



TRANSIT CONSOLIDATION STUDY FACT SHEET

What was the purpose of the study?

During the City of Santa Fe's FY2016/2017 budget discussions last year, the Mayor, Council and City Manager discussed various ideas about creating cost efficiencies with several city services, including transit. To better understand the opportunities for service coordination, potential cost efficiencies and future service improvements, the City Council passed a Resolution 2016-29 in April 2016 calling for a feasibility study for transit consolidation between Santa Fe Trails (SFT) and the North Central Regional Transit District (NCRTD). The NCRTD Board passed a similar resolution supporting the joint effort.

Who conducted the study?

The consolidation analysis report was compiled by independent, third-party Transportation Management & Design, Inc. (TMD) who led the project. Transportation specialists, Felsburg Holt & Ullevig (FHU), assisted in the study's financial analysis, and Rosemary Romero Consulting, a Santa Fe-based business consultant, conducted the outreach and will organize and facilitate the public meetings.

What did you set out to achieve with this report?

The study was initiated to document and quantify aspects of the two presently independent transit systems. It includes a detailed analysis of financial, labor and service factors. It also looks at potential sharing and/or use of existing and future physical assets and labor force; and overall service performance and integration.

The consultant team has developed several consolidation options for each of these key areas of study and assessed the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats of each option as well as obstacles, including an analysis of financial and labor implications, sharing and/or use of existing and future physical assets, as well as overall service performance and integration.

What does the report look at?

Specific components/key areas of the study include:

- Public Outreach, and Presentations
- Evaluation of Current Operations
- Financial Analysis
- Physical Assets Analysis
- Labor Force and Collective Bargaining Analysis
- Fixed Route Service Evaluation
- Paratransit, Dial-A-Ride and Demand Response Services Evaluation
- Potential for both efficiency and cost associated with consolidation
- Constraints associated with consolidation

Where do I find a copy of the report?

A copy of the report can be found on the project website www.transitconsolidationstudy.com It can also be accessed through www.ncrtd.org and www.santafenm.gov

Does the study include a recommendation on whether, or not, to consolidate?

No. It merely puts forth several consolidation options that can be looked at, discussed and considered. A series of public and governmental meetings and presentations have been set up to present the findings and, go over options and seek input on whether, or how to move forward.

Does the report address route changes, or service reductions?

No. This study does not consider any specific changes in current service levels or routes, but rather is a management analysis of the various issues surrounding a potential transit consolidation to be operated as an expansion of NCRTD.

What is the purpose of the public meetings?

The public meetings and presentations have been set up to present the findings and seek input.

Will the City Council and NCRTD Board be voting on whether to consolidate at the August 28th and 29th meetings?

No. The purpose of the presentations to the NCRTD Board and Santa Fe City Council are for the consultants to present their findings, as well as their consolidation options, and open the floor for discussion and comments only. It is not to seek a vote for, or against, consolidation.

What are the next steps?

Once the meetings are completed, a final Consolidation Assessment Plan incorporating the comments from the public information meetings, and related NCRTD Board and City of Santa Fe Council discussions will be prepared by TMD. A future discussion by the City Council and the District Board will be scheduled to determine what direction to take in respect to the preferred recommendations contained in this final document.

I am unable to attend the public meeting, but I would like to submit a comment to the record. How do I do that?

You may go to the consolidation website at www.transitconsolidationstudy.com and click the "Get Involved" link along the top of the page.

How can I attend one of the public meetings?

The meetings will be held on August 28th and 29th at the following locations:

Monday, August 28

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM – NCRTD Board Special Meeting, Jim West Regional Transit Center, 1327 N. Riverside Drive, Española

4:00 PM to 6:00 PM – Santa Fe City Council Special Meeting, Santa Fe City Council Chambers, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe

6:30 PM to 8:00 PM – Public Meeting, Santa Fe Community Convention Center, O’Keeffe Room, 201 W. Marcy Street, Santa Fe

Tuesday, August 29

5:30 PM to 7:30 PM – Public Meeting, Genoveva Chavez Community Center, Community Room, 3221 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe