

Expo New Mexico Meeting 3.03.16

Question:	Answer:
Project and Design	
Instead of putting gravel, could we consider solar energy, especially in the red district, as well as University areas, to create a footprint for solar transportation, and reduce crime?	Solar powered stations was evaluated as part of project development. However with the canopy design it proved to be unfeasible.
We would like to request a station be added at San Pedro. This will better serve the huge ridership in the International District, but also allow easier access to the Mile-Hi District and to the north.	We are currently working on placing a stop at the San Pedro intersection.
Is it true that 195 parking spaces and 217 trees will be lost?	All parking spaces will be replaced in the corridor we are also investigating ways to add additional parkings spaces. We will have to remove the current trees and landscaping for construction, but are committed to replacing trees one for one and even more if we can accomplish it.
Why aren't there more stops in the part of the line that already has the highest population density?	We used 13 criteria to determine where to build the stations.
Please consider adding an ART transit stop at San Pedro and Central. This would go a long way towards helping us to revitalize the area with 3-mile radius.	The city is investigating this.
Miscellaneous	
Can you bring bigger maps of the stops?	Thank you for the suggestion, we will work on a larger map to show the stops.
Will the City execute this project despite the bellicosity of the naysayers? I'm behind ART 100%! Go ART!	Thank you for the feedback.
Why is the Rapid Transit not being put to the general public through a vote?	None of the funding sources require a vote. Replacement busses is part of the overall project expense. The Rapid Rides were in need of replacement passed their useful life. We examined solar as possible way to light the stations, but do to the canopy structure it was ruled out as unfeasible.
How much is the cost of buses to replace depleted equipment? Would replacement buses be the same for existing routes vs ART? Why not stop on San Pedro?	There were specific parameters we were required in order to be considered for the Small Starts Grant. Part of what we'll be doing with the funding is replacing buses, building covered bus stops with trash receptacles. We are even investigating the possibility of recycle bins in the stops as well.
Has it been considered that funds could be appropriated towards more buses, covered bus stops with trash receptacles?	No action was taken.
What happened to the discussion on dedicated bus lanes during Rey Garduno's term in City Council?	There are no rail buses. The BRT is not a light rail, which is one of the cost saving benefits of the project. No track or specilaity vehicles required. 18 BRT busses will be ordered as part of the ART project.
How many rail buses are running this rail?	
Why doesn't the Mayor have a public vote on ART? This appears to be the action of an oligopoly to enrich a handful of contractors!	See answer to question number 9
Comments	
Thank you for having the meeting at the Alice K. Hoppes building, which is symbolic of the diversity of New Mexico and that San Pedro will not have a stop on this project.	We are currently working on placing a stop at the San Pedro intersection.
Add San Pedro Station!	We are currently working on placing a stop at the San Pedro intersection.

BRT needed to reduce sprawl on the West Side.

Bring infill redevelopment/new investment

Please add a stop at San Pedro and Central to give access to the International District and near Northeast neighborhoods. Thanks.

Add a stop/station at San Pedro to better serve International District and support pedestrian(s) along the San Pedro & Central corridors.

"Please add a stop at San Pedro and Central so I can go to the bio-park more easily!" - 10 year old

She supports ART! She has a 2nd house downtown and supports it. Lives in Bernalillo, rides the rail runner & then bus to get to Nob Hill. Current buses are crowded and service is slow.

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Thank you for your comment.

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