



# ALBUQUERQUE RAPID TRANSIT

## BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT)

Improving transportation options is vital to Albuquerque's future quality of life and economic development. Albuquerque Rapid Transit (ART) offers quick, simple, and safe first-class travel along with economic benefits. Transit-oriented development has proven to be a catalyst for new investment and businesses and supportive of existing corridor businesses, including restaurants, retail, and entertainment. ART would also provide opportunities for improved streetscape and walkability, attracting more people to live along the corridor.

## ELEMENTS OF BRT

- Dedicated road, lane or mixed traffic route
- Frequent service
- Priority signals at intersections
- Pre-boarding ticketing
- Level boarding
- Stops from ¼ to ½ mile or more apart

## PROJECT BENEFITS

### Faster and more reliable service

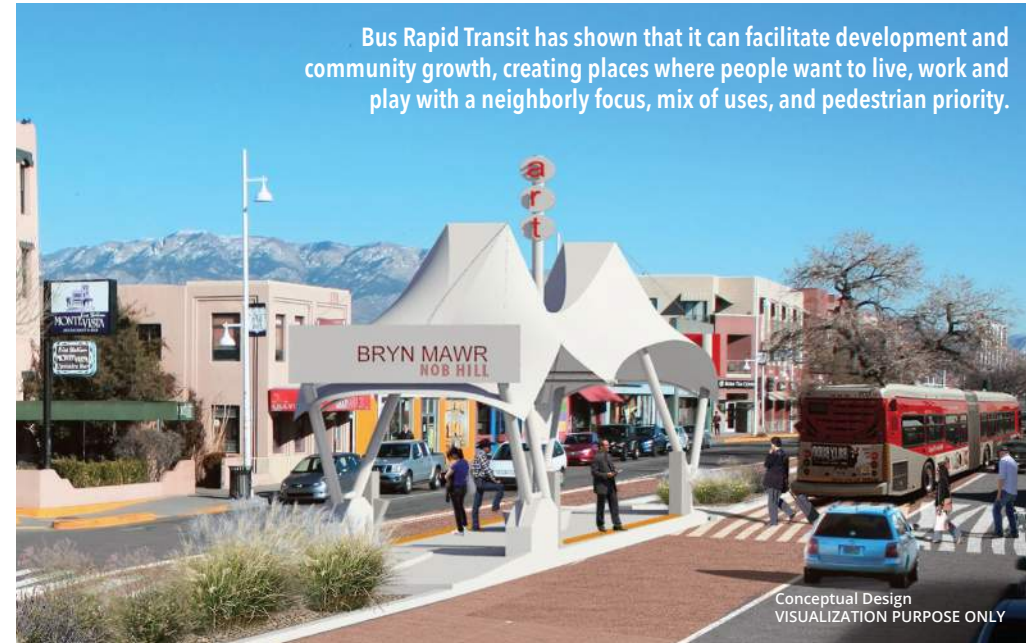
- 15% improvement in travel time
- 20-25% improved on-time performance
- Improved safety and security

### Demand

- 5.3 million riders in 2014 — nearly 15,000 per day and 41% of the total number of ABQ RIDE passengers
- 50% estimated growth of ridership in next 5 years (based on preliminary FTA STOPS model output)
- ART would connect with 32 of the 37 ABQ RIDE bus routes not operating on Central Avenue

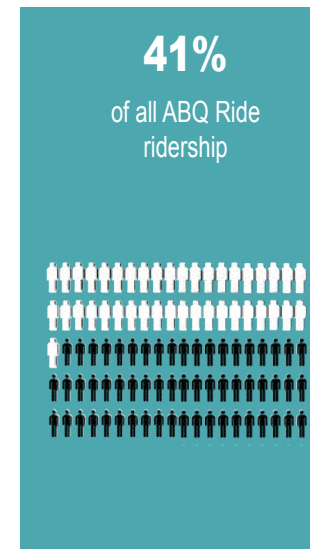
### Increased Opportunities

- Connections with the numerous employment and activity centers along the Central Avenue Corridor
- Millions of dollars in potential economic development (based on Institute for Transportation Development Policy [ITDP] statistics)
- Improved land value
- Increased Gross Receipts Tax revenue



Conceptual Design  
VISUALIZATION PURPOSE ONLY

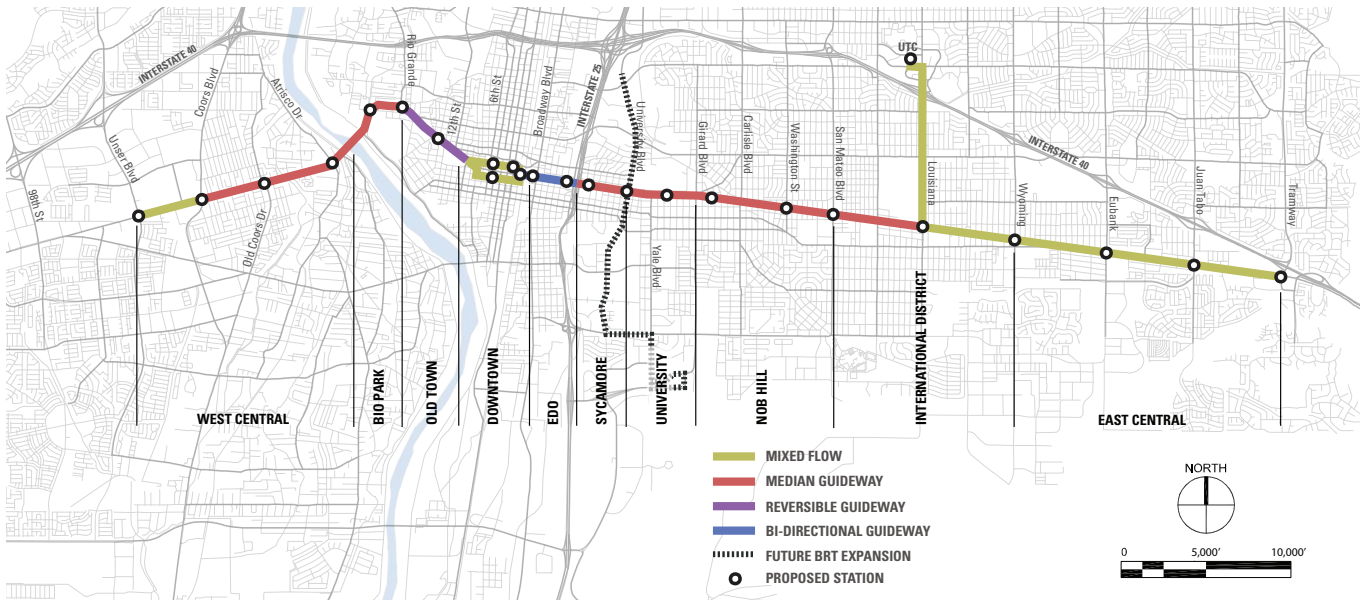
## WITHIN 1/2 MILE OF CENTRAL AVENUE:



**"A SUBWAY WITH A VIEW"**

QUICK • EFFICIENT • SAFE

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## PROJECT TIMELINE



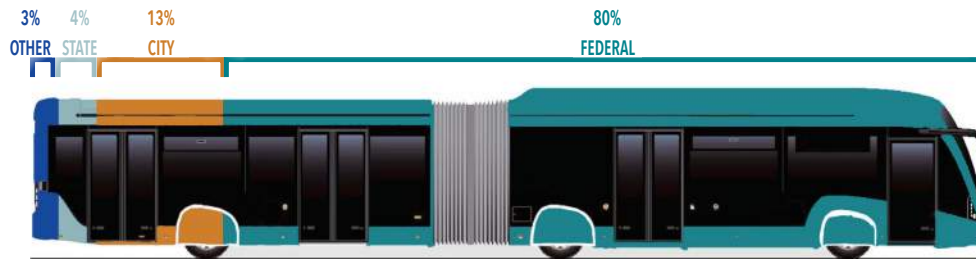
## POTENTIAL FUNDING

\$100 million

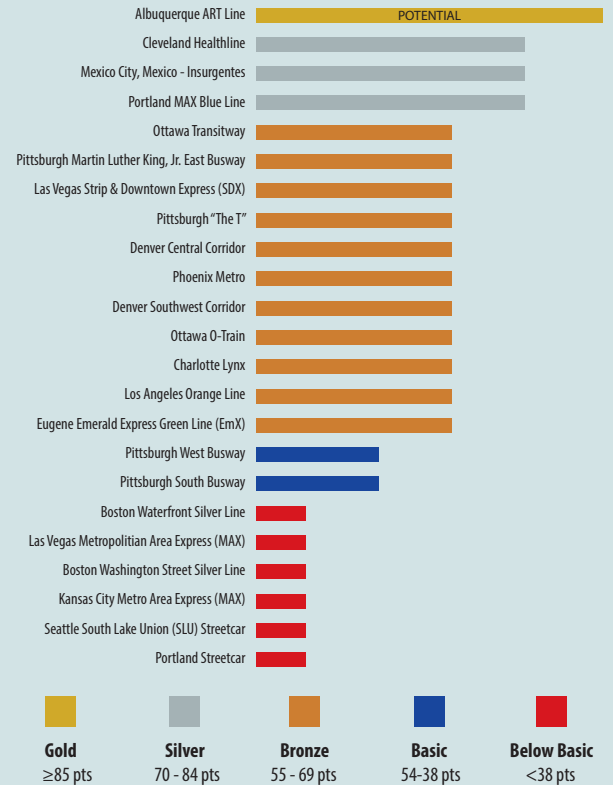
## CITY MATCHING FUNDS

- Sidewalk improvement
- Bus procurement

## PROPOSED FUNDING SOURCES



## NORTH AMERICAN BRT, LRT, STREETCAR AND BUS SCORES PER THE BRT STANDARD 2013



The BRT Standard is an evaluation tool for world-class BRT based on international best practices. It is also the centerpiece of a global effort by leaders in bus rapid transit design to establish a common definition of BRT and ensure that BRT systems more uniformly deliver world-class passenger experiences, significant economic benefit, and positive environmental impacts (Institute for Transportation Development Policy 2013).

**"Government support for TOD is the strongest predictor for success"**

- *More Development for Your Transit Dollar*, Institute for Transportation Development Policy 2013