



**Transit Advisory Board**

Thursday, January 9, 2025

4:00pm-5:30 pm

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

Virtual Meeting (Online) Via  
ZOOM: ZOOM:  
<https://cabq.zoom.us/j/87257492018>  
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**Members Present**

Samuel Jensen, Chair (ZOOM @ 4:18pm); Steve Pilon, Vice-Chair (ZOOM); Althea Atherton (ZOOM); Michael Devin (ATC/ZOOM); Michael Patrick Martin (ZOOM); Jett Metcalf (ZOOM); Carlos Michelén Ströfer (ATC/ZOOM) Dara Osher (ZOOM); Jennifer Restrepo (ABSENT)

**Staff Members Present**

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

**Visitors Present**

Albert Lee (ZOOM); Baruch Campos (ZOOM); Deborah Gray (ZOOM); TASS (ZOOM); Jose Mario Calderon (ZOOM); Peter Rice, (ZOOM); Christopher Ramirez (ZOOM); Steven Flint (ZOOM); Montel Richardson (ZOOM); Jordon McConnell

**Land Acknowledgement**

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 January 9 agenda. Althea Atherton made a motion to approve the agenda. Jett Metcalf 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion was voice approved by Althea Atherton, Michael Devin, Patrick Martin, Dara Osher, Jett Metcalf, Carlos Michelén Ströfer and Steve Pilon.

**Approval of Minutes**

Vice-Chair Pilon asked for a motion to approve the November 14 meeting minutes. Michael Devin made a motion to approve the minutes, Carlos Michelén Ströfer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion was voice approved by Althea Atherton, Michael Devin, Patrick Martin, Dara Osher, Carlos Michelén Ströfer and Steve Pilon. Jett Metcalf- abstained

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

Christopher Ramirez: T4B introduced Transit Equity to TAB in 2018. We're hosting an event at ATC for Transit Equity Day on February 1. Please help pass and send resolution to city council to support Transit Equity day.

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

Samuel Jensen: 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: *December ridership was not available.* November ridership for ART 153,730 riders; Fixed Route 569,829 riders; Paratransit 14,625 riders; Connect service 1,243 boarding's. Hiring event on January 10 at Ken Sanchez. Consolidation Study update, meeting with ABQ Ride and Rio Metro are starting to get feedback and information from each other with peer review. Findings should be available in the summer. Long Range Security Study Plan was submitted to council on December 31. Dwayne Baker is in the process of developing a Volunteer Ambassador Program. He will present at the next meeting. Phase III public engagement summary of the Network Study has been posted on the ABQ Ride Forward website. It's currently pending final review. Margaret will share a link to Govtv for our 2024 Department Recap. We are working on getting new shelter designs out in some routes/corridors.

**Action Items:**

City of Albuquerque 2025 Transit Equity Day Resolution was read, reviewed and edits were made by TAB members.

Althea Atherton made a motion to approve resolution with edits, Michael Devin 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion was voice approved by Althea Atherton, Michael Devin, Samuel Jensen, Patrick Martin, Dara Osher, Jett Metcalf, Carlos Michelén Ströfer and Steve Pilon.

**Unfinished Business:**

*No Unfinished Business*

**Information Items:**

*No Information Items*

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

Albert Lee: COA Sustainability office is kicking off Regional Comprehensive Climate Action Plan, you can find link in chat.

Baruch Campos: ABQTRU's next meeting is Friday, January 17 at 4:00pm at ATC.

Samuel Jensen: Baruch please spread the word at the meeting we have vacancies on TAB.

**Adjournment**

Meeting ended at 5:32pm

**Next Meeting: Thursday, February 13, 2025; 4:00 PM via online (ZOOM) or in person**

- 00:08:45     **Richard Meadows: Congratulations, Althea!**
- 00:08:49     **Althea: Reacted to "Congratulations, Alt..." with ♥**
- 00:09:08     **jettmetcalf: Congratulations! They are so small at that age.**
- 00:09:12     **Althea: Reacted to "Congratulations! The..." with ♥**

00:09:26 Jessica Luna: Congratulations 😊

00:09:30 Althea: Reacted to "Congratulations 😊" with ❤️

00:13:08 Christopher (they or he) Together for Brothers: Reacted to "Congratulations 😊" with 👍

00:18:13 Dara Osher (She/Her, TAB Member): Nice to meet you, Monty!

00:19:09 Monty's : Reacted to "Nice to meet you, Mo..." with 🙌

00:19:24 Monty's : Nice to meet everyone!

00:19:32 Althea: Reacted to "Nice to meet everyon..." with ❤️

00:19:37 Michael Devin: Reacted to "Nice to meet everyon..." with ❤️

00:20:33 jettmetcalf: Welcome to hopefully 2 new members of TAB!

00:21:00 Althea: Reacted to "Welcome to hopefully..." with ❤️

00:23:50 Christopher (they or he) Together for Brothers: Thanks Margaret for catching that we will be co-hosting a Transit Equity Day event at ATC on Saturday, February 1 (and Tuesday, February 4 in Santa Fe).

00:24:09 Christopher (they or he) Together for Brothers: Twenty new Sun Vans is awesome! And new ABQ Ride Connect shuttles is great too!

00:24:44 Christopher (they or he) Together for Brothers: Learn more about Transit Equity Day at <https://www.togetherforbrothers.org/transitequity> .

00:24:50 Carlos Michelen: Reacted to "Nice to meet every..." with ❤️

00:32:12 Christopher (they or he) Together for Brothers: Is there any update about navigators (with de-escalation training) and also refurbished shelters with benches and trash receptacles? Accessible and clean bus stops are safe bus stops.

00:33:09 Christopher (they or he) Together for Brothers: And sorry that I need to jump off for another meeting.

00:35:20 Margaret Lucero, Executive Assistant:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2RZoZfGPUE8>

00:35:41 Carlos Michelen: The recap was great. Great job!

00:35:58 Jessica Luna: Reacted to "https://www.youtube..." with 👍

00:36:03 Patrick Martin: Reacted to "https://www.youtube..." with 👍

00:38:03 Michael Devin: Reacted to "https://www.youtube..." with 👍

00:43:46 Carlos Michelen: Good to hear. Thanks @Leslie Keener !

00:50:44 Carlos Michelen: even one bad experience like that is enough to turn some people off from transit :( We need a reliable network.

00:50:57 Althea: Reacted to "even one bad experie..." with 👍

00:51:54 Jordon McConnell: The Barelás Station was once closed without a notice posted due to a station maintenance and the ART Driver told everyone to cross the street to the Federal Building and then met everyone there - waiting.

00:58:15 Carlos Michelen: Bikeways and Trail Plan:  
<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/640617a49a97bb2acabde9cd/t/66848bcc5b422f187f10a564/1719962594276/2024+Bikeway+and+Trail+Facilities+Plan+-+July+2024.pdf>

00:59:58 Patrick Martin: Quick scan: the two most actionable things are improved bike parking around bus stations, and to continue/promote the guaranteed ride home program

01:00:16 Carlos Michelen: Reacted to "Quick scan: the tw..." with 👍

01:00:55 Richard Meadows: Reacted to "Bikeways and Trail P..." with 👍

01:01:33 Carlos Michelen: It also calls for tracking number of boardings with bikes

01:03:38 Carlos Michelen: The MTP 2045 Draft plan. They are looking for feedback by tomorrow! <https://www.mrcog-nm.gov/264/Metropolitan-Transportation-Plan>

01:04:20 Patrick Martin: Reacted to "It also calls for tr..." with 👍

01:16:22 tass: Natural gas buses don't have the fumes..  
01:17:00 Dara Osher (She/Her, TAB Member): I'm fine with removing "from renewable sources,"  
01:17:12 Carlos Michelen: Reacted to "I'm fine with remo..." with 👍  
01:17:19 Althea: Reacted to "I'm fine with removi..." with 👍  
01:18:55 Albert Lee (he/him), City of Albuquerque: Replying to "Natural gas buses do..."

True, however CNG buses do emit NOx that contributes to ozone pollution.

01:19:10 Carlos Michelen: Reacted to "True, however CNG ..." with 👍  
01:21:35 Jordon McConnell: Thank you for the invitation! I unfortunately have to hop off to catch another meeting. Have a great night!  
01:21:48 Michael Devin: Reacted to "Thank you for the in..." with ❤️  
01:24:02 Carlos Michelen: Reacted to "Thank you for the ..." with ❤️  
01:26:33 Althea: Reacted to "Thank you for the in..." with ❤️  
01:29:06 Madeline Skrak - ABQ RIDE: Thanks for welcoming me to the meeting. I have to hop off, but great to hear the conversation tonight! Happy New Year, everyone.  
01:29:16 Althea: Reacted to "Thanks for welcoming..." with ❤️  
01:29:28 Carlos Michelen: Reacted to "Thanks for welcomi..." with ❤️  
01:30:23 Michael Devin: Reacted to "Thanks for welcoming..." with ❤️  
01:31:31 Albert Lee (he/him), City of Albuquerque: Central New Mexico Resilient Futures Initiative  
<https://www.resilientfuturesnm.org/>

How you can get involved

<https://www.resilientfuturesnm.org/take-action>

Attend an Event

<https://www.resilientfuturesnm.org/rsvp>

Virtual Kick-off Meetings

Wednesday January 15, 2025: 11am - 12:30pm and 4:30pm - 6pm

Climate Pollution Inventory Overview

Friday January 31, 2025: 11am - 12:30 pm

01:32:34 Carlos Michelen: Reacted to "Central New Mexico..." with ❤️  
01:32:36 Althea: Reacted to "Central New Mexico R..." with ❤️