

In the Works....

Public Works Update – August 2017

Administration Division

Bicycle Friendly Community Application



The County applied for the 2017 Bicycle Friendly Community. Last year the County applied and was given an honorable mention from the League of American Bicyclists. This year with the newly

approved Bicycle Transportation Plan and several other bicycle events and projects underway it is anticipated that the league may grant the County a metal. If so, a metal is good for four years and will be posted on the League's website for public recognition. With this designation, it is expected to bring additional tourism and potential funding for furthering the bicycle transportation network. Letters notifying Bicycle Friendly Communities are expected to arrive in November of this year.

Going Back to College



Engineering & Project Management Staff had a farewell luncheon for summer intern Ben Narushof. Ben is second-year engineering student at the University of New Mexico. Ben will pursue a degree in Civil Engineering with an emphasis in Transportation Engineering.

Transportation Board



The Transportation Board meets the first Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. Meetings are held at 1000 Central Avenue, Room #110.

Airport Division

New Hangars

All the materials for the construction of the new hangar building were delivered in July. We have contracts with an electrical engineer to design the electrical system for the building and with a contractor for the construction of the building. It now appears that construction will start in mid-September with a completion date in late October.

Fence Project

The FAA grant for the design of the new fence arrived in early August. The engineering consultant has completed the 60% design plans and specifications. Following a review of the 60% plans by the County, the full design plans and specifications should be completed in September. Bids for construction of the fence will be solicited in early 2018 and the actual construction of the fence will most likely take place in late 2018 after we receive a construction grant from the FAA.

Hangar Purchase

The County has entered into a purchase agreement for the hangar located on the extreme west end of the hangars located along Airport Road. The actual closing will take place on September 29th. Purchasing the hangars along Airport Road is a part of the Airport Master Plan and is the second step in the redevelopment of the western end of the airport. The first step was to receive environmental clearance from the FAA for the proposed development. That clearance was received on July 20, 2016. While the County continues to acquire hangars in the Runway Protection Zone, the hangar will be leased to two aircraft owners with aircraft presently located at the airport.

Custodial Division



As part of our transition to green cleaning, new paper products, soap and air fresheners will be installed in all County restrooms. The dispensers are designed to reduce waste by dispensing a limited amount of product at a time. The soap dispenser foams the soap when dispensed which allows for more coverage with less product. The air freshener is a ceramic filter which releases the scent evenly over a 1 to 2-month period without the need for batteries or electrical power.



To educate both tenants and the public labels will be placed on the dispensers.

Window cleaning (exterior and interior) was completed this month for the Justice Center, Mesa Public Library and Municipal Building. The Pajarito Cliffs Site, Betty Ehart Senior Center, Nature Center, White Rock Library and White Rock Youth Activity Center will be completed in September.



As part of our ongoing mission to continually look for ways to improve our customer service we now hand out post cards to each event host identifying the employee who is supporting their event.

Engineering & Project Management Division

Fire Station 3

Architectural design work is nearing completion and includes a more substantial reroofing, as well as a new wall system, window replacement and HVAC system modifications to better insulate and control the temperature in the bunkrooms. A review set of plans and specifications is scheduled to be received at the end of August. Once the design work is completed, the project will be advertised and awarded later in the year. This project is scheduled to be completed in 2018.

Fire Station 4

The Fire Station 4 HVAC replacement project consists of replacing the rooftop units with combination heating and AC units, replacing the existing boiler with a more efficient unit. This project was awarded at the May 2nd County Council meeting to CAC, Inc. Abatement work has been completed for the Day Room, Bunk Room and Kitchen area. The ceilings have been taken down, the old air handling units are mostly removed. The boiler and some of the old heating piping has been removed.



Overhead Doors Painted and Bollards



New Ductwork Main Trunk for Dayroom

A second project at Fire Station 4, the shower replacement project has been completed, by contractor Allied 360. Crews replaced the old plastic shower inserts with new walls and tiles. In addition, the sinks and counter tops were replaced and a new epoxy chip floor was installed.



Captain/female sink complete.



Crew sink complete.



Crew showers after remodeling.

Mesa Library Fire Panel Replacement

While the larger HVAC project is delayed, the Fire Alarm panel which was part of the project is in the final stage of design with staff and LAFD comments sent to the consultant. Final plans and specs have been received and the project will soon be advertised. Award of the project should be September. It is anticipated that work will be completed by the end of January 2018.

White Rock Municipal Complex



Utilizing an existing on-call contractor, a concrete valley gutter will be installed on Longview Drive in White Rock at the senior center. The valley gutter is going to extend across the entrance of the Senior Center parking lot and adjacent to the delivery lane. The work is scheduled to begin Monday, August 21, 2017 and it is anticipated to take approximately 3 weeks to complete. In

addition, Star Paving is going to seal coat both parking lot at the senior center during this time.

Eco-station push wall repair

An on-call contractor Allied 360 has begun work to replace and bolster the existing push wall at the northwest corner within the Transfer Station. The work will consist of the installation of some steel plate augmented by a new concrete support wall. It is anticipated to take approximately 6 weeks.



Existing buckled steel.

North Mesa Improvements Project Phase 1

The Contractor, Star Paving is currently working on concrete placement on Camino Durasnilla. There is some stamped colored concrete remaining on Camino Uva. The contractor intends to continue paving operations on Camino Durasnilla and Camino Uva the week of August 21st. It is anticipated that the contractor will reach substantial completion by August 31st.



20th Street Extension Project

The 20th Street Extension Project was awarded at the June 6, 2017 County Council Meeting to Gandy Dancer, LLC. Construction is scheduled to begin in July with an anticipated completion of October 2017. The project will consist of roadway and utility improvements, which includes asphalt paving, curb, gutter, sidewalks, ADA curb ramps, drive pads and drainage structures. The utility improvements include gas, water, sanitary sewer and electrical distribution system improvements supplemental to the development of the 20th Street Extension corridor infrastructure. The contractor has completed surface removals for most the project and has start the installation of the sanitary sewer line, from the east end of the cul-de-sac.



In addition to the construction work the County has contracted with Santa Fe Engineering, utilizing an on-call contract, to perform a warrants analysis at the intersection of 20th Street and Trinity Drive.

The intention of the study is to determine at what point of development along 20th Street south of Trinity Drive will a traffic signal be warranted. Traffic count data was obtained by the Traffic and Streets division and was provided to the consultant. The draft report has been submitted to NMDOT for their review and will be finalized once NMDOT comments are incorporated into it.

Canyon Rim Trail Phase 3

The County's consultant has just about completed the drainage study and continues to work towards an alignment with minimal ROW needs for the portion of the Canyon Rim Trail between Knecht Street and 20th Street. A meeting is tentative scheduled with DOE and County staff to discuss a preferred alignment.

Canyon Rim Trail Underpass

An Agreement Request Form was submitted to the NMDOT of the funding agreement for the design funds. It is anticipated to take at least through September to go through the NMDOT process before the County will receive the agreement for approval. In the meantime, the County will scope the project in anticipation of design work beginning at the beginning of 2018.

Historical Society Work

The Survey crew is working with Judith Machen of the Historical Society. The crew is on to Phase II of trying to locate the homesteads of David and Victor Romero within Section 21 (LANL sites) using a combination of Old surveys, pictures, field notes and landmarks.

Future Projects...

- NM 4/East Jemez Rd. (Truck Route) Intersection: Staff continues to work with DOE, NMDOT Bandelier, and Army Corps of Engineers to program, design and construct intersection upgrades to improve capacity and safety.
- NM 502 Reconstruction, Knecht St. to Tewa Loop: Staff continues to coordinate with NMDOT on this state lead project scheduled to begin this summer. NMDOT rebid this project and again there was only one bid received, unfortunately the bid was approximately \$3 million over budget. NMDOT has indicated they will place the project back out to bid.

Environmental Services Division

LA County Fair

Environmental Services staff and members of the Environmental Sustainability Board hosted a booth at Los Alamos County Fair on August 12th to educate members of the public of the importance of recycling and sustainability. The public was invited to play the recycle sorting game where participants sort materials into trash or recycling containers. The recycle game helps educate the public on what is accepted in the blue curbside roll-carts. The public also had the opportunity to vote on the new curbside brush bin color. The two colors up for vote are Kelly green and light brown. At the ESB meeting on August 17,

the board affirmed the community vote for the brown bin. The brush bin collection program is estimated to begin July 2018.



HHW Training

Environmental Services staff attended training on Household Hazardous Waste and how to properly and safely dispose of these items. On August 16th, the first round of training provided by DC Environmental took place at the Eco Station.



Recruitment

Recruitment for the Environmental Services Superintendent has closed and interviews will be conducted soon. Recruitment efforts are currently underway for the Environmental Services Trainee.

New Rates and Services

New Environmental Services Rates and will go into effect on September 1, 2017, the ESB and Environmental services worked diligently and received public input on the new rates. A new paid bulk collection program will start on September 1st where residents can call to schedule a pickup for a reduced fee of \$25.00 per load.

Summer 2017 Brush Collection Schedule

Summer brush collection started on August 14th and collected over six tons of brush material in one week. Environmental Services will be collecting brush through the beginning of October.



Brush Collection Summer Schedule 2017

Area	Set out no sooner than	Collection starts
Barranca Mesa, Ponderosa Estates, Loma Linda & Hawks Landing	Aug. 4 th	Aug. 14 th
Quemazon, Sandia, Trinity, Orange & Nickel	Aug. 11 th	Aug. 21 st
North Mesa	Aug. 18 th	Aug. 28 th
Walnut, Yucca, Urban, Arizona, Town Site	Aug. 25 th	Sept. 4 th
Rover, Old Town, Meadow Lane, Aragon, Bryce Avenue	Sept. 1 st	Sept. 11 th
La Vista, Canada Way, Canada Circle, Barcelona, Canyon Vista, Sierra Vista, Monte Vista, La Paloma	Sept. 8 th	Sept. 18 th
La Senda & Piedra Loop	Sept. 15 th	Sept. 25 th
Pajarito Acres, Monte Rey, Rio Bravo, Potrillo, Estante Way	Sept. 22 nd	Oct. 2 nd

Please Remember:

- ✓ One pickup per household, piles no larger than 8 cubic yards or 6 feet x 12 feet x 3 feet.
- ✓ Set items close to curb – do not place items under power lines, trees, or next to cars or utility boxes.
- ✓ Available to residents with weekly curb side refuse collection.
- ✓ All leaves, pine needles and yard clippings must be placed in paper yard waste bags.
- ✓ Items that will be picked up: brush, pine needles, leaves and yard clippings
- ✓ Place trash in your trash roll cart.

Items that will NOT be collected: Mattresses, large appliances/large furniture, televisions, refrigerators/freezers, glass, trash bags, construction material, lumber, tires, concrete, railroad ties, fencing materials, or paints/chemicals

For more information call Environmental Services 662-8163.

****DO NOT set items out before listed date or Code Enforcement will be notified**

Green Team

The Green Team has been working hard all summer to make sure the Demonstration Garden at the White Rock Visitor Center looks beautiful and weed free for visitors. With the recent rains this has not been an easy task. They are also busy planning the annual Green Team event to be held on October 17th.



Facilities Division

Crew members are working on the following projects:

1. HVAC Project at PCS Building #5.
2. Remodel at Fire Station #4.
3. Support with Aquatic Center Shutdown
4. Golf Course Patio Enclosure

Fleet Division

The 2008 Omega forklift was donated by New Mexico Emergency response team.



Traffic & Streets Division

Special Projects – Landfill Cap Repair



The project is substantially complete and the final walk-thru has been completed.



Crews replaced a Hawks Landing driveway approach on County right-of-way that was not ADA compliant.



Crew members have been busy striping cross walks, parking lots, curbs, etc. county wide before the cold weather sets in.



Two school zone flashers were installed on North Road near Mountain Elementary School that include a speed display. In addition, crews painted North Road to include shoulder lines in response to a petition submitted to Council last fall.



Crews set up traffic control for the 2017 Los Alamos County Fair and Rodeo.

Thank You! Robert Woodall, Joseph Trujillo, Carlos Martinez, Nathaniel Salazar, and Benjamin Gonzales for all your hard work during the County Fair and Rodeo.



A street light on El Conejo was shot out. Traffic electricians replaced the light bulb. Electricians have been replacing street lights county wide.



Crew Members installed a microwave detector for northbound travel at Central/15th due to the existing video detection system being affected by shadows from the New Mexico Bank and Trust building located at the southeast corner of the intersection. This system has dramatically improved the reliability of the signal detection system at the intersection.

Other Traffic & Streets Activities

Traffic Electricians have tested all school zone flashers for the 2017/18 school year and found them to be in good working order.

Crews have attended various classes including Blood Borne Pathogens, Lock-out / Tag-out training, and Traffic Control Technician and Traffic Control Supervisor classes. Traffic Electricians attended a Tesco battery back-up training that helped them better understand and utilize the back-up batteries housed in the traffic signal equipment.

Crews swept a total of 177 miles, filled potholes at the edge of Rendija Road and around the community in general and prepared the rodeo grounds for the 2017 County Fair and Rodeo. Crew members have also been working on vegetation control throughout the community on County owned land. Additionally, a utility pole located at North Mesa Road had erosion issues caused by the recent monsoon rains that has since been repaired.



Billy Vigil, Senior Equipment Operator, retired from the County of Los Alamos in August. We wish him well in his future endeavors!

Transit Division

New Transit Operators



Julie Alderse-Baes, Joseph Bustos and Justin Chavez.



Jacob Richmond and Wayne Vigil.

Welcome to Los Alamos County!

The County Rodeo Parade gave ACT the opportunity to showcase a new bus.





Atomic City Transit hosted a booth at the County Fair and answered questions regarding schedule information for students going back to school. They also visited with current riders and thanked them for using ACT.



School is back in session. Please keep in mind that ACT express routes are available. Use www.losalamosnm.us to install the app on your desktop. You can also download this application from the Play Store on your smart phone to find the exact location of your bus and receive important "Rider Alerts".



ACT was invited and participated in the yearly meeting for Los Alamos Public School parents with out-of-district students. Jonathan provided information on express routes and ACT Customer Service Policies that provide tips for young riders learning to use public transportation.



The Pew Trust is working with the PBS show “This American Land” for a news story on Bandelier National Monument. They arrived at Bandelier on August 14th to shoot some footage and held interviews with several support systems to the Park which included Atomic City Transit.



Atomic City Transit Supervisor, James Barela was interviewed and provided information regarding the collaborative relationship between Los Alamos County and Bandelier National Monument.



Congratulations to ACT employees Mickey Fry, Jonathan Henley and Fermin Romero for completing 10 years of service with the Transit Division.

Training in Transit



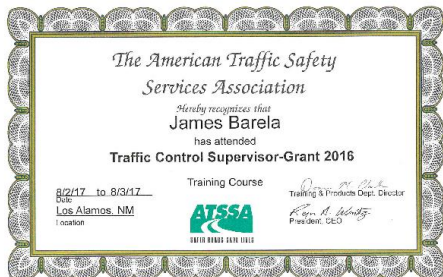
Transit Division was busy training this month. The division hosted “Harassment in the Work Place” which included definitions of harassment and how to avoid uncomfortable situations, as well as the process on how to make a complaint. We also hosted “Personnel Performance Review” to educate employees on the standards of performing assigned tasks and expected levels of service. Both

trainings were performed by the County Human Resource Trainer Howard Hall. Thank you, Howard, for the great trainings.

American Traffic Safety Services Association



Supervisors James Barela and Charles Flowers took advantage of the ATSSA, Traffic Control Technicians and Traffic Control Supervisor certifications.



Kudos

Thank you, Jonathan Gonzales, and Deborah Flores, Transit Operators for providing excellent customer service.



**ATOMIC CITY
TRANSIT**

Passenger Name: Colle Sims Date: 8-7-17

Address:
(In or out of city)

BRAND WA 99208
Phone: _____
(Address must be completed)

COMPLAINT ☐ COMMENDATION ☒ SUGGESTION ☒

I have never been with more "up"
friendly bus drivers. We say "Thank U"
they say "thank you" or "Have a good week"
and "especially Lebra - (8-4) (#5) 4:30 PM bus
connect time of 4:30 #5 - 30 min wait !!!
Include specific information (e.g., route, driver's name, time of day). Thank you for helping us to improve our transportation services.

AtomicCityTransit.com (505) 661-Ride



**ATOMIC CITY
TRANSIT**

Passenger Name: Aaron Skinner Date: 8/21/17

Address: _____ F
(In order for this to be a valid complaint, name and address must be completed)

COMPLAINT ☐ COMMENDATION ☒ SUGGESTION ☐

I missed the last bus from White Rock
to LA. Jon stopped 30 mins later
and picked me up anyways! Very nice
thing to do + a nice man!

Include specific information (e.g., route, driver's name, time of day). Thank you for helping us to improve our transportation services.

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