

Transit Advisory Board

City of Albuquerque

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July 1, 2019

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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 February, March, April, and May 2019 meetings.

Concerns raised and suggestions made in these meetings include:

- Concerns for the safety of Transit Security Officers, who we understand face frequent threats to their physical safety while on the job, and issues that reportedly have not been resolved.
- Concerns regarding affordability of transportation for youth in Albuquerque, and a suggestion for the City to explore establishing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Albuquerque and the Albuquerque Public Schools in a similar manner in which the MOU's are established with The University of New Mexico (UNM) and Central New Mexico Community College (CNM) for student bus passes.
- Support for Summer Youth Pass to provide free bus passes for youth in our community, and a suggestion to clarify to bus drivers the ages of those who are eligible to use the pass.
- Concerns regarding the need to produce all Transit brochures and other written materials in multiple languages including Braille to better serve all community members.
- Suggestion to have ABQ Ride services work together with UNM shuttle bus services as one system to improve efficiency and understandability for riders.
- Suggestion to re-number commuter express routes to 500 number designations (e.g. Route 7 Candelaria to become Route 507).

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:

Kimberly Andujo, Israel Chavez, Dave Kesner, Steve Pilon, and Patricia Salisbury	District 2
Harris Balkin	District 4
Brendan Miller	District 5
William Moore and Christopher Ramirez	District 6
Rachel Hertzman and Orville Pratt	District 7
Kathy Foster	District 9

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
Barbara Petersen, APS Board Member