

In the Works...

August 2025

Staff Report



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Public Works

ADMINISTRATION

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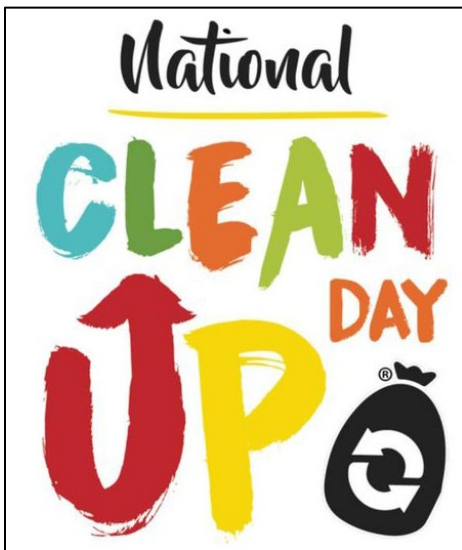
Rachel Barela, Senior Office Specialist

STATS Update

Adopt-A-Road – 10 Segments have been adopted.

The Administration Division serves as the backbone of the Public Works Department, providing essential support and customer service to all its divisions. This includes coordinating budgets, processing payroll, purchasing, managing records, assisting with public information, and ensuring compliance with departmental policies and procedures. The division acts as a central point of contact, responding to internal and external inquiries with professionalism and efficiency. By handling administrative tasks and offering day-to-day operational support, the Administration Division enables the department's field and technical teams to focus on delivering high-quality public services to the community.

Clean Up Los Alamos Day – September 20, 2025



The Los Alamos County Adopt A Road program will join Environmental Services in the Clean-Up Los Alamos Day on Saturday, September 20, 2025, in coordination with National Cleanup Day. This annual event unites residents, families, and community groups to help clear litter from public areas throughout the County.

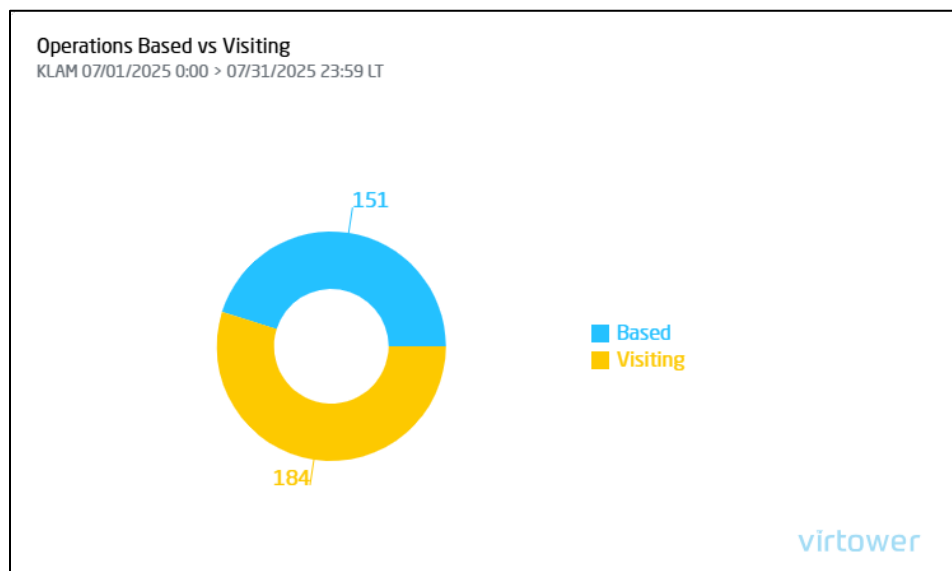
AIRPORT

Gary Goddard, Division Manager

STATS Update

In July 2025, Los Alamos County Airport recorded 335 operations, down slightly from 363 in June. The shift came largely from a decline in visiting aircraft, which fell from 234 operations in June to 184 in July, while based aircraft activity increased from 129 to 151 operations. A notable 89 operations in July were flown by the Classic Air medical helicopter, reflecting its steady role in regional emergency response. The remainder of activity was dominated by local general aviation.

The drop in visiting traffic is likely tied to seasonal weather patterns. July's monsoon storms often bring afternoon thunderstorms across northern New Mexico, discouraging cross-country trips by transient general aviation pilots. Based aircraft, however, were less affected, as local operators can better adjust flight times around the weather. Overall, July's activity reflects stable use of the airport by local pilots and continued strong demand for emergency medical flights, with a modest decline in transient general aviation visitors compared to June.



Projects Update

Several airport improvement projects are progressing. The T-Hangar project is moving forward, bolstered by a recent pledge from the New Mexico DOT to provide an additional \$400,000 to close some of the funding gap caused by rising construction costs. Work is anticipated to begin this fall. The County has also applied for FAA grant funding to design the west end development and Taxiway F relocation, which will include demolition of the outdated hangars on that side of the field. As part of this effort, the County recently purchased one of the west-end hangars from a private owner—four more remain before demolition can proceed.

Community engagement at KLAM also remains strong. On Saturday, August 16th, the airport hosted another event with the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), where members gave approximately 11 flights to fellow aviation enthusiasts who don't own aircraft. Following the flights, the Airport Manager and another EAA member, John George, gave a talk in the terminal about a recent trip to AirVenture in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, the world's largest fly-in, which attracted over 10,000 aircraft and more than 700,000 attendees this year. The visit provided fresh ideas to enhance the County Airport's own annual Open House, reinforcing KLAM's commitment to both aviation development and community connection.



CAPITAL PROJECTS & FACILITIES

Capital Projects

Los Alamos County is working on a variety of projects that support quality of life, infrastructure, and economic development initiatives.

The front nine holes at the Golf Course continue open for golf play. Staff have confirmed that the front nine part of the course is holding up well and will be making a slight adjustment to the schedule to extend play hours.

The 60% design packet for the Manhattan Project Dormitory Renovation is under review by the State Historical Preservation Office for review and comment.

An article about the coming Manhattan Project Dormitory Renovation was published by the Albuquerque Business First Journal.

<https://www.bizjournals.com/albuquerque/news/2025/08/05/manhattan-project-building-conversion.html>

Entitlements process for the new Fire Station 4 have been successfully completed. The project team kicked off the Design Development phase of the project.

Facilities (Preventative Maintenance)

STATS Update

Current WOs in queue = 179

New WO since last report = 48

Completed WO = 95

After hours WO = 7

Emergency WO = 3

CUSTODIAL

Bob Feagans, Division Manager

Meeting Our Goals

The Custodial Division continues to promote innovative approaches, conscientious stewardship and outstanding customer service while delivering clean and safe results to the County.

Our division also promotes outstanding customer service support through the Fuller Lodge Reservations Office, helping customers reserve and plan their events at County indoor facilities.

News & Updates

Reservations for the month of August continued to remain strong and every Saturday is booked over the next few months.

Looking Ahead

The Division currently has one vacant position which should be filled by the end of the month.

STATS Update

Supporting public events countywide.

Fuller Lodge – 61

White Rock Activity Center – 20

White Rock Fire Station – 1

Betty Ehart Senior Center – 30

White Rock Town Hall – 0

Municipal Building – 44

ENGINEERING

Eric Ulibarri, County Engineer

Bids were received for the Denver Steels Phase II project with an award being requested by the council on August 26. Construction is anticipated to begin this year and continue into Summer 2026. Staff have been involved in assisting with Pinon and Chamisa Elementary schools, inspecting work involved in reconstruction of the Pinon Elementary School access road, and providing support for striping operations for pedestrian infrastructure.

The Los Alamos County Pedestrian Master Plan was presented to Transportation Board in August and was recommended for adoption by the board. Staff will request final adoption at council on August 26.

A Canyon Rim Trail feasibility presentation was held at the council work session on August 19. The presentation explored options for extending the trail farther west towards the Los Alamos Medical Center.

Staff have executed a task order with an engineering on-call to develop conceptual design documents for re-alignment of Longview Drive.

The presentation for the Pedestrian Master Plan to the Transportation Board received public comment which helps in finalization of the plan. Ongoing construction projects like Bathtub Row require consistent outreach to the public including impacted residents, businesses, Los Alamos Public Schools, and LANL/DOE. This coordination is critical to successful project execution.

Looking Ahead

Multiple projects are being prepared for the upcoming construction year: Canyon Rim Trail from Knecht to 15th Street, Finch Street, Trinity Drive Safety and ADA, and NM-4 Multi-Use Trail and Crossing are all anticipated to be advertised for bids in Fall 2025 with construction continuing through the 2026 calendar year.

Staff are also actively involved in reviewing developer applications, conducting inspections, approval of construction permits, and design reviews. Some recent project reviews include the 20th Street Development, Guesthouse Hotel at the old Hilltop House site, Women's Dormitory Building, Hills Apartments/35th Street Realignment project, Century Bank, Sherwood Rounds off Longview Drive, Arboleda and the redevelopment of the Motel 6 building.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Armando Gabaldon, Division Manager

STATS Update

Customer Service Emails – 44

Roll Cart Requests – 107

Household Hazardous Wasted Customers – 115

Recycle Coach App Users – 2,212

Recycle Coach App Interactions – 17,258

Overlook Visitors – 155

Transfer Station Visitors – 2,039

Yard Trimming Participants – 5,390

Social Media Followers –1.3k

As part of the "Operation Save the Bears" initiative, Environmental Services delivered 260 dumpsters to the business community and 1,000 roll carts to residential customers during the first wave of the program. In December 2024, Environmental Services received an additional 1,154 Kodiak Bear-Resistant Carts and has since distributed more than 1,000 to residents that requested one. Another order has been placed to ensure availability for residents requesting one.

Bear sightings are on the rise, and we've received an increasing number of reports about trash carts being raided. To help prevent wildlife encounters and keep our neighborhoods safe, residents are encouraged to consider using bear-resistant trash carts. If you're interested in requesting one, please visit www.losalamosnm.us/gogreen to submit a request.

Upcoming Events - Clean Up Los Alamos Day – September 20, 2025

Environmental Services will be coordinating Clean Up Los Alamos Day on Saturday, September 20, 2025, in alignment with National CleanUp Day. This annual event brings together residents, families, and community organizations to remove litter from public spaces across Los Alamos County.



Residential Sustainability Report

Service Period: July 2025

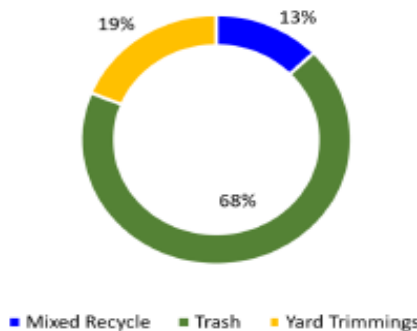
July Diversion Rate: 32%



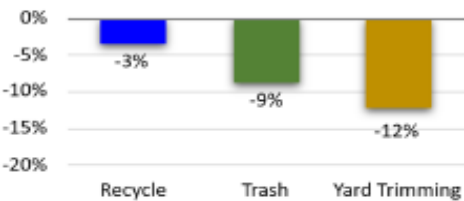
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The diversion rate is the percent of recyclable and compostable material diverted from the landfill.

Monthly Collection Report

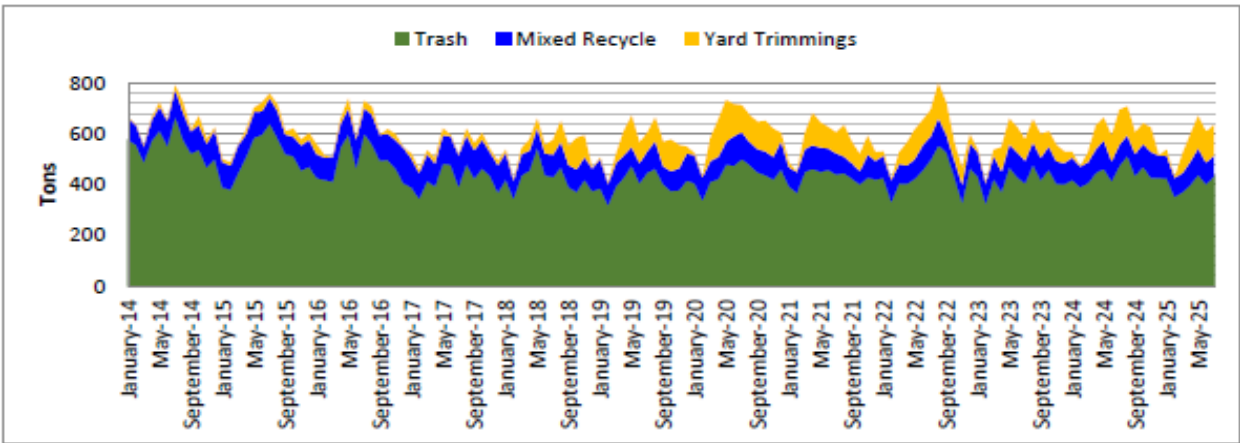


% Change Previous Year

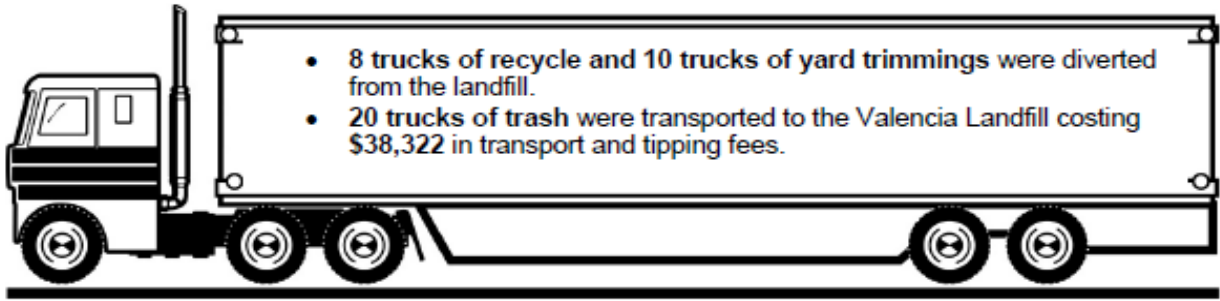


	Jul-24	Jul-25
Yard Trimming	136.42	119.84
Recycle	84.01	81.13
Trash	474.88	433.29

In July by recycling and composting Los Alamos County reduced GHG emissions by ~513 tons*



In 2025 by recycling and composting Los Alamos County reduced GHG emissions by ~3,199 tons*



For more information contact Environmental Services Division at 505.662.8163 or email solidwaste@lacnm.us

*GHG emissions calculated using <https://www.stopwaste.co/calculator>

FLEET

Pete Mondragon, Division Manager

STATS Update

Work orders entered – **333**

Work orders completed within 72 hours - 193

Work orders that remain open - 62

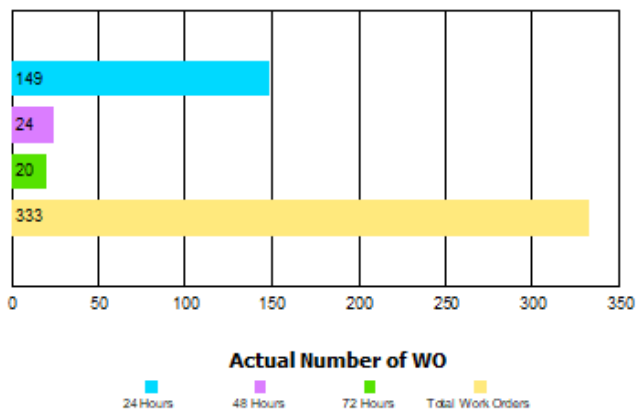
Work orders that are considered preventive maintenance – 57

Work orders that are considered repairs – 274

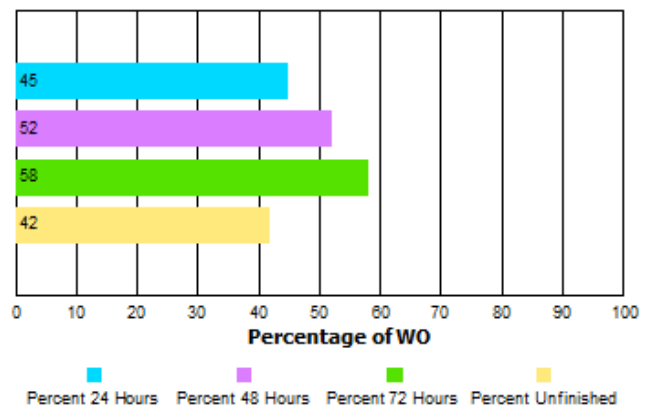
Work orders due to accidents – 2

Loc: FLEET - FLEET

Actual Number of Work Orders Finished
Within 24, 48 or 72 Hours of Open Date



Percentage of Work Orders Finished
Within 24, 48, and 72 Hours (Cumulative)



Actual		Cumulative	
Within 24 Hours: 149	Within 48 Hours: 24	Within 24 Hours: 149	Within 48 Hours: 173
Within 72 Hours: 20	Total Number of Work Orders: 333	Within 72 Hours: 193	Total Number of Work Orders: 333
Total Unfinished: 140		Percent Unfinished: 42.04%	

TRAFFIC & STREETS

Vacant, Division Manager

STATS Update

Customer calls – 63

Permits processed – 11

Permits extended – 3

Locates preformed – 141

Concrete used – 8.5 yards

Asphalt used – 193

Perma patch used – 0

Signs fabricated and installed – 0

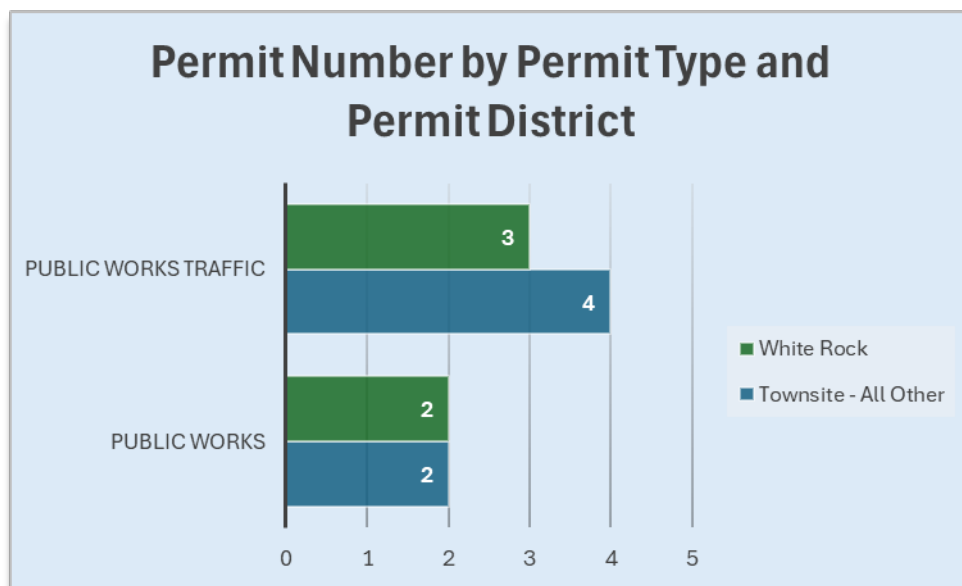
Linear feet striped – 0

Lights and fixtures that were replaced – 0

Work orders received – 15

Work orders completed - 7

Traffic and Streets Administrative Staff processed 11 permits from July 20 through August 18, 2025. Staff extended 3 permits. Staff processes Traffic Control, Excavation and Curb Cut applications for county workers, county contracted companies, and private companies.



Crews have been actively installing crosswalks throughout school zones and designated safe routes across the county. This includes the installation of a temporary crosswalk on Meadow Lane at the newly constructed Chamisa Elementary School. In coordination with other teams, the crew also relocated a school flasher at the new campus.

Crews recently completed asphalt excavation, preparation, and paving along 35th Street between Villa Street and Diamond Drive. Additionally concrete repairs were also carried out in the same area and along Alhambra Drive in White Rock.

Crews have been working collaboratively to clear vegetation along roadways, pathways leading to schools and parks, around traffic signs, ACT bus stops, and countywide sidewalks. This ongoing maintenance will continue through the fall to prepare for the new school year and upcoming regional events, including the Burning of Zozobra, Santa Fe Fiestas, and the International Balloon Fiesta.

In preparation for seasonal weather changes, teams are also clearing drainage systems to help prevent flooding on roadways and adjacent private properties during rainfall.

Crews have supported multiple interdepartmental projects, including clearing storage sheds at the airport and installing a streetlight visor at the intersection of Arizona Avenue and 45th Street. Trenched and installed conduit to relocate a bollard light on Bathtub Row. Crews have been conducting night patrols in White Rock to identify malfunctioning streetlights. Identified issues are logged into the work order system to track and prioritize repairs.

Lastly, crews provided traffic control support for the Los Alamos County Triathlon and are currently preparing to support the upcoming Bear Festival, sponsored by the Pajarito Environmental Education Center (PEEC) and the Los Alamos County Nature Center.

TRANSIT

James Barela, Division Manager

STATS Update

Unlinked Passenger Trips (UPT) - 22,669

Fixed-Route UPT - 21,330

Demand-Response UPT- 584

Special UPT - 755

Service Days - 23

UPT per Service Day - 986

UPT per Service Mile - .51

Service Disruptions - 13

On-time Timepoint Departures – 74%

On-time Paratransit Trips – 96.9%

Buses with Defective ITS Systems – 7%

Customer Complaints - 1

Atomic City Transit (ACT) is pleased to announce a new Saturday service pilot program with ACT Ride. For thirteen Saturdays from August 2 to October 25, 2025, riders can request same-day service from 9 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Rides may be reserved through the free ACT Ride app, available for download on Google Play or the App Store, or by calling 505.661.RIDE (7433).

Transit Ridership Report – July 2025

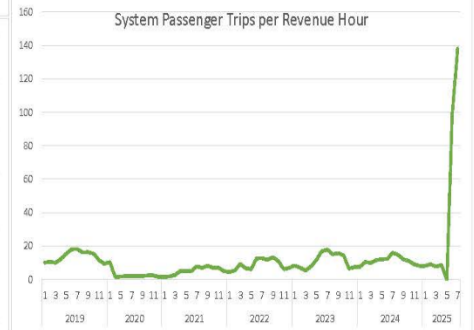
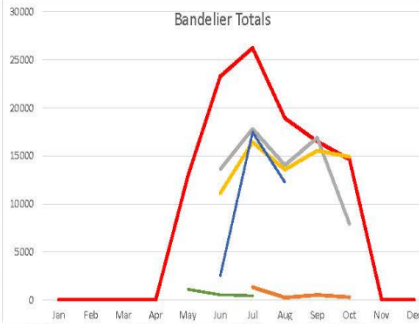
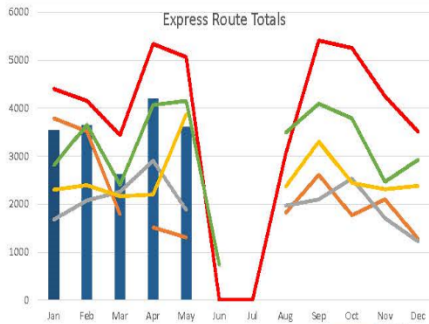
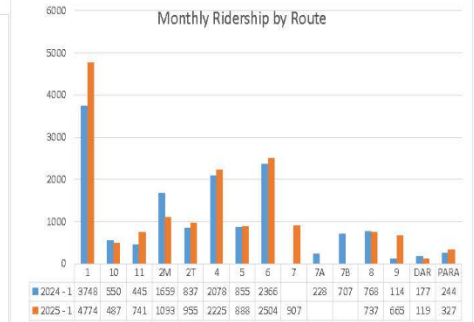
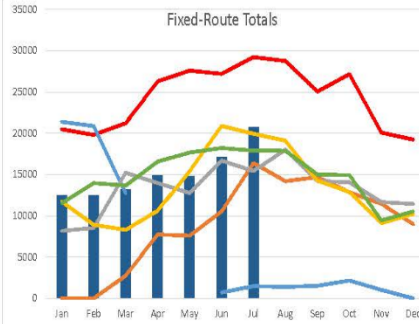
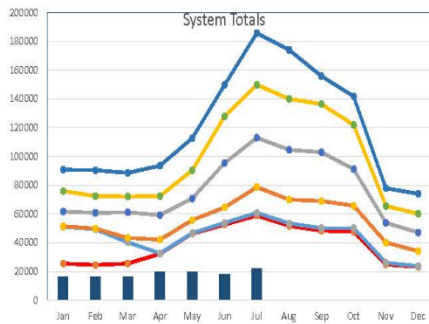


2025 Ridership Report

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YTD

Route	Trips							% Chg (from 2019)	% Chg (from 2020)	% Chg (from 2021)	% Chg (from 2022)	% Chg (from 2023)	% Chg (from 2024)	Jul Rev. Miles		Jul Rev. Hours		Jul YTD Trips		Month YOY % Chg (from 2024)	Sec Days
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025							2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025		
1 Downtown	8,108	706	5,620	4,843	8,202	8,348	6,980	-14%	889%	24%	44%	-15%	-16%	5,381	4,567	286	343	41,910	36,519	-13%	23
2M White Rock - Main Hill	3,353	489	2,026	1,716	-	-	3,199	-5%	554%	58%	86%	-	-	-	8,217	-	311	3,471	12,888	271%	23
2T White Rock - Truck Rt	2,414	296	1,833	1,752	3,141	2,770	2,632	9%	789%	44%	50%	-16%	-5%	7,341	7,868	287	304	14,536	10,545	-27%	23
4 North Community	3,239	-	1,635	1,833	3,997	2,159	2,678	-17%	-	64%	46%	-33%	24%	4,266	4,459	286	299	18,787	16,215	-14%	23
5 Barranca Mesa	1,641	-	1,072	936	1,215	1,226	2,205	34%	-	106%	136%	81%	80%	3,993	4,175	283	296	8,040	9,127	14%	23
6 North Mesa	6,333	-	2,361	2,475	3,388	3,401	3,061	-52%	-	30%	24%	-10%	-10%	5,126	6,459	358	446	22,799	20,223	-11%	23
Fixed-route subtotal	29,220	1,491	16,392	15,426	19,943	17,904	20,755	-29%	1292%	27%	35%	4%	16%	26,107	35,745	1,501	2,000	109,543	105,517	-4%	-
7 North Mesa Expr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,100	4,365	-14%	-
8 North Community Expr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,389	4,258	-3%	-
9 Aspen Expr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,764	3,202	82%	-
10 Barranca Expr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,170	2,622	-17%	-
11 White Rock Expr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,405	3,175	-7%	-
Express route subtotal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,828	17,622	-1%	-
12 Bandelier	26,247	-	1,333	17,834	16,442	17,468	449	-98%	-	-66%	-97%	-97%	-97%	14,791	3,029	579	217	20,003	2,101	-89%	31
Dial-a-Ride	183	-	68	68	129	183	104	-43%	-	53%	53%	-19%	-43%	1,375	804	88	220	1,105	728	-34%	22
ACT Assist	350	65	160	289	317	309	480	37%	638%	200%	66%	51%	55%	2,860	3,309	182	205	1,967	1,198	-39%	22
Special Services	2,897	296	-	678	2,411	3,017	881	-70%	198%	-	30%	-63%	-71%	2,067	1,504	85	54	3,690	1,815	-51%	14
System total	58,897	1,852	17,953	34,295	39,242	38,881	22,669	-62%	1124%	26%	-34%	-42%	-42%	47,200	44,392	2,434	2,696	154,136	128,981	-16%	23



Total Passenger Trips to Date: 6,763,122

Significant Service Adjustments and Special Events

- **All Month:** Due to staffing shortages, Rt 3 did not operate (Rt 1 provided service to Camino Entrada area). Additionally, Route 1 stops at the co-op every hour instead of every half hour to improve time reliability.
- **Special Services:** Summer Concert Service - for 4 concerts (2C:43, 4C:14, and 6C:69). Fourth of July (Fixed Routes: 737). DPU Tour (18).

Demand Response Ridership

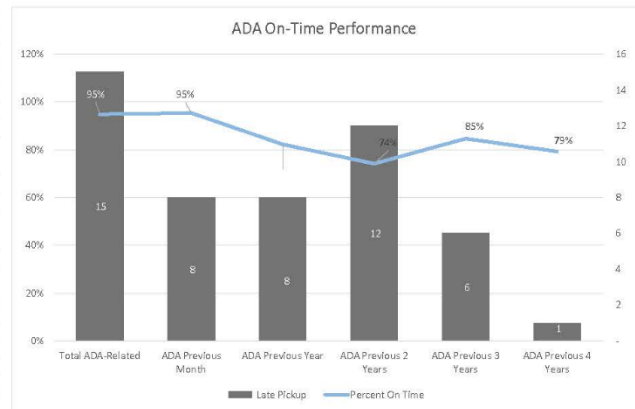
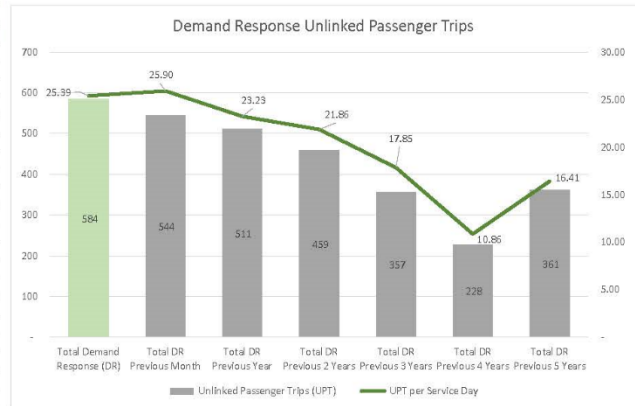
Atomic City Transit - Demand Response Ridership and Statistics

July 2025

	Total Demand Response (DR)	Total DR Previous Month	Total DR Previous Year	Total ADA-Related	Total DAR	Total DAR-Special
NTD Service Information						
Vehicles Operated in Max Service	2	2	2	2	2	-
Unlinked Passenger Trips (UPT)	584	544	511	480	104	-
UPT Ambulatory	375	319	467	278	97	-
UPT Non-Ambulatory	209	223	44	202	7	-
UPT Evening DAR	374	502	82	292	82	-
UPT Daytime DAR	210	42	94	188	22	-
UPT Regional-Linked	246	224	283	207	39	-
Companions	13	-	33	13	-	-
PCAs	13	-	42	13	-	-
Total Vehicle Miles (VM)	5,586	5,455	5,508	4,316	1,270	-
Total Vehicle Hours (VH)	417	557	440	331	86	-
Total Revenue Miles (RM)	4,405	4,282	4,342	3,601	804	-
Total Revenue Hours (RH)	259	259	278	38	220	-
Regional-linked Miles	2,253	2,159	2,917	1,915	338	-
Regional-linked Hours	69	74	106	59	10	-
Passenger Miles	4,405	4,282	4,179	3,601	804	-
Passenger Hours	259	259	168	38	220	-
Service Days	23	21	22	23	22	-
Weekdays	23	21	22	23	22	-
UPT per RM	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	-
UPT per RH	2.3	2.1	1.8	12.5	0.5	-
UPT per Service Day	25.4	25.9	23.2	20.9	4.7	-
UPT per Weekday	25.4	25.9	23.2	3.4	4.7	-

Scheduling Stats						
Subscription	95	-	174	95	-	-
One Way Trips Requested	660	683	616	559	101	-
One Way Trips Performed	525	544	436	435	90	-
Advance Reservation	-	-	259	-	-	-
Same Day Reservation	-	-	176	-	-	-
Avg. Minutes to board	6	8	(2)	1	5	-
Avg. Minutes to Disembark	-	-	(5)	-	-	-

Capacity Metrics						
Missed Trip (Due to Vehicle Late)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trips On Time	527	520	345	423	104	-
Percent On Time	100%	96%	79%	95%	100%	-
Early Offer	-	-	8	-	-	-
Late Offer	-	-	10	-	-	-
Late Pickup	15	24	13	15	-	-
Excessively Late Pickup (>15m after window)	-	6	1	-	-	-
Late Dropoff (drop after 5m before Appt.)	11	5	9	11	-	-
Excessively Late Dropoff (>10m after Appt.)	-	-	2	-	-	-
Early Pickup	-	-	78	-	-	-
Excessively Early Pickup (>15m before window)	-	-	3	-	-	-
Early Dropoff (>30m before Appt.)	-	-	8	-	-	-
Excessively Early Dropoff (>45m before Appt.)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trip Over 45 min	-	-	18	-	-	-
Trip Over 60 min	-	-	2	-	-	-
Over Fixed-Route Duration Est.	-	3	14	-	-	-
>15m Over Fixed-Route Duration Est.	-	-	4	-	-	-



TRANSPORTATION BOARD

The next Transportation Board meeting is scheduled for September 4, 2025.

NEW STAFF & PROMOTIONS



Serafin Mendez was recently promoted from a Summer Student to a Casual Employee with Traffic and Streets. Serafin is a Senior at Pojoaque Valley High School. He plays basketball and interviewed with several colleges to attend college on a scholarship.

ANNIVERSARIES & RETIREMENTS

Atomic City Transit would like to congratulate the following employees on their employment anniversaries.

July 2025

- Daniel Gutierrez – 11 years of service
- Elias Vigil – 1 year of service
- Andrew Norwood – 1 year of service

PROJECTS



Los Alamos Little Theatre.

Work is underway to install a fire suppression system.

The contractor is installing piping in the ceiling for the fire suppression water distribution throughout the building.



Los Alamos Ice Rink Chiller Replacement.

The piping that supplies refrigerant from the chiller to the outdoors air condenser has been completed.

The contractor is conducting preliminary pressure tests to verify the hermeticity of the piping.

DIVISION VACANCIES

Administration – This division is currently fully staffed.

Airport – This division is currently fully staffed.

Capital Projects & Facilities – 1 Management Analyst

Custodial – 1 Custodian

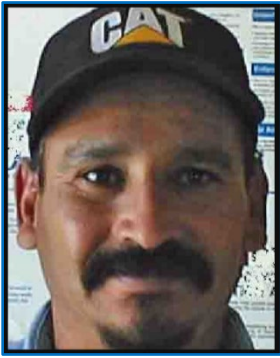
Environmental Services – This division is currently fully staffed.

Fleet – This division is currently fully staffed.

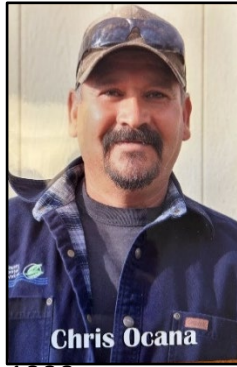
Traffic & Streets – 1 Electrician, 1 Signs & Markings, 2 equipment operators, 1 Division Manager

Transit – 3 Transit Drivers

ACCOLADES



2010



1999



2025



His office

Celebrating 25 Years of Service: Chris Ocaña

On August 20, 1999, Chris Ocaña walked through the gates of 3701 E. Jemez Road—back when it was still a landfill and long before it became the ECO Transfer Station. At the time, the idea of reaching retirement felt, in Chris’s words, “like it was going to be forever.” Fast forward to today, and here he is celebrating his 25th PERA birthday, wondering how it all went by so quickly. With a chuckle, Chris jokes, “In 25 years of commuting from El Rito with my wife, we’ve worn out two cars and now I’m working on my third.” His commute is estimated annually at 32,760 miles, times that by 25 years... 819,000 miles currently.

Chris isn’t done yet, though. His next goal is to hit 26 years and 8 months before officially hanging up his gloves, safety vest, boots, and hard hat for good.

He began his County career as a yard laborer before moving up to Equipment Operator and eventually Senior Equipment Operator, where he has spent most of his career. Along the way, Chris has pretty much run every machine with wheels, claws, or buckets including compactors, shu-pak units, side loaders, skid steers, transfer station loaders, front end loaders, and of course, his specialty: the grapple (formerly known as “quarterly pickup”). He even led the grinding operation, proving there’s not much in solid waste operations that Chris hasn’t tackled.

During his 25 years, Chris has seen plenty of co-workers, managers, and retirees come and go, but he has been a steady presence through it all. Meanwhile, at home, he and his wife raised their daughter and are now enjoying life as proud grandparents to a 12-year-old grandson and an energetic 18-month-old granddaughter.

When asked what advice he’d give to new employees, Chris kept it simple:

“Be a good worker and a safe employee. Work hard, do what’s asked of you, get along with everyone, and be helpful. You’ll need a lot of patience at first it feels like forever in the beginning but before you know it, the years fly by.”

Having supervised Chris for nearly eight years, I can proudly say he's an outstanding Transfer Station operator. He's humble, dependable, easygoing, and the kind of employee who never argues and always pitches in. And on top of that, he's also the go-to guy for green chile stew at our division luncheons!!

As for favorite memories, Chris admits that nothing beats the day he got a **brand-new loader**: "That new loader smell made my job so much easier." Still, what really stands out to him is his current crew: "This team is different, it's a good group of people who help each other out and get along."

Looking back, Chris is proudest of three things: learning all the equipment, never getting hurt on the job, and being able to go home safely every single day.

Congratulations to Chris Ocaña on 25 years of service with Los Alamos County—and here's to his final climb toward retirement!

Fleet Mechanics Kudos!

Huge shoutout to the incredible Fleet Mechanic team! Despite being down *one position out of seven* for several months, they've continued to push through with unwavering dedication and top-tier performance.

This month, the team knocked on the door of a major milestone — and *smashed it*. For the first time, they surpassed **300 work orders received**, hitting a record **333**! Even more impressive? Of those, only **62 remain open** — a massive testament to their efficiency, teamwork, and grit.

Your hard work doesn't go unnoticed. Thank you for keeping everything rolling, literally and figuratively. Let's give it up for our fleet champions!

From: Chris Cude

To: Martinez, Vicente <vicente.martinez@lacnm.us>

Subject: Electrical work at Fuller Lodge

Mr. Martinez,

I just wanted to pass along my compliments regarding the facility electricians' work over at Fuller Lodge. I volunteer with the clay studio over there and have had occasion to interact with Rick Garcia and his crew a couple of times now, and they have been reliably efficient and effective on every occasion. They recently tracked down a weak breaker for us and went above and beyond to keep us up and running while the replacement part was on order. A pleasure to work with, and they do a great job.

Thanks,
Chris Cude

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS UPDATES – ENGINEERING

Los Alamos County is working on a variety of projects that support quality of life, infrastructure, and economic development initiatives. A summary of the project and additional information can be found on our website – <https://lacnm.com/PW-Projects>.

Project Name	Dept(s)	Update
NM-4 Crossing and Multi-Use Trail	PW	This project will create an at-grade crossing of NM State Road 4 in White Rock at the Mirador Subdivision and provide both new multi-use trail infrastructure and reconstructed trail infrastructure in the Pinon Park area. The county received grant funding from NMDOT for this project with design being finalized by Bohannon Huston Inc. The project will be advertised for construction later this year with construction anticipated to begin in late 2025 and continue through 2026.
Trinity Drive Safety and ADA	PW	This project is the result of a 2016 road safety audit and has been awarded grant funding from the Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program by NMDOT. A resolution of support was made by Council on September 10 approving a Hybrid Road Diet, one of the alternatives presented by the engineer. The design is being finalized with construction anticipated to begin in late 2025 and continue through 2026.
Finch Street	PW	This project design was completed by an on-call engineering firm. The project is anticipated to be advertised for bids in late 2025. Council approved an agreement with the Los Alamos Medical Center for the transfer of land for the construction of the Finch Street project in August 2023. Construction is anticipated to begin in late 2025 and continue through 2026.
Canyon Rim Trail Phase III	PW	The project design and right-of-way (ROW) acquisitions are underway from Knecht Street to 15 th Street. The design is being completed by an on-call engineering firm. The project is anticipated to be advertised for bids in Fall 2025 with construction occurring in 2026. Completion of the trail design from 15 th Street to 20 th Street is pending ROW acquisitions.
Bathtub Row-Peach Nectar	PW	Construction continues by TLC Plumbing and Utility after a winter suspension and is anticipated for completion in late Summer 2025. This is a joint project with the Department of Public Utilities and includes full road reconstruction along with utility upgrades.

Denver Steels Phase II	PW	This is a joint project with the Department of Public Utilities and includes full road reconstruction along with utility upgrades. The project is anticipated to begin construction in late 2025 and continue through 2026.
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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS UPDATES – FACILITIES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS UPDATES – FACILITIES

A summary of the project and additional information can be found at the County website –

<https://www.losalamosnm.us/Government/Departments-and-Divisions/Public-Works/Capital-Projects-Facilities-Division-Projects>.

Project Name	Dept	Update
Golf Course Electric Cart Conversion	PW, CSD	Construction completed. Electric golf carts started operations in July. Project is closeout phase.
Asset Management Software for Facilities	PW	Staff continue the verification of equipment naming and locations on the floor plans. Steup of accounts for crews in progress.
Benchmarking Building Utility Consumption	PW	No activities to report in July
Emergency Dispatch CRAC Unit	PD	Design professional finalizing 100% drawings.
Women's Dormitory Building Renovation	PW	60% design packet sent to SHPO for review and comment. Results of the review expected by mid- to end of September.
Capital Outlay Grant Application for Betty Ehart Senior Center	PW, CSD, AS-FIN	ALTSD announced the award of \$1,000,000 to the project on August 7. Staff are preparing the final scope of work for ALTSD review and approval.
Golf Course Site Improvements	PW, CSD	Project team maintains a close watch to the overall course conditions and the grow-in progress of the turf. Staff are amending the designer contract for additional services to perform on-site review of turf grow-in, assessment of course conditioning, and the prescription of any corrective measures that may be needed.

Ice Rink Temporary Chiller	PW, CSD	Temporary chiller has been removed from the ice rink. The project is in closeout phase.
Ice Rink Permanent Chiller Replacement	PW, CSD	The mechanical contractor completed building the piping by connecting the condenser and the chiller. Preliminary pressure testing under way.
Ice Rink Floor Replacement and Shade Structure	PW, CSD	On June 10, County Council approved moving forward with design development of the mono-sloped pre-engineered structure.
Fire Station 3 Snow Melt System Replacement	PW, FD	Project team is considering possible design changes to improve system reliability and potential construction cost savings.
Emergency Operations Center (EOC)	PW, PD, FD	Grant funding was suspended by Department of Homeland Security. County Emergency Management will seek alternative funding and grants for this project.
Fire Station 4 Replacement	PW, FD	Entitlements process successfully completed. The planning and Zoning Commission approved the site plan on August 13, 2025. Project team kicked off the design development phase.
Mesa Public Library Siding Replacement	PW	Project is in warranty period. Staff are monitoring the siding panels for possible cracks.
Aquatic Center Olympic Pool Restoration	PW, CSD	Architect is reviewing pool materials submittals.
Betty Ehart Senior Center Renovation	PW, CSD	Staff are reviewing schematic design documents.
Los Alamos Little Theatre Fire Suppression and Asbestos Abatement.	PW, CSD	The contractor is installing the piping for the fire suppression system.
Betty Ehart Senior Center HVAC Replacement	PW, CSD	Project was awarded \$1M by the State Aging and Long-Term Services Department. Project team is reviewing fee proposal to develop construction documents.
Installation of EV chargers	Sustainability, PW	Staff held pre-construction meeting with the contractor on August 14. Construction is expected to begin in mid-September.
Fire Station 3 Showers Renovation	PW, FD	Submittals for tiles, water proofing, and pans under review. Contractor is finalizing the construction schedule.
Aquatic Center Pool Replacement Pumps Design	PW, CSD	Staff are reviewing the Retro-commissioning report.
PCS Fuel Farm Upgrades	PW	PCS fuel farm is back to normal operation. Project is in closeout phase.
Justice Center Parking Lot Lights Replacement	PW	Staff are evaluating alternatives to procure electrical contractor services for this project.
PCS Salt Bins Rust Correction	PW	Project team is reviewing the 90% drawings.
PCS Bus Canopy Snowmelt System	PW	Designer is finalizing the 100% drawings. There are two other projects in the planning phase at this location. Staff are exploring the possibility of combining the three projects in search of construction/cost efficiencies.

Brewer Arena Grandstand	PW/ CSD	Construction drawings sent out to on-call contractors for pricing.
Social Services Action Center	PW/ CSD	Staff is waiting on recommendation from the County Health Council on the space needs for the Action Center.
Justice Center Rainwater Drain Correction	PD/ PW	A task order has been routed for signature. Contractor anticipates beginning work in early September

Thank you for reading!

We look forward to keeping you informed about our progress and initiatives.