Regular Meeting of the Transit Advisory Board
September 17, 2026 at 5:00 PM
Santa Fe Transit Training Room
2931 Rufina Street
MINUTES

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1. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Governing Body was called to order by Chair Aurore Bleck at 5:09 PM, on Thursday, September 17, 2026, in the Santa Fe Transit Training Room, 2931 Rufina Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

2. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT
Aurore Bleck, Chair
Andreas Archuleta, Vice Chair
Colin Messer
Dolores Shapiro
Susan Sheldon

MEMBERS ABSENT
Valerie Webster
Juan Cucalon
Marcos Maez

MEMBERS EXCUSED
Owen Conley

OTHER PARTICIPANTS ATTENDING
Gabreille Chavez, Transit Director of Administration
Elsa Ornelas-Segura, Administrative Manager
Samantha Worm, The Life Link
Georgette O'Leary, The Life Link
Autumn Pajarito, The Life Link
Samantha Montoya, The Life Link
Liza Luna, The Life Link
Elena Petre, The Life Link
Carrie Tremblatt, MPO

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION A motion was made by Messer, seconded by Susan Sheldon, to Approve.

VOTE The motion Passed on a voice vote.

a. Approval of 9.17.26 Agenda

4. Approval of Minutes

MOTION A motion was made by Susan Shelby, seconded by Colin Messer, to Approve.

VOTE The motion on a voice vote.

a. Approval of 7.16.26 Meeting Minutes

5. Public Comment

Samantha Montoya, Life Link Community Support Worker, advised that The Life Link has relocated to St. Michaels Drive. The current issue is that The Life Link serves approximately 1,400 people, and there is no bus route in the area.

Gabrielle Chavez, Director of Administration, advised that, due to driver shortages, she did not foresee a fixed route going to St. Michaels; however, there is an on-demand system that members of the public are able to utilize.

There was discussion about issues that The Life Link is facing, such as:
* Clients with no cellular phones
* Clients with disabilities, wheelchairs, etc.
* Clients may not have the funds to cover the bus fare

The ultimate goal for The Life Link community is to have a regular route on St. Michaels Drive to service their clientele.

Gabreille Chavez, Director of Administration, provided the following suggestions:
* Reach out via email requesting to meet with Andrew Baca, Director of Transit, and herself, and they could possibly explore the idea of providing micro transit.
* Ask members of the public to go to a stop and call in which they are able to utilize a shorter route that will allow members to catch a bus on a larger route.
* Clients with disabilities are eligible to apply and utilize the Paratransit buses as these buses are able to transport people in their wheelchairs.

Susan Sheldon, Board Member, stated that having the senior transportation under the Transit Division would be beneficial.

Elena Petre, The Life Link, inquired about a discount rate for the on-demand service.

Gabrielle Chavez, Director of Administration, stated that she will look at the cost of bulk purchases from Mid-October to the beginning of November.

6. Discussion and Possible Action Items

a. Mobility Access Program (MAP) 2013-60 Resolution - Bike program

Andreas Archuleta, Board Member, inquired about the funding from the bike program under Resolution 2013 (Chain Breakers) as a large percentage of The Life Link clientele are dependent on the program.

Gabrielle Chavez, Director of Administration, advised that resolutions needed to be done yearly.

1. Funding

b. Mayoral Transit Summit – Planning Committee

1. Update from Planning Subcommittee

Educational Breakouts (Microtransit, Landuse, Fares, etc.)

c. Service, Routes, Driver Bids, Updates on "New Service"

d. Seniors Intigration and Discussion (tenative to Director Baca's Attendance)

7. Next Meeting:

a. October 15th, 2026. Reminder there is NO TAB MEETING in November. TAB will reconvene December 10th, 2026.

8. Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 5:58 PM — Dolores Shapiro left-no quorum.

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Liaison Chair