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**Blue Bus Temporarily Suspends Mora Route 810**

NCRTD seeking drivers for contracted route from Holman to Las Vegas

Effective October 31, 2023, The North Central Regional Transit District (NCRTD) Blue Bus has temporarily suspended Mora Route 810 serving multiple communities in Mora and San Miguel Counties. The NCRTD is actively recruiting residents in the area to apply for a driver's position to get the route back in service as soon as possible.

The Blue Bus began service between Holman in Mora County and the City of Las Vegas in San Miguel County in 2020 under an annual contract with Mora County with financial support from the City of Las Vegas, Highlands University and Luna Community College. The route is not located within the District's designated service area. The fare free service had been operating two round trips per day on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

"We apologize for the inconvenience this service interruption will cause," said NCRTD Executive Director Anthony Mortillaro. "Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances and a shortage of available replacement drivers, we had to suspend the service indefinitely."

"We have been operating this service with only one driver who lived in the region so we are actively recruiting to find a new local driver," added Mortillaro. "We're hopeful that our partners will help us identify potential candidates for the position."

The Mora Route position does not require a commercial driver's license to operate the Blue Bus vehicle. Transit Operator positions start at \$18.52 per hour with up to \$2,000 in signing and retention bonuses along with competitive benefits. Extensive training is provided.

"If you are a responsible and skilled driver with a passion for providing excellent service, we encourage you to apply for the transit driver position," said NCRTD Transit Operations Director Delilah Garcia. "Help us make a positive impact on our community's transportation needs while enjoying a rewarding career with the Blue Bus."

Please visit the Blue Bus website at [ncrtd.org/employment](http://ncrtd.org/employment) for more details or call 866-206-0754.

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