described in Article XI of this Contract.

ARTICLE IV CONTRACT

Section 4.01. Effective Date. The term of the original Contract began when the New Mexico State Transportation Commission certified the creation of the District.

Section 4.02. Termination. The term of this Contract shall end when all the current Members agree in writing to terminate this Contract; provided, however, that this Contract may not be terminated so long as the District has any Bonds outstanding.

Section 4.03. Amendments. Any amendment to the Contract shall be made only by the execution in writing of each of the governmental units that entered into the Contract.

Section 4.04. Parties of Interest. Nothing expressed or implied herein is intended or shall be construed to confer upon any Person other than the Members any right, remedy or claim

under or by reason of this Contract; this Contract being intended for the sole and exclusive benefit of the Members.

Section 4.05. No Personal Liability. No covenant or agreement contained in this Contract or any resolution or Bylaw issued by the Board shall be deemed to be the covenant or agreement of an elected or appointed official, officer, agent, servant or employee of any Member in his or her individual capacity.

Section 4.06. Tort Claims. In accordance with the requirements and limitations of liability set forth in the New Mexico Tort Claims Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 41-4-1 through 41-4-27, the District shall cover every risk for which immunity has been waived under the provisions of the Tort Claims Act.

Section 4.07. Notices. Except as otherwise provided in this Contract, all notices, certificates, requests, requisitions, or other communications by the District, any Member, any Director, any Official Designee, any Officer, or any member of a Committee to any other such person pursuant to this Contract shall be in writing; shall be sufficiently given, and shall be deemed given when actually received:

- (a) In the case of the District and Officers of the District, at the last address designated by the District for such purpose; and
- (b) In the case of such other persons, at the last address specified by them in writing to the Secretary of the District.

Unless a certain number of days is specified, notice shall be given within a reasonable period of time.

Section 4.08. Assignment. None of the rights, benefits, duties, or obligations of any Member may be assigned or delegated without the express written consent of all the Members.

Section 4.09. Severability. If any clause, provision, subsection, Section, or Article of this Contract shall be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity, illegality, or enforceability of such clause, provision, subsection, Section or Article shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Agreement.

Section 4.10. Interpretation. Subject only to the express limitations set forth herein, this Contract shall be liberally construed:

- (a) To permit the District and the Members to exercise all powers that may be exercised by a regional transit district pursuant to the Act and by a separate legal entity created by a contract among the Members;
- (b) To permit the Members to exercise all powers that may be exercised by them with respect to the subject matter of this Contract pursuant to the Act and other applicable law; and
- (c) To permit the Board to exercise all powers that may be exercised by the board of directors of a regional transit district pursuant to the Act and by the governing body of a separate legal entity created by a contract among the Members.

In the event of any conflict between the Act or any other law with respect to the exercise of any such power, the provision that permits the broadest exercise of the power consistent with the limitations set forth in this Contract shall govern.

Section 4.11. Governing Law. The laws of the State of New Mexico shall govern the development and enforcement of this Contract.

Section 4.12. Counterparts. This Contract may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which, when so executed and delivered, shall be an original; but such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same Agreement.

**ARTICLE V
POWERS OF THE DISTRICT**

Section 5.01. Powers of the District. A district is a body politic and corporate. In addition to other powers granted to the district pursuant to the Regional Transit District Act [73-25 NMSA 1978], the district may:

- (a) Have perpetual existence, except as otherwise provided in the contract;
- (b) Finance, construct, operate, maintain, or promote regional transit systems within the boundaries of the district;
- (c) Enter into contracts and agreements affecting the affairs of the district;
- (d) Establish, collect, and increase or decrease fees, tolls, rates, or charges for the use of property of a regional transit system financed, constructed, operated, maintained, or promoted by the district; except that fees, tolls, rates, or charges imposed for the use of a regional transit system shall be fixed and adjusted to pay for bonds issued by the district;
- (e) Pledge all or a portion of the revenues to the payment of bonds of the district;
- (f) Provide transit services outside the boundaries of the district.
- (g) Purchase, trade, exchange, acquire, buy, sell, lease, lease with an option to purchase, dispose of, and encumber real or personal property and interest therein, including easements and rights of way;
- (h) Accept real or personal property for the use of the district and accept gifts and conveyances upon the terms and conditions as the board may approve;
- (i) Use the streets, highways, rail rights-of-way, and other public ways and, with permission of the owner, to relocate or alter the construction of streets, highways, rail rights-of-way, other public ways, electric and telephone lines and properties, pipelines, conduits, and other properties, whether publicly or privately owned, if deemed necessary by the district in the construction, reconstruction, repair, maintenance, and operation of the system. Any damage that may occur to the property shall be borne by the district; and
- (j) Sue and be sued.

Section 5.02. Limitations on Powers of the District. The District shall be limited as follows:

- (a) The district may only finance, construct, operate, maintain, or promote Regional Transit Systems;
- (b) Advisory Committees may only be appointed and may only exercise the powers as provided in Article III hereof;
- (c) A notice of the imposition of or any change in any fee or the issuance of Bonds shall be sent to the Division of Local Government and shall be filed with the State Transportation Commission in accordance with the Act.

**ARTICLE VI
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section 6.01. Establishment and Powers. The District shall be governed by a Board of Directors (hereinafter, the "Board") as described in Section 73-25-5 of the Act. The Board shall

exercise and perform all powers, privileges and duties vested in or imposed upon the District. Subject to the exceptions in the Act, the Board may delegate any of its powers to an Officer or agent of the Board.

Section 6.02. Powers of the Board. The Board shall, subject to the limitations set forth herein and relevant State law, have all powers that may be exercised by the board of directors of a regional transit district pursuant to the Act and all powers that may be exercised by the governing body of a separate legal entity created by a contract among the Members. Such powers shall include, but shall not be limited to:

- (a) Adopt Bylaws;
- (b) Fix the time and place of meetings and the method of notice of the meetings;
- (c) Make and pass orders and resolutions necessary for the government and management of the affairs of the District and the execution of the powers vested in the District;
- (d) Appoint, hire, or retain an Executive Director;
- (e) Maintain offices at a place the Board may designate;
- (f) Prescribe financial and procurement policies and procedures in accordance with relevant State and Federal laws and policies;
- (g) Adopt other policies as may be deemed necessary for the functioning of the District; and
- (h) Appoint advisory committees and define the duties of the committees.
- (i) Board may add ex-officio members as needed.

Section 6.03. Advisory Committees. The Board may appoint and maintain a Citizen Advisory Committee to advise the Board with respect to policy and service matters. The Board may also appoint other Advisory Committees to advise the Board. The members of the Citizen Advisory Committee shall not be Directors, Official Designees, or employees of the District. The members of Advisory Committees other than the Citizen Advisory Committee may include Directors, Official Designees, and Officers of the District. Advisory Committees shall not be authorized to exercise any power of the Board.

Section 6.04. Bylaws and Rules. The Board, acting by resolution adopted as provided in Article IX hereof, may adopt bylaws or rules governing the activities of the District and the Board, including, but not limited to, bylaws or rules governing the conduct of Board meetings, voting procedures, and the type of resolutions that must be in writing.

Section 6.05. Budget. The Board shall approve an annual budget pursuant to the legal requirement to submit an annual budget to the State.

ARTICLE VII DIRECTORS

Section 7.01. Appointment of Directors and Official Designees. Pursuant to Section 73-25-5 of the Act, the Board shall be composed of one (1) Director from each Member of the District. A Director shall be an elected official, Official Designee or Tribal Council Member. The Director or Official Designee (if any) shall be nominated by the chief elected official of the Member and approved by the Governing Body of the Member.

Section 7.02. Terms of Office. The term of office of each Director and Official Designee shall commence with the first meeting of the Board following his or her appointment and shall continue until removed by the appointing Member, or until she or he no longer holds

elective office in the Governing Body of the appointing Member, or until she or he submits a written resignation to the Chair. Directors shall not serve a term longer than four (4) years unless re-appointed by their Member governing body.

Section 7.03. Resignation and Removal. Any Director or Official Designee may resign at any time, effective upon receipt by the Secretary or the Chair of written notice signed by the person who is resigning; and may be removed at any time by the Governing Body of the Member that appointed him or her, effective upon receipt by the Secretary or the Chair of written notice signed by the Governing Body of the appointing Member.

Section 7.04. Vacancies. Vacancies in the office of any Director or Official Designee shall be filled in the same manner in which the vacant office was originally filled.

Section 7.05. Compensation. Directors and Official Designees shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in serving in such capacities upon such terms and pursuant to such procedures as may be established by the Board, pursuant to State law.

ARTICLE VIII OFFICERS

Section 8.01. Identification. The Board shall elect or appoint a Chair, a Vice Chair, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

Section 8.02. Appointment. The currently elected Board shall elect Officers by simple majority vote after canvassing each member as to his or her interest in service, time availability, and qualifications. The Officers shall be Directors. All Officers of the District shall meet the other qualifications, if any, stated for his or her office elsewhere in this Article.

Section 8.03. Term of Office. Each Officer shall serve until the end of their term or until a successor is elected or appointed or the Officer is lawfully removed pursuant to State law, this Contract, or the Bylaws. Officers may serve unlimited terms.

Section 8.04. Resignation. Any Officer may resign at any time effective upon receipt by the Secretary or the Chair of written notice signed by the person who is resigning.

Section 8.05. Removal of Officers. Any Officer of the Board may be removed at any time by a two-thirds majority vote of the voting units of the Board.

Section 8.06. Vacancies. Vacancies in the office of any Officer shall be filled in the same manner in which such office was originally filled.

Section 8.07. Chair. The Chair shall:

- (a) Have the power to call meetings of the Board and to preside over such meetings;
- (b) Have the power to execute, deliver, acknowledge, file, and record on behalf of the District such documents as may be required by the Act or other applicable law;
- (c) Have the power to execute and deliver contracts, deeds, and other instruments and agreements on behalf of the District as are necessary or appropriate in the ordinary course of its activities or as are duly authorized or approved by the Board;
- (d) Have such additional authority, powers, and duties as are appropriate and customary for the office of the Chair of the board of directors of entities such as the District, and as the Board may otherwise prescribe.

Section 8.08. Vice Chair. The Vice Chair shall:

- (a) Be the Officer next in seniority after the Chair and, upon the death, absence, or disability of the Chair, shall have the authority, powers, and duties of the Chair;
- (b) Have such additional authority, powers, and duties as are prescribed by the Board.

Section 8.09. Secretary. If a Treasurer has not been elected or appointed, the Secretary shall also serve as Treasurer and may use the title of Treasurer in performing the functions of Treasurer. The Secretary shall:

- (a) Designate a staff member who will assist in carrying out the work of the Secretary, under the day-to-day supervision of the Executive Director but with responsibility lying with the Secretary;
- (b) Give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings (including special meetings) of the Board;
- (c) Keep written minutes of such meetings;
- (d) Be responsible for the maintenance of all records and files and the preparation and filing of reports to governmental agencies (other than tax returns);
- (e) Have such other authority, powers and duties as are appropriate and customary for the office of Secretary of entities such as the District, and as the Board may otherwise prescribe.

Section 8.10. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall, subject to rules and procedures established by the Board:

- (a) Designate a staff member who will assist in carrying out the work of the Treasurer, under the day-to-day supervision of the Executive Director but with responsibility lying with the Treasurer;
- (b) Be responsible for the custody of the funds and all stocks, bonds, and other securities owned by the District;
- (c) Be responsible for the preparation and filing of all tax returns, if any, required to be filed by the District;
- (d) Receive all moneys paid to the District and, subject to any limits imposed by the Board or the Chair, shall have authority to give receipts and vouchers, and endorse checks and warrants in the District's name and on the District's behalf, and to give full discharge for the same;
- (e) Sign checks and warrants, but must secure the signature of either the Executive Director or one other Board Officer. In the absence of the Executive Director, a second Officer may sign;
- (f) Have charge of disbursement of the funds of the District, shall keep full and accurate records of the receipts and disbursements, and shall deposit all moneys and other valuables in such depositories as shall be designated by the Board;
- (g) Deposit and invest all funds of the District in accordance with the laws of the State applying to the deposit and investment of funds of regional transit districts formed under the Act;
- (h) Have such additional authority, powers and duties as are appropriate and customary for the office of Treasurer of entities such as the District, and as the Board may otherwise prescribe.

Section 8.11. Executive Director. The Board shall appoint an Executive Director who shall be the chief executive officer of the District, shall supervise the activities of the District, shall see that all policies, directions and orders of the Board are carried out and shall, under the supervision of the Board, have such other authority, powers, or duties as may be prescribed by the Board. The Executive Director shall, subject to rules and procedures established by the Board:

- (a) Sign contracts or agreements with vendors or service providers that are necessary to carry out the purposes of the District, provided, however, that they involve less than \$100,000, and are included in a duly approved budget. Expenses over \$100,000 shall be approved by the Board and signed by the appropriate Officers;
- (b) Appoint, hire, and retain employees, agents, engineers, attorneys, accountants, financial advisors, investment bankers, and other consultants as approved through the budget process;
- (c) Dispose of assets of the District, provided, however, that the assets are no longer useful to the District and have a nominal market value;
- (d) Sign contracts or agreements specifically approved by the Board.

Section 8.12. Changes to Authority, Powers and Duties. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, the Board at any time may expand, limit, or modify the authority, powers and duties of any Officer pursuant to the Act.

ARTICLE IX VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Section 9.01. Voting Strength of Members. Each Member of the District shall have a voting strength as determined by the Voting Strength Analysis, Appendix B.

Section 9.02. Quorum. The presence of Directors representing a majority of the Members and a majority of the total number of voting units shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 9.03. Simple Majority Vote. If a quorum is present, action by simple majority of voting units present and eligible to vote shall be the act of the Board, unless the act of a greater number is required by the Bylaws, the Contract, or applicable law.

Section 9.04. Two-Thirds Vote. If a quorum is present, two-thirds (2/3) majority of the voting units is required for the following actions:

- (a) Addition or withdrawal of territory or property, pursuant to Article 8 of the Bylaws, Article XI of this Contract, and Sections 73-25-6 and 73-25-17 of the Act;
- (b) Removal of Officers from the Board, pursuant to Article 10 of the Bylaws and Article VIII of this Contract;
- (c) Amendment of the Bylaws, pursuant to Section 15 of the Bylaws.
- (d) Amendments to this Contract, pursuant to Article IV of this Contract.

Section 9.05. Budget. The annual budget shall be passed by a simple majority of voting units.

ARTICLE X ASSETS

Section 10.01. Acquisition of Assets. The District may acquire assets on its own authority or through contract with Members of the District. Assets contributed by each Member shall be so noted.

Section 10.02. Disposition of Assets. The District may dispose of assets that are surplus, at the end of their useful life, or are no longer needed by the District, pursuant to State and Federal regulations.

Distribution of Assets Upon Termination. Upon termination of this Contract, pursuant to Article IV hereof, the net assets of the District shall be distributed to the parties with a financial interest in the assets and in proportion to their contribution to the purchase of the asset. Where the District itself has a financial interest in the asset, its current value will be divided equally among the Members of the District at the time of its termination.

ARTICLE XI

ADDING OR WITHDRAWING TERRITORY

Section 11.01. Initial Members. The Initial Members shall be the initial signatories whose participation in the District is described in Articles II and III, and Appendix A hereof.

11.02 Addition of Members. After the creation of the District, a Governmental Unit adjacent to or contained within a Governmental Unit adjacent to, but not part of, the District may join the District as a Member

11.03 Inclusion or Exclusion of Property. The Board may include or exclude property from the boundaries of the District, pursuant to Section 73-25-6 and Section 73-25-17 of the Act.

11.04 Withdrawal of Members. A Member of the District may withdraw from the District by adopting a resolution to withdraw. The Member shall withdraw its representative from the Board of Directors.

SIGNATURE PAGE

To

**NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

Dated as of _____

TOWN OF EDGEWOOD

Name _____

Title _____

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CITY OF SANTA FE

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Dated as of _____

COUNTY OF SANTA FE

Name _____

Title _____

Signature _____

Approved as to form
Santa Fe County Attorney

By: *[Signature]*

Date: 12/4/11

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ATTESTATION

Date _____

Geraldine Salazar
Santa Fe County Clerk

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To

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Dated as of _____

COUNTY OF TAOS

Name _____

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TOWN OF TAOS

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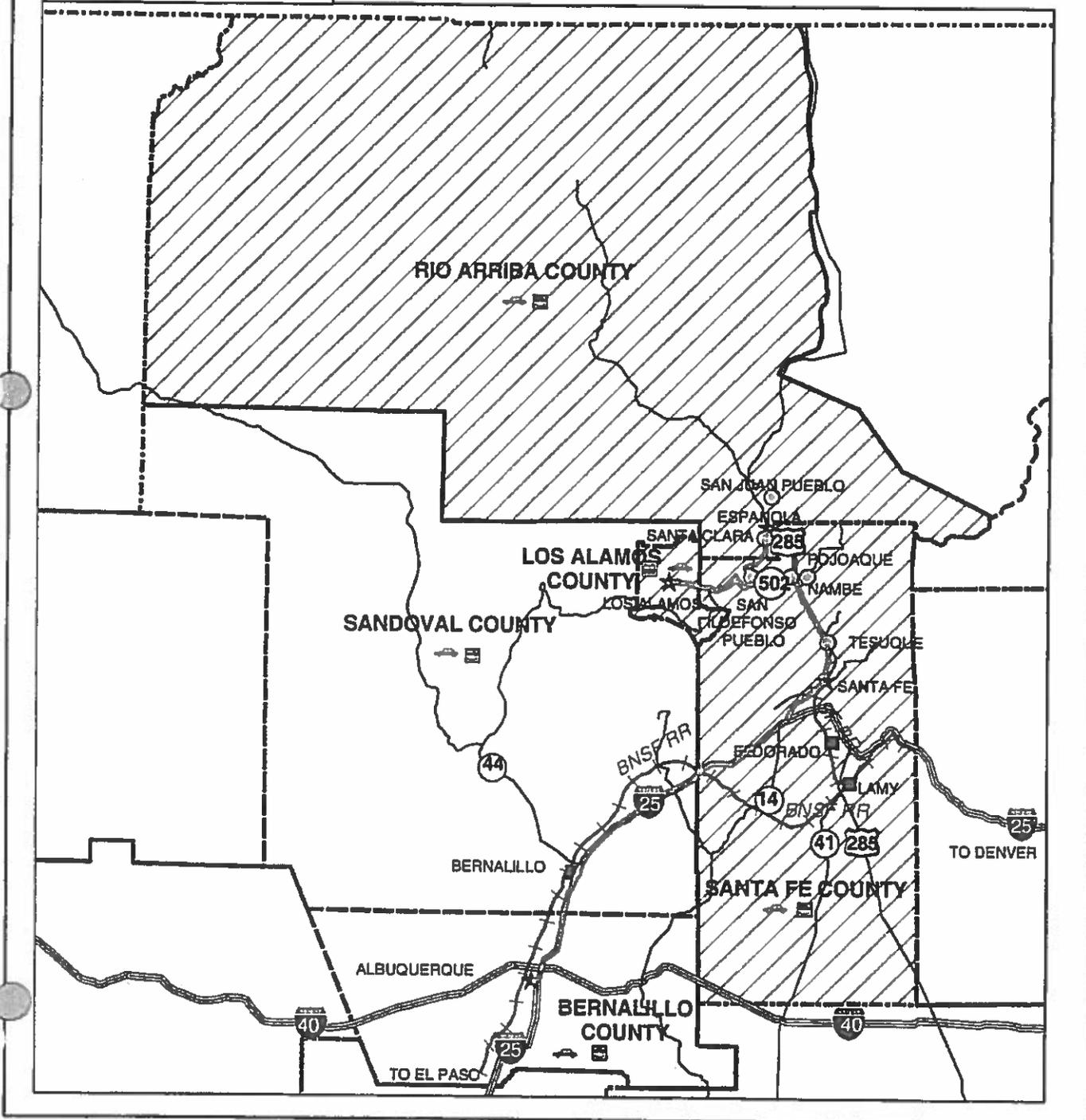
**APPENDIX A
DETERMINATION OF THE ORIGINAL BOUNDARIES OF THE DISTRICT**

The Original Boundaries of the District may, subject to Articles II and III hereof, consist of Governmental Units located within or containing the boundaries of Los Alamos, Río Arriba, or Santa Fe Counties. The attached map shows the original boundaries of the District.

Regional Transit Mobility Concept for the North Central Regional Transit District

LEGEND

- COMMUNITIES
- ★ CITIES WITH LOCAL TRANSIT SYSTEMS
- PUEBLOS
- COUNTY AVAILABLE CARPOOL/
VANPOOL PROGRAMS
- ▭ PROPOSED TRANSIT DISTRICT
- EXISTING PARK & RIDE CORRIDORS
- STATE HIGHWAYS
- INTERSTATES
- RAILROADS
- COUNTY BOUNDARIES



VOTING STRENGTH ANALYSIS - November 7, 2014

Member	Population (1)	% of Total Population	Member Unit	Populates Units (2)	Total Voting Units	Voting Units % of Total
Los Alamos County	17,798	7.51%	1	2	3	9%
Rio Arriba County	23,925	10.10%	1	3	4	12%
Spanish City	10,224	4.32%	1	2	3	9%
Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo	2,791	1.18%	1	0	1	3%
Santa Clara Pueblo	3,132	1.32%	1	0	1	3%
Taos County	27,304	11.52%	1	3	4	12%
Town of Taos	5,731	2.42%	1	1	2	6%
Santa Fe County	57,593	24.31%	1	4	5	15%
San Ildefonso Pueblo	672	0.28%	1	0	1	3%
Pojoaque Pueblo	367	0.15%	1	0	1	3%
Nambe Pueblo	365	0.15%	1	0	1	3%
Tesuque Pueblo	435	0.18%	1	0	1	3%
Santa Fe City	82,800	34.95%	1	5	6	18%
Town of Edgewood	3,777	1.59%	1	0	1	3%
Total	236,914	100%	14	20	34	100%

Total Members: 14
Total Voting Units: 34

Quorum Requirements: -8 Members and 18 Voting Units
Simple Majority Vote: 18 Voting Units and 8 members present
Two Thirds Vote: 23 Voting Units and 10 members present

[1] Population estimates were extracted from 2013 Annual Estimates of the United States Census Bureau.

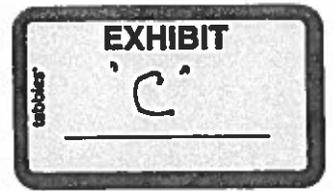
[2] Voting Units are awarded in the following manner:

- All Members receive one (1) vote by virtue of being a Member.
- Members receive one (1) additional vote for population between 5000 and 9,999; an additional vote for population between 10,000 and 19,999;
- an additional vote for population between 20,000 and 39,999;
- an additional vote for population between 40,000 and 79,999;
- an additional vote for population equal to or greater than 80,000.

2010 Census Update - Board approved April 13, 2012./Edgewood Member Add - Board approved September 7, 2012./ Nambe Pueblo member add and Board approved 3/1/2013
Updated with addition of Town of Taos and City of Santa Fe annexation of portions of unincorporated Santa Fe County and Board Approved on 11/7/2014.

**APPENDIX D
REGIONAL TRANSIT MOBILITY CONCEPTS
FOR THE NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT (NCRTD)**

1. The geographic boundaries of the NCRTD are the borders of Río Arriba, Los Alamos, and Santa Fe Counties. NCRTD will include other Governmental Units within these boundaries.
2. All services anticipated to be provided by the NCRTD are for the benefit of the residents of, and visitors to, the North Central New Mexico Region.
3. Plan for the operation, coordination, and expansion of regional and local public transit services within the boundaries of the District.
4. Participate in rural and urban transportation planning through involvement in Regional Planning Organizations and the Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization.
5. Pursue the development of regional pedestrian/bicycle pathways to enhance connections with transit services.
6. Promote existing public transit services to increase ridership and the effectiveness and efficiency of transit services in the region.
7. In the interest of a coordinated, expanded regional public transit service network, the NCRTD will pursue management of the following transit programs, projects and services:
 -  *Regional Park and Ride commuter bus services from Santa Fe to Los Alamos, Española, Albuquerque, and Española to Los Alamos;*
 -  *Park and Ride bus service to/from the Santa Fe area;*
 -  *Park and Ride lots to connect to regional and local bus service and to encourage citizens of the region to carpool;*
 -  *Commuter Rail service between Santa Fe and Albuquerque;*
 -  *Commuter Rail service between Santa Fe and Eldorado;*
 -  *Coordinated, integrated, consolidated, and expanded local bus service wherever possible;*
 -  *Carpooling and Vanpooling in the tri-county are;*
 -  *A dedicated GRT as one tool among others for financing the NCRTD operations pursuant to State of New Mexico statutes.*



**NORTH CENTRAL
REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT**

**AMENDED
INTERGOVERNMENTAL
CONTRACT**

**APPROVED
BY
NCRTD BOARD**

_____, 2014~~3~~

**NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONTRACT**

By and among:

**TOWN OF EDGEWOOD
CITY OF ESPAÑOLA
COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS
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COUNTY OF SANTA FE
COUNTY OF TAOS
TOWN OF TAOS
AND
PUEBLO OF TESUQUE**

Dated as of November 7th, 2014.

**Providing for the creation and operation of
the "North Central Regional Transit District" as a Regional Transit District
pursuant to the New Mexico Regional Transit District Act,
Chapter 73, Article 25, Sections 1-18, NMSA 1978 (2003)**

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**NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONTRACT**

THIS NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT

INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONTRACT (hereinafter, this "Contract") is entered into as of the date indicated on page 2 of this Contract by and among the **TOWN OF EDGEWOOD, CITY OF ESPAÑOLA, COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS, PUEBLO OF NAMBÉ, PUEBLO OF OHKAY OWINGEH, PUEBLO OF POJOAQUE, COUNTY OF RÍO ARRIBA, PUEBLO OF SAN ILDEFONSO, PUEBLO OF SANTA CLARA, CITY OF SANTA FE, COUNTY OF SANTA FE, COUNTY OF TAOS, THE TOWN OF TAOS, AND PUEBLO OF TESUQUE.**

RECITALS

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Regional Transit District Act, Chapter 73, Article 25, Sections 1-18, NMSA 1978, (hereinafter the "Act"), New Mexico governmental units are authorized to establish, by contract, regional transit districts, which, upon the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Article II hereof, are authorized to finance, construct, operate, maintain, and promote regional transit systems; and

WHEREAS, governmental units may contract with one another to provide any function, service, or facility lawfully authorized to each of the contracting units and any such contract may provide for the joint exercise of the function, service, or facility, including the establishment of a separate legal entity to do so; and

WHEREAS, the Initial Members were governmental units located in North Central New Mexico, which desire to form a regional transit district pursuant to the Act for the purpose of financing, Constructing, operating, maintaining, and promoting regional transit systems; and

WHEREAS, transit services promote independent living for the frail, the elderly, the disabled, and those without access to automobiles by providing essential links to a variety of medical, social, and other services, and the region recognizes the need to improve mobility options for this growing segment of the population; and

WHEREAS, the Initial Members began working together on the goal of forming a regional transit district in the Spring of 2003; and

WHEREAS, the Initial Members formed a working group in September 2003, which has met regularly to consider the interests of the Initial Members; and

WHEREAS, the working group has specified the terms of this Contract and other necessary documents based on comments received from and extensive discussions with the Governing Bodies of each of the Initial Members; and

WHEREAS, the Initial Members have duly voted for and approved the addition of new members whose Governmental Units are within the boundaries of the district; and

WHEREAS, new members have been added since the formation of the NCRTD in 2004 whose memberships and voting rights should be acknowledged and ratified by a novation of this Contract.

AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants set forth below, the Initial Members along with the new members hereby agree to a novation of this Contract

thereby confirming and amending the membership and voting rights of all the members listed herein as follows:

ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

Section 1.01. Definitions from the Act. The following terms shall, when capitalized, have the meanings assigned to them in Section 73-25-3 of the Act:

"*Board*" means the board of directors of a district;

"*Bond*" means a revenue bond;

"*Combination*" means two or more governmental units that exercise joint authority;

"*Commission*" means the New Mexico state transportation commission;

"*Construct*", "*Constructing*", or "*Construction*" means the planning, designing, engineering, acquisition, installation, construction, or reconstruction of a regional transit system;

"*District*" means a regional transit district that is a political subdivision of the state created pursuant to the Act;

"*Governmental Unit*" means the state, a county or a municipality of the state, or an Indian nation, tribe or pueblo located within the boundaries of the state;

"*Regional Transit System*" means a property, improvement, or system designed to be compatible with established state and local transportation plans that transports or conveys passengers within a region by means of a high-occupancy vehicle, including an automobile, truck, bus, van, or railcar; and

"*Revenues*" means tolls, fees, rates, charges, assessments, grants, contributions, or other income and revenues received by the district.

Section 1.02. Other Definitions. The following terms shall, when capitalized, have the following meanings:

"*Act*" is defined in the Recitals hereto.

"*Advisory Committee*" means two or more persons appointed by the Board, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3 hereof, for the purpose of providing advice to the Board and includes the Citizen Advisory Committee.

"*Boundaries*" means the boundaries of the District determined in accordance with Appendix A hereto, as such Appendix and term may be amended from time-to-time in accordance with Articles IX and XI hereof.

"*Citizen Advisory Committee*" means the special Advisory Committee described as such in Article III, Section 3 hereof.

"*Contract*" means this North Central Transit District Intergovernmental Contract, as amended from time to time in accordance with the terms hereof.

"*Director*" means any person appointed as a Director pursuant to Article 4 hereof.

Whenever the person appointed as a Member's Director pursuant to Article 4 hereof is absent from a Board meeting, the term "Director" shall mean the Official Designee, if any, appointed by such Member pursuant to Article 4 hereof.

“*Governing Body*” means, when used with respect to a Member, the city council, board of trustees, board of commissioners, pueblo council, or other legislative body, as appropriate, of such Member.

“*Initial Boundaries*” means the Boundaries of the District on the date the District is originally certified pursuant to Article II hereof, as such Initial Boundaries are determined in accordance with Appendix A hereto.

“*Initial Members*” means the initial signatories who become Members on the date on which the District is originally certified pursuant to Section 2 hereof.

“*Member*” means the Initial Members and any Governmental Unit that becomes a member of the District pursuant to Article XI hereof.

“*NCRTD*” is defined in the Recitals hereto.

“*Officer*” means the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, or Treasurer of the District, and any subordinate officer or agent appointed and designated as an officer of the District by the Board.

“*Official Designee*” means any person appointed as an official designee, pursuant to Article VII hereof.

“*Regional Transit Services*” means the transit services described in Appendix D.

ARTICLE II

NAME AND PURPOSE OF THE DISTRICT AND THE REGIONAL TRANSIT SYSTEMS TO BE PROVIDED

Section 2.01. Name. The name of this transit district is the North Central Regional Transit District (hereinafter, “the District”).

Section 2.02. Purpose. The purpose of the District, being a multimodal public transit district formed pursuant to the Act, recognizes as its purpose to finance, Construct, operate, maintain, and promote an efficient, sustainable, and regional multi-modal transportation system at any location or locations, subject to compliance with the Act.

Section 2.03. Members. Membership in the District is open to Governmental Units within or containing the boundaries of Los Alamos, Río Arriba, Taos or Santa Fe Counties. Members may be added or deleted pursuant to Section 73-25-17 of the Act and Article XI hereof.

Section 2.04. Establishment. The North Central Regional Transit District shall be established as a separate political subdivision and body corporate of the State pursuant to the Act and as a separate legal entity created by a contract among the Initial Members, effective upon satisfaction of the following conditions:

- (a) Each Initial Member and new member has held at least one public hearing on the subject of this Contract in accordance with Section 73-25-4 of the Act including relevant attention to requirements for public notice; and
- (b) Each Initial Member has executed the original Contract.

Section 2.05. Regional Transit Systems to Be Provided.

The NCRTD will provide, but not be limited to, the type of regional transit services described in Appendix D, “Regional Transit Mobility Concept for the North Central Regional Transit District.”

Section 2.06. Specific Responsibilities. In addition to the general powers described in Article V hereof, the District shall have the responsibilities described in this Section and shall

have all powers necessary to carry out such responsibilities, subject to the availability of funds and, to the extent required by law, annual appropriation of funds by the Board. The description of specific responsibilities and powers in this Section shall not, however, limit the general powers of the District described in Article V hereof.

- (a) **Regional Transit Planning.** The District shall work in coordination with the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT), Regional Planning Organizations (RPOs), and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to provide regional transit planning services needed to plan and direct the Regional Transit Services of the District, to pursue state and federal funding, and to coordinate overall transportation policy within the area in which it provides Regional Transit Services.
- (b) **Regional Transit Services.** The District shall use its best efforts to provide the Regional Transit Services described in Appendix D hereto.
- (c) **Contract Transit Services.** The District may enter into contracts with any Member or other Person for the provision of transit services in the manner and subject to the terms of such contracts.
- (d) **Local Service.** The District may fund Regional Transit Services that serve the residents and businesses of a Member (as distinguished from regional services) but, except as otherwise specifically provided herein, only pursuant to an agreement in which such Member pays the District for the services provided on the same fully allocated cost basis used to determine costs of District services throughout the District's service area.

ARTICLE III BOUNDARIES

Section 3.01. Original Boundaries. Membership in transit districts is open to Governmental Units, which means the State, a County or Municipality of the State, or an Indian Nation, Tribe, or Pueblo located within the boundaries of the State. The North Central Regional Transit District may include any Governmental Unit within or containing the boundaries of Los Alamos, Río Arriba, Taos or Santa Fe Counties, as described in Appendix A.

Section 3.02. Amendments to Boundaries. The original boundaries of the NCRTD may be amended according to the process described in Article XI of this Contract.

ARTICLE IV CONTRACT

Section 4.01. Effective Date. The term of ~~this the original~~ Contract shall begin when the New Mexico State Transportation Commission has certified the creation of the District.

Section 4.02. Termination. The term of this Contract shall end when all the current Members agree in writing to terminate this Contract; provided, however, that this Contract may not be terminated so long as the District has any Bonds outstanding.

Section 4.03. Amendments. Any amendment to the Contract shall be made only by the execution in writing of each of the governmental units that entered into the Contract.

Section 4.04. Parties of Interest. Nothing expressed or implied herein is intended or shall be construed to confer upon any Person other than the Members any right, remedy or claim

under or by reason of this Contract; this Contract being intended for the sole and exclusive benefit of the Members.

Section 4.05. No Personal Liability. No covenant or agreement contained in this Contract or any resolution or Bylaw issued by the Board shall be deemed to be the covenant or agreement of an elected or appointed official, officer, agent, servant or employee of any Member in his or her individual capacity.

Section 4.06. Tort Claims. In accordance with the requirements and limitations of liability set forth in the New Mexico Tort Claims Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 41-4-1 through 41-4-27, the District shall cover every risk for which immunity has been waived under the provisions of the Tort Claims Act.

Section 4.07. Notices. Except as otherwise provided in this Contract, all notices, certificates, requests, requisitions, or other communications by the District, any Member, any Director, any Official Designee, any Officer, or any member of a Committee to any other such person pursuant to this Contract shall be in writing; shall be sufficiently given, and shall be deemed given when actually received:

- (a) In the case of the District and Officers of the District, at the last address designated by the District for such purpose; and
- (b) In the case of such other persons, at the last address specified by them in writing to the Secretary of the District.

Unless a certain number of days is specified, notice shall be given within a reasonable period of time.

Section 4.08. Assignment. None of the rights, benefits, duties, or obligations of any Member may be assigned or delegated without the express written consent of all the Members.

Section 4.09. Severability. If any clause, provision, subsection, Section, or Article of this Contract shall be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity, illegality, or enforceability of such clause, provision, subsection, Section or Article shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Agreement.

Section 4.10. Interpretation. Subject only to the express limitations set forth herein, this Contract shall be liberally construed:

- (a) To permit the District and the Members to exercise all powers that may be exercised by a regional transit district pursuant to the Act and by a separate legal entity created by a contract among the Members;
- (b) To permit the Members to exercise all powers that may be exercised by them with respect to the subject matter of this Contract pursuant to the Act and other applicable law; and
- (c) To permit the Board to exercise all powers that may be exercised by the board of directors of a regional transit district pursuant to the Act and by the governing body of a separate legal entity created by a contract among the Members.

In the event of any conflict between the Act or any other law with respect to the exercise of any such power, the provision that permits the broadest exercise of the power consistent with the limitations set forth in this Contract shall govern.

Section 4.11. Governing Law. The laws of the State of New Mexico shall govern the development and enforcement of this Contract.

Section 4.12. Counterparts. This Contract may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which, when so executed and delivered, shall be an original; but such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same Agreement.

**ARTICLE V
POWERS OF THE DISTRICT**

Section 5.01. Powers of the District. A district is a body politic and corporate. In addition to other powers granted to the district pursuant to the Regional Transit District Act [73-25 NMSA 1978], the district may:

- (a) Have perpetual existence, except as otherwise provided in the contract;
- (b) Finance, construct, operate, maintain, or promote regional transit systems within the boundaries of the district;
- (c) Enter into contracts and agreements affecting the affairs of the district;
- (d) Establish, collect, and increase or decrease fees, tolls, rates, or charges for the use of property of a regional transit system financed, constructed, operated, maintained, or promoted by the district; except that fees, tolls, rates, or charges imposed for the use of a regional transit system shall be fixed and adjusted to pay for bonds issued by the district;
- (e) Pledge all or a portion of the revenues to the payment of bonds of the district;
- (f) Provide transit services outside the boundaries of the district.
- (g) Purchase, trade, exchange, acquire, buy, sell, lease, lease with an option to purchase, dispose of, and encumber real or personal property and interest therein, including easements and rights of way;
- (h) Accept real or personal property for the use of the district and accept gifts and conveyances upon the terms and conditions as the board may approve;
- (i) Use the streets, highways, rail rights-of-way, and other public ways and, with permission of the owner, to relocate or alter the construction of streets, highways, rail rights-of-way, other public ways, electric and telephone lines and properties, pipelines, conduits, and other properties, whether publicly or privately owned, if deemed necessary by the district in the construction, reconstruction, repair, maintenance, and operation of the system. Any damage that may occur to the property shall be borne by the district; and
- (j) Sue and be sued;

Section 5.02. Limitations on Powers of the District. The District shall be limited as follows:

- (a) The district may only finance, construct, operate, maintain, or promote Regional Transit Systems;
- (b) Advisory Committees may only be appointed and may only exercise the powers as provided in Article III hereof;
- (c) A notice of the imposition of or any change in any fee or the issuance of Bonds shall be sent to the Division of Local Government and shall be filed with the State Transportation Commission in accordance with the Act.

**ARTICLE VI
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section 6.01. Establishment and Powers. The District shall be governed by a Board of Directors (hereinafter, the "Board") as described in Section 73-25-5 of the Act. The Board shall

exercise and perform all powers, privileges and duties vested in or imposed upon the District. Subject to the exceptions in the Act, the Board may delegate any of its powers to an Officer or agent of the Board.

Section 6.02. Powers of the Board. The Board shall, subject to the limitations set forth herein and relevant State law, have all powers that may be exercised by the board of directors of a regional transit district pursuant to the Act and all powers that may be exercised by the governing body of a separate legal entity created by a contract among the Members. Such powers shall include, but shall not be limited to:

- (a) Adopt Bylaws;
- (b) Fix the time and place of meetings and the method of notice of the meetings;
- (c) Make and pass orders and resolutions necessary for the government and management of the affairs of the District and the execution of the powers vested in the District;
- (d) Appoint, hire, or retain an Executive Director;
- (e) Maintain offices at a place the Board may designate;
- (f) Prescribe financial and procurement policies and procedures in accordance with relevant State and Federal laws and policies;
- (g) Adopt other policies as may be deemed necessary for the functioning of the District; and
- (h) Appoint advisory committees and define the duties of the committees.
- (i) Board may add ex-officio members as needed.

Section 6.03. Advisory Committees. The Board may appoint and maintain a Citizen Advisory Committee to advise the Board with respect to policy and service matters. The Board may also appoint other Advisory Committees to advise the Board. The members of the Citizen Advisory Committee shall not be Directors, Official Designees, or employees of the District. The members of Advisory Committees other than the Citizen Advisory Committee may include Directors, Official Designees, and Officers of the District. Advisory Committees shall not be authorized to exercise any power of the Board.

Section 6.04. Bylaws and Rules. The Board, acting by resolution adopted as provided in Article IX hereof, may adopt bylaws or rules governing the activities of the District and the Board, including, but not limited to, bylaws or rules governing the conduct of Board meetings, voting procedures, and the type of resolutions that must be in writing.

Section 6.05. Budget. The Board shall approve an annual budget pursuant to the legal requirement to submit an annual budget to the State.

ARTICLE VII DIRECTORS

Section 7.01. Appointment of Directors and Official Designees. Pursuant to Section 73-25-5 of the Act, the Board shall be composed of one (1) Director from each Member of the District. A Director shall be an elected official, Official Designee or Tribal Council Member. The Director or Official Designee (if any) shall be nominated by the chief elected official of the Member and approved by the Governing Body of the Member.

Section 7.02. Terms of Office. The term of office of each Director and Official Designee shall commence with the first meeting of the Board following his or her appointment and shall continue until removed by the appointing Member, or until she or he no longer holds

elective office in the Governing Body of the appointing Member, or until she or he submits a written resignation to the Chair. Directors shall not serve a term longer than four (4) years unless re-appointed by their Member governing body.

Section 7.03. Resignation and Removal. Any Director or Official Designee may resign at any time, effective upon receipt by the Secretary or the Chair of written notice signed by the person who is resigning; and may be removed at any time by the Governing Body of the Member that appointed him or her, effective upon receipt by the Secretary or the Chair of written notice signed by the Governing Body of the appointing Member.

Section 7.04. Vacancies. Vacancies in the office of any Director or Official Designee shall be filled in the same manner in which the vacant office was originally filled.

Section 7.05. Compensation. Directors and Official Designees shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in serving in such capacities upon such terms and pursuant to such procedures as may be established by the Board, pursuant to State law.

ARTICLE VIII OFFICERS

Section 8.01. Identification. The Board shall elect or appoint a Chair, a Vice Chair, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

Section 8.02. Appointment. The currently elected Board shall elect Officers by simple majority vote after canvassing each member as to his or her interest in service, time availability, and qualifications. The Officers shall be Directors. All Officers of the District shall meet the other qualifications, if any, stated for his or her office elsewhere in this Article.

Section 8.03. Term of Office. Each Officer shall serve until the end of their term or until a successor is elected or appointed or the Officer is lawfully removed pursuant to State law, this Contract, or the Bylaws. Officers may serve unlimited terms.

Section 8.04. Resignation. Any Officer may resign at any time effective upon receipt by the Secretary or the Chair of written notice signed by the person who is resigning.

Section 8.05. Removal of Officers. Any Officer of the Board may be removed at any time by a two-thirds majority vote of the voting units of the Board.

Section 8.06. Vacancies. Vacancies in the office of any Officer shall be filled in the same manner in which such office was originally filled.

Section 8.07. Chair. The Chair shall:

- (a) Have the power to call meetings of the Board and to preside over such meetings;
- (b) Have the power to execute, deliver, acknowledge, file, and record on behalf of the District such documents as may be required by the Act or other applicable law;
- (c) Have the power to execute and deliver contracts, deeds, and other instruments and agreements on behalf of the District as are necessary or appropriate in the ordinary course of its activities or as are duly authorized or approved by the Board;
- (d) Have such additional authority, powers, and duties as are appropriate and customary for the office of the Chair of the board of directors of entities such as the District, and as the Board may otherwise prescribe.

Section 8.08. Vice Chair. The Vice Chair shall:

- (a) Be the Officer next in seniority after the Chair and, upon the death, absence, or disability of the Chair, shall have the authority, powers, and duties of the Chair;
- (b) Have such additional authority, powers, and duties as are prescribed by the Board.

Section 8.09. Secretary. If a Treasurer has not been elected or appointed, the Secretary shall also serve as Treasurer and may use the title of Treasurer in performing the functions of Treasurer. The Secretary shall:

- (a) Designate a staff member who will assist in carrying out the work of the Secretary, under the day-to-day supervision of the Executive Director but with responsibility lying with the Secretary;
- (b) Give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings (including special meetings) of the Board;
- (c) Keep written minutes of such meetings;
- (d) Be responsible for the maintenance of all records and files and the preparation and filing of reports to governmental agencies (other than tax returns);
- (e) Have such other authority, powers and duties as are appropriate and customary for the office of Secretary of entities such as the District, and as the Board may otherwise prescribe.

Section 8.10. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall, subject to rules and procedures established by the Board:

- (a) Designate a staff member who will assist in carrying out the work of the Treasurer, under the day-to-day supervision of the Executive Director but with responsibility lying with the Treasurer;
- (b) Be responsible for the custody of the funds and all stocks, bonds, and other securities owned by the District;
- (c) Be responsible for the preparation and filing of all tax returns, if any, required to be filed by the District;
- (d) Receive all moneys paid to the District and, subject to any limits imposed by the Board or the Chair, shall have authority to give receipts and vouchers, and endorse checks and warrants in the District's name and on the District's behalf, and to give full discharge for the same;
- (e) Sign checks and warrants, but must secure the signature of either the Executive Director or one other Board Officer. In the absence of the Executive Director, a second Officer may sign;
- (f) Have charge of disbursement of the funds of the District, shall keep full and accurate records of the receipts and disbursements, and shall deposit all moneys and other valuables in such depositories as shall be designated by the Board;
- (g) Deposit and invest all funds of the District in accordance with the laws of the State applying to the deposit and investment of funds of regional transit districts formed under the Act;
- (h) Have such additional authority, powers and duties as are appropriate and customary for the office of Treasurer of entities such as the District, and as the Board may otherwise prescribe.

Section 8.11. Executive Director. The Board shall appoint an Executive Director who shall be the chief executive officer of the District, shall supervise the activities of the District, shall see that all policies, directions and orders of the Board are carried out and shall, under the supervision of the Board, have such other authority, powers, or duties as may be prescribed by the Board. The Executive Director shall, subject to rules and procedures established by the Board:

- (a) Sign contracts or agreements with vendors or service providers that are necessary to carry out the purposes of the District, provided, however, that they involve less than \$100,000, and are included in a duly approved budget. Expenses over \$100,000 shall be approved by the Board and signed by the appropriate Officers;
- (b) Appoint, hire, and retain employees, agents, engineers, attorneys, accountants, financial advisors, investment bankers, and other consultants as approved through the budget process;
- (c) Dispose of assets of the District, provided, however, that the assets are no longer useful to the District and have a nominal market value;
- (d) Sign contracts or agreements specifically approved by the Board.

Section 8.12. Changes to Authority, Powers and Duties. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, the Board at any time may expand, limit, or modify the authority, powers and duties of any Officer pursuant to the Act.

ARTICLE IX VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Section 9.01. Voting Strength of Members. Each Member of the District shall have a voting strength as determined by the Voting Strength Analysis, Appendix B.

Section 9.02. Quorum. The presence of Directors representing a majority of the Members and a majority of the total number of voting units shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 9.03. Simple Majority Vote. If a quorum is present, action by simple majority of voting units present and eligible to vote shall be the act of the Board, unless the act of a greater number is required by the Bylaws, the Contract, or applicable law.

Section 9.04. Two-Thirds Vote. If a quorum is present, two-thirds (2/3) majority of the voting units is required for the following actions:

- (a) Addition or withdrawal of territory or property, pursuant to Article 8 of the Bylaws, Article XI of this Contract, and Sections 73-25-6 and 73-25-17 of the Act;
- (b) Removal of Officers from the Board, pursuant to Article 10 of the Bylaws and Article VIII of this Contract;
- (c) Amendment of the Bylaws, pursuant to Section 15 of the Bylaws.
- (d) Amendments to this Contract, pursuant to Article IV of this Contract.

Section 9.05. Budget. The annual budget shall be passed by a simple majority of voting units.

ARTICLE X ASSETS

Section 10.01. Acquisition of Assets. The District may acquire assets on its own authority or through contract with Members of the District. Assets contributed by each Member shall be so noted.

Section 10.02. Disposition of Assets. The District may dispose of assets that are surplus, at the end of their useful life, or are no longer needed by the District, pursuant to State and Federal regulations.

Distribution of Assets Upon Termination. Upon termination of this Contract, pursuant to Article IV hereof, the net assets of the District shall be distributed to the parties with a financial interest in the assets and in proportion to their contribution to the purchase of the asset. Where the District itself has a financial interest in the asset, its current value will be divided equally among the Members of the District at the time of its termination.

**ARTICLE XI
ADDING OR WITHDRAWING TERRITORY**

Section 11.01. Initial Members. The Initial Members shall be the initial signatories whose participation in the District is described in Articles II and III, and Appendix A hereof.

11.02 Addition of Members. After the creation of the District, a Governmental Unit adjacent to or contained within a Governmental Unit adjacent to, but not part of, the District may join the District as a Member

11.03 Inclusion or Exclusion of Property. The Board may include or exclude property from the boundaries of the District, pursuant to Section 73-25-6 and Section 73-25-17 of the Act.

11.04 Withdrawal of Members. A Member of the District may withdraw from the District by adopting a resolution to withdraw. The Member shall withdraw its representative from the Board of Directors. Real

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To

**NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

Dated as of _____

COUNTY OF SANTA FE

Name _____

Title _____

Signature _____

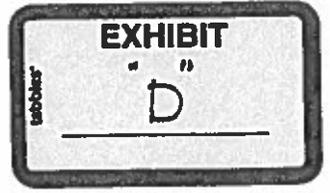
VOTING STRENGTH ANALYSIS - November 7, 2014

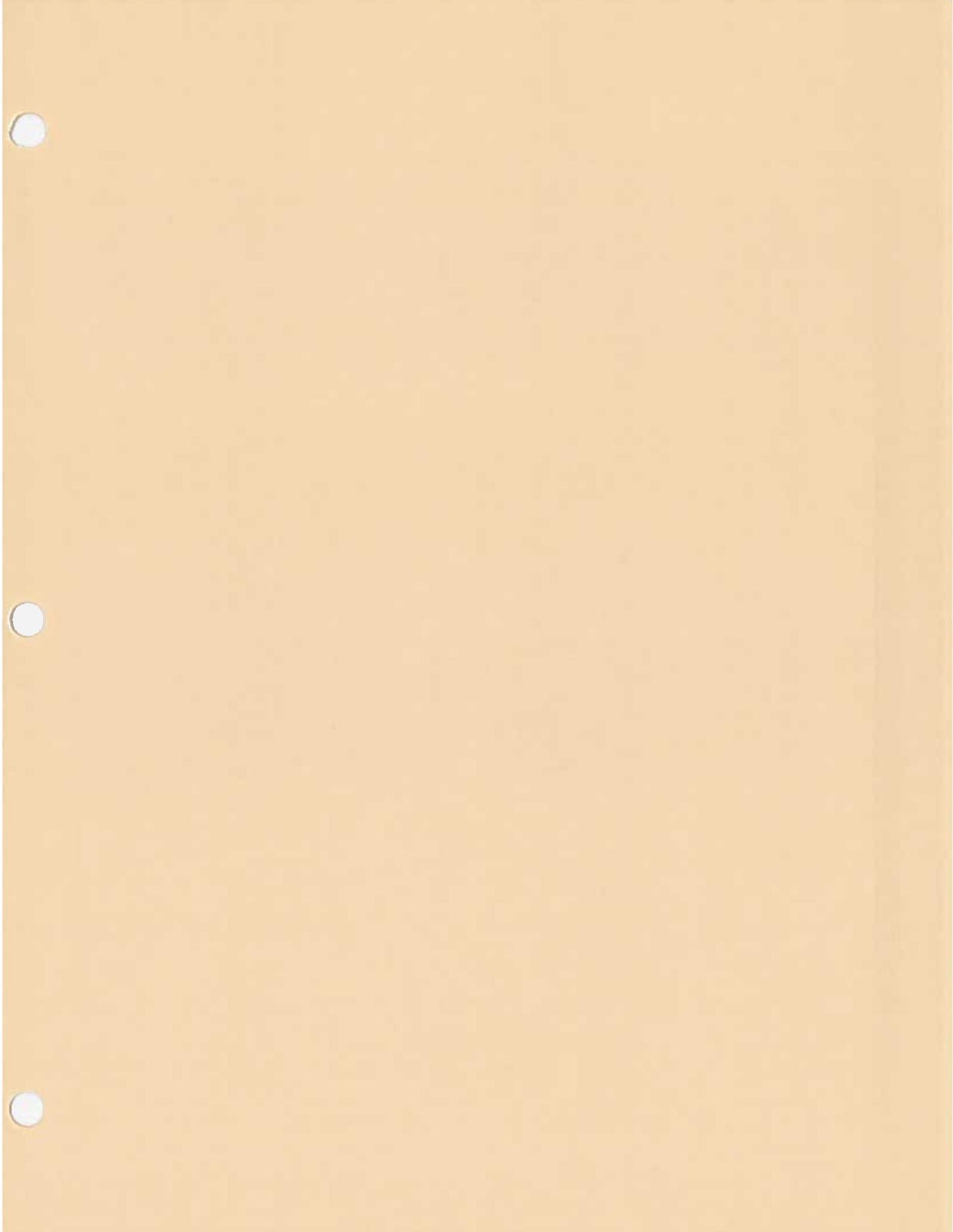
Member	Population (1)	% of Total Population	Member Unit	Population Units (2)	Total Voting Units	Voting Units % of Total
Los Alamos County	17,798	7.51%	1	2	3	9%
Rio Arriba County	23,925	10.10%	1	3	4	12%
Española City	10,224	4.32%	1	2	3	9%
Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo	2,791	1.18%	1	0	1	3%
Santa Clara Pueblo	3,132	1.32%	1	0	1	3%
Taos County	27,304	11.52%	1	3	4	12%
Town of Taos	5,731	2.42%	1	1	2	6%
Santa Fe County	57,593	24.31%	1	4	5	15%
San Ildefonso Pueblo	672	0.28%	1	0	1	3%
Pojoaque Pueblo	367	0.15%	1	0	1	3%
Nambe Pueblo	365	0.15%	1	0	1	3%
Tesuque Pueblo	435	0.18%	1	0	1	3%
Santa Fe City	82,800	34.95%	1	5	6	18%
Town of Edgewood	3,777	1.59%	1	0	1	3%
Total	236,914	100%	14	20	34	100%

Total Members: 14
 Total Voting Units: 34
 Quorum Requirements: 8 Members and 18 Voting Units
 Simple Majority Vote: 18 Voting Units and 8 members present
 Two Thirds Vote: 23 Voting Units and 10 members present

- [1] Population estimates were extracted from 2013 Annual Estimates of the United States Census Bureau.
- [2] Voting Units are awarded in the following manner:
 All Members receive one (1) vote by virtue of being a Member.
 Members receive one (1) additional vote for population between 5000 and 9,999;
 an additional vote for population between 10,000 and 19,999;
 an additional vote for population between 20,000 and 39,999;
 an additional vote for population between 40,000 and 79,999;
 an additional vote for population equal to or greater than 80,000.

2010 Census Update - Board approved April 13, 2012./Edgewood Member Add - Board approved September 7, 2012./ Nambe Pueblo member add and Board approved 3/1/2013
 Updated with addition of Town of Taos and City of Santa Fe annexation of portions of unincorporated Santa Fe County and Board Approved on 11/7/2014.





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DATE: January 13, 2015

TO: Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Tessa Jo Mascarenas, Constituent Liaison *TJM*
Tony Flores, Deputy County Manager *TF*

VIA: Penny Ellis-Green, Growth Management Director *PEG*
Katherine Miller, County Manager *KM*

RE: **Presentation and Request Direction on the North Central Regional Transit District proposed shuttle service to Santa Fe Ski Area**

Issue

North Central Regional Transit District (NCRTD) is collaborating with local stakeholders on assessing the viability of a shuttle service to the SF Ski Area. The proposed service would be a public/private partnership, and the two identified service options include an 8-month service and a 12-month service. Under either option, funding would come from a variety of public and private sources, including ridership fares.

Background

The concept of a shuttle service to the SF Ski Area was originally introduced to the NCRTD in 2013 by the City of Santa Fe (Resolution 2013-95), and NCRTD staff has since been involved in assessing the economic and logistical viability of such a service. The outdoor economy is a target industry for both the County and the City, and the shuttle service concept was also referenced in the County's Economic Development Plan of 2014 as something that would boost economic development via tourism and business recruitment.

Several stakeholder meetings have been held to elicit feedback from Ski Santa Fe, Tesuque Pueblo, and others. Some of the concerns that were brought up include: ensuring an equitable contribution from all stakeholders; education of visitors on cultural and environmental matters; impact on environmental safety issues.

The County recently adopted Resolution 2014-136, directing staff to pursue Gold-level designation by the International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA), and one area where the County could potentially increase the point value received in the IMBA evaluation criteria is by having shuttle service for downhill mountain biking.

Operating costs/Revenue model

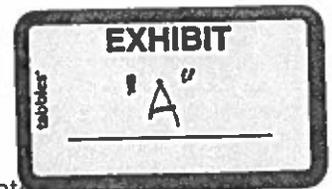
The NCRTD is currently exploring several operating models, including an 8-month and a 12-month operating plan. Operating costs could potentially range from \$174,098.73 (8 month schedule) to \$281,987 (12 month). Both of these costs could potentially be reduced by \$25,000 with the use of a recently acquired bus from Taos. Potential revenue could come from the following sources:

- City of Santa Fe
- Santa Fe County
- NCRTD
- NM Railrunner
- Stop sponsorship
- Fares
- Private sector (Ski Santa Fe and others)

Summary

Staff is requesting direction from the Board on the proposal. If direction is given to proceed with this project, staff will prepare the required funding scenarios and resolution for the Board to consider.

Exhibit A – Santa Fe County Economic Development Plan Excerpt
Exhibit B – City of Santa Fe Resolution



supplement the traditional arts-based tourism associated with an older population (note that there are overlaps between this sector and Arts & Culture). The County has an ideal climate for year-round outdoor activities, a rich unique cultural legacy, and ample open space, much of it underdeveloped and underutilized. With the recent expansion of Bicycle Technologies International (BTI) and hosting of the International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA) World Summit, biking is emerging as a major activity in the County and opportunity for both ecotourism and local business development.

Tourism in all forms (the only classification available in local economic reporting) accounts for 12.4% of County employment. Wages totaled \$208.7 million in 2011, 8.5% of County registered labor income, a potential reflection of salaries in this sector that are below local averages.¹⁵ Total visitor spending in the County increased from \$670 million in 2010 to \$692 million in 2011, returning to pre-recession levels.¹⁶ Tourism in the County in 2011 generated \$159 million in taxes (\$86 million Federal, \$50 million State, and \$23 million Local).¹⁷ Agritourism (bringing visitors to a farm or ranch) is a growing part of the national economy that generates over \$566 million in revenues for US farmers each year. Fewer than 25 NM farms cite revenue from it, indicating significant growth potential.

Outdoor recreation contributes \$3.8 billion annually to the state economy, including \$2.75 billion in retail sales and \$184 million in taxes, and supports 47,000 jobs. This accounts for 4.6% of the state's gross domestic product.¹⁸ Biking opportunities for road and trail are expanding in the County. 23% of New Mexicans participate in biking, which contributes more than \$300 million in equipment purchases statewide. With the addition of the Santa Fe River Trail (SF Greenway Project), and the possibility of a new Camino Real trail (in collaboration with the National Park Service), the ecotourism opportunities for the region are enhanced.

The equestrian industry is an important component of the SF County economy, with over 500 members represented in the Santa Fe County Horse Coalition. Horse facilities, trails, and training grounds provide a robust infrastructure for clinics, agritourism, and overall health/wellness for SF County residents and tourists alike.

Additionally, wedding tourism has emerged as an important element of the tourism economy of Santa Fe, and in particular, same sex marriages. Santa Fe County is by orders of magnitude the most popular County for same sex marriages in New Mexico, and according to the County Clerk's office, almost half (305) of same sex marriage licenses issued for late 2013-early 2014 are issued to out-of-state residents, which leads to increased GRT.

Major challenges include a lack of coordination between entities involved in the various aspects of tourism; underutilized off-season capacity in the October to June period; and inadequate recreational infrastructure.

Key Directions for Sector Progress

The following major areas of initiative emerged as holding the greatest potential for expanding and improving the sector:

¹⁵ "The Economic Impact of Tourism in New Mexico." Tourism Economics. 2011.

¹⁶ *ibid*

¹⁷ *ibid*

¹⁸ "Trails for the People and Economy of Santa Fe." Ernest Atencio, Santa Fe Conservation Trust. 2012.

- **Road and Mountain Biking:** This is a key area for the County, and one in which to invest capital and staff time, as the leading ecotourism strategy. It is a good shoulder- and high-season activity that could be promoted through marketing and PR.
- **Leverage available partnership opportunities:** Where possible, joint efforts between the City, NM Tourism Dept, non-profits, and the County increase the impact of investments made in this sector.
- **Partnerships:** Although corporate sponsors are lacking, many organizations with ties to the County can provide resources to advance ecotourism, especially when focused on biking and equestrian activities. Strategic partnerships with private sector and other entities could provide needed funding and visibility for events and promotional efforts.
- **North Central Regional Transit District (RTD) and its partners are building the local transportation network.** "Blue Bus" services run during the week. These vehicles could serve as shuttles for tours, tourist destinations, and/or provide access to the ski basin on weekends.
- **Highlighting the Cultural Corridor** between Albuquerque and Taos links tourism for all participants -- local and visitor. It connects existing tour routes like the Turquoise Trail up from the south and the Fiber Route in the north. Work with existing organizers, such as the Global Center for Cultural Entrepreneurship, to coordinate promotion of events linked to the corridor, such as County based Gallery Tours, to reach a wider audience. SFC staff can participate in regional convening, in planning efforts by the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area, and other government entities to ensure SFC based activities are "on the agenda."

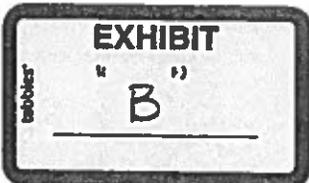
Film and Media

Over the past 10 years, the media industries, and particularly film, television, and their related sectors, have experienced tremendous growth in New Mexico. Santa Fe County and the surrounding regions have been primary benefactors of this growth: tens of millions of production dollars have been spent here, thousands of direct and indirect jobs have been created or supported, and hundreds of local businesses have been patronized during this period. The industry also provided a significant economic and job creation cushion as other sectors faltered during the economic downturn of 2008-2012.

While production declined significantly in 2011-2012 as the political climate destabilized and incentives were uncertain, it has rebounded with the reestablishment of a stable and supportive climate. In May 2013, the NM Film Office (which does not break out figures by county) announced 10 projects were filming in the state just that month, compared to 13 in all 2012. Santa Fe Studios President Jason Hool recently reported that the facility was at full capacity.¹⁹ Average direct spending into the NM economy for 2009-2013 was \$236 million each year. Worker days averaged 187,000 per year over the same period.²⁰ Statewide, the motion picture and television industry is responsible for 3,268 direct jobs and \$131 million in wages. IATSE Local 480 (the film technicians union) reported that in May 2013, 1,300 of its members were employed on productions in SFC.

¹⁹ "Film Productions on Rise in New Mexico," Jeri Clausing. Associated Press, May 2, 2013.

²⁰ New Mexico Film Office: www.nmfilm.com/statistics



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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-95

INTRODUCED BY:

Councilor Bushee
Councilor Wurzbarger

A RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING INITIATION OF A NEEDS ASSESSMENT BY THE NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT TO IDENTIFY ALTERNATIVE SERVICE AND FINANCING OPTIONS TO BEGIN PROVISION OF SCHEDULED REGIONAL TRANSIT SERVICE TO THE SANTA FE SKI BASIN.

WHEREAS, regional transit districts function to provide public transit services that connect towns, pueblos, and cities throughout the region and coordinate service needs among different levels of government and jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Regional Transit District (hereinafter referred to as "NCRTD") was created by agreement between the City of Espanola, Los Alamos County, Pojoaque Pueblo, Rio Arriba County, San Ildefonso Pueblo, San Juan Pueblo, Santa Clara Pueblo, the City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe County and Tesuque Pueblo; and

WHEREAS, the NCRTD provides regional transit service that provides access to jobs and retail establishments, medical centers, recreation and cultural sites, and other destinations throughout the four-county service area, all of which fosters economic activity and opportunity in the region; and



