

Albuquerque Air Quality Board

# Zero Fares - ABQ

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# Timeline of Zero Fares - ABQ

- 2017 – Community Organizers begin asking about free fares
- 2018 – Together For Brothers completes [Health Impact Assessment](#)
- 2019 – Youth 18 and under ride the bus for free in the summer
- 2020 – COVID halts fare collection on some routes
- Spring 2021 – Mayor announces seniors 60+, veterans and students 25 and younger can ride the bus for free
- Spring 2021 – City Council votes to include \$3 million of GF to Transit for Zero Fares for All
- Fall 2021 – City Council votes to have 2022 Zero Fare Pilot

# Why Is Zero Fares Important?

- Removes monetary barrier for transit dependent folks, low- income populations and communities of color.
  - 85% of all transit riders have an income of <35k
  - 33% of all transit riders have an income of <10k
- Encourages choice riders to utilize public transit and [helps boost local GDP](#)
  - 50% of all ABQRide trips were for work or shopping
- Can help reduce the 47% of carbon emissions from surface travel in ABQ
- Can help increase access to recreation and active living for ABQ Residents



# 2022 Plan

- Collecting community stories
  - Looking at local to federal funding support
  - Securing funding in CABQ Budget for 2023
  - Public engagement and communications
  - Broad CABQ board and committee support
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