



**ACTION SHEET  
ITEM FROM THE  
PUBLIC WORKS/CIP AND LAND USE COMMITTEE MEETING  
OF  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2014**

**ITEM 10**

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SANTA FE TRANSIT DIVISION TO PROVIDE FREE RIDES ON ALL BUS ROUTES AND SANTA FE RIDE VEHICLES FOR ALL SANTA FE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS AND SANTA FE COUNTY PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS (MAYOR GONZALES) (JON BULTHUIS)

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE ACTION:** Meeting cancelled due to lack of Quorum; Forward with No Recommendation

**FUNDING SOURCE:**

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS / AMENDMENTS / STAFF FOLLOW UP:**

VOTE	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
CHAIRPERSON TRUJILLO			
COUNCILOR BUSHEE			
COUNCILOR DIMAS			
COUNCILOR DOMINGUEZ			
COUNCILOR RIVERA			

# City of Santa Fe, New Mexico

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

### Resolution No. 2014-\_\_\_\_ Transit (free) for Elections

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**SPONSOR(S):** Mayor Gonzales

**SUMMARY:** The resolution authorizes the City of Santa Fe Transit Division to provide free rides on all bus routes and Santa Fe Ride vehicles for all Santa Fe municipal elections and Santa Fe County primary and general elections.

**PREPARED BY:** Rebecca Seligman, Legislative Liaison Assistant

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Yes

**DATE:** August 28, 2014

**ATTACHMENTS:** Resolution  
FIR

1 CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

2 RESOLUTION NO. 2014-\_\_

3 INTRODUCED BY:

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5 Mayor Javier Gonzales

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12 A RESOLUTION

13 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SANTA FE TRANSIT DIVISION TO PROVIDE FREE  
14 RIDES ON ALL BUS ROUTES AND SANTA FE RIDE VEHICLES FOR ALL SANTA FE  
15 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS AND SANTA FE COUNTY PRIMARY AND GENERAL  
16 ELECTIONS.

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18 WHEREAS, as a mechanism for increasing voter participation on an election day for any  
19 municipal election or any county primary and general election, the Governing Body desires to  
20 provide free public transit for voters; and

21 WHEREAS, increased use of public transportation will reduce traffic congestion as  
22 voters travel to and from polling locations; and

23 WHEREAS, free public transportation provides transportation to polling locations for  
24 citizens who may have no other transportation available or who cannot afford regular fares; and

25 WHEREAS, eliminating fares on an election day encourages people to try public

1 transportation and thereby promote its use.

2 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**  
3 **CITY OF SANTA FE that** the City of Santa Fe Transit Division is authorized to provide free  
4 rides on Santa Fe Trails bus routes and Santa Fe Ride vehicles for all Santa Fe municipal  
5 elections, and Santa Fe County primary and general elections.

6 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

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9 JAVIER M. GONZALES, MAYOR

10 ATTEST:

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13 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

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15 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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18 KELLEY A. BRENNAN, CITY ATTORNEY

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25 *M/Melissa/Resolutions 2014/ Transit (free) for elections*

## City of Santa Fe Fiscal Impact Report (FIR)

This Fiscal Impact Report (FIR) shall be completed for each proposed bill or resolution as to its direct impact upon the City's operating budget and is intended for use by any of the standing committees of and the Governing Body of the City of Santa Fe. Bills or resolutions with no fiscal impact still require a completed FIR. Bills or resolutions with a fiscal impact must be reviewed by the Finance Committee. Bills or resolutions without a fiscal impact generally do not require review by the Finance Committee unless the subject of the bill or resolution is financial in nature.

**Section A. General Information**

(Check) Bill: \_\_\_\_\_ Resolution:   X    
(A single FIR may be used for related bills and/or resolutions)

Short Title(s): **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SANTA FE TRANSIT DIVISION TO PROVIDE FREE RIDES ON ALL BUS ROUTES AND SANTA FE RIDE VEHICLES FOR ALL SANTA FE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS AND SANTA FE COUNTY PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS.**

Sponsor(s): Mayor Gonzales  
 Reviewing Department(s): Transportation  
 Person Completing FIR: Jon Bulthuis Date: 08/26/14 Phone: 955-2004

Reviewed by City Attorney: *Kelley A. Brennan* Date: 9/8/14  
 (Signature)

Reviewed by Finance Director: *Evan Marino* Date: 9/10/14  
 (Signature)

**Section B. Summary**

Briefly explain the purpose and major provisions of the bill/resolution.

**To eliminate fares for all Santa Fe Municipal Elections and Santa Fe County Primary and General Elections**

**Section C. Fiscal Impact**

**Note:** Financial information on this FIR does not directly translate into a City of Santa Fe budget increase. For a budget increase, the following are required:

- a. The item must be on the agenda at the Finance Committee and City Council as a "Request for Approval of a City of Santa Fe Budget Increase" with a definitive funding source (could be same item and same time as bill/resolution)
- b. Detailed budget information must be attached as to fund, business units, and line item, amounts, and explanations (similar to annual requests for budget)
- c. Detailed personnel forms must be attached as to range, salary, and benefit allocation and signed by Human Resource Department for each new position(s) requested (prorated for period to be employed by fiscal year)\*

**1. Projected Expenditures:**

- a. Indicate Fiscal Year(s) affected – usually current fiscal year and following fiscal year (i.e., FY 03/04 and FY 04/05)
- b. Indicate: "A" if current budget and level of staffing will absorb the costs  
 "N" if new, additional, or increased budget or staffing will be required
- c. Indicate: "R" – if recurring annual costs  
 "NR" if one-time, non-recurring costs, such as start-up, contract or equipment costs
- d. Attach additional projection schedules if two years does not adequately project revenue and cost patterns
- e. Costs may be netted or shown as an offset if some cost savings are projected (explain in Section 3 Narrative)

\_\_\_\_\_ Check here if no fiscal impact

Column #:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Expenditure Classification	FY 13/14	"A" Costs Absorbed or "N" New Budget Required	"R" Costs Recurring or "NR" Non-recurring	FY 14/15	"A" Costs Absorbed or "N" New Budget Required	"R" Costs – Recurring or "NR" Non-recurring	Fund Affected
	Personnel*	\$ _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____
	Fringe**	\$ _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____
	Capital Outlay	\$ _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____
	Land/ Building	\$ _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____
	Professional Services	\$ _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____
	All Other Operating Costs	\$ _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____
	Total:	\$ _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____

\* Any indication that additional staffing would be required must be reviewed and approved in advance by the City Manager by attached memo before release of FIR to committees. \*\*For fringe benefits contact the Finance Dept.

**2. Revenue Sources:**

- a. To indicate new revenues and/or
- b. Required for costs for which new expenditure budget is proposed above in item 1.

Column #:	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Type of Revenue	FY 13/14	"R" Costs Recurring or "NR" Non-recurring	FY 14/15	"R" Costs – Recurring or "NR" Non-recurring	Fund Affected
	Farebox	\$ -1285.00 per election	R	\$ ( )	R	
	_____	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____
	_____	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____
	Total:	\$ ( )	_____	\$ ( )	_____	_____

**3. Expenditure/Revenue Narrative:**

Explain revenue source(s). Include revenue calculations, grant(s) available, anticipated date of receipt of revenues/grants, etc. Explain expenditures, grant match(s), justify personnel increase(s), detail capital and operating uses, etc. (Attach supplemental page, if necessary.)

Farebox revenues that will not be collected on election days will be approximately \$1,285.00 per election (inclusive of both Santa Fe Trails and Santa Fe Ride, for up to four elections per year.

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**Section D. General Narrative**

**1. Conflicts:** Does this proposed bill/resolution duplicate/conflict with/companion to/relate to any City code, approved ordinance or resolution, other adopted policies or proposed legislation? Include details of city adopted laws/ordinance/resolutions and dates. Summarize the relationships, conflicts or overlaps.

None that staff is aware of.

**2. Consequences of Not Enacting This Bill/Resolution:**

Are there consequences of not enacting this bill/resolution? If so, describe.

Free bus rides may encourage potential voters to go to the polls who otherwise may not.

**3. Technical Issues:**

Are there incorrect citations of law, drafting errors or other problems? Are there any amendments that should be considered? Are there any other alternatives which should be considered? If so, describe.

Not that staff is aware of.

**4. Community Impact:**

Briefly describe the major positive or negative effects the Bill/Resolution might have on the community including, but not limited to, businesses, neighborhoods, families, children and youth, social service providers and other institutions such as schools, churches, etc.

Positive impact effect: Reflects the City of Santa Fe's support and encouragement for participation in the electoral process. Riding the bus on Election Day may encourage citizens to ride the bus at other times, as well, which ultimately benefits the community and environment.

Form adopted: 01/12/05; revised 8/24/05; 4/17/08