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**MEDIA ALERT**

**What:** The Blue Bus (North Central Regional Transit District- NCRTD) will conduct a groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate the start of construction on the NCRTD's \$17 million Operations and Maintenance Facility in Taos, New Mexico.

**When:** Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2023, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**Where:** 1320 Salazar Road, Taos, New Mexico

**Why:** The Blue Bus current Taos operations and maintenance facility is being upgraded to accommodate our growing needs to provide safe, effective and efficient transit service for the greater Taos area. The current facility has become outdated and is too small to accommodate the current fleet and additional improvements being planned for the Taos area. The facility will include 7,200 square feet of administrative space and 10,800 square feet of maintenance space. The site will include administrative offices, employee support facilities, vehicle maintenance and repair bays, a fueling station and potential future workforce housing.

**How:** The NCRTD has been awarded \$6,570,302 by the Federal Transit for the project. The NCRTD received an additional \$5.9 million from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to fund the second phase of the Taos facility construction and to renovate the NCRTD's Regional Transit Center in Española. The NCRTD has also been approved for \$2,865,998 in bond financing through the New Mexico Finance Authority. Substantial completion is expected in January 2025. The constructor is Weil Construction with design work by Huitt-Zollars.



**Who:** Speakers include NCRTD Chair Dennis Tim Salazar, Councilor, Española City Council.

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Architectural renderings by Huitt-Zollars



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