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Architectural renderings by Huitt-Zollars

Taos Operations and Maintenance Facility Project

North Central RTD will create a \$17 million operations and maintenance facility in Taos, New Mexico. This project will support the greater Taos area by constructing maintenance and administrative space, allowing the Blue Bus to continue improving our communities' quality of life by providing a resilient, equitable, and effective public transportation system. When completed in early 2023, Blue Bus customers will benefit from the improved reliability, efficiency, safety, and effectiveness of transit operations. Funding for the project includes \$6,570,302 grant from the Federal Transit Administration, and \$5.9 million in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funds, which will also fund the upgrades to the District's Regional Transit Center in Española, NM.



The project will include 7,200 square feet of administrative space and 10,800 square feet of maintenance space. This includes bus, employee and visitor parking, state-of-the-art vehicle maintenance, repair and wash bays, a fueling station, EV charging, administrative offices, employee support facilities such as training rooms, locker rooms, wellness space, and potential future workforce housing.

Mission

The mission of the North Central Regional Transit District is to improve communities' quality of life by providing a resilient, equitable, and effective public transportation system.

Fast Facts - Taos County

- 15,832 vehicle miles traveled in/out of Taos
- 40,201 trips diverted from personal vehicles in FY2023
- 32,759 Taos County residents will benefit from improved effectiveness of transit operations
- 4 busses are expected to operate daily at the Taos facility; 56 buses in total fleet
- All electric fleet by 2045
- Taos County residents commute 20 minutes to get to work; 14% of commuters carpool, the highest proportion in the District
- Nearly 50% of residents commute less than 10 miles
- 10% of renter-occupied households in the county do not have a vehicle
- County residents spend 70% of their income on housing and transportation, 25 percent higher than what is considered affordable

Routes Serving Taos County



- 200/300 Santa Fe/Taos
- 305 Taos Express
- 310 Red River
- 320 Questa
- 330 Peñasco
- 340 Chile Line Red
- 341 TSV Green
- 350 UNM Taos
- 360 Tres Piedras
- 370 Chile Ride
- MyBlue (beta) within a 2-mile radius of the 340 Chile Line

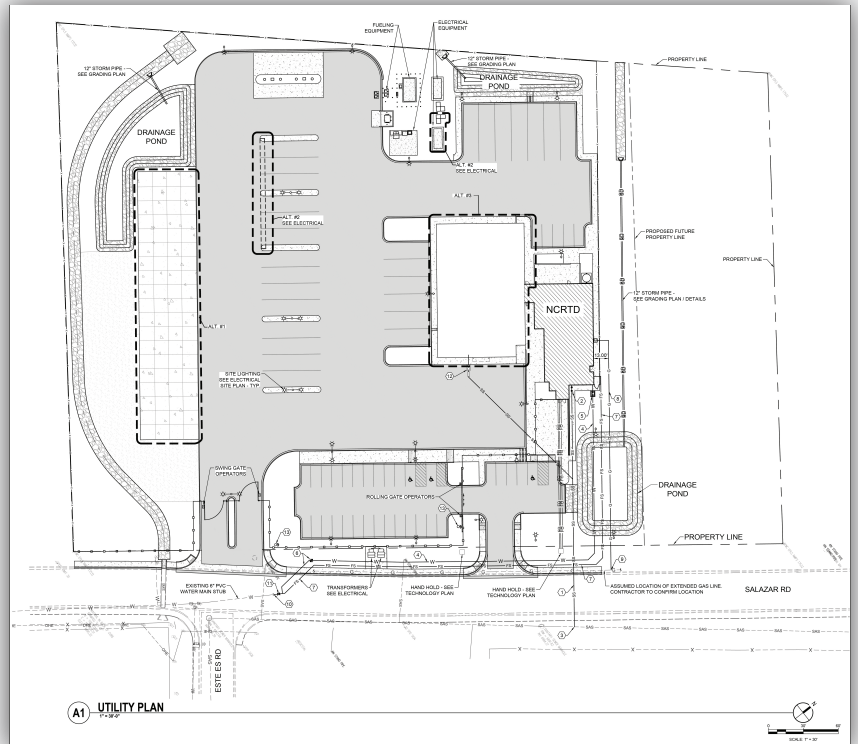
Project Status

Huitt-Zollars was commissioned to provide a master plan and preliminary design in 2018.

Final design was completed in August 2022, with construction slated to start September 2023 and completion February 2025. Move in March 2025. 2 years is the approximate construction time for the Taos Operations and Maintenance Facility.

On June 2, 2023 North Central RTD awarded the contract to Weil Construction.

1320 Salazar Road Taos, N.M.



Plans by Huitt-Zollars

Town of Taos Residents



22% are low-income



19% people with disabilities



22% renter occupied households



4% owner occupied households

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2016-2020

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