

# APRIL 2026



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## COUNTY MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT



## INTRODUCTION

The County Manager's Monthly Report provides updates on key programs and projects, County financials and metrics that help track how the staff are serving the community.

## NOTE FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

March momentum included a maintained focus on budget development and assembly to meet the state requirement of publishing the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2027 by the end of the month. Additionally, with the end of the annual employee appraisal period being March 31st, employees were busy attending mandatory training before the deadline.

Three Council meetings were held (two regular meetings and one work session) with the following summary of agenda items:

- Proclamation recognizing the 20<sup>th</sup> birthday of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
- Presentation from NNSA Los Alamos Field Office Manager Ted Wyka
- Renewals of the MOUs with the City of Espanola and Rio Arriba County for capital partnerships using the County's Regional Fund
- New members were appointed to the Transportation Board, Art in Public Places, Library and the Personnel boards, Health Council, and Planning and Zoning commission
- Two Planning and Zoning appeals were remanded back to the commission for a rehearing and decision
- Approval of a new contract for fleet asset management software including the addition of GPS and telematic services
- Approval of the County's Federal Priorities
- Approval of Boards and Commission annual workplans for calendar year 2026
- Proclamation designating March 29, 2026, as "National Vietnam War Veterans Day in Los Alamos County"
- Briefing from Parks and Recreation Board vice-chair
- Briefing from the Library Board chair
- Acceptance of the Inclusivity Task Force final report
- Acceptance of the Community-Wide Electric Vehicle Charging Plan
- Tourism update
- Update on the draft Electric Coordination Agreement with LANL
- Execute a power purchase agreement for electric needs for April through June 2026
- Briefing on Atomic City Transit Saturday service pilot program
- Approval of contract to install EV chargers at Mesa Public Library
- Approval of Municipal Court software
- Approval of a lease for the golf course restaurant space
- Approval of a new liquor license for Sala
- Update on small/local business actions
- Approval of a letter to eh NMED regarding DOE-EM clean-up priorities

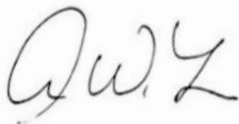
If you would like to see more about the council and their boards and commissions please visit ([link](#)) to view meeting agendas, videos and minutes.

Some of my March activities as county manager coordinating and supporting partners and residents included:

- March 5 – attended Regional Development Corporation Community Conversation (REDI Summit)
- March 5 – signed community broadband bond sale closing documents with Chair Ryti and legal counsel
- March 9<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> – attended the Los Alamos Fire Department accreditation hearings in Orlando Florida
- March 12<sup>th</sup> – met with the New Mexico Self Insurers' Fund regarding A-8-A (Coyote Mesa) development partnership with Servitas
- March 18 – participated in the monthly Federal Congressional Delegation (NM staff) monthly check-in meetings with Chair Ryti and Danielle Duran
- March 18 - attended Fire Chief Wendy Servey's retirement celebration lunch
- March 20 – attended AI Leadership training taught by SFCC
- March 22 through 28<sup>th</sup> – travelled to Washington DC with Chair Ryti, Vice-Chair Herrmann and Danielle Duran to advocate for Los Alamos County priorities

March concluded with publishing the fiscal year (FY) 2027 proposed budget. Overall, the County is staying focused on all the tasks and projects we are responsible for. We are challenged to get the ballfield grass to grow more quickly so they can be used ASAP and shifting aquatic center operations to Pinon Pool for the summer season. We understand that renovations come with inconveniences and we will work hard to mitigate them when possible.

Warm regards,

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Anne Laurent  
County Manager

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## COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

### General County

The County's website had 18,324 total users for the month of March, down from 31,015 users in February 2026.

The top three pages for March were the home page, CDD self-service kiosk, and the job application page.

### County Line, Bottom Line, Sustainability, Off the Shelf Newsletter

The average open rate across all County e-newsletters in March was 55%.

Individual newsletter performance is as follows:

- County Line: 50% of 2,335 subscribers
- Bottom Line: 58% of 696 subscribers
- Off the Shelf: 64% of 830 subscribers
- Economic Development – No edition issued in March
- Sustainability: 65% of 130 subscribers

### Record Management

6 Internal requests

19 records provided

7 Permit requests

3 records released

IPRA

386 Records requested

20 Carryovers from previous month

6,531 Records pulled for review/release

### Clerk's Office

326 Recordings & Filings

111 eRecordings

6 Marriage Licenses

4 Probate Cases

3 County Council/Board Mtgs

16,364 Total Registered Voters

4713 Voter Record Transactions

6 Social Media Posts

664 Facebook Followers

388 Instagram Followers

78 Threads Followers

60 Customer Visits

### Community Development Department

@LosAlamosCountyCommunityDevelopmentDepartment

904 Reached this month

30 Content interactions this month

### Community Services Department

New Social Media Followers: 39

E-Activity Guide Reads:

Spring: 170

Alcohol Permits: 1

### Environmental Services

Social Media Followers: 1.3k

### Fire Department

Social Media Followers: 17 IG, 45 FB

## **Website**

The County website officially transitioned from .us to .gov, though the public awareness campaign will occur in April to give the team time to ensure the transition went well.

The County's website had 18,324 total users for the month of March, down from 31,015 users in February 2026. Most of the users for the month were at the old URL and there has been a loss of visitors to the new URL. Anticipate that the user count will rise on the new URL once the awareness campaign kicks off.

The Rep'd addition to the website answered 195 questions from 506 total engagements with the platform in March, which is an estimated saving of 16 hours of staff time answering those questions.

## **Social Media Report**

The County's main Facebook page reached 9,645 followers and the County's main Instagram account had 2,414 followers by the end of March.

- Facebook: 134,155 views with 903 interactions
- Instagram: 10,597 views with 98 interactions

The social media policy is nearing completion. It recommends consolidating all of the social media channels from nearly 40 down to 6 to magnify the audience reach and reduce overall staff time.

# **INTERGOVERNMENTAL, TRIBAL, AND REGIONAL RELATIONS**

## **State**

The New Mexico Environment Department management visited with Chair Ryti, County Manager Laurent, the DPU Manager, and the IA Manager regarding continuing relations and understandings of the actions related to the hexavalent chromium plume. A subsequent meeting with Secretary Kenney is being planned.

## **Federal**

In early March, the DPU was informally given notice that the FEMA grant that was being pursued for approximately two (2) years for the Jemez Mountain Fire Protection Project was approved.

The 10th Anniversary Celebration of the Manhattan Project National Historic Park plan was finalized – with a celebration date of April 8, 2026 at Fuller Lodge.

Chair Ryti, Vice-Chair Herrmann, Deputy County Manager Rael and the IA Manager attended the Waste Management Symposium in Phoenix as part of the Energy Communities Alliance board meeting schedule. Discussions included clean up priorities and WIPP.

Chair Ryti, Vice-Chair Herrmann, County Manager Laurent and the IA Manager along with the Cogent Strategies lobbying team participated in 15 meetings in Washington, DC to promote the Los Alamos County priorities and other interests.

### **Tribal and Regional**

No updates for March 2026

## **FISCAL STEWARDSHIP**

On March 31, 2026, Los Alamos County published the proposed FY2027 budget with expenditures of \$349.3 million as compared to FY2026 adopted expenditures of \$367.9 million. Read the summary outlined in the Los Alamos County FY2027 Citizen's Guide to the Budget [chrome-extension://efaidnbnmnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.losalamosnm.gov/files/share/dassets/public/v/2/departments/administrative-services/documents/fy2027\\_citizensguide.pdf](https://efaidnbnmnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.losalamosnm.gov/files/share/dassets/public/v/2/departments/administrative-services/documents/fy2027_citizensguide.pdf)

The full FY2027 Proposed Budget Book is available to review under “Budgets” on the County’s Administrative Services Department website, available: <https://www.losalamosnm.gov/Government/Staff-Directory-and-Departments/Administrative-Services/Finance-and-Budget/Reports-and-Budgets>

County officials signed off on the official closing documents for the Series 2026 \$40 Million Gross Receipts Tax Revenue Bonds, which will primarily use to fund the Los Alamos County’s Community Broadband Network – Atomic Fiber. The documents were signed on March 5<sup>th</sup> and officially closed on March 18<sup>th</sup>.



*Chair Ryti, Helen Perraglio, Clerk Redondo, Alvin Leaphart, Anne Laurent, and bond counsel Peter Franklin*

**Procurement Stats FY 26 YTD Stats:**

- 1314 Purchase Orders Issued
- 440 PO Change Orders
- 2707 Inventory Pick Tickets
- 73 Agreements Completed
- 41 Amendments Completed
- 93 Solicitations/Amendments in Progress

**Trends:**

- Purchase Orders increased from 1169 (FY25) to 1314 (FY26)
- PO Change Orders decreased from 485 to 440
- Inventory Pick Tickets Processed & Delivered decreased from 2677 to 2707
- Agreements Completed increased from 70 to 73
- Amendments Completed increased from 26 to 41
- Solicitations/Agreements/Amendments in Progress increased from 84 to 93
- Anticipated Projects decreased from 47 to 28
- Property Disposal Requests Received decreased from 46 to 37

March 2026				March 2025	
Accounts	Number of	Dollar Amount	Variance	Number of	Dollar Amount
Receivable	Transactions		Over Prior Year Increase (Decrease)	Transactions	
Gross Receipts Tax Received	4	\$ 10,947,719.17	-12%	4	\$ 12,500,841.43
Electronic Payments Received (EPAY)	33	\$ 6,665,139.36	-19%	35	\$ 8,217,335.71
Property Tax Received	229	\$ 348,462.00	-10%	271	\$ 389,165.11
Lodgers Tax Received	5	\$ 24,871.00	-16%	4	\$ 29,785.56
<b>Accounts Payable</b>					
Number of Invoices Paid	587	\$ 21,413,379.77	1%	401	\$ 21,263,273.02
Wire Payments Processed	25	\$ 10,334,184.96	-10%	28	\$ 11,507,802.73
Electronic Fund Transfers (EFT) Processed	190	\$ 7,051,073.54	56%	133	\$ 4,520,041.93
Normal Print Checks Processed	210	\$ 4,028,121.27	-23%	159	\$ 5,235,428.36
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>\$ 21,413,379.77</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>\$ 21,263,273.02</b>
P-Card Transactions	1,340	\$ 508,977.34	4%	1,284	\$ 487,180.50

## EFFECTIVE, EFFICIENT, AND RELIABLE SERVICES

### CLERK

#### Update

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Los Alamos County Clerk's Candidate Filing Day in Los Alamos County marked an important milestone in the upcoming election cycle, as individuals officially declared their candidacies for local offices. The Clerk's Office worked closely with candidates throughout the day to review required documentation and ensure a smooth and orderly filing process.

Candidates who qualified for the upcoming election include:

<b>State Representative, District 43</b>	Christine Chandler	Democrat
<b>Magistrate Judge</b>	Catherine E Taylor	Democrat
<b>County Councilor</b>	David E Hampton	Democrat
<b>County Councilor</b>	Joseph F Granville	Democrat
<b>County Councilor</b>	Theresa A Cull	Democrat
<b>County Councilor</b>	Steven S Lynne	Democrat
<b>County Councilor</b>	Melanee M Hand	Democrat
<b>County Councilor</b>	Eric Roland Stromberg	Republican
<b>County Councilor</b>	Jason Alan Chappel	Republican
<b>County Sheriff</b>	Antonio L Maggiore	Democrat
<b>County Sheriff</b>	David Izraelevitz	Democrat
<b>County Assessor</b>	Jeff Casalina	Democrat
<b>Probate Judge</b>	Perry C Klare	Democrat
<b>Municipal Judge</b>	Elizabeth K Allen	Democrat

This election will also reflect New Mexico's move to semi-open primaries, which expands participation by allowing voters who are not affiliated with a major political party to choose a major party ballot during the primary election. This change is expected to increase voter engagement and provide more flexibility for those who wish to have a voice in selecting candidates. The office is actively preparing voter education materials and training staff and poll workers to help ensure voters understand their options and the updated process.

As always, the team remains committed to administering fair, transparent, and accurate elections while supporting both candidates and voters every step of the way.

#### Connecting with the Public

## New Mexico Now has Semi-open Primaries

A primary election is an election held to allow voters to select major party candidates to move on to represent the parties in the general election. In the past, only voters registered with a major party could vote in a primary election in New Mexico. That changes this year.

<b>Major Party Voters</b>	Registered with a major party? You can vote in your party's primary election. Once voting has started, you cannot change your party on your voter registration.	<b>Minor Party Voters</b>	Registered with a minor party? You must register with a major party or update your voter registration declining to state a political party in order to vote in the primary election.
<b>Not Registered with a Qualified Political Party</b>	Not registered with a qualified political party? You can select a major party's ballot and vote in the primary election without updating your voter registration.	<b>Unsure Voters</b>	Not sure if you are registered with a qualified political party? Check your voter registration details at <a href="http://NMVote.org">NMVote.org</a> .

**Make a plan to vote today.**  
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
**MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER**  
SECRETARY OF STATE

**Upcoming Events / Project Milestones / Seasonal Changes / New Initiatives:**

<b>April 7, 2026</b>	County Council Meeting
<b>April 14-15, 2026</b>	2026 Primary Election School
<b>April 22/23, 2026</b>	Election Worker Training
<b>April 28-30, 2026</b>	Council Budget Meetings

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

**Administration**

The new Deputy HR Manager, Tania Echeverría de Lemus, started on March 16, 2026.

Human Resources is still recruiting for the Senior Office Specialist.

HR is preparing for the upcoming FY27 Budget hearings.

The Personnel Board has two members whose terms will end on March 31st. Council approved Martha Katko to fill one of the vacancies and are still recruiting for the other.

**Safety & Risk Management**

**Training Stats:**

Overall safety training is at 97% compliance. (Please note that this does not include specialty safety training).

### **Compensation & HRIS/Munis**

Continued collaboration with the Training Manager and ERP Manager on the implementation of the new PPA System in Munis / ESS.

Council approved five (5) new job descriptions in the Salary Plan Job Class Order. These positions will meet organizational needs within Community Services Department, Police/Detention, Human Resources, Department of Public utilities, and Community Development Department.

### **HR Training/Staff Development**

HR has redeveloped the Performance Planning Appraisal (PPA) system and process, and the new system will be effective April 1, 2026. PPAs are due Friday May 8th.

A new Customer Service Course through SFCCC is now offered to all County employees.

HR will be rolling out the new Manager “Need to know” training in late April or early May.

County employees are currently 95% complaint with required trainings, with 5% of assignments currently overdue.

### **Employee & Labor Relations:**

Labor Relations is preparing for upcoming negotiations with the United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union No. 412 whose contract expires on June 30, 2026.

## **PLANNING**

### **March Stats**

Planning staff reviewed and acted on the following:

20 New Business License Reviews

18 Permit Reviews

4 Planning Inspections

4 Development Applications

### **Updates**

The Planning Division remained on schedule with all adopted work program goals. The second Technical Advisory Committee and Steering Committee meetings for the “Plan Los Alamos” 2026 Comprehensive Plan Update were held on March 11 and 12.

Amendments to Chapter 16, Articles I and V of the Development Code were drafted into ordinance and were scheduled to be presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission on May 13 as a recommendation to Council.

The Planning and Zoning Commission approved the Coyote Mesa project, a 380-unit workforce affordable multifamily residential development located at 125 DP Road.

Comprehensive Plan Open House meetings were held on March 11, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers and on March 12, 2026, from 12:30–2:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room at the White Rock Library. Approximately 50 attendees participated across both meetings, and 100 individuals have completed the community Comprehensive Plan survey.

### **Upcoming**

April 1, 2026, Historic Preservation Advisory Board Meeting

April 8, 2026, Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting

April 22, 2026, Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting

## **INFRASTRUCTURE ASSET MANAGEMENT**

### **INFORMATION MANAGEMENT**

#### **Arctic Wolf Managed Awareness Program Launch**

The County launched the Arctic Wolf Managed Security Awareness Program on March 4th. This initiative strengthens the cybersecurity posture by delivering ongoing, professionally developed training to all staff, helping build a strong security culture, reduce risk, and keep employees informed about modern cyber threats.

Special thanks to Amanda Burnworth and Chris McRae for making the rollout seamless.

### **AIRPORT**

**Take-offs and Landings** – February activity at the Los Alamos County Airport remained consistent with typical late-winter patterns. While overall operations were moderate due to seasonal weather conditions, the airport continued to see steady utilization with 303 operations, including 112 operations from Classic Air Medical helicopter flights. As expected, activity remains slightly below peak summer levels but continues to demonstrate stable demand and operational consistency during the winter months.

## Updates

The 8-unit T-Hangar Project continues to move forward, with Mick Rich Contractors beginning staging operations at the west end of the airport parking lot in preparation for construction activities. Concurrently, Americom, the contractor responsible for fiber optic installation as part of the County's broadband initiative, has also mobilized and fenced off a significant portion of the airport parking area for materials staging. This long-term project is anticipated to remain active at the airport for the next 2–3 years, requiring ongoing coordination to manage access and minimize operational impacts.

The Airport Division also participated in an Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) train-the-trainer session in collaboration with the Los Alamos Fire Department. The training included deployment of a smoke machine inside the twin-prop training aircraft on the west end of the airfield, simulating emergency conditions. Firefighters who participated will now support training efforts for other departments throughout the region, expanding the airport's role as a hub for aviation emergency preparedness.



Inside the terminal, a new large-format photograph of Ute Mountain, captured by local trike pilot and photographer Chris Dahl-Bredine, has been installed. The addition enhances the visual character of the terminal and highlights the unique landscape of northern New Mexico, contributing to a more welcoming environment for visitors.



## FACILITIES

### **March Stats:**

Current work orders in queue – 109  
New work orders since last report – 85  
Completed work orders – 139  
Service Requests - 28  
After hour call outs – 5  
Emergency call outs – 2

### **Updates:**

Los Alamos County is advancing multiple projects to improve quality of life, public safety, and infrastructure resilience.

Public safety projects remain a priority with the Justice Center Emergency Dispatch Computer Room Air Conditioning Unit replacement scheduled for Council consideration on March 31st, Fire Station 3 snowmelt system design moving through task order development, and the Fire Station 4 Replacement bid opening occurring on March 24th with a recommendation of award scheduled for the April 7th Council meeting. The Emergency Operations Center project is advancing with floor plan development and mechanical/electrical/plumbing system design while the Animal Shelter Dog Run/Exercise area is in the cost estimating phase.

Recreation and community facilities are also moving forward with the Golf Course Clubhouse HVAC replacement nearing completion, while demolition activities as part of the Aquatic Center Olympic Pool Resurfacing Project are roughly 40% complete and a contract for design of replacement pumps underway. A task order for preparation of

construction and bid documents for the Betty Ehart Senior Center is scheduled to be presented to Council on April 7th, while the Heritage Gate is undergoing fabrication with installation forthcoming. Progress of the Manhattan Project-era Dormitory Renovation continues with construction bid advertisement scheduled in April 2026. A Request for Proposals (RFP) is in development for the Ice Rink Floor Replacement and Shade Structure project. Lastly, Brewer Arena improvements are slated to enter the construction phase in May 2026.

In energy, transportation, and site work, the Mesa Public Library EV Charging Station Project is progressing with a contractor proposal obtained and a task order being presented for council approval on April 7th. Design activities continue for White Rock Complex EV chargers and PCS Electric Bus Charging Stations with electrical drawings expected the week of March 23 and an Invitation for Bids to follow. The scope of work for implementation and priority plan for countywide facility LED lighting upgrades is in process, while plans to address PCS salt bin rust are at 90% completion. Finally, the contractor has mobilized to begin Airport T-Hangar work, a cost proposal for White Rock Visitor Center food truck pads is under review, and work to install additional electrical pedestals at Ashley Pond is expected to begin on April 1st.



Swim Lane Tile Removal



Finished Plaster Removal

## Facility Maintenance Ongoing Requests

- Justice Center Generator ATS Not Operating Properly (Emergency Procurement)
- US Electric is scheduled to be onsite tomorrow to troubleshoot.
- Justice Center 911 Server Room – Excessive Heat
- Capital Projects will replace the non-operational CRAC unit. Facilities has temporary AC units in place.
- Mesa Library Fire PRV Triggering Supervisory Alarm
- Contractor scheduled to troubleshoot on 3/31.
- Municipal Boiler Continues to Trip
- Purchase order for boiler contractor is currently in process.
- Fuller Lodge Collapsed Main Sewer Line (Emergency Procurement)
- B&D Industries will excavate and replace the collapsed line and inspect the remaining clay pipe.
- Justice Center Boiler Repair
- In-house staff are actively troubleshooting.

## Completed Requests

- Fire Station 4 boiler pump replacement
- High-speed door belt replacement
- Electrical circuit restored in 911 server room
- White Rock Library temperature issue (too cold) resolved
- Mesa Library airflow issue resolved
- Fuller Lodge sewer line backup cleared

## CUSTODIAL

### February Stats

Fuller Lodge – 62

White Rock Activity Center – 13

White Rock Fire Station – 2

Betty Ehart Senior Center – 21

White Rock Town Hall – 0

Municipal Building – 29

### Updates

Reservations for the month of March increased from February.

Windows were cleaned at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Carpets and floors were shampooed and waxed at the Judicial Complex and carpets were shampooed at Fuller Lodge. Carpets were shampooed in various offices at the Municipal Building.

Floor work will continue at Pajarito Cliffs Site and upholstery cleaning at the Nature Center.

The wood flooring and concrete patio at the golf course restaurant is scheduled for refinishing by June 1.

## FLEET

### **March Stats**

Work orders entered – 199

Work orders completed within 72 hours – 133

Work orders that remain open – 14

Work orders that are considered preventive maintenance – 55

Work orders that are considered repairs – 133

Work orders due to accidents – 3

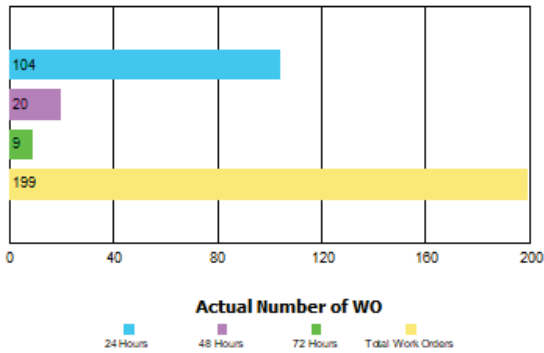
Work Orders for recalls – 2

With Winter operations behind us, Fleet has transitioned its full focus from winter equipment to preparing for the demands of the summer season. Staff are actively servicing all mowers to ensure readiness for peak operating condition, while also conducting annual DOT inspections on all heavy-duty vehicles to maintain safety, compliance, and reliability across the fleet.

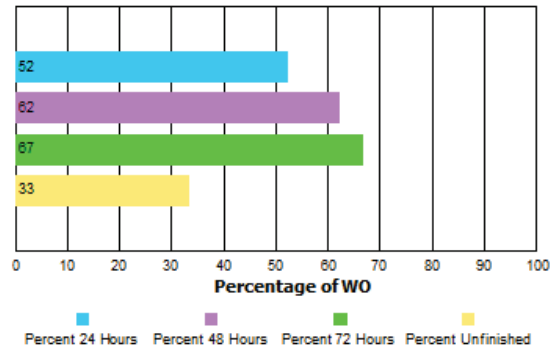
With the vehicle GPS systems now approved, the team is moving forward collecting all the necessary vehicle information in preparation for installation. This rollout will be a significant undertaking for staff and will take time to complete, but the team is working to move forward as efficiently as possible.

**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: 104	Within 48 Hours: 20	Within 24 Hours: 104	Within 48 Hours: 124
Within 72 Hours: 9	Total Number of Work Orders: 199	Within 72 Hours: 133	Total Number of Work Orders: 199
Total Unfinished: 66		Percent Unfinished: 33.17%	

This month, the department had the opportunity to host a joint training session with fleet and GWS, focusing on the full range of options and capabilities of the new Jet Rodder trailer. This much needed replacement has been a long time coming and will be ready for immediate use from day one.



## TRAFFIC AND STREETS

### **March Stats**

Customer calls – 82

Traffic Control & Excavation Permits processed – 21

Permits extended – 2

Locates performed – 50

Perma Patch used – 480 lbs

Sweeping miles - 46

Signs fabricated and installed – 19

Lights and fixtures that were repaired – 4

Work orders received – 4

Work orders completed – 2

### **The Traffic Systems team completed several maintenance and repair activities to ensure safe and efficient roadway operations:**

- Repaired the transit sign system located in front of the Mesa Library.
- Replaced the southbound signal head at Diamond Drive and Trinity Drive following damage caused by a vehicle collision with the signal mast.
- Replaced backup batteries at Trinity Drive and Oppenheimer Drive due to a power outage on March 9.
- Four streetlights repaired at various locations.
- Replaced the northbound detection camera at Trinity Drive and 15th Street.
- Responded to a power outage at NM4 and Rover Boulevard on March 18, placing the signal into flash mode until the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) could repair an underground fault.

### **The Signs and Markings crew continued countywide improvements and maintenance:**

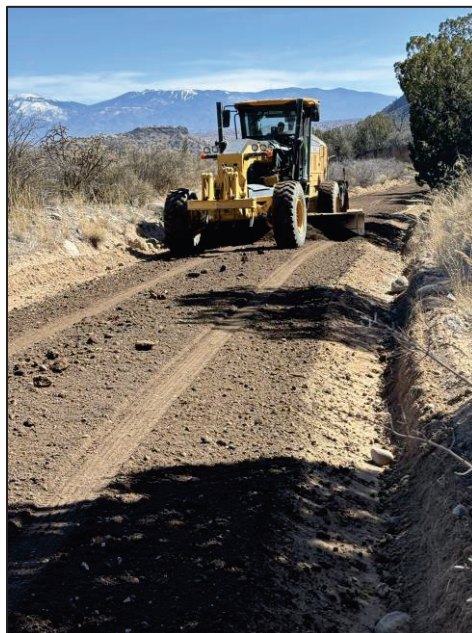
- Installed and maintained seven wayfinding signs and twelve street signs.



- Replaced and relocated damaged or displaced signs at the Municipal Building and along Diamond Drive.
- Prepared equipment for the upcoming striping season.
- Painted the parking area at the Public Works Fleet facility at the Pajarito Cliffs site.
- Installed a new accessible (ADA-compliant) parking stall on Central Avenue.

**Street crews completed a variety of maintenance, repair, and support tasks:**

- Graded roads and transported millings to Rendija Canyon for road repair projects.



- Mixed millings with soil to create stockpiles for future use.
- Provided traffic control support on West Road and Fairway Drive for Geo Test, LLC, which conducted sample borings for an upcoming asphalt replacement project.
- Cleared fallen trees resulting from a recent wind event.
- Improved access to the local cemetery using millings and asphalt.
- Conducted routine maintenance activities, including mowing at Pajarito Acres, sweeping Ski Hill Road, repairing potholes countywide, and removing a fence in the Denver Steels area.
- Employees attended a pipeline safety training course in Santa Fe.
- Assisted the Airport Manager by receiving a delivery of jet fuel.
- Responded to a snow and ice event on February 20 and completed post-event equipment cleanup, including removal of plows and sanders from seasonal vehicles.

**The Transportation Safety division continues to support workforce development:**

- Two employees are actively preparing to obtain their Commercial Driver's Licenses (CDLs).
- Both individuals are scheduled to complete their driving tests by the end of March.

**Administrative staff-provided support for ongoing projects and permitting:**

- Processed a total of 21 permits and approved two permit extensions.
- Construction activity is increasing, indicating a strong start to the season, with continued high workload anticipated by the end of the year.

**EMPLOYEE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION**

**March Highlights**

- YTD 42 Job Postings created (10 in month of March)
- YTD 642 Applications received (193 in month of March)
- Average applications per job posting=19.3 (10 in month of March)
- YTD 29 Promotions (10 in month of March)
- YTD 3 Employee Transfer (2 in month of March)
- YTD 2 Employee Status Change from Regular >Casual (1 in month of March LT>R)
- YTD 23 New Hires (13 in month of March)
- Recruitment continued to assist all County departments with hiring and promotional needs.

- The Recruitment team is in the solicitation process for RFP for a new applicant tracking system.

## HOUSING

### Updates

**20th Street Development Solicitation:** The due diligence phase of development kicked off on October 10, 2025. County staff and the development partner are reviewing engineering, soils, planning reports, and similar documents. The due diligence earnest money transfer has taken place, and the Title Report and ALTA survey of the property have been revised and completed. The due diligence period is expected to take until April 2026. [Goals: Downtown Revitalization, Local Business, Housing.]

**9th Street Apartments:** Key developments this quarter include the successful completion of five-unit renovations and the initiation of major electrical infrastructure upgrades across all three buildings. The focus in the first part of 2026 will be completing the electrical upgrades and implementing energy efficient improvements with the installation of mini splits across units. [Goals: Housing.]



*ADA ramps, curb and gutter and sidewalks along 9th Street.*

**Affordable Housing Service Providers:** In the coming weeks, the Housing Trust will launch a new round of marketing for the various programs with a DPU billing insert as well as at various events throughout the community. There are currently multiple applications in process for both the Home Rehabilitation and Homebuyers Assistance programs. [Goals: Housing.]

**North Mesa Update:** Staff from the County and Wilson and Company presented findings of the North Mesa Transportation and Utilities Study at a joint LAPS Board and County Council work session on February 26, 2026. The final report was well received. The study provides preliminary designs and cost estimates for system upgrades needed to serve the site with utilities and to mitigate the project's impact on the transportation system. [Goals: Housing, Intergovernmental Relations.]

**A-8-A:** On March 11, 2026, the County and development partner, Servitas, closed on the transfer of the A-8-A property. And on March 26, the Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed and approved the final site plan. These two milestones indicate strong movement in the development process and kick-off the next steps which include finalizing the construction plans and project pricing. Staff anticipate these will be completed in the coming months. [Goals: Housing.]

Public Meeting

## LOCAL BUSINESS AND DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION

### Updates

**Small Business Outreach** - Barela met with 22 small businesses this month. [1.1 Communication and Engagement; 3.2 Local Business]

**Tour of Los Alamos Makers** – Elias Issacson, Linda Matteson, and Anita Barela met with Los Alamos Makers on March 25 to tour their Central Avenue space and to show support during a visit from officials with the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. During the visit, officials learned about the Makers' upcoming Creative Workforce Development program, which will be offered to the Los Alamos community this summer.

**MRA and Retail LEDA Programs** - Barela continued to assist applicants in their fulfilling their applications process. [1.1 Communication and Engagement]

**MyCity Business/Nonprofit/Events Directory** - The directories are publicly available on Visitlosalamos.org and Losalamosnm.us. At the end of its second month of promotion, the directory has had more than 30 event submissions, lists 57 businesses and 10 nonprofits. [1.1 Communication and Engagement; 3.2 Local Business; 3.4 Tourism and Special Events]

**REDI Summit** – Barela and Felton attended the Regional Economic Development Initiative (REDI) Summit. The event at Cities of Gold highlighted current lab efforts and spoke about grants and success stories from the Regional Development Corporation

(RDC) that are available to businesses in Los Alamos County. [1.1 Communication and Engagement; 3.2 Local Business; 3.4 Tourism and Special Events]

**Los Alamos Co+Op 15th Anniversary** – Felton, along with DPU and Social Services boothed the outdoor event on March 28. As a part of outreach efforts, Felton promoted the Comprehensive Plan Update Survey and the Homebuyer Assistance Program and Home Renewal Programs. In addition, she promoted the Online Directories to businesses and nonprofits boothing the event. [1.1 Communication and Engagement]

**Tourism Marketing Services** – Felton continues to work with DestinationiQ to hone in on digital marketing efforts (Google and Meta Ads). In addition, the team was provided a final version of the Initial Marketing Assessment and Tourism Marketing Data Plan deliverables. These are now available online at lacnm.com/tourism. [1.1 Communication and Engagement; 3.4 Tourism and Special Events]

**Tourism Kickoff** – On March 11, Felton and DestinationiQ’s Bryan Jordan presented in person at the Tourism Kickoff hosted by Discover Los Alamos. Their highlights included current marketing efforts and goals. In addition, Jordan held a meeting with Los Alamos County’s Tourism Working Group to go over tourism survey results (available at lacnm.com/tourism). [1.1 Communication and Engagement; 3.4 Tourism and Special Events]

**NMTrue Grant** - Felton continues with advertising initiatives and deliverables through the NMTrue Grant. The third influencer for this year’s program visited Los Alamos County in mid-March as a part of the FY26 grant. In addition, Felton worked with NMTrue on two video shoots in Los Alamos County in March at Overlook Park and Tsankawi Prehistoric Site at Bandelier National Monument. In late March, Felton and DestinationiQ had a meeting with NMTrue to discuss their answers to their initial questionnaire for FY27. [3.4 Tourism]

## EDUCATIONAL, ARTS, CULTURAL, & HISTORICAL AMENITIES

### Upcoming Nature Center Programs

Night Sky in April – April 3, 2026

Full - Dome Movie – April 4, 2026

Los Luceros Bird Walk – April 5, 2026

“The Little Things that Run the World” Movie Screening – April 9, 2026

High School Astronomy Club Presents – April 10, 2026

Full - Dome Movie – April 11, 2026

High School Astronomy Club Presents – April 17, 2026

Earth Day Festival – April 18, 2026

Full - Dome Movie – April 18, 2026  
Fire Management – April 23, 2026  
Experimental Aviation Association – April 25, 2026  
Two Sticks, One Path: A Journey Beyond Fear on the Colorado Trail – April 28, 2026  
PumaGuard Update with PEEC Nature Youth Group – April 29, 2026

**Library February Stats:**

Public Programs and Events: 68  
Total Program Attendance: 1,565  
Physical Items Circulated: 22,120  
Digital Items Circulated: 10,030  
Total Items Circulate: 32,150

**Updates**

Program highlights for February include a symphony-themed story time in partnership with the Santa Fe Symphony, an indoor snowball fight with bath sponges at Music & Movement, an adult D&D spin-off tabletop game program, and the inaugural session of Discover!, a new adult program series at the White Rock Branch. The first Discover! session, led by Leslie Bucklin, introduced participants to cell phone photography basics. Due to high demand, the library also added a second monthly Silent Book Club meeting.



*Cell Phone Photo*



*Sponge Snowball Fight*



*D&D Spinoff*

In February, the Step Up Gallery featured Magic Paint Brush: Painting Peace and Healing, an exhibition of artwork by Feather Redfox. The show ended on February 11 to make way for the popular All Schools Art Show. This show opened on February 26.

Both library branches are welcoming the arrival of spring with the reopening of the seed library cabinets. Now entering its fourth season, the seed library will launch with celebrations, programs, and cake on March 7. Last season was the most successful to

date, with 225 patrons borrowing seeds and more than 1,600 packets shared with local gardeners.

On Friday, March 6, the Library will host a teen summit after regular library hours. The event will focus on prevention and is being organized in collaboration with LAPS, the Los Alamos County Library, the Social Services Department, the Courts, the Los Alamos Community Foundation, JJAB, the YMCA, therapists from the LANL Behavioral Health Team, and other community partners.

### **Looking Ahead**

In April, the Library will celebrate Arab American Heritage Month with a food-themed passive program. Patrons will be invited to contribute recipes to a community-created cookbook and sample a selection of spices offered in small take-home packets. The library celebrates all of the recognized heritage and history months with an annual rotation of displays, passive, self-paced activities, or speaker programs.

## **TOURISM AND SPECIAL EVENTS**

### **March Stats**

#### **@VisitLosAlamos Facebook:**

15,629 Followers to date  
124,950 Reached this month  
749 Content interactions this month

#### **@VisitLosAlamosNM Instagram**

1,635 Followers to Date  
11,060 Reached this month  
726 Content interactions this Month

#### **Visitlosalamos.org Website:**

11,018 Users  
7,182 Engaged Sessions  
46 seconds Average Engagement Time/Active User

### **Visitor Center Visitation**

**Los Alamos:** 1711 people this month

**White Rock:** 655 people this month

## COMMUNITY BROADBAND

Construction Purchase Orders were issued by the county to Bonfire. Bonfire then placed orders for construction materials. Some of the products take months to be delivered. Construction is set to begin soon, likely in the month of May.

County staff continued working with Bonfire in developing the web site for Atomic Fiber. The release date for that web site is set for early April.

Bonfire staff and the broadband manager met with the LAC Community Development Department staff to discuss upcoming housing and commercial projects and how those projects might interface with the CBN build.

The Broadband Manager continued to work with the PIO office to ensure effective communication with the public about the Atomic Fiber Community Broadband Network construction project. This included a meeting with the City of ABQ's broadband staff on the topic of their sharing "Lessons Learned" with us. The ABQ team is currently working with multiple fiber internet builders and service providers.

DPU and Public Works teams continue to participate in regular CBN design review and approval sessions. On DPU's part, the team has begun pole "make ready" work to get the power poles ready to have fiber optic cable added to them wherever the design calls for that across the county.

The San Ildefonso middle mile fiber project activities for the month included some fiber strand splicing and initial testing, which indicates that the project is nearing completion and will be ready for first use soon.

## HEALTH, WELLBEING, AND SOCIAL SERVICES

### **March Stats**

5 Contractor Public Programs and Events  
388 People Attended Programs and Events

### **Updates**

The second Youth Summit, titled "Lifeline: Tools to Save a Life and Build One," was held on March 6, 2026, and was a huge success, with over 100 high school students attending the Mesa Public Library. Teens learned about topics such as learning how to respond to an opioid overdose, including administering naloxone; suicide prevention training; a "Red Flag / Green Flag" activity to promote conversations around healthy

relationships; and activities to promote physical health, such as dancing and a smoothie station. This was a collaboration between community partners (including Social Services Division, Los Alamos County Municipal Courts, the YMCA, JJAB, and the libraries) and high school students, with the goal of teaching about harm reduction topics in a fun and stigma-free environment.



Social Services is pleased to announce that Las Clinicas del Norte in Los Alamos has expanded days/hours in order to better serve community members. The clinic is now open on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesdays from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. LCDN offers a range of services, including primary care, non-emergency medical services, sports physicals, family planning, STD/STI testing, and behavioral health counseling. More information is available here: <https://ladailypost.com/las-clinicas-del-norte-expands-service-hours/>

### **Contractors:**

### **Youth Activity Centers (YAC)**

Youth Activity Center Open House – March 25, 2026

The Youth Activity Center hosted an open house to recruit new members, welcoming 43 participants. The event provided an opportunity to connect with the community and share the center’s mission. Food for the event was generously sponsored by the Elks Lodge.

Participants: 43

### **Upcoming Event: New Member YAC Visit**

### **Las Cumbres Community Services (LCCS)**

Drop-In Developmental Playgroup – March 2026

The drop-in developmental playgroup met on Mondays and Thursdays throughout the month, providing a flexible, supervised environment where children engaged in age-

appropriate activities that support social, motor, and cognitive development. Facilitators and therapists were available to monitor developmental milestones and provide resources, ensuring that play supports early learning and growth.

Participants: 133

**Upcoming Event: Los Alamos Early Childhood Collaboration (LAECC) Resource Fair – May 2, 2026**

**Los Alamos Public Schools Prevention (LAPS)**

Nicotine Prevention Peer Ambassadors – March–April 2026

Through a recently awarded grant, the LAPS Prevention Team successfully recruited and hired six Nicotine Prevention Peer Ambassadors. The team completed an initial learning phase and conducted a focus group, along with teacher and parent interviews, to assess student perspectives and identify priority needs. Targeted prevention activities are currently being implemented throughout the community.

Participants: 8

**YMCA Los Alamos Teen Center (LATC)**

Bug-Themed Tea Party – March 24, 2026

This month's tea party was themed after the movie *A Bug's Life*, with a menu inspired by the natural world of the film. Teens enjoyed a selection of simple foods, including berries, watermelon, and other fruit, along with "ants on a log" made with peanut butter and raisins on celery. A cream cheese option was also available to accommodate dietary needs.

Participants: 16

**Upcoming Event: Midnight Movies @ SALA – After Prom, May 2, 2026**

## INCLUSION, ACCESS, AND BELONGING

The Inclusivity Task Force submitted their final presentation and recommendations to Council on March 17, 2026. Council accepted the final report and directed County staff to draft an ordinance and cost estimate for an ongoing board/commission to address inclusivity issues. Staff is drafting this language to create a permanent Inclusivity Board and will return to Council in May.

## MOBILITY

**Atomic City Transit Stats**

Unlinked Passenger Trips (UPT) - 17,415

Fixed-Route UPT - 16,834

Demand-Response UPT- 581

Special UPT - 0  
 Service Days - 19  
 UPT per Service Day - 917  
 UPT per Service Mile - .50  
 Service Disruptions - 0  
 On-time Timepoint Departures – 85%  
 On-time Paratransit Trips – 99%  
 Buses with Defective ITS Systems – 14%  
 Customer Complaints – 0

### Updates

ACT coordinated with the National Parks Service staff at Bandelier National Monument on the upcoming seasonal shuttle service. Bandelier National Monument and Los Alamos County work together each year to provide seasonal shuttle service that helps manage visitor access and parking congestion — this years' service is within the park between the Bandelier Visitor Center and the Frey Trail with 30-minute service and only during the busier season. Service began on March 19, 2026, and will end on October 14, 2026.

### 2026 Bandelier Shuttle Service Schedule

March							April							May						
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## Fixed Route Monthly Performance Metrics

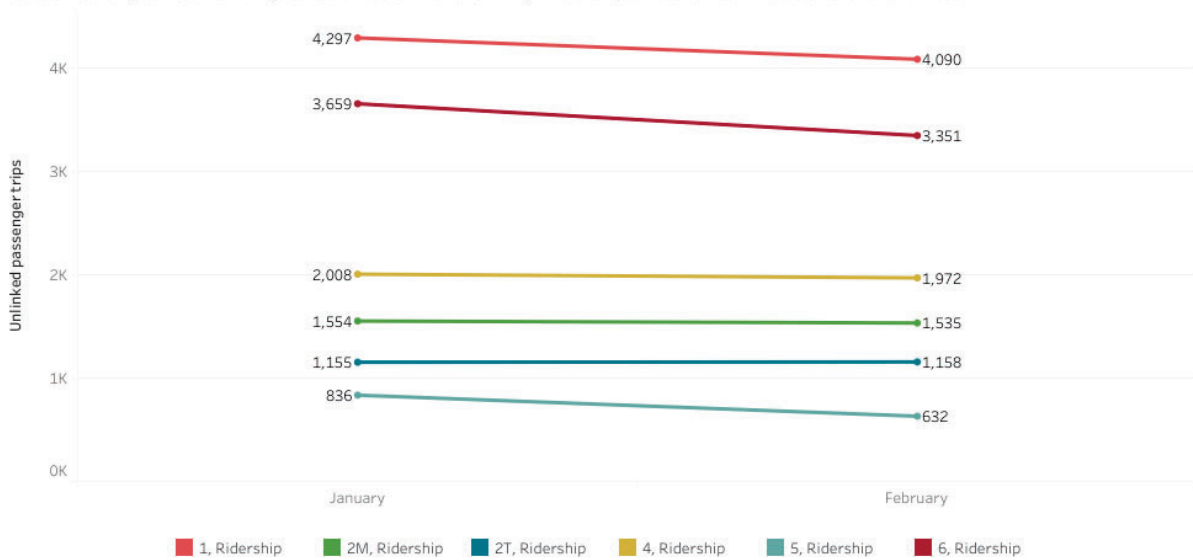
### Atomic City Transit Ridership Report

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## Fixed Route Monthly Performance Metrics 2026

### Monthly Ridership 2025

Routes 1-6 run year round with peak services on 1 and 6 in high ridership times for commutes and the lunch hour.



### Monthly Ridership Comparison by Year

		1	2M	2T	4	5	6	Grand Total
February	2019	4,349	2,297	1,463	2,472	1,167	5,439	17,187
	2025	4,370	1,375	901	2,171	743	2,880	12,440
	2026	4,090	1,535	1,158	1,972	632	3,351	12,738

### Monthly On Time Performance

		1	2M	2T	4	5	6	SYSTEM
February	2026	86%	86%	82%	85%	90%	83%	85%

# ACT MyRide Services Monthly Performance Metrics

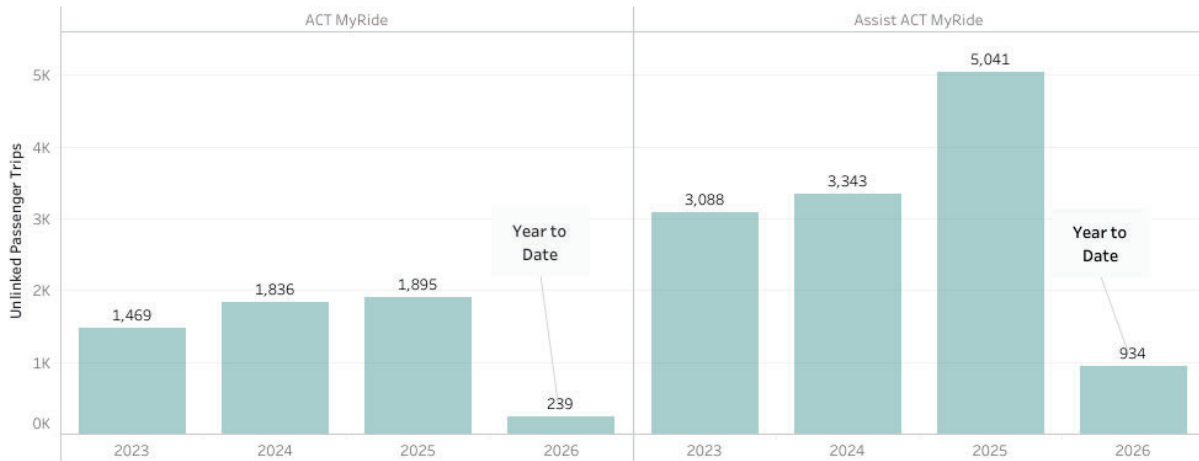
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## ACT MyRide Services Monthly Performance Metrics 2026

### On Demand: ACT MyRide and ACT MyRide Assist Programs Ridership

While both serves are free, ACT MyRide is a same day rideshare service open to the public while Assist ACT MyRide is by application only and part of the American Disabilities Act Program. Both services run Monday through Friday. ACT MyRide operates from 5:15 AM to 6:00 AM and 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM and Assist from 6:00 AM to 6:30 PM. An ACT MyRide Saturday Pilot Program ran from August 2, 2025 to October 25, 2025 to determine need and capacity for long term implementation.



### Monthly Ridership Comparison by Year

Month	Year	ACT MyRide	Assist ACT MyRide	Grand Total
February	2019	74	491	565
	2025	112	306	418
	2026	115	466	581

### Monthly On Time Performance

Month	Year	ACT MyRide	Assist ACT MyRide
February	2026	98%	99%

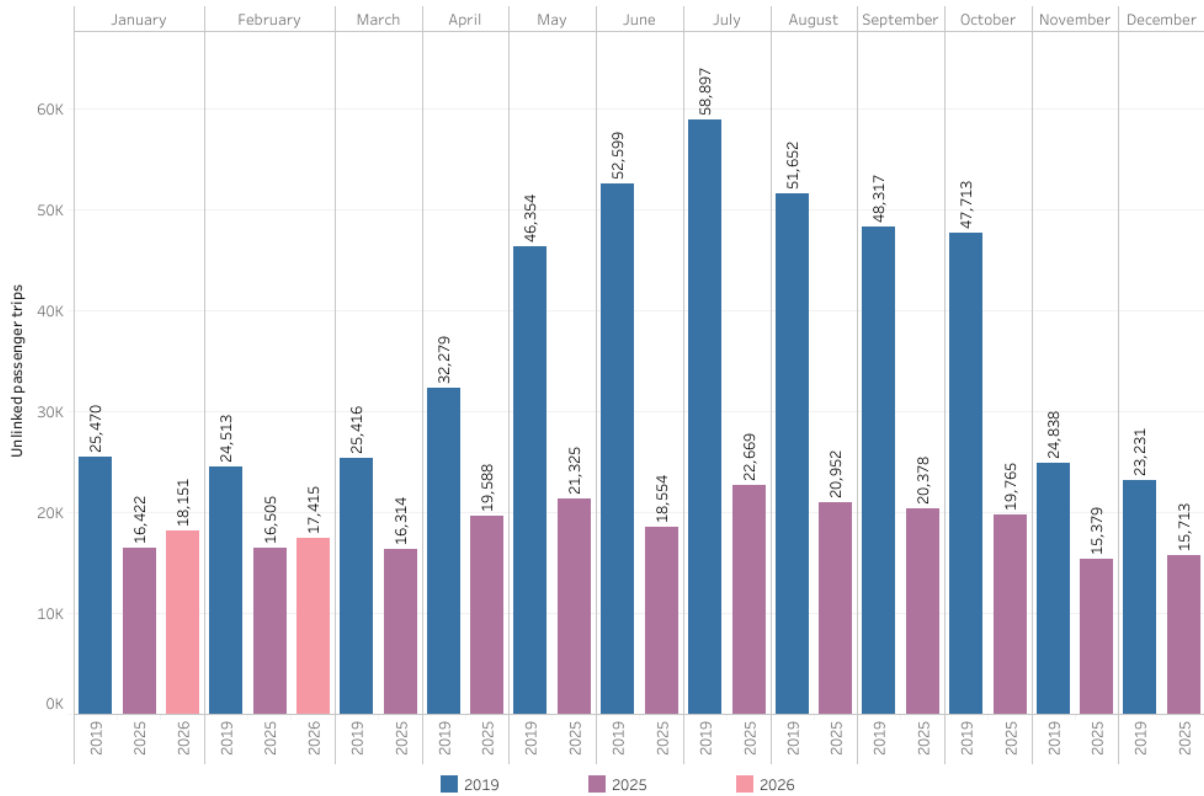
# System Total Ridership Analysis Over Time

## Atomic City Transit Ridership Report

System Total Ridership Analysis Ov..	System Total Ridership Yearly Com..	Fixed Route Monthly Analysis	ACT MyRide Monthly Performance Metrics	Seasonal Services Monthly Performance..
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## System Total Ridership Analysis Over Time

**How to Read this Graph:** The year 2019 (blue column) is an industry baseline for ridership trends before pandemic times while the 2025 (purple column) and the 2026 (pink column) ridership numbers provide recovery comparisons year over year against the 2019 baseline. Significant ridership loss was seen in summer months due to Bandelier service changes and access since 2024.



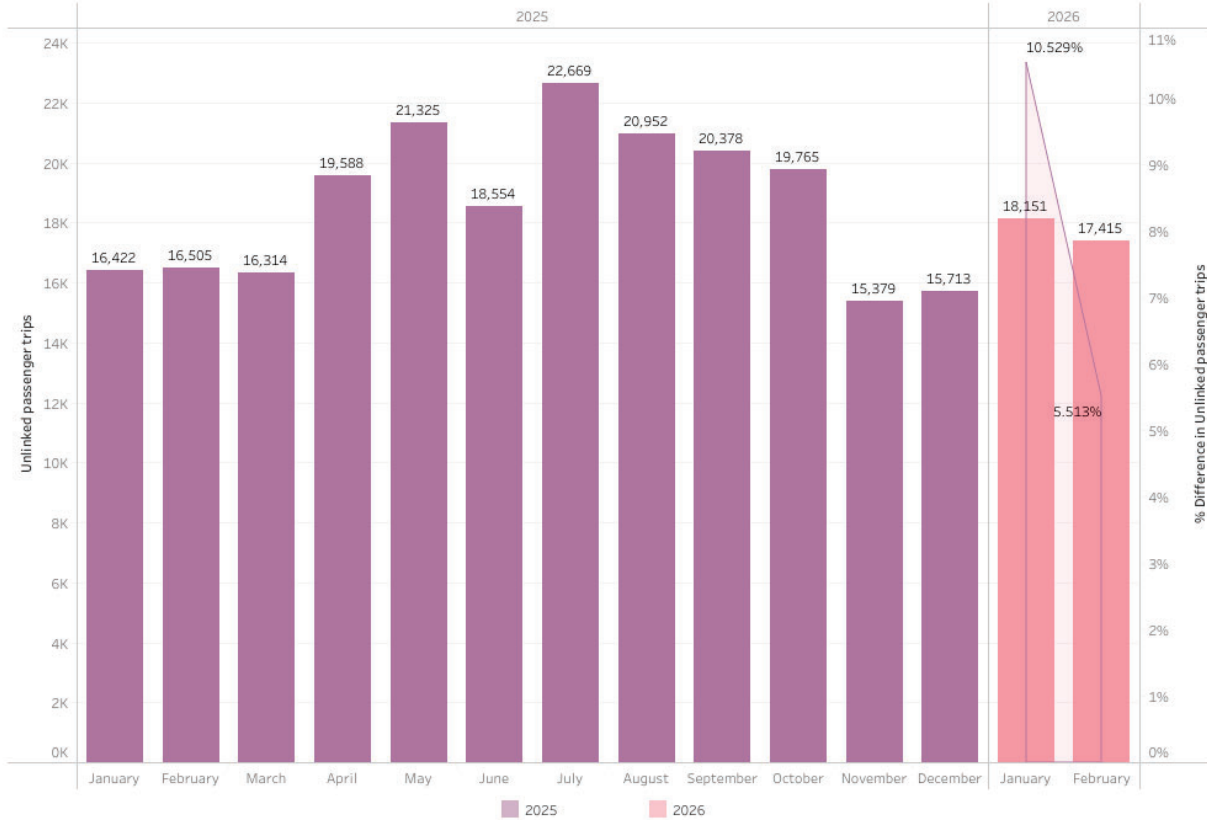
## System Total Ridership Yearly Comparison

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## System Total Ridership Yearly Comparison

**How to Read this Graph:** The columns show total ridership numbers including fixed route, seasonal services, and on demand ridership. The shaded areas (January is just a line for one month) show percent difference in ridership compared to the prior year so 2025 shows comparatively to 2026.



## Seasonal Services Monthly Performance Metrics 2025

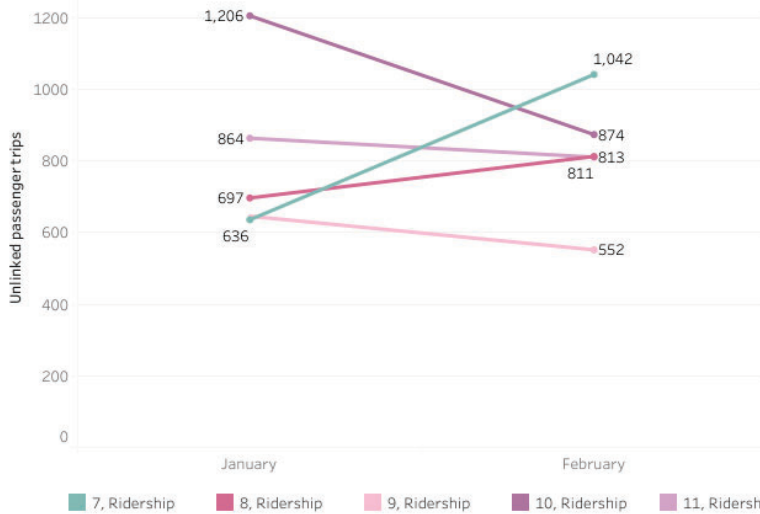
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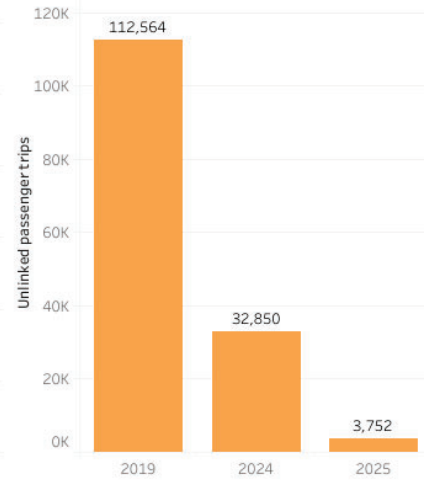
### Express Routes 7-11, 2025

Express Routes run one outbound trip from bus stops near schools into the Downtown Area between 2:00 - 3:45pm August through May.



### Bandelier Route 12

Bandelier contracted service runs between Juniper Parking Lot and the Visitor Center seasonally.



Note: Bandelier service has not yet begun for 2026.

### Monthly Ridership Comparison by Year

	7	8	9	10	11	Bandelier 12	Grand Total
February 2019		753	859	877	772	0	3,261
2025	789	883	800	471	704		3,647
2026	1,042	813	552	874	811		4,092

There were 4 unassigned rider in February 2026. Unassigned riders are riders on board during non-revenue service periods or can happen when disconnected from the live tracking technology where the software cannot determine which route to assign the passengers.

## TRANSPORTATION BOARD

The Transportation Board meeting held on March 5, 2026, included two presentations: an update on Denver Steel's Improvements Project Phase III and a report on Atomic City Transit's Saturday Service Pilot Program.

For Denver Steels Phase III, Jeremy Lujan outlined the planned \$3.8 million roadway reconstruction project scheduled for 2026–2027, which will impact streets including 34th and 35th. This is a joint effort with the Department of Public Utilities, whose utility improvements total \$1.2 million and are included in the department's 10 year plan.

Public comments focused on sidewalk alignment and concerns regarding potential property damage.

Transit staff presented the Saturday Service Pilot Program results, noting strong community participation with 359 completed trips and 471 riders over 13 Saturdays. The pilot demonstrated high operational efficiency, including 59% shared rides and a 98.6% on-time performance rate. Given the program's success, the Board discussed possible expansion of service hours and routes, while acknowledging that driver staffing remains a limiting factor.

The Board elected David Hampton as Chair and Joshua Muck as Vice Chair. With recent Council actions, the Board is now fully seated with seven members, including the reappointments of Paul Lisowski and Joshua Muck for second terms and the appointments of Jacqueline Connolly and Hermann Gepphert-Kleinrath.

## OPEN SPACE, PARKS, AND RECREATION

### ADMINISTRATION

Cory Styron contributed to the development of the New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department's (EMNRD) comprehensive outdoor recreation plan by actively participating and providing input.

CSD hosted four (4) public meetings in March: the LA Mesa Trail Community Listening Session on March 4; the Grand Canyon Playlot meeting on March 16; the Picnic Grounds Design Workshop public meeting on March 19; and the Bayo Canyon Community Engagement Meeting on March 24.

Council approved an ordinance authorizing the 19th Hole Sports Pub as the new operator of the golf course restaurant.

Cory Styron met with Girl Scout Troop 10507 to discuss accessible playground equipment.

### Connecting with the Public

#### **Helping Butterfly Conservation Take Flight – March 5, 2026**

Featured a live-streamed presentation on taking action to reverse butterfly population losses, starting in local communities and backyards.

Participants: 30

### **Astronomy in New Mexico – March 13, 2026**

Featured an in-person presentation on astronomical observing across the state, including campus observatories, amateur astronomy clubs, and cosmic art installations.

Participants: 50

### **Adak: Birthplace of the Winds – March 24, 2026**

Featured an in-person and live-streamed presentation about hiking and backpacking on the Aleutian island of Adak. This program was offered in partnership with the Los Alamos Mountaineers.

Participants: 81

### **Looking Ahead:**

Discovering Wildlife Through Tracks and Signs – May 1, 2026

Out There: The Quest for Extrasolar Life – May 2, 2026

Brownie Girl Scouts: Bug Bonanza – May 2, 2026

Night Sky in May – May 3, 2026

Los Luceros Bird Walk – May 3, 2026

Climate Café – May 5, 2026

Nature @ Night – May 6, 2026

Artemis Updates – May 8, 2026

Distant Worlds – Alien Life? – May 9, 2026

Junior Girl Scouts – May 9, 2026

Native Plant Adaptations: Helping Them Thrive in Los Alamos Gardens – May 11, 2026

Nature @ Night – May 13, 2026

Hike Through Acid & Pueblo Canyons: Spring Birding – May 14, 2026

Nature Play Camping Trip – May 15, 2026

Bee City Los Alamos Native Plant Sale – May 16, 2026

We Are Astronomers – May 16, 2026

Wildflower Walk – May 18, 2026

“Bumblebee Season” Author Event – May 18, 2026

Nature @ Night – May 20, 2026

Hike Through Acid & Pueblo Canyons: Spring Birding – May 21, 2026

National Parks Adventure – May 23, 2026

Summitting Four of Ecuador’s Iconic Volcanoes – May 26, 2026

The Story of IMAP – May 29, 2026

Phantom of the Universe – May 30, 2026

## OPEN SPACE, PARKS AND TRAILS

### March Stats

Parks Acres Maintained: 1,017

Repairs due to Vandalism: 7

Volunteer Hours Worked in

- Parks: 0

- Trails: 0

Funeral Services: 5

Headstone/Niche Installation: 5

### Updates

Assist Parks and Recreation Board Liaisons with the working group's questions or needs. Through community meetings, participate in the Open Space and Trails Project, Brewer Arena, North Mesa Picnic Area Master Plan, North Mesa Recreational Area Master Plan, Artificial Turf exploration, and Cemetery Master Plan.

- The 37th Street and Pinon Playground renovations were identified as needing improvements to meet Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility requirements and were based on the Community Services Department's Integrated Master Plan. The renovation will improve safety, access, and update amenities. Through IFB#25-55, LA Landscape and More, LLC was awarded the contract in the amount of \$2,218,882 (including a 5% contingency). Removal of the old playground equipment has been completed at both sites. Construction will continue as weather allows, with a completion date of April 30, 2026. The project is on schedule as of 1/6/2026 and is scheduled for a ribbon-cutting on May 5, 2026.

### Connecting with the Public

- Assist Parks and Recreation Board Liaisons with the working group's questions or needs.
- Through community meetings, participate in the Open Space and Trails Project, Brewer Arena, North Mesa Picnic Area Master Plan, North Mesa Recreational Area Master Plan, Artificial Turf exploration, and Cemetery Master Plan.
- Parks and Open Space Volunteer Opportunities.

## RECREATION

### **March Stats:**

Programs and Events: 1

Participation:

- Recreation: 1,078

Open Gym Programs: 15

Vendors: 0

People Utilizing the Ice Rink: 1,011

Rounds of Golf: 0

### **Ice Rink Updates:**

The Rec/Ice team is now preparing for the upcoming summer programs. Community members who will be attending the Night to Remember Dance have been stopping by the Rink to get fitted for their formal outfits and are looking forward to the event.

### **Updates:**

Currently, the Walkup Aquatic Staff are split between the Leisure Lagoon, Golf Course, and Pinon Park Pool during the Main Pool Re-plaster Project. Aquatic Staff is working at Pinon Park Pool, cleaning 18 months of algae growth, cleaning locker rooms, and repairing plumbing at the facility. Lee-Sure Pools officially started the demolition phase of the re-plaster project.

The golf course practice range and putting green opened mid-March, with the front 9 holes scheduled to open April 1. The front 9 will open in the afternoons on Wednesday and all day, Thursday through Sunday. The course will be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays for the first several weeks of spring for continued maintenance and growth of freshly renovated areas. Golf course hours will expand further into spring and early summer. The practice areas will be open 7 days a week.

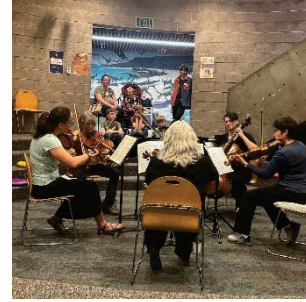
Mid America Golf, the contractor who led the golf course renovations, returned to Los Alamos Golf Course on March 23 to begin warranty work items stemming from the golf course renovation project. Most of the warranty work is to be conducted on the back nine holes of the golf course on surface water flow and drainage on and around some tee boxes and greens. Currently, Mid America is anticipating to be on site for 3 to 5 weeks. Mid America will also be replacing trees that did not survive through last year and into this year.



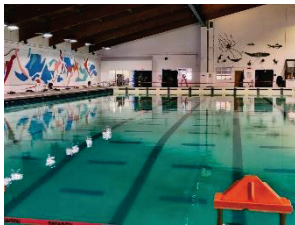
*All Staff (Mesa Public Library)*



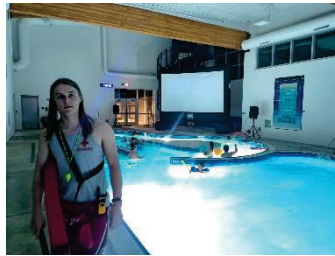
*Puzzles*



*String Quintet*



*Draining the Pool*



*Family Dive in Movie*



*Water Resource Training*

## PUBLIC SAFETY

### BUILDING SAFETY

9 Commercial Building permits were issued in March 2026 with a total valuation of \$403,880.00.

58 Residential Building permits were issued in March 2026 with a total valuation of \$3,675,960.92.

2 Certificates of Occupancy were issued in March 2026.

148 Building Inspections took place in March 2026

### Update

March was a month of both professional achievements and community engagement for the team. Robert Franks, Senior Building Inspector, earned two significant certifications through the International Code Council, becoming a Certified Building Official (CBO) and a Building Code Specialist (BCS). Michael Marquez, Plans Examiner, added to the

team's expertise by earning his Commercial Plans Examiner certification. Congratulations Robert and Michael!

On March 28, 2026, the Building Safety and Planning Divisions teamed up to host a homeowner event, guiding residents through the building and planning permitting process and answering their questions.

These milestones demonstrate the ongoing dedication to professional growth and to helping the community navigate the permitting process.



### Looking Ahead

On April 24, staff will host a contractor-focused class titled Roofing Code & Permitting Essentials. This session will provide practical guidance on applicable roofing codes, permitting requirements, and common compliance considerations, with an opportunity for questions and discussion.

## CODE ENFORCEMENT

CDD Director Elias Isaacson attended the ICC EduCode Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, from February 23–27, 2026. During the conference, Elias attended sessions focused on upcoming code cycles, leadership development, and code enforcement practices. These sessions provided updates on evolving building codes and offered insight into effective leadership and enforcement strategies that support safe and compliant development within the community.

## POLICE

### Update

#### **Los Alamos Police Department Awarded Third CALEA Re-Accreditation**

Los Alamos, New Mexico - The Los Alamos Police Department (LAPD) was awarded the Gold Standard in Public Safety Accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) during a special ceremony held March 14, 2016, in Tucson, Arizona.

The department achieved 100 percent compliance with all required and optional standards established by the accreditation program, demonstrating excellence in professional law enforcement practices and operations. This marks the third time LAPD has earned CALEA's prestigious Gold Standard distinction.

The mission of the CALEA program is to improve the delivery of public safety services by maintaining a body of professional standards that support the administration of accreditation programs. LAPD continues to pursue accreditation through CALEA to enhance the quality, professionalism, and accountability of public safety services by meeting these nationally recognized standards.



**The Los Alamos Police Department (LAPD) has maintained a constant focus on the youth of the community.**

This focus has included providing fentanyl awareness presentations, illicit drug mindfulness, and social media cognizance. In August 2025, the LAPD continued its commitment to the youth by launching its Youth Cadet Program. The program is for students that have an interest in the public safety profession. The inaugural class was comprised of 8 students.

Youth Cadets are taught law enforcement history, the historical and current drivers of public safety evolution, case laws, prosecution, case defense, dynamics of call response, and officer dispatch responses through its ride-along program. The program prides itself on fostering new, long-term relationships among fellow students as students begin to navigate personal and professional lives and adulthood. All instructors are currently LAPD officers. The program has worked with the courts to manifest scenario-based training for the students as well as public speaking opportunities within those scenarios.

The class is open to students from 9th through 12th grade. Applications are available on the Los Alamos Police Department website at <https://www.losalamosnm.gov/Health-and-Public-Safety/Police-Services/Youth-Cadets>



## FIRE

### **LAFD Responded to 167 calls for service in March:**

LAFD Responded to 193 calls for service in March:

128 EMS Calls

20 Hazardous Situation

19 Public Service

18 Non-Emergency (False Alar/Good Intent)

5 Rescue Calls

3 Fire Calls

6 Fire Investigations

131 Fire Inspections

62 New Social Media Followers (17 IG, 45 FB)

### **Update**

#### **EMS Division (Active Assailant Training)**

Throughout the month of March, LAFD EMS conducted integrated active assailant training in collaboration with LANL Pro Force and LAPD. This training consisted of a series of coordinated, scenario-based drills focused on active assailant response, as well as the triage and treatment of injured patients in a dynamic and high-threat environment.

A primary emphasis of this training was reinforcing proper Incident Command practices and strengthening unified command across agencies. Participants focused on establishing a clear command structure early in the incident, defining roles and responsibilities, and ensuring effective span of control. The training highlighted the importance of integrating fire, law enforcement, and security operations under a unified command framework to support coordinated decision-making and resource allocation.

Additionally, crews practiced communication strategies to ensure timely information sharing between command and operational units, including situational updates, hazard identification, and patient care priorities. The exercises also emphasized the development and use of operational zones (hot, warm, and cold zones), coordination of rescue task forces, and alignment of tactical objectives between agencies to ensure both responder safety and rapid patient access.

These joint exercises provided valuable opportunities to enhance interoperability, improve command and control processes, and build a shared understanding of incident management principles among Pro Force, LAPD, and LAFD personnel.

## **Los Alamos Fire Department Achieves 6th CPSE Accreditation**

On March 10, 2026, the Los Alamos Fire Department (LAFD) proudly achieved reaccreditation through the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE) and the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) for the sixth consecutive time. This milestone places LAFD among fewer than ten fire agencies worldwide to reach this level of sustained excellence, officially recognizing the department as a “legacy” agency within the CPSE accreditation program.

Accreditation is a rigorous, multi-year process that evaluates all aspects of a fire department’s operations, including emergency response, training, leadership, community risk reduction, and overall organizational performance. Maintaining accredited status requires ongoing self-assessment, adherence to best practices, and a demonstrated commitment to continuous improvement.

Achieving reaccreditation for the sixth time is a significant accomplishment and reflects the dedication, professionalism, and high standards upheld by LAFD personnel. It also reinforces the department’s accountability to the community and its commitment to delivering the highest level of service to the residents and visitors of Los Alamos County.

This achievement represents not only a proud moment for the department, but also for the entire Los Alamos community. The continued accreditation status assures the public that LAFD operates at an elite level within the fire service industry and remains focused on innovation, efficiency, and excellence in public safety.

## **Wildland Division**

The Wildland Fire Division maintained strong engagement in regional and national wildfire initiatives by attending the 2026 WUI Conference in Reno, where Wildland Chief Van Leimer and Chief Erik Litzenberg collaborated with partners and met with BurnBot representatives. These discussions helped identify priority mitigation areas for planned operations in September–October 2026. The division is planning a six-week deployment of BurnBot to utilize available funding and is developing a Fire Risk Analysis to guide its implementation and ensure alignment with the Los Alamos County Mitigation Plan. In addition, preparations are underway to host the IAFC FDX in Los Alamos in July 2026, further reinforcing the department’s commitment to advancing wildfire mitigation strategies and regional cooperation.

Operational readiness and community risk reduction efforts also remained a priority. RT-130 Wildland Refresher training was successfully completed for both A-Shift and B-Shift personnel, ensuring continued preparedness for the upcoming fire season. The

division continued its proactive outreach through its free Home Assessment program, completing 10 assessments in March to help residents identify and reduce ignition risks. Public education efforts emphasized defensible space practices, including removing debris from roofs and gutters, thinning vegetation within 30 feet of structures, and incorporating fire-resistant building materials. Planning and coordination also continued for the upcoming Wildfire Day event in April, aimed at increasing community awareness and engagement in wildfire prevention.

### **LAFD Announces March Retirements of Fire Chief Wendy Servey and Driver/Engineer Daniel Archuleta**

The Los Alamos Fire Department (LAFD) announces the retirements of Fire Chief Wendy Servey and Driver/Engineer Daniel Archuleta, both of whom concluded their distinguished careers in March.

Chief Wendy Servey retires after a career defined by exceptional leadership, dedication, and service to the Los Alamos community. Throughout her tenure, Chief Servey guided the department through significant initiatives and advancements, strengthening operational readiness, enhancing community risk reduction efforts, and fostering a culture of professionalism and continuous improvement. Her leadership has left a lasting impact on the organization and helped position LAFD as a leader in the fire service.

Driver/Engineer Daniel Archuleta also retires following a long and dedicated career serving the residents of Los Alamos County. Over the years, he has demonstrated a strong commitment to public safety, operational excellence, and mentorship of fellow firefighters. His experience, reliability, and professionalism have made him a respected member of the department and a trusted presence on emergency scenes. LAFD extends its sincere gratitude to both Chief Servey and Driver/Engineer Archuleta for their years of dedicated service and wishes them all the best in their well-earned retirements.





*Los Alamos Fire Department Operation and Admin personnel take a picture with Driver/Engineer Daniel Archuleta after his last ride in Engine 1*

## ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

### **On-Bill Financing Research**

Staff conducted research on on-bill financing tariff structures to evaluate potential approaches for supporting energy efficiency and electrification projects. This work will help inform future program design and funding considerations.

### **Environmental Sustainability Board (ESB)**

An orientation was provided to new ESB members, Carly Blair and Jack Grow, to support onboarding.

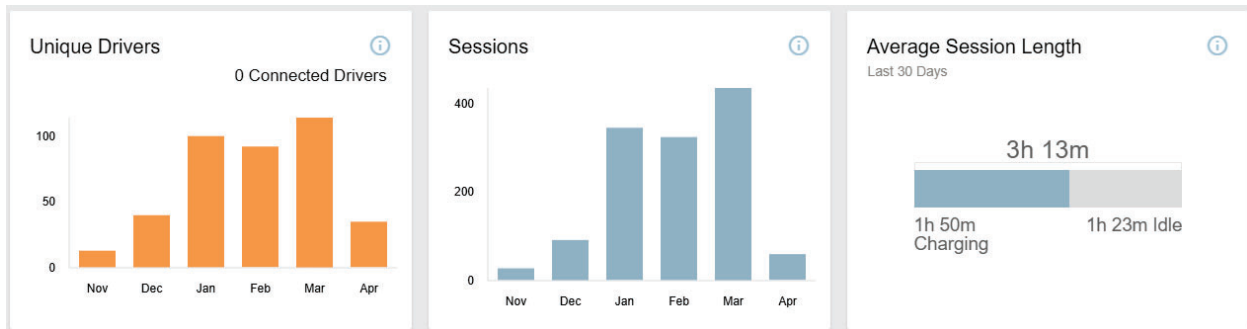
The ESB also received an update from Mozart Devco regarding the proposed waste-to-energy facility in Ohkay Owingeh. The project has a tentative operational timeline of approximately 36 months.

### **Zero Emission Vehicles (ZEV) and Charging Infrastructure**

The County continued implementation of electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure at Mesa Public Library. County Council approved a task order with R&M Construction to complete installation.

County Council also accepted the final Fleet Conversion Plan and Community-Wide EV Charging Plan. These plans provide a long-term (25-year) roadmap to strategically transition County fleet vehicles from internal combustion to electric and guide the phased buildout of EV charging infrastructure community-wide.

## EV Charger Usage Graph



**Figure 1: EV charger utilization trends to inform infrastructure planning and future investment decisions. There were 436 charging sessions, with 114 unique charging sessions in March 2026.**

## Climate Marketing and Engagement

The County issued a community survey to gather input on potential climate action taglines and visual styles. The survey closed on April 1. Results will be used to inform future climate marketing and community engagement efforts.

## WASTE MANAGEMENT

### Environmental Services March Stats

Customer Service Emails – 85

Roll Cart Requests – 67

Total bear carts deployed are 2,313. LA townsite has 2,229 and WR has 84

Household Hazardous Waste Customers – 92

Recycle Coach App Users – 3,763

Recycle Coach App Interactions – 12,358

Overlook Visitors – 106

Transfer Station Visitors – 2,525

Yard Trimming Participants – 5,427

Social Media Followers – 1.3k

### Update

Environmental Services marked the seasonal start of curbside yard trimming collection in late March, with regular brush and yard waste pickup resuming the week of March 23. This program provides residents with a convenient, bi-weekly curbside option for disposing of organic yard materials such as leaves, grass clippings, and small branches, supporting both waste diversion and community wildfire risk reduction efforts. Expanded services offered in conjunction with the program – such as additional bulk collection opportunities – further enhance the County’s ability to assist residents in maintaining defensible space and reducing combustible materials during the high-risk spring season.

In response to a drier-than-average winter and elevated fire danger, Environmental Services expanded its seasonal offerings to better support community wildfire mitigation efforts. This enhanced service provided residents with an additional large brush collection, helping to reduce excess fuels and improve defensible space around properties. By proactively addressing these conditions, the program reinforced the County's commitment to public safety and environmental stewardship. The expanded collection service ran from February 23 through March 27, 2026, and resulted in the collection of over five tons of yard trimmings.

Environmental Services has implemented Routware routing software to enhance service delivery and operational efficiency across collection programs. This advanced system utilizes real-time data, GPS tracking, and route optimization to improve reliability, reduce missed pickups, and streamline daily operations. By modernizing routing processes, the division is better equipped to respond to service requests, adjust to changing conditions, and provide more consistent and timely service to residents. The adoption of Routware also supports long-term goals of increased accountability, improved resource management, and a higher level of customer service for the community.

# Residential Sustainability Report



## Residential Sustainability Report

Service Period: February 2026

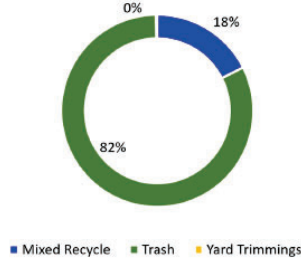
February Diversion Rate: **18%**



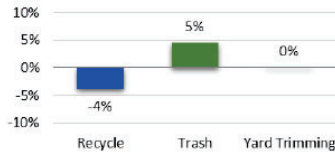
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The *diversion rate* is the percent of recyclable and compostable material diverted from the landfill.

### Monthly Collection Report

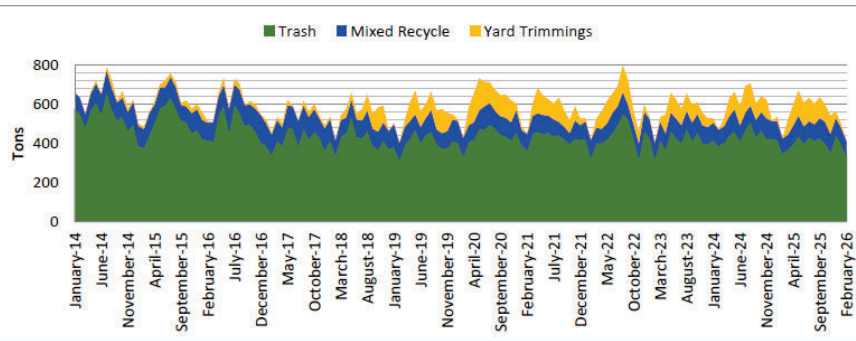


### % Change Previous Year



	Feb-25	Feb-26
Yard Trimming	0.00	0.00
Recycle	75.56	72.72
Trash	325.74	340.52

In February by recycling and composting Los Alamos County reduced GHG emissions by ~252 tons\*



In 2026 by recycling and composting Los Alamos County reduced GHG emissions by ~575 tons\*



For more information contact Environmental Services Division at 505.662.8163 or email [solidwaste@lacnm.us](mailto:solidwaste@lacnm.us)  
 \*GHG emissions calculated using <https://www.stopwaste.co/calculator>

**BUILDING FACILITIES**

**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 the website– <https://lacnm.com/PW-Projects>.

Project Name	Dept(s)	Update
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 in September 2024 approving a Hybrid Road Diet, one of the alternatives presented by the engineer Wilson and Co. The project has been advertised for construction.
Finch Street	PW	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 2026.
Canyon Rim Trail Phase III	PW	The project design and right-of-way (ROW) acquisitions are underway from Knecht Street to 15th Street. The design is being completed by an on-call engineering firm, Wilson and Co. The project is anticipated to be advertised for bids in Fall 2026 with construction occurring in late 2026/2027. Completion of the trail design from 15th Street to 20th Street is pending ROW acquisitions.
Denver Steels Phase II	PW	This project was awarded to TLC Plumbing and Utility (Spear D) and began construction in February. The joint project with the Department of Public Utilities includes full road reconstruction along with utility upgrades.

Fairway Dr. – Trinity Dr. to LANL Gate	PW	This project is a joint-utility project with DPU and is anticipated for construction in late 2026 through 2027. The design is being completed in-house and is underway.
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### 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
Asset Management Software for Facilities	PW	Facilities team coordinates Department liaison training for the County’s work order request portal (AkitaBox).
Benchmarking Building Utility Consumption	PW	No activities to report in March
Justice Center Emergency Dispatch CRAC Unit	PD	Staff report and budget have been completed and will be presented to Council for consideration on March 31st
Manhattan Project Era Dormitory Renovation	PW	Project team is reviewing Construction documents and preparing to issue an IFB by April 2026.
Golf Course Site Improvements	PW, CSD	Mid-America is on site assessing the tees and greens covered by warranty work. Crews mobilization anticipated April 2, 2026.
Golf Course Clubhouse HVAC replacement	PW, CSD	Line sets for HVAC equipment are 100% complete. The remaining project tasks consist of equipment start up, cleanup and efficiency testing.
Ice Rink Permanent Chiller Replacement	PW, CSD	Quarterly chiller maintenance service scheduled for early April. Spare compressor motor is in place.
Ice Rink Floor Replacement and Shade Structure	PW, CSD	Project team is preparing RFP for design –build services.

Fire Station 3 Snow Melt System Replacement	PW, FD	Project team received redesign proposal from Lloyd & Associates, Project Manager is working on Task Order.
Emergency Operations Center (EOC)	PW, PD, FD	Project team is finalizing the floor plan configuration and starting the schematics for the mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems.
Fire Station 4 Replacement	PW, FD	Bids closed on March 24th and Bid award is scheduled for County Council consideration on April 7, 2026.
Aquatic Center Olympic Pool Restoration	PW, CSD	Demo kicked off March 2nd, Forty percent (40%) of demo completed.
Betty Ehart Senior Center Renovation	PW, CSD	Task Order Revision for construction documents are scheduled for review and approval on April 7, 2026, by County Council.
Betty Ehart Senior Center HVAC Replacement	PW, CSD	95% Construction Documents anticipated by the end of March 2026.
Mesa Public Library EV charging Stations	Sustainability, PW, DPU	R&M construction submitted a proposal on March 19th. Task Order scheduled for review and approval by County Council on March 31, 2026.
Aquatic Center Pool Replacement Pumps Design	PW, CSD	County Attorney's office is reviewing contract with Farnsworth Group.
County Facilities Interior and Exterior Lighting Upgrades	PW	Project team is drafting a scope of work to develop an implementation plan to upgrade interior and exterior lighting in County facilities.
PCS Salt Bins Rust Correction	PW	Review of 90% drawings in progress.
PCS Bus Canopy Snowmelt System	PW	Project team is finalizing the construction drawings for future EV chargers and block heaters.
Electric Bus Charging Infrastructure	PW	Electrical drawings completion is anticipated for the week of March 23rd; IFB to follow.
Brewer Arena Improvements	PW, CSD	Council approved a Task Order with All-Rite Construction LLC, to begin construction in May 2026.
Social Services Action Center	PW, CSD	Project team is reviewing proposals from A/E consultants for the planning and conceptual design phase of this project.

Airport T-Hangars	PW	Mick Rich Construction began project mobilization on Monday, March 23rd.
WR Visitor Center Food Truck Pads	PW, CDD	Received proposal from All-Rite Construction, proposal is under review by project manager.
BESC Heritage Gate	PW, CSD	Task Order and PO in place for R&M Construction. Gate Fabricator will deliver gate by mid-April. Once received, R&M Construction will install gate.
Ashley Pond Electrical Pedestals Phase II	PW, CSD	R&M Construction will start project mobilization on Wednesday April 1, 2026.
White Rock Complex EV Chargers	PW	Project in design process
Longview Dr. Development	PW	No activities to report in March
Animal Shelter Dog Run/Exercise Area	PD, PW	Project team is working on a budgetary estimate for this project

**ROADS**

**Updates**

The Trinity Drive Safety and ADA project was advertised for construction in March. 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 in September 2024 approving a Hybrid Road Diet, one of several alternatives presented.

The NM 502 Rumble Strip Project consists of installing rumble strips along Hwy 502 from milepost 2.2 to milepost 4.1 (Airport Road to just East of East Gate Road). The current passing zone will be removed, and the centerline stripe will be re-established as necessary. Work will take approximately 5 days to complete. The contractor, San Bar, is scheduled to perform the work in late May or early June.

**Connecting with the Public**

Public outreach for the Trinity Drive Safety and ADA project is actively underway. The county has contracted with CWA Strategic Communications, an experienced public

relations agency, to provide this service to lead and assist with public outreach on this highly traveled section of roadway.

The Denver Steels Phase II public outreach process consists of coordination with affected residents, businesses, and Los Alamos Public Schools. This coordination is critical to successful project execution while minimizing impacts.



*The joint project with the Department of Public Utilities includes full road reconstruction along with utility upgrades.*

Upcoming project planning is underway for public outreach for multiple projects being overseen by Public Works including construction of NM 4 Crossing and Multi-Use Trail; and design of Denver Steels Phase III and Fairway Drive projects.

### **Looking Ahead**

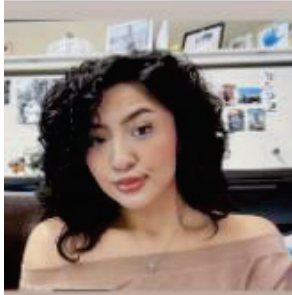
Preparation continues in preparing solicitation of bids for several key projects, including the Finch Street and the NM 4 Crossing and Multi-Use Trail projects.

Design development continues for two Capital Improvements Projects for Denver Steels Phase III and Fairway Drive. These projects are joint-utility projects and are anticipated to be advertised for bids in late 2026 for 2026/2027 construction.

The Engineering Division continues to play an active role in reviewing developer applications, conducting inspections, and approving construction permits and design reviews. Recent reviews have covered a diverse range of projects, such as the Christus Development, A-8-A Coyote Mesa, 20th Street Development, the Guesthouse Hotel (old Hilltop House site), the Manhattan Project Era Dormitory Building, and the Hills

Apartments/35th Street Realignment. Other reviews include the Century Bank, Sherwood Rounds off Longview Drive, Arbolada, and the redevelopment of the Motel 6 building.

## NEW STAFF & PROMOTIONS



**Adrienne Lewis-Martinez, Deputy Clerk**

We are pleased to welcome Adrienne Lewis-Martinez as the new Deputy Clerk. Adrienne joins us from Rio Arriba County's Assessor's Office, where she served as a Business Personal Property Specialist, bringing valuable experience in public service, detailed record management, and assisting constituents with accuracy and care.

As she transitions into her new role, Adrienne is learning the day-to-day operations of the Clerk's Office and gaining a deeper understanding of the services we provide to meet the needs of the customers and voters. She is committed to upholding the integrity of the office while delivering efficient, reliable service to the community.

Outside of work, Adrienne is a devoted mom who centers her life around her family. Her values and faith guide her approach both personally and professionally, shaping her commitment to serving others with purpose, integrity, and compassion. She is excited to continue growing in public service and to make a meaningful impact on the community.



**Joseph Chavarria, Facilities Superintendent**

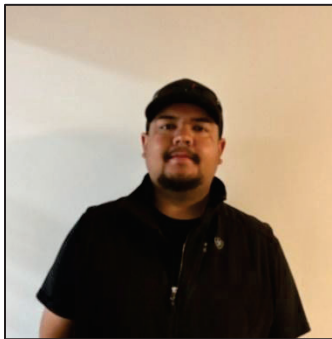
Joseph Chavarria was promoted from Plumbing and Mechanical Journeyman to Facilities Superintendent.

Joseph has been a valued member of the Facilities' team, consistently demonstrating strong technical expertise, reliability, and a commitment to supporting daily operations. In his role as a Journeyman, he played an important part in maintaining critical systems and contributing to the overall success of the department.



**Tristen Hill, Atomic City Transit**

Welcome to the Team Tristen!



**Matthew Leyba, Traffic and Streets**

Welcome to the Team Matthew!



**Antonia Batha, Library Associate**

In March, the Youth team welcomed a new Library Associate, Antonia Batha. Toni Batha most recently worked for the Peace Corps in Washington, DC and is excited to be back in New Mexico! She enjoys baking, hiking, and reading romance novels.



**Kristen Klem and Henry Roybal**

The Community Development Department is pleased to welcome two new members to the team, Henry Roybal and Kristen Klem. Henry is the new Code Compliance Officer and Kristen is the new Associate Planner. We are excited to welcome them and look forward to the knowledge, skills, and fresh perspectives each new member brings. Please join us in giving Henry and Kristen a warm welcome as Henry and Kristen begin their journey with Community Development!

## ANNIVERSARIES

**Congratulations to the following individuals on their service anniversaries with the Los Alamos County:**

**5 years**

Sobia Sayeda

**10 years**

Victoria Martinez  
Tyler Randolph  
Ying Meng

**15 years**

Beatrice Odezulu  
Marisol Padilla

**25 years**

Rebecca Kalavaza

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

January 2026

- Lloyd Ami – 17 years of service
- Marc Hitchcock – 2 years of service
- Rocky Olsen – 1 year of service
- Jayden Martinez – 1 year of service

February 2026

- Amarante (Alex) Garcia – 2 years of service
- David Jackson – 1 year of service



**Marisol Padilla, Senior Management Analyst**

LAFD Congratulates Marisol Padilla on 15 Years of Service

The Los Alamos Fire Department (LAFD) is proud to recognize Senior Management Analyst Marisol Padilla on the milestone achievement of 15 years of dedicated service to the department and the Los Alamos community.

Since joining LAFD, Marisol has played a vital role in supporting the department's administrative and operational functions. Her expertise, professionalism, and attention to detail have contributed significantly to the department's efficiency, strategic planning efforts, and overall organizational success. In her role as Senior Management Analyst, she has been instrumental in managing complex projects, overseeing key reporting functions, and ensuring compliance with local, state, and federal requirements. Marisol's commitment to excellence and her strong work ethic have made her a trusted and valued member of the LAFD team. Her contributions often take place behind the scenes, but are essential to the department's ability to deliver high-quality emergency services to the community.

Reaching 15 years of service is a testament to Marisol's dedication to public service and her continued support of LAFD's mission, vision, and values. The department extends its sincere appreciation for her years of hard work and congratulates her on this significant milestone.

LAFD looks forward to her continued contributions and service in the years ahead.



**Ying Meng, Senior Officer Specialist**

Senior Office Specialist, Ying Meng, celebrated her 10th year anniversary as a County Employee in March. She was presented with a pin and a diploma by Library Manager, Gwen Kalavaza.



**Beatrice Odezulu, Deputy Chief Financial Officer**

On March 7, 2026, Beatrice Odezulu celebrated a remarkable milestone: 15 years of dedication, leadership, and unwavering commitment. Over the past decade and a half, Beatrice has become more than a colleague—she has become a cornerstone of our team’s success and a shining example of what it means to lead with integrity, compassion, and purpose. Beatrice has distinguished herself through her strong work ethic, thoughtful problem-solving, and ability to bring people together. She consistently goes above and beyond, not because it’s expected, but because she genuinely cares about the quality of her work and the people around her. Beatrice, thank you for your extraordinary service, your leadership, and your heart. Your dedication over the past 15 years has made a profound difference, and we are grateful for every moment you’ve invested in this journey. Here’s to celebrating your achievements and to many more years of shared success.

## RETIREMENT

The team would like to congratulate the following individuals on their retirement from the County:

Jesse Ortega- PD/Detention

Victoria Martinez- Clerks Office

Daniel Archuleta- Fire



**David Martinez, Community Development**

Community Development would like to congratulate David Martinez on his retirement. David was a valued member of our team for eight years, and he will be greatly missed. We thank him for his dedication to building safety in Los Alamos County and for his many years of hard work and service to our community. We wish him all the best in this next chapter.



**Jerry Martinez**

After twenty-five years of dedicated service, Jerry Norris, Supply Specialist in Procurement, retired on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Jerry is well known around the County, and highly

respected for his outstanding customer service and his ability to problem-solve on the fly. His skill, professionalism and sense of humor will be greatly missed.

## ACCOLADES

### **Congratulations to the following team members who earned Recognition coins this month:**

Victor Line - Cooperation  
Joseph Trujillo- Cooperation  
Aaron Park - Cooperation

Your hard work directly demonstrates the County's values, and we congratulate you on striving to meet the mission and vision of the County. Thank you for your exceptional efforts and for being an inspiring part of our team.

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### **Information Management**

A big thank you to Amanda Burnworth for her ongoing involvement in the Arctic Wolf Managed Awareness Program. In addition to her work on the Applications team, Amanda also contributes to the IM Security team, bringing helpful cross-team support and collaboration. We truly appreciate her energy, engagement, and partnership in this effort!

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### **Benefits**

The Benefits team executed the roll out of the Heart Healthy LAC Walking Challenge of 2026 promoting personal growth in health and wellbeing for county employees. We had 43 active participants who were dedicated to making healthy changes 1 step at a time!

### **Congratulations to the Winners**

**David Levings-** who was the top stepper with a total of 454,320 steps- Earning himself 1 Day of Administrative Leave.

**Stephanie Conrad** – who was the most improved participant who had an 86.09% improvement rate from start to finish. -Earning herself 1 Day of Administrative Leave.

### **Participant Raffle Winners -**

Darby Martinez-\$25.00 Tickets at Work Gift Card  
Marie Pruitt-\$25.00 Tickets at Work Gift Card  
McKenzie Vaupel – BCBS Swag Lunch Bag and Water Bottle  
Ellyn Felton- BCBS Swag Bag and Tumbler

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## **Library**

A patron expressed gratitude for help using the library’s mobile printing service.

A White Rock resident who participated in the Discover! program commented, “It is so nice to be able to go to something close to my home. I always have to drive!”

A patron using grocery assistance provided by Social Services and distributed at the library commented that, “We can’t say enough good things about the County and the Library, and all their amazing resources have a lot to do with that.”

### **Staff Member Highlight of the Month**



**Dwight Moss, Atomic City Transit**

Dwight Moss has been with Atomic City Transit for 16 years and is an invaluable part of the team. He selflessly devotes his time to the daily operations of Atomic City Transit, consistently going above and beyond to support both the organization and his colleagues. Dwight plays a key role in training new employees, generously sharing his knowledge and experience with the entire Atomic City Transit family. He also contributes during safety meetings by helping identify potential hazards along routes and emphasizing the importance of staying alert. We truly appreciate Dwight’s dedication and look forward to many more years of working together.



**Jaime Kephart, Procurement Contract Manager**

In appreciation of Jaime Kephart for her exceptional service and dedication to the Police Department, Detention Center, Consolidated Dispatch Center, and Office of Emergency Management. Her leadership in complex procurements, grant compliance, and modernization of key public safety systems directly enhanced operations and strengthened the County's compliance posture. Her expertise, attention to detail, and commitment to integrity make her an invaluable partner to public safety and highly deserve this recognition.