

In the Works....

Public Works Update – October 2017

Administration Division

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

Manager Hired for the Airport



The County has a new Airport Manager. Cameron “Cam” Humphres, will begin his new job with the County on November 6th. Humphres most recently worked at the City of Santa Fe. Prior to that he worked for eight years as executive director of South Dakota’s Rapid City Regional Airport.

In addition to his experience in airport management, Humphres brings accreditation from the American Association of Airport Executives, a commercial pilot’s license with multi-engine and instrument ratings, experience as a USAF commissioned officer, B-1 test pilot, and A-10 aircraft mechanic, and a Master’s Degree in Aviation Business Administration.

Remarkably, Humphres early interest in aviation began at the very same airport he has been hired to manage as his grandfather built an aircraft in Los Alamos that he flew here.

Fence Project



An updated Capital Improvement Plan has been submitted to the FAA with the estimated costs for the construction of the fence. Bids for construction of the fence will be solicited in early 2018 and, following the receipt of the bids, grant applications for the construction costs will be submitted to the FAA and the State. The actual construction of the fence will most likely take place in late 2018 after we receive the construction grants from the FAA and State.

New Hangars

The contractor is still working on another project for the County and has not been able to begin construction of the hangar as early as we had hoped. Staff is going to rebid the work and plan to start in December with a completion date in January.

Young Eagles Flight Rally



Thirty-nine children participated in the Young Eagles Flight Rally on Saturday, October 14th at the Los Alamos County Airport.

Deputy Public Works Director Jon Bulthuis supported Los Alamos Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol, seven pilots, their general aviation aircraft, and eight ground crew members from the local Experimental Aircraft Association who volunteered their time and passion for aviation to provide free flights for children 8 to 17. There was a static aircraft display by the Civil Air Patrol as well as a flight simulator and an air-traffic control simulator available for all participants in the Terminal Building.



Custodial Division



The Custodial Division supported 249 events during the month of October.

The Golf Course patio dining area flooring is scheduled to be refinished in November.

Installation of the Green Cleaning chemicals and paper products is set to begin in November.

Carpet shampooing and tile waxing at the Police Department was completed this month prior to their recertification.

The Ice Rink floors were shampooed and waxed prior to their opening for the season.

Engineering & Project Management Division

Fire Station 3

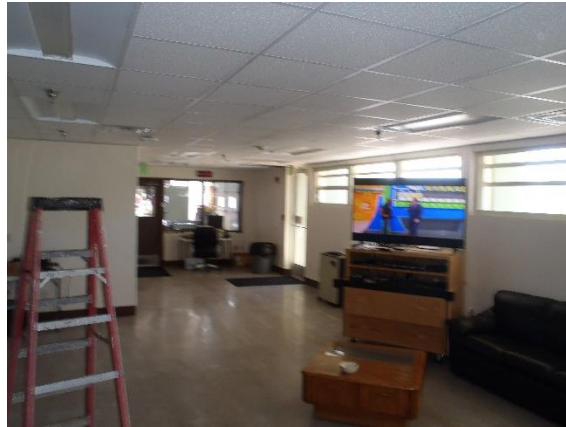
Architectural design work is nearing completion. The project includes reroofing, as well as a new wall system, window replacement and HVAC system modifications to better insulate and control the temperature in the bunkrooms. A review set of plans and specifications is scheduled to be received at the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

Fire Station 4

As of September 29th, CAC, Inc. has substantially completed Fire Station 4 renovations. The project consisted of replacing the rooftop units with combination heating and AC units, replacing the existing boiler with a more efficient unit, along with interior LED lighting, flooring improvements, and fresh paint in dwelling areas and exterior doors.



Kitchen



Day Room



Weight Room



Temp Trailers Removed, Doors Painted

Mesa Library Fire Panel Replacement

The project has been awarded to Great Western Specialty Systems in the amount of \$148,248.30. Work will start in late November or early December with substantial completion scheduled for late March 2018.

Ice Rink Equipment Maintenance

Project Management staff assisted facilities maintenance with drafting an RFP for continued maintenance of existing ice making equipment. It is to be a 7-year duration contract for under \$100k and scheduled for award thru the County Manager's Office in time for ice skating season.

Eco-station Push Wall Repair



Crews with Allied 360 continue 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.

20th Street Extension Project

The contractor is continuing with the installation of the sanitary sewer line, water line and gas lines for the project. The utility improvements are nearing completion with roadway work ongoing. The contractor has installed about 75% of the project curb and gutter and continues to progress with these and other concrete improvements including sidewalks and ADA ramps.



ADA Ramp at Trinity



Curb and Gutter Machine

In addition to the construction work the County has contracted with Santa Fe Engineering, utilizing an on-call contract, to perform a traffic signal warrants analysis at the intersection of 20th Street and Trinity Drive. The intent of the study is to determine at what point of development along 20th Street south of Trinity Drive a traffic signal be warranted. Traffic count data was obtained by the Traffic and Streets division and was provided to the consultant. NMDOT has completed their review of the draft report and staff will be meeting with NMDOT to discuss their comments and finalize the report.

Canyon Rim Trail Phase 3

The County's consultant has submitted a preferred alignment to be discussed with LANL for easements necessary to construct the Canyon Rim Trail from Knecht St. to 20th Street. Coordination with LANL is ongoing.

Canyon Rim Trail Underpass

The County recently received a funding agreement for the design of the underpass project from the NMDOT. Upon approval, the agreement will be submitted to the NMDOT for final execution, anticipated in late 2017 or early 2018. Once the agreement is fully executed, County staff can move forward with procuring a design consultant to begin design development.

Future Projects...

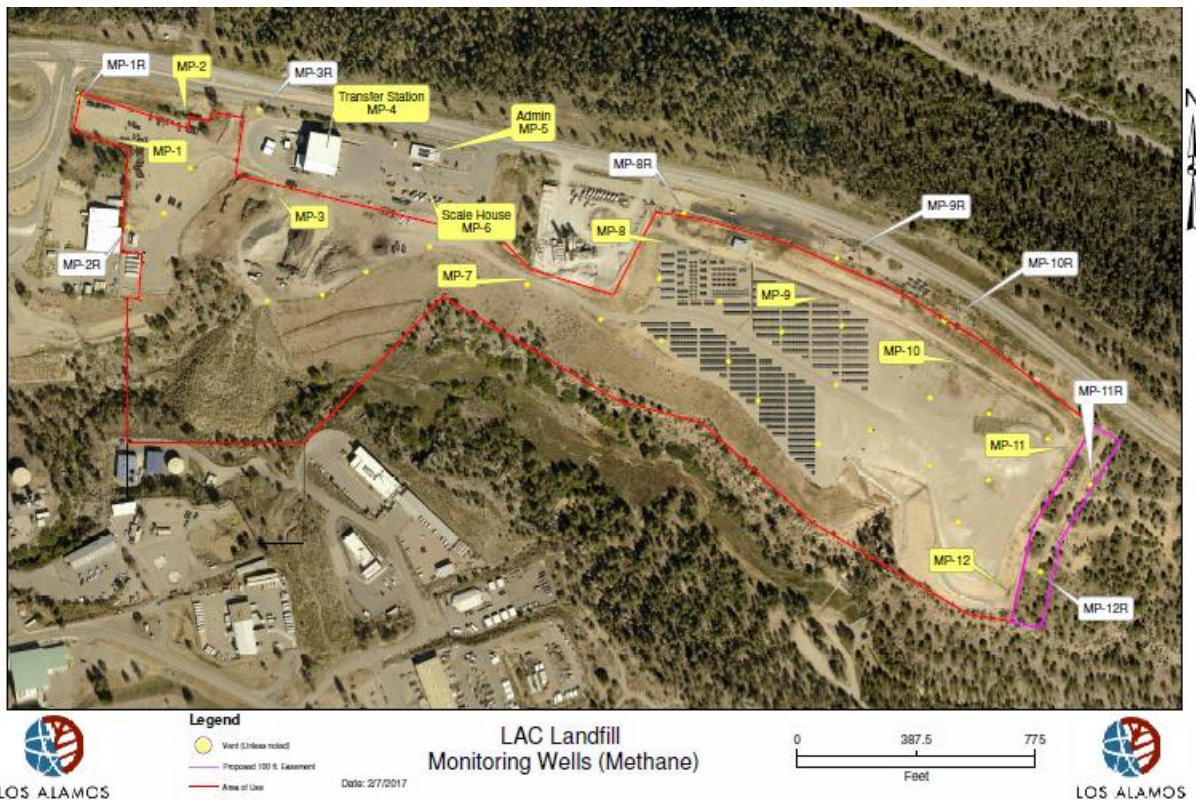
- NM 4/East Jemez Rd. (Truck Route) Intersection: Staff continues to work with DOE, NMDOT Bandelier, and Army Corps of Engineers to program, design and construct intersection upgrades to improve capacity and safety.
- NM 502 Reconstruction, Knecht St. to Tewa Loop: Staff continues to coordinate with NMDOT on this state lead project. NMDOT bid the project for a second time and again received only one bid that was several million dollars over the programmed budget. NMDOT has rejected the bid and disposition of the project is presently being considered by NMDOT management.
- Facility Condition Assessment for the Senior Center: Work will include review the 2010 assessment using an on call architectural firm and update the report as needed for future planning of work at the Senior Center. A facility study needs to be accomplished and then a grant application made to potentially fund part of the renovation project.

Environmental Services Division

Los Alamos County Landfill Gas (LFG) Update

This is a summary of results for September 2017 methane monitoring for the Los Alamos County closed landfill.

1. The LFG Vents ranged in methane concentrations from 30.6 (LFG Vent – 7) to 56.7 (LFG Vent – 1) percent gas in air.
2. The gas probes near the toe of the landfill materials ranged in methane concentrations from 2.6 (MP-12) to 46.0 (MP-8) percent gas in air.
3. The gas probes near the boundary of the landfill ranged in methane concentrations from 0.0 (MP-8R and MP-10R) to 2.0 (MP-11R) percent gas in air.



Training

Environmental Services Scale Operator Joseph Baca completed his certification in Landfill Operations as required by NMED Solid Waste Bureau. In an effort to improve operations, Environmental Services staff had training on October 9th, staff received training in the role of Environmental Services, sustainability goals, the importance and proper use of PPE as well as training on customer service. The team also participated in a CDL skills refresher.



New Rates and Services

New Environmental Services Rates went 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 started on September 1st where residents can call to schedule a pickup of bulk items for a reduced fee of \$25.00 per pick up. As of October 24th, Environmental Services has had ten (10) residents request a scheduled bulk collection.

Recruitment



Environmental Services would like to welcome Victor Trujillo who recently joined the Environmental Services Team as our new Environmental Services Trainee.

Green Team



The Los Alamos County Green Team meets monthly to discuss how the county can work to be more environmentally friendly. This month they hosted the 3rd Annual Green Team event in the lobby of the Municipal Building.

Outreach



Environmental Services strives to share the importance of recycling and sustainability. On October 3rd, Environmental Services Staff had the opportunity to show this to Cub Scout Pack 27. These young recyclers had a great time touring the Eco Station and seeing how all the material is processed.



Environmental Services Office Specialist Tiffany Pegoda chats with Robert Martinez at customer service week about Environmental Services new information flyer about what can and can't be recycled in the blue roll-carts. The flyer was mailed out to residents this month.



Environmental Services Office Specialist Tiffany Pegoda gave a presentation to the United Methodist Women's Group.

Summer 2017 Brush Collection Schedule

Summer brush collection started on August 14th and staff has collected over 69.95 tons of brush material to date.



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**

Residential Sustainability Report



Residential Sustainability Report

Service Period: September 2017

Recyclables Collected: 111.45 tons

Trash Collected: 424.69 tons

Compostable Materials Collected: 26.71 tons

Total Material Collected: 562.85 tons



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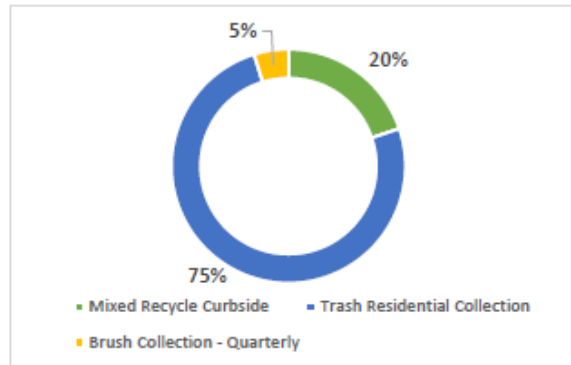
Monthly Collection Report

August Diversion Rate: 20%

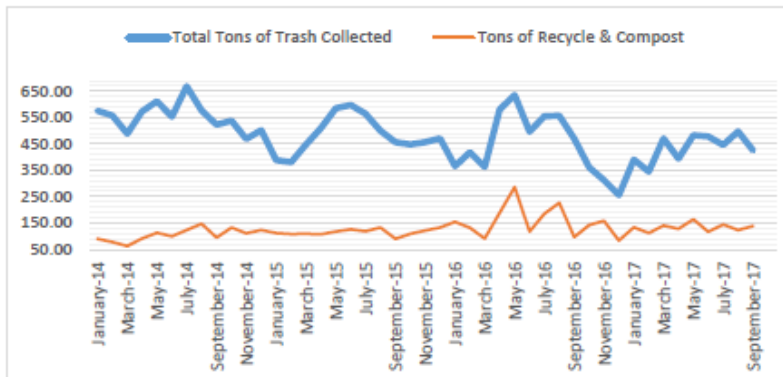
September Diversion Rate: 25%

A 24% Increase in Diversion

The *diversion rate* is the percent of materials recycled and composted.



Month by Month Recycling Comparison



Recycling a single run of the Sunday New York Times would save 75,000 trees.

If every American recycled just one-tenth of their newspapers, we would save about 25,000,000 trees a year.

The average household throws away 13,000 separate pieces of paper each year. Most is packaging and junk mail—all of which can be recycled!

- 13 trucks of recycle and compost were diverted from the landfill.
- Your trash travelled 85 miles to the Rio Rancho Landfill.
- 19 trucks of trash were transported to the Rio Rancho Landfill costing \$19,270.

Facilities Division –

Crews are working on counter tops and lockers installation at Fire Station 4.

Crews are working on concrete and header trench at the Ice Rink.

Crews are shutting down air conditioners and turning on heaters.

Fleet Division



New 2017 Peter-built refuse truck for Environmental Services.



New Ford 4X4 truck - ½ ton extended cab for Parks.

Traffic & Streets Division



Crews replaced a section of buckled sidewalk at 316 Meadow.



Crews removed a large section of sidewalk, and reinforced a new section of sidewalk with a retaining wall along San Ildefonso Road.



Crews cleaned a drain off North Mesa Road.



Crews repaired an embankment that washed away adjacent to the Canyon Rim Trail near the Smiths Market Place.



Traffic Electricians trenched along Canyon Drive to relocate a street light near a transit stop.



A gate was recently installed by a County contractor on Camp May Road near the base of the ski area to avoid the placement of boulders in the roadway during the winter months.



Traffic Electricians installed a 4 section signal head at Trinity Oppenheimer. This fixture replaces a 3 section signal head adding a 2nd red to help motorists with visibility issues associated with the fall sunshine during the morning commute.



Crews assisted San Bar with their striping operation around Los Alamos. The “skip” lines on Barranca Road by the Elementary were eradicated and replaced with double yellow lines.

Transit Division

The Transit Division was quite busy this month.



Bandelier National Monument in partnership with Atomic City transit provided shuttle service to and from Frijoles Canyon May through October. Without the shuttle system parking at peak times would be impossible to find and visitors to the park might be turned away.

Use the following link view the recent KOB news story concerning the valuable partnerships for Bandelier.

<http://www.kob.com/albuquerque-news/bandelier-national-monument-among-park-relying-on-private-partnerships/4633608/>

Atomic City Transit provided service to Bandelier – Opera on the Rocks September 30, 2017. A total of 459 passengers braved the rain and wind to see the performance. The driver's provided warm shelter in the buses during intermission which was much appreciated. Atomic City Transit drivers were able to have a little fun while waiting for customers to finish up the performance.

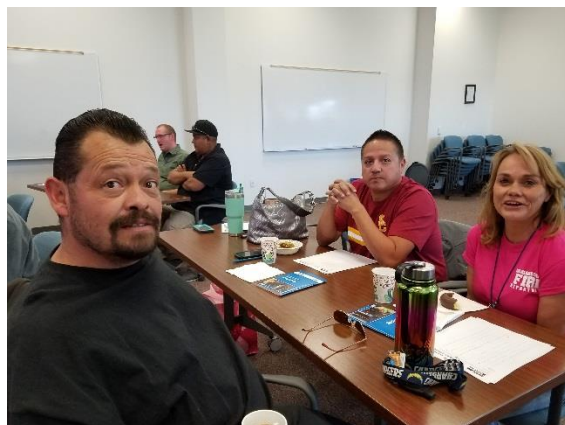


Training

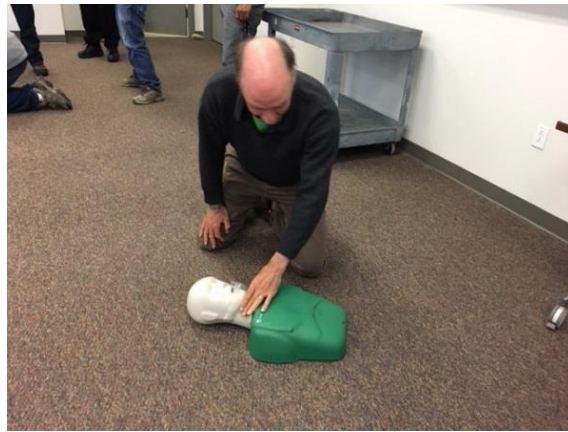
All Transit employees attended First Aid and CPR training on October 9, 2017.



Operators Fermin and Corrine



Operators Jon G and Deborah with Dispatcher Armando



ATOMIC CITY TRANSIT



Providing Exceptional Service

Atomic City Transit celebrates 10 Years of Exceptional Service this month. ACT will have a few events to celebrate. County Council proclaims October 25, 2017 as Atomic City Transit Day.



Staff provided customers with bottled water and cookies to celebrate this occasion.



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Los Alamos, NM, Welcomes 'Atomic City Transit'

Los Alamos County, NM, recently celebrated the official launch of Atomic City Transit with a ribbon-cutting ceremony in honor of the arrival of its first new bus.

The county's bus service operates on five fixed routes, along with dial-a-ride paratransit service and an additional after-school service. Atomic City Transit currently has a fleet of 14 vehicles, with three

more vehicles scheduled to arrive soon.

In the past, public transit in Los Alamos has operated at a minimal level, according to a city spokesperson. Los Alamos Transit Operations, a private corporation with two buses, introduced service in 1980, and for the past 25 years a nonprofit organization named Los Alamos Bus System Inc. has operated as LA Bus, providing most of its service to a major employer in the county and little community-wide operation. LA Bus and Los Alamos County reached an agreement last year for the county to assume all public transportation operations.

The Los Alamos County Council marked the event with a proclamation declaring "Atomic City Transit Day," noting that the transit system fulfills three of the council's adopted goals: to improve transportation and mobility, to maintain environmental quality, and to diversify the economy and revitalize the White Rock and Los Alamos downtowns.

While the system began operating limited peak-hour neighborhood service and 20-minute downtown service this past fall, it has already seen its ridership almost double in the first four months, from 7,015 in October 2007 to 13,069 in February.



Cutting the ribbon at ceremonies marking the launch of Atomic City Transit in Los Alamos, NM, are, from left: front row, Gloria Zamora, representing U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D-NM); county council members Frances Berling and Nona Bowman; New Mexico state Rep. Jeannette Wallace; Robert Gibson, county vice chair; Josette Lucero, North Central Regional Transit District; Frank Sharpless, New Mexico DOT; Nancy Talley, transportation division manager; and Miko Davis, transit manager; back row, Michael Wheeler, county council; Veronica Rodriguez, representing U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici (R-NM); Max Baker, county administrator; and Anthony Mortillaro, assistant county administrator.

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Atomic City Transit would like to say "Thank You" to Pinon Elementary School, 3rd Grade, Ms. Muziani-Holland's class for participating in our coloring contest – What Atomic City Transit means to me and our community?

We received fourteen (14) entries and the Transit division employees selecting the winning entry to be placed on a wrap in the back of one of our buses. All entries will be displayed inside different buses for everyone to enjoy. Thank you once again Pinon Elementary 3rd Grade class for helping us out.



October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and Atomic City Transit employees' support the Los Alamos Fire Department efforts for awareness.



Nanette De La Torre, Armando Rodriguez, Annet Acomb

Atomic City Transit struggles with the hard water. The lime build-up on the windows was becoming excessive as our vehicles are on the road 12 to 14 hours a day. Transit Division has begun a bus detailing program, so look out for our beautifully clean and safe vehicles.



Atomic City Transit attended two events promoting use of public transportation. On Wednesday, October 4, 2017 staff participated in Customer Service Week sponsored by Los Alamos County. We also participated in the Green Team event on Tuesday, October 17, 2017. Representing eco-friendly services.



With our continuous efforts to improve the bus stops, the Transit Division made stop improvements to the Canyon Road. bus stop by adding additional concrete.





From: Tina Andres <cb2andres@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 15, 2017 7:17 PM
To: Jon Bulthuis
Cc: board@eaa691.net
Subject: Young Eagle Thank You!

All, thank you for participating in the Young Eagle flight rally yesterday. Your talents and passion for aviation were very much appreciated by a great group of local kids. Special thanks to the Civil Air Patrol Cadets for assisting with parent escorts on the ramp and to Jon Bulthuis from the County for his support of the event. Due to your efforts, there were so many Young Eagles excited about aviation and positively influenced by their flight experiences. We could fly 39 happy kids on Saturday.

I have gotten some feedback from a few of you and welcome any input on what went well and suggestions for how to improve the event.

It would be especially good to hear about what you thought of the approach of having kids reserve flights in advance. A day before the event, we had 60 seats available and 48 kids signed up, giving us 12 excess seats, or a 20% contingency. Unfortunately, we lost 8 seats due to the removal of a back seat in one aircraft and another 12 seats when one aircraft had mechanical problems. We had 3 kids not show up and 7 more walk-ins without reservations. Amy made one more flight than planned and we could get one walk-in on a flight. We will be having a makeup session next Saturday, as the EAA insurance will cover us for our planned backup weekend as well. We tentatively have 3 pilots that will be able to fly the remaining 14 kids that have requested flights (8 rescheduled from yesterday and 6 walk-ins). I am hoping to have a 33% contingency on the makeup session. I will be communicating separately to the three pilots about the plans for next Saturday.

I will be preparing a report to the EAA on our event after our flights next Saturday, so please provide me with your feedback by next weekend. Thanks again for your support of Young Eagles. Tina

From: James Nesmith [mailto:jimnesmith@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 3:39 PM
To: Feagans, Robert <robert.feagans@lacnm.us>
Subject: Angelo Lujan

Dear Bob,

I want to let you know that Angelo Lujan was absolutely magnificent in the support he gave to me on Saturday during my two events. First, he was incredibly polite. Second, he was an incredibly hard work and was there Johnny on the spot whenever we needed him. And third, he was adaptable. And he was all of these things for both of our events that day.

Please extend our deep appreciation to him for his impeccable service and support.

Best regards,
Jim Nesmith

Jon –

I was glad to meet you as well and to have your support for the Young Eagles event!

I can't tell you how important the Los Alamos Airport has been to our organization. Not only because so many of our members base there, but because of the strong support we receive.

Whether it's been helping us to host the Young Eagles events or as a place for one of our monthly meetings or helping to integrate aviation into the STEM program; the Los Alamos airport has been with/for us every step of the way.

You and your staff have worked hard to develop friendships with the community and with aviation.

Thank you for all the tireless efforts,

Bob Hassel
President
EAA Chapter 691

As always, we enjoy the comments from our customers.



**ATOMIC CITY
TRANSIT**

Passenger Name: Touckanzad Date: 9/29/17

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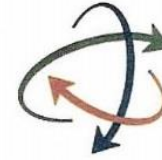
COMPLAINT COMMENDATION SUGGESTION

New driver - going to be a k-essord

RE: Julie

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: Sharon S. Hickey Date: 9/17/17

Address: LANL Phone: _____

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

COMPLAINT COMMENDATION SUGGESTION

What a wonderful, thoughtful, kind, professional service Alex provided by stopping/waiting (10+5 sec) for me!! Friendly service. Many thanks to Alex.

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

Alex



ATOMIC CITY TRANSIT

Passenger Name: Celeste Stewart

Date: 9-16-17

(in order for this to be a valid complaint, name and address must be completed)

COMPLAINT

COMMENDATION

SUGGESTION

The pre-Christmas Craft Fair at the jr high is a huge event. And the parking lot is always packed. Would it be possible to run the Circulator on that day? We could park downtown and just bus out and back. (Jr high → Trinity → Central → Jr high)

And thanks so much for the new 2T stop at Rover + Longview, close to my house and senior center. So easy to 2T up, catch the Circulator, buy food, etc., and then 2m home. ♡ Celeste

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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