

Transit Advisory Board

City of Albuquerque

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February 14, 2019

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Tom Menicucci, Complete Streets Project

Dear Mayor Keller, Director Toon, Commissioners, Councilors, and Civic Leaders:

We are writing to you to inform you of issues raised by the citizens of Albuquerque, Transit Advisory Board (TAB) members, and information presented by speakers in our November and December 2018, and January 2019 meetings.

Concerns raised by riders in these meetings include:

- Concerns regarding lack of service on 2nd St. between Griegos and Montano, which affects the Juvenile Detention Center.
- A suggestion that the City of Albuquerque observe Transit Equity Day on February 4th, 2019. The TAB notes that the City made all ABQ Ride buses fare-free on this day, which we appreciate.

Concerns raised by TAB members include:

- Suggestion to re-route the 8 Menaul to serve 12th St. seven days a week.
- Suggestion to add all day service on Route 12 Constitution between Downtown and Uptown and the 34 San Pedro between Uptown and the VA Hospital.
- Need for improvements to bus routes in other parts of the City, even though the ART start date has been delayed.
- Need for improved frequency and hours of operation on Route 790 Blue Line, adding park-and-ride lots, and adding density to increase ridership.
- Need for more late-night service
- It has come to our attention that the City is considering the use of ART stations for “marathons or charity races, art installations, local pop-up business days, and street music,” according to an *Albuquerque Journal* article dated December 12th, 2018. The article, however, makes no mention

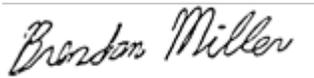
of this originating from a suggestion of Transit Advisory Board members in a letter to the Mayor's Office dated November 16th, 2018. However, we are excited at the possibility of this being implemented and are still available to contribute our voluntary time and efforts to the ultimate success of ART.

If you would like more information regarding any of the issues raised, please do not hesitate to contact me or any other TAB members. The email address of our current Chair, Brendan Miller, is miller.br0115@gmail.com. The email address of our current vice-chair, Harris Balkin is habbalkin@gmail.com. Although TAB members are at-large appointments, our board members reside in the following City Council districts:

Israel Chavez, Nancy JonesFrancis, Dave Kesner, and Patricia Salisbury	District 2
Harris Balkin	District 4
Brendan Miller	District 5
Geoff Zehnder	District 6
Rachel Hertzman, and Orville Pratt	District 7

Thank you for all the work you do. Please join us in supporting public transportation in our community!

Sincerely,



Brendan Miller, Chair
Harris Balkin, Vice Chair
City of Albuquerque Transit Advisory Board

cc: TAB Members