

# Public Transportation in Doña Ana County



# Benefits of Public Transportation

- Enables those who have limited mobility to acquire and keep jobs,
- Gives greater access to shopping areas, medical facilities and educational institutions for those with mobility limitations
- Communities with high quality public transportation tend to drive significantly less and rely more on alternative modes
- Saves energy and decreases vehicular pollution
- Transit employees and systems buy local goods and service



# Public Transportation Funding

- Two types of expenses:
  - Capital (buses, parts, buses, rail lines, facilities)
  - Operating (drivers, maintenance and administrative salaries, fuel,)
- Funding Sources:
  - Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
    - Operating Funding (50 % Federal/50% Local)
    - Capital Funding (83 % Federal/17% Local)
  - State
  - Farebox revenue
  - Advertising
  - Local match
  - Payment for service to social service agencies, educational institutions, private companies
- Public transportation could be considered a public good similar to education, roads, utilities, fire, police etc.



# Introduction to Public Transportation in Mesilla Valley

- Public Transportation is an integral part of the transportation system of the County, providing mobility for a diverse group of its population
- There are several systems serving the MPO area:
- South Central Regional Transportation District (SCRTD)



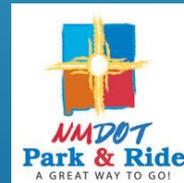
- Z-Trans



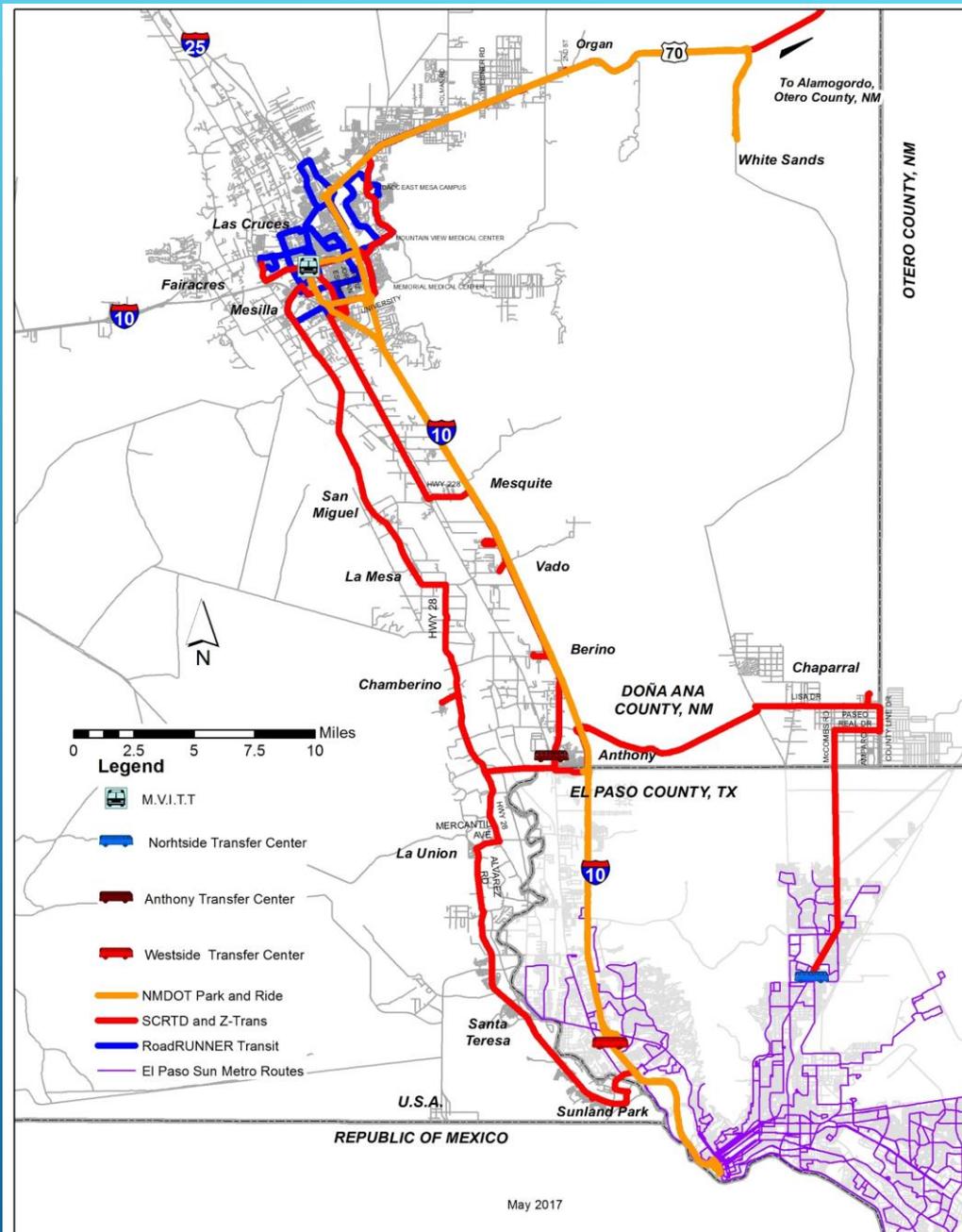
- RoadRUNNER Transit



- New Mexico DOT Park and Ride



# Transit Systems Serving County



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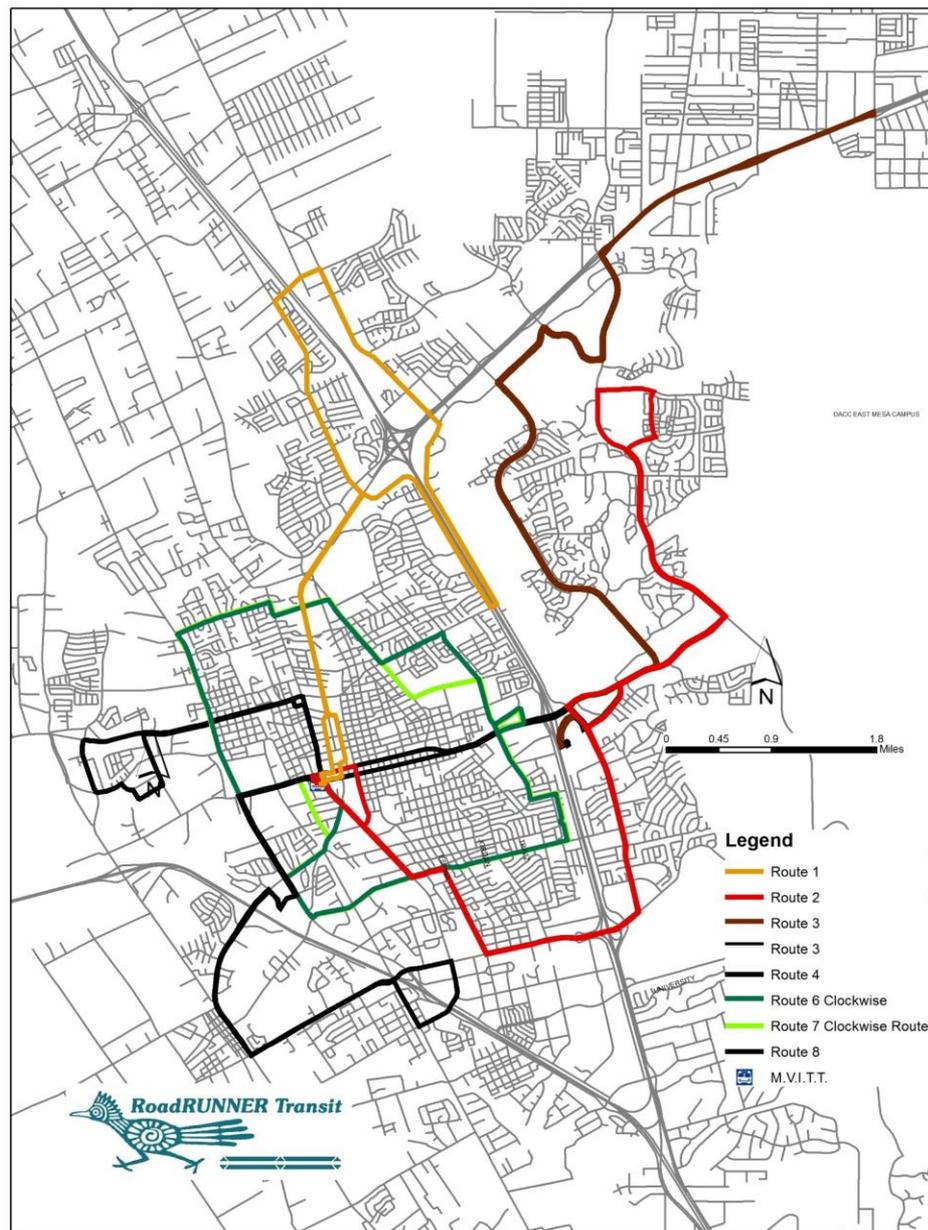


# RoadRUNNER Transit

- RoadRUNNER serves the City of Las Cruces, Town of Mesilla and the Las Cruces Urbanized Area
- Has seven fixed routes and paratransit service (Dial-A-Ride)
- Division of the City of Las Cruces in the Quality of Life Department
- Funded by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and local monies
- Governing body is the City of Las Cruces City Council
- Contact Information:  
Address:  
300 W. Lohman Ave.  
Las Cruces, NM, 88001
- Telephone: 575.541.2500
- Web address: <http://www.las-cruces.org/departments/quality-of-life/transit>



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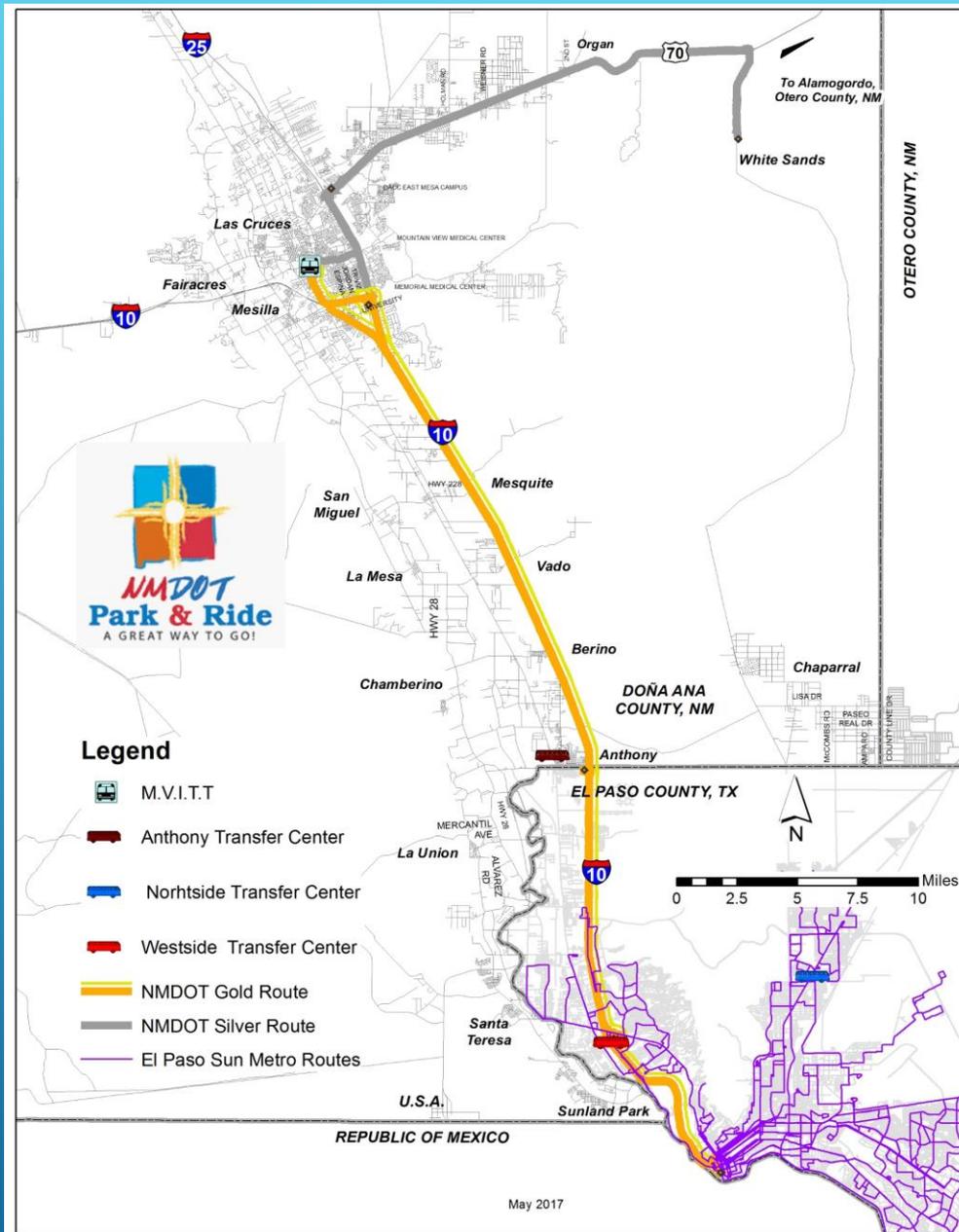


# NMDOT Park and Ride

- NMDOT Park and Ride serves commuters in the Las Cruces area and El Paso.
- Has two fixed routes. One serving Las Cruces and El Paso (Gold Route) and another serving Las Cruces and White Sands Missile Range (Silver Route)
- Contracted service between NMDOT and private bus company.
- Telephone: 505- 827-5100
- Web address:  
[http://dot.state.nm.us/content/nmdot/en/Park\\_and\\_Ride.html](http://dot.state.nm.us/content/nmdot/en/Park_and_Ride.html)



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# South Central Regional Transit District (SCRTD)

- SCRTD serves residents in Doña Country. Z-Trans (Zia Therapy) is autonomous public transportation provider that serves the Alamogordo area and has a route serving Las Cruces
  - SCRTD Has four fixed routes:
    - Red Route: Las Cruces to Anthony
    - Blue Route: Las Cruces to Anthony
    - Purple Route: Anthony to El Paso Westside Transfer Center
    - Turquoise Route: Anthony to Chaparral and El Paso Northgate Transfer Center
  - Funded by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) ,membership dues, and local jurisdictions
  - Governing body is the SCRTD Board composed of representatives from local jurisdictions
- Telephone: 575-323-1620
- Web address: <http://scrted.org/>

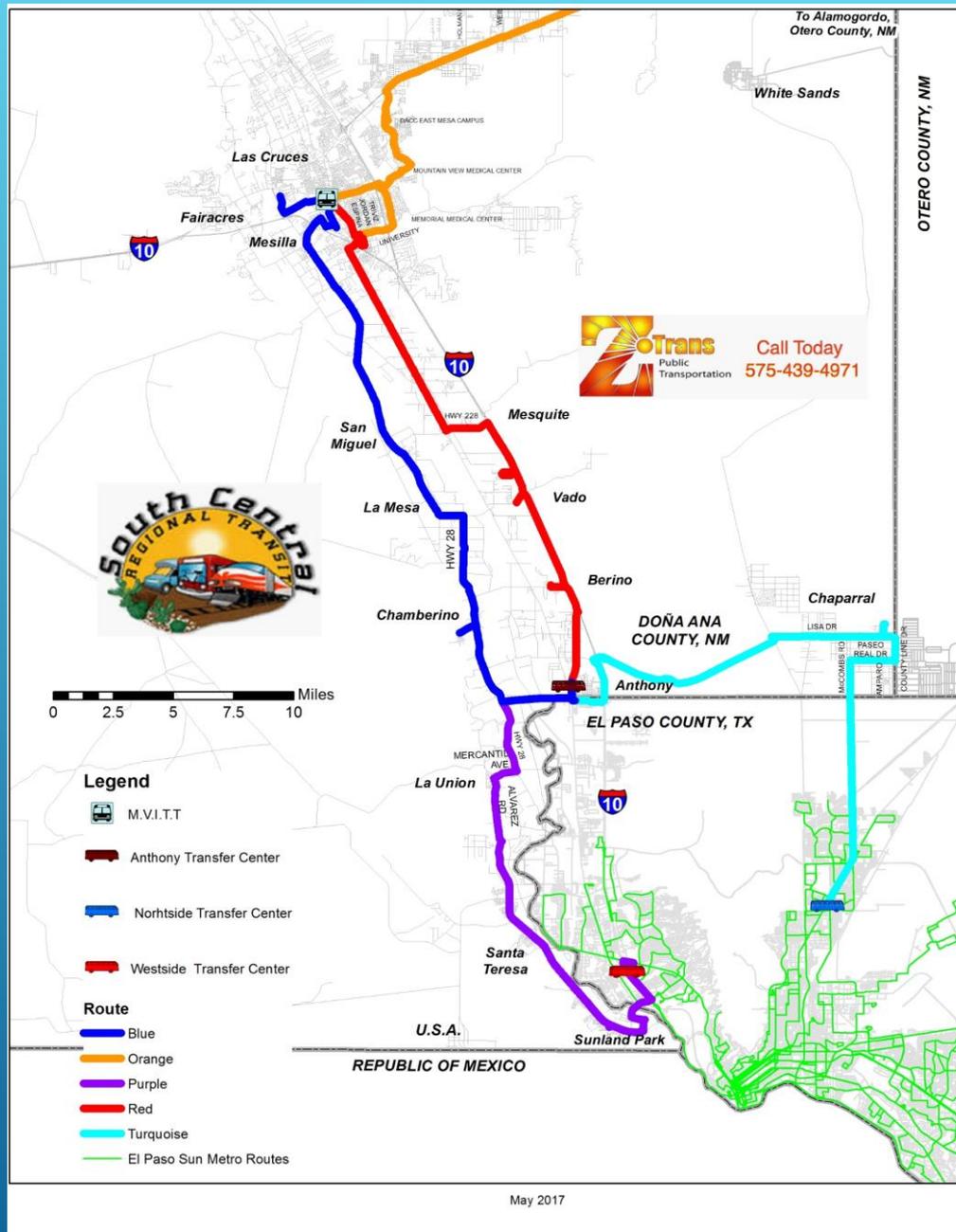


# Z-Trans

- Z-Trans (Zia Therapy Inc.) is public transportation provider that serves the Alamogordo area and has a fixed route serving Las Cruces with stops at MVITT, Dona Ana Community College-East Mesa Campus and NMSU. It has a paratransit service in the Alamogordo area.
- Funded by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and local funding SCRTD supplies the match for operating funds for route from Alamogordo to Las Cruces
- Z-Trans operates under the direction of Zia Therapy (a non-profit social service agency)
- Contact Information:  
Address: 900 First St. Alamogordo  
Telephone: 575-439-4971
- Web address:
- <http://www.ztrans.org/-Home>



# South Central RTD and Z-Trans



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# Integration of Transit Systems

- All systems in the Country are integrated and mutually coordinate their service with each other
- The primary transfer point is the Mesilla Valley Intermodal Transfer Terminal (MVITT) where passengers are able to transfer from one system to another
- SCRTD and NMDOT Park and Ride have transfer points in the lower part of the County and El Paso County that allow passengers going to and from the El Paso area to transfer between the systems
- Each individual system serves different areas with varying needs (access to jobs, education, medical facilities )



# Future Projects/Plans

Active Transportation Plan

RoadRUNNER Stop Study with focus on ADA compliance of stops

Monitoring of RoadRUNNER stop boarding and alighting for daily operations and planning

Development of Performance Standards for public transportation providers in County

Smart Fare System for NMDOT Park and Ride

Purchase of electric buses by RoadRUNNER Transit

Revision of two routes by RoadRUNNER Transit

Update of 5-Year Service Plan for SCRTD

Commuter Rail Study (El Paso-Las Cruces)

RoadRUNNER Long Range Transit Plan

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