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# New Mexico Rail Runner Express Progress Update

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## Capital Improvements

- Completed Positive Train Control (PTC)
- Alameda Siding
- Broadway Sidings
- Centralized Traffic Control
- Quiet zones
- Roadway crossings
- Trails and pedestrian improvements
- Elimination of jointed rail



## Capital Maintenance

### ► Fleet

- Locomotive "top deck" overhauls
- HVAC and door motor replacements
- Seats redone

### Corridor

- Rail Grinding
- Grade Crossing Electronics Upgrades
- Station IT Refresh

### Stations

- Additional / improved security cameras
- Electronics refresh
- Lot resurfacing

### Fare Payment System

#### PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND TARGETS ROLLING STOCK

Rolling stock performance is measured by the percentage of active revenue vehicles (by type) that meet or exceed the useful life benchmark (ULB).\*

Vehide Typ		Useful Life Benchmark (ULB)	fotal ∉of Active Vehicles	# of Vehicles that Meet or Exceed ULB (FY 2023)	% of Vehicles that Meet or Exceed ULB (FY 2023)	FY 2023 Performance Target	FY 2024 Performance Target
	Commuter Rail Locomotive (RL)	39	9	0	0%	0%	0%
	Commuter Rail Passenge Coach/Cabs (RP)	<sup>er</sup> 39	22	0	0%	0%	0%

#### INFRASTRUCTURE

Infrastructure performance is measured by the percentage of track segments (by mode) that have performance restrictions.

Infrastructu	ле Туре	Total # Miles of Main Track Segments	Average # of Miles Under Performance Restriction (FY 2023)	Average % of Track Miles Under Performance Restriction (FY 2023)	FY 2023 Performance Target	FY 2024 Performance Target	
##	Commuter Rail (CR)	100.4	0.46	0.5%	3%	3%	

#### FACILITIES

Facility performance is measured by the percentage of facilities (by group) that are rated less than '3' on the Transit Economic Requirements Model (TERM) scale.

Facility Typ	e	Total # of Facilities	# of Facilities Below '3' on TERM Scale (FY 2023)	% of Facilities Below '3' on TERM Scale (FY 2023)	FY 2023 Performance Target	FY 2024 Performance Target
	Administrative and Maintenance Facility	5	0	0%	0%	0%
lee	Passenger and Parking Facility	17	0	0%	0%	0%

\* Note: The useful life benchmark is the expected age at which the vehicle is retired/disposed.



## **Operations and Policy**

### Additional Service

- Weekdays: fill a.m. and p.m. service gaps
- Saturdays / Sundays: tourism and recreation travel
- Fares: Monthly fare reduction for flex schedules
- Security staff on trains and rotating stations
- ► Wi-fi along the entire corridor



Reasons Discouraging Current Riders From Riding								
Reason	Work	School	Leisure	Tourism	Other	Total	%	
Already Ride As Much As I Can	4,771	417	3,390	384	1,208	10,170	25.9%	
Cost Too Much	899	24	452	24	39	1,438	3.7%	
Covid Concerns	711	31	842	133	133	1,850	4.7%	
Few Entertainment Options	591	0	1,199	143	118	2,051	5.2%	
Inconvenient Schedule	4,893	1,011	3,798	307	847	10,856	27.7%	
Remote Work	3,841	221	339	70	153	4,624	11.8%	
Safety Concerns	743	56	486	70	126	1,481	3.8%	
Other	2,798	434	2,192	346	987	6,757	17.2%	
	19,247	2,194	12,698	1,477	3,611	39,227		



## Ridership

- 2024: 594,000 trips and 29.4 million passenger miles
- Ridership recovery is outpacing peer (#2) and national trends (#8)

## Financial Status

- The Rail Runner is funded by:
  - Federal (formula and discretionary)
  - GRT from RMRTD area and SF County
  - Fare and fees
  - Some NMDOT directed federal funds (CMAQ, CRP)
- "NMRX operations remain on a strong financial footing compared to other transit systems."





## Thank you

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