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**NCRTD Blue Bus to Provide Special Express Service for Annual Pilgrimage to Santuario de Chimayó**

[Española, NM, Mar. 7, 2024] – The North Central Regional Transit District (NCRTD) is pleased to announce the provision of special Express Bus service for the annual pilgrimage to the historic Santuario de Chimayó shrine in Chimayó, New Mexico. In addition to fare-free service from Española to Chimayó on Route 150 along NM 76, the Blue Bus Santuario Express Route 151 will be operational on Good Friday, March 29th, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., offering alternative, free round-trip express service from Española to Chimayó through Pojoaque.

The Santuario de Chimayó pilgrimage, a longstanding tradition in the region, draws thousands of visitors each year who come to seek spiritual renewal and healing at this sacred site. To help accommodate pilgrims and visitors, NCRTD is enhancing its transportation services, providing additional accessibility and ease of travel for all.

The Blue Bus Santuario Express Route 151 will run southbound on US 285 from Española to Chimayó, with one stop at the Cities of Gold Bus Stop in Pojoaque and proceed to Chimayó on NM 503. The service offers an alternative route for participants who may not want to walk, allowing them to focus on the significance of their pilgrimage.

NCRTD advises individuals and groups planning to attend the pilgrimage that due to thousands of people making the pilgrimage on foot or in their personal vehicles, traffic delays are expected. Due to vehicle capacity restrictions, seating will be limited on the buses. Making an alternative transportation plan is strongly encouraged.

For more information on the NCRTD Blue Bus Santuario Express Route 151 schedule, please visit [RideTheBlueBus.org](https://RideTheBlueBus.org) or contact NCRTD customer service at 866-206-0754.

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The North Central Regional Transit District (NCRTD) connects communities and pueblos across 10,000 square miles throughout north central New Mexico, including Española, Los Alamos, Santa Fe and Taos. The signature Blue Bus™ provides service on 28 Fixed and Flex routes (26 of which are fare-free), two Demand-Response routes and free MyBlue™ app-based on-demand rideshare service for Taos and Española.

