



**Transit Advisory Board**  
Thursday, November 14, 2024  
4:00pm-5:30 pm

In Person Meeting at  
Alvarado Transportation Center  
100 1<sup>st</sup> St SW  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Mercer Conference Room  
Albuquerque, NM 87102

Virtual Meeting (Online) Via ZOOM  
<https://cabq.zoom.us/j/83801397349>  
Meeting ID: 838 0139 7349  
Phone#: 1 669 900 6833 or 1 253 215 8782

**Members Present**

Samuel Jensen, Chair (ZOOM); Steve Pilon, Vice-Chair (ZOOM); Althea Atherton (ATC/ZOOM); Michael Devin (ZOOM); Jennifer Layne Frederick (ABESNT); Ben Garland (ZOOM); Michael Patrick Martin (ATC/ZOOM); Jett Metcalf (ABSENT); Carlos Michelén Ströfer (ATC/ZOOM) Dara Osher (ZOOM); Jennifer Restrepo (ZOOM)

**Staff Members Present**

Margaret Lucero, Executive Assistant (ATC/ZOOM); Leslie Keener, Director (ZOOM); Mike Davis, Deputy Director (ZOOM); Madeline Skrak, Marketing and Communication Specialist

**Visitors Present**

Albert Lee (ZOOM); Baruch Campos (ZOOM); Anna Rios (ZOOM); Deborah Gray (ZOOM); Ernest Esquibel (ZOOM); TASS (ZOOM); Hally Bert (ZOOM); Richard Meadows (ZOOM)

Steve Pilon started meeting with a land acknowledgement reflecting on the fact that Albuquerque and New Mexico sits on unceded indigenous land and indigenous people still comprise over 14% of the population of our State. That population faces many disparities that are disproportionate compared to other populations of New Mexico. Through this committee, I'd like to work towards equity for all people in the State, including indigenous people and honor their stewardship of this land.

**Call to Order**

Steve Pilon, Vice-Chair, began the meeting at 4:05pm.

**Approval of Agenda or Additions**

Vice-Chair Pilon asked for a motion to approve the November 14 agenda. Althea Atherton made a motion to approve the agenda. Patrick Martin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion was voice approved by Althea Atherton, Michael Devin, Ben Garland, Samuel Jensen, Patrick Martin, Dara Osher, Steve Pilon and Jennifer Restrepo.

**Approval of Minutes**

Vice-Chair Pilon asked for a motion to approve the October 10 meeting minutes. Patrick Martin made a motion to approve the minutes, Althea Atherton 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion was voice approved by Althea Atherton, Michael Devin, Ben Garland, Samuel Jensen, Patrick Martin and Steve Pilon.

Jennifer Restrepo-abstained

Dara Osher- abstained

**Public Comment** – *Reminder there is a 2 minute limit on Public Comment(s).*

Patrick: Will routes for ART station announcements be updated with locations? *For example, Pope joy at Cornell...*

Michael Devin: Route 2 skipped 5 stops and there was not any detour information on the website about it. Route 2 NB display on front interior of the bus, Menaul is misspelled.

Ben Garland: Today is my last meeting as a TAB member, transferring to another Board.

**TAB Chairperson's Report – Samuel Jensen, Chair**

Samuel Jensen: Reminder there will not be a meeting December, we will resume January 9. Please let folks know TAB has a 4 vacancies so please ask them to apply if they are interested.

**Director's Report: Leslie Keener, Transit Director**

Leslie Keener: October ridership for ART 196,084 riders; Fixed Route 693,431 riders; Connect service 1,333 boarding's. Once we get through all of the approval processes we hope to release final network early 2025 for ABQ Ride Forward. Hiring event was November 1 with 32 conditional offers. Since October we've been able to have spares in all modes and have been able to meet lineup by 4pm the day before. Detailing has improved. We lost 8 MCO in October. FY 26 budget is flat, no additional funds to go around. We will be operating with the same budget we have now.

**Unfinished Business:**

Baruch Campos, Together For Brothers, presented: *Transit to Outdoors*

*Revised: A Resolution Endorsing Plans For Transit to Outdoor Spaces In Albuquerque, New Mexico was read, reviewed and edits were made by TAB members.*

Michael Devin made a motion to approve resolution with edits, Dara Osher 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion was voice approved by Althea Atherton, Michael Devin, Ben Garland, Samuel Jensen, Patrick Martin, Carlos Strofer, Dara Osher, Steve Pilon and Jennifer Restrepo.

**Action Items:**

Removal of Transit Advisory Board Member Jennifer Frederick; missed more than 3 consecutive meetings. Dara made a motion to remove, Patrick 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion was voice approved by Althea Atherton, Michael Devin, Ben Garland, Samuel Jensen, Patrick Martin, Carlos Strofer, Dara Osher, Steve Pilon and Jennifer Restrepo.

**Information Items:**

Althea Atherton: TAB Retreat went well, we discussed goals and slides were put together from the B&C Leadership Guides. We played a board game: Transform Transit

**Second Round of Public Comment** (Reminder there is a 2 minute limit on Public Comment(s).

Ernie Esquibel: I sit on the PTAB and thank you for the invite to this meeting it was very informative.

Baruch Campos: Route 157 seems to get canceled a lot on the weekends do we know why?

**Adjournment**

Meeting ended at 5:17pm

**Next Meeting: Thursday, January 9, 2025; 4:00 PM via online (ZOOM) or in person**

00:01:21	Dara Osher (Michael Baker International):	Dara Osher, TAB Member
00:01:34	Dara Osher (Michael Baker International):	Having some technical difficulties and need to stay off camera today. :/

00:01:49 tass: tass ABQRIDE transit rider

00:08:35 Richard Meadows: Richard Meadows, Bernalillo County

00:08:45 hally bert: hello, my name is hally bert and I am the manager of the Urban to Wild Coalition here in Albuquerque, as part of The Wilderness Society

00:10:19 Dara Osher (Michael Baker International): Reacted to "hello, my name is ha..." with ♥

00:11:20 Althea: Reacted to "hello, my name is ha..." with ♥

00:11:23 Althea: Replying to "hello, my name is ha..."

Thanks for being here!

00:11:33 tass: Public comment: Could ABQRIDE improve how it reports detours? Pretty please?? In October the Route 2 (Eubank bus) had route detours where it skipped the left onto Layton. Instead it took a right onto Juan Tabo for the turn around. This detour was not on the ABQRIDE website, Facebook page, or the TRANSIT app. Thank you.

00:13:14 Ana Rios: Ana Ríos, program coordinator with T4B.

00:13:20 Althea: Reacted to "Ana Ríos, program co..." with ♥

00:13:22 Michael Devin: Reacted to "Public comment: ..." with 👍

00:14:52 Steve Pilon: good attention to detail, Michael

00:14:57 Richard Meadows: Thanks for your service, Ben!

00:15:03 Althea: We will miss you, Ben! Thank you for being on the TAB

00:15:12 Michael Devin: Reacted to "good attention to ..." with ♥

00:15:19 Patrick Martin: Reacted to "We will miss you, Be..." with ♥

00:15:23 Michael Devin: Reacted to "We will miss you, ..." with ♥

00:15:24 Maddy Skrak: Thank you for your time and service as a TAB member. It's been a pleasure getting to know you!

00:15:34 Ben Garland: Reacted to "Thank you for your t..." with ♥

00:15:39 Ben Garland: Reacted to "We will miss you, Be..." with ♥

00:15:39 Althea: Reacted to "Thank you for your t..." with ♥

00:15:40 Albert Lee (he/him), City of Albuquerque: Reacted to "We will miss you, Be..." with 👍

00:15:43 Ben Garland: Reacted to "Thanks for your serv..." with ♥

00:16:02 Albert Lee (he/him), City of Albuquerque: Reacted to "Thank you for your t..." with 👍

00:18:45 Richard Meadows: Bernalillo County would really like to have representation on the TAB. Our unincorporated residents are affected by changes in service.

00:19:28 Ben Garland: Reacted to "Bernalillo County wo..." with 👍

00:19:54 Althea: Reacted to "Bernalillo County wo..." with 👍

00:24:19 Althea: Replying to "Bernalillo County wo..."

This is what the Boards and Commissions guide says

00:24:45 Dara Osher (Michael Baker International): Reacted to "Screenshot2024\_11\_14\_162411.jpg" with ♥

00:24:48 Dara Osher (Michael Baker International): Reacted to "Bernalillo County wo..." with 👍

00:25:13 Richard Meadows: Replying to "Bernalillo County wo..."

We have residents in the Greater Albuquerque Area who are interested.

00:26:25 Samuel Jensen: Replying to "Bernalillo County wo..."

Thanks Althea. We'll check again with Boards and Commissions about this. The TAB would love to have Bernalillo County representation, it's just a matter of figuring out if it's allowed by Boards and Commissions.

00:26:35 Althea: Reacted to "Thanks Althea. We'll..." with ♥

00:27:51 tass: Reacted to "Bernalillo County wo..." with 👍

00:27:55 tass: Reacted to "We will miss you, Be..." with 👍

00:28:06 Richard Meadows: Replying to "Bernalillo County wo..."

Other boards such as GAATC and GARTC include residents of the unincorporated area.

00:43:49 hally bert: The Wilderness Society has been part of successful Transit to Trails programming in other cities. ABQ Ride might not be the main host of this kind of programming but they are a great leader in transit equity with the adoption of Zero Fares and yall are important partners in this work!

00:44:13 hally bert: <https://trailheaddirect.org/>

00:44:40 hally bert: <https://www.wilderness.org/articles/blog/rep-judy-chu-donates-1-million-dollars-transit-trails-project>

00:52:15 hally bert: <https://lanatureforall.org/connections-to-nature/>

00:52:34 hally bert: <https://sedonashuttle.com/>

00:53:00 hally bert: <https://explorewashingtonpark.org/free-shuttle/>

00:57:07 hally bert: Yes - we are asking not for full investment into the service - we just need cooperation from ABQ RIDE

00:59:08 Patrick Martin: Perhaps removing the "whereas... could be served by either extension of existing ABQ Ride routes.." would clarify this?

01:02:54 hally bert: To participate in a study i think

01:03:05 hally bert: Maybe we'll ask the COG to host it

01:06:32 Maddy Skrak: If anyone took great photos at the TAB retreat that they'd like to share for ABQ RIDE's social media channels, please send them to Madeline Skrak at [msskrak@cabq.gov](mailto:msskrak@cabq.gov)

01:12:11 Dara Osher: It was so fun!

01:13:09 Althea: Reacted to "It was so fun!" with ♥

01:17:02 tass: Thank you

01:17:38 Maddy Skrak: Thanks, everyone!