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## TRANSIT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2012

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

SANTA FE TRAILS FACILITY

2931 RUFINA STREET

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: JUNE 26, 2012

JULY 24, 2012

AUGUST 28, 2012

### PUBLIC COMMENT:

PROPOSED CHANGE TO SANTA FE RIDE SUBSCRIPTION TRIP RESERVATION POLICY

### ACTION ITEMS:

1. APPROVAL OF REVISED SANTA FE RIDE SUBSCRIPTION TRIP RESERVATION POLICY
2. ENDORSEMENT OF PROPOSED CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION: EXTENDING "FREE FARES" TO ALL TRANSIT SERVICES PERFORMED BY SANTA FE TRAILS AND FUNDED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT (NCRTD) THROUGH THE REGIONAL TRANSIT TAX
3. APPROVAL OF 2013 SANTA FE TRAILS AND SANTA FE RIDE SERVICE SCHEDULE
4. APPROVAL OF 2013 TRANSIT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. REPORT ON SYSTEM RIDERSHIP: SANTA FE TRAILS AND SANTA FE RIDE
2. PROMOTION AND EDUCATION EFFORTS WITH SANTA FE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
3. FIXED ROUTE BUS PROCUREMENT– REVIEW 35' AND 40' SEATING LAYOUT
4. BENCH/SHELTER PROJECT – FEEDBACK PROTOTYPE INSTALLATIONS
5. FEDERAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ACT (MAP21) – FY2013 APPORTIONMENTS
6. PLANNED UPGRADE CNG COMPRESSION STATION – CLEAN ENERGY
7. PLANS FOR SANTA FE TRAILS "MILLIONTH RIDER" CELEBRATION – NOVEMBER 10TH

### PUBLIC COMMENT

### ADJOURN

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# Transit Advisory Board

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FRAN LUCERO,  
STENOGRAPHER

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**TRANSIT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 30, 2012**

**MINUTES**

**5:00 PM – 7:15 PM**

- I. Roll Call** - The meeting was called to order by the Chair, at 5:00 pm at the Santa Fe Trails Facility, 2931 Rufina Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**Present:**

Colin Messer  
Garrett Robinson  
Aurore Bleck  
Susan Maslar  
Don Bell  
Stan Cooper (by phone)

**Not Present:**

Cindy Montoya  
Councilor Chris Calvert  
Jim Lutjohann

**Staff Present:**

Jon Bulhuis  
Annette Granillo  
Steve Ainslie  
Victoria Duran

**Others Present:**

Fran Lucero, Stenographer  
David McQuarie, Audience, ADA Advocate  
Mary, Audience  
Tomas Rivera

**II. Agenda**

**Staff Change:** Item #2 under action items to be postponed.

**Ms. Maslar moved to approve the agenda as amended, second by Mr. Bell, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

**III. Approval of Meeting Minutes: June 26, 2012 and July 24, 2012 and August 28, 2012**

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#### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Mary:** We are pleased that the bus shelters are getting in place. We wanted to make sure that Transit meets the ADA requirements. Secondly, I did not get a hard copy of the outline for training done for the paratransit drivers. [Jon Bulthuis will follow up on this request]. Mary asked if the no show subscriptions could be on the agenda. (It is noted on today's agenda). Annette commented that it has not gone before TAB and it will not have to go before the Council. Mary did understand this process. Annette explained the federal regulations where 50% must be set aside for the subscription reservations. An administrative decision was made to approve and to allow those who are having a hard time making next day reservations to have a better opportunity to secure a reservation. It was asked if there are any times when it is completely booked. Yes, it is between 6am and 7am and between 4pm and 5pm. With the new Freedoms money there will be split shifts set to alleviate a lot of the transportation need.

Dave McQuarie: 1) Site selection – shelters – 4' sidewalk, 2) the 2 existing that were put up – the design was not followed through. Since when does the city not have the ADA accessible signs on their buildings? Buses: There is an out of the ordinary amount of buses that are not being maintained. I bring this up because on November 22<sup>nd</sup> an individual was coming off the bus and ended up in the gravel injured. An ADA complaint was filed with the city.

Mr. Bulthuis: Joe Lujan, ADA coordinator is working with our Project Manager to make sure that we are meeting ADA requirements on all sites, and we hope to have Mr. McQuarie involved. Shelter process was brought to the Mayor's Committee on Disability and Jon will look into the concerns. We want to make sure that the logo is the correct logo. It is very new and tonight is the first time the Board sees this. Thank you Dave for the feedback, it is invaluable.

Mr. Bulthuis said that what Dave has brought to our attention has been sent to the architect. We as well want to make sure that they follow the law.

The Chair asked about maintenance. Jon explained that maintenance is a staffing issue. They only have 1 person to keep the maintenance up to par. There are 428 bus stops all spread out; therefore it is hard to get to every stop every day. The Chair wants to be vigilant and to always know what is required. Susan Maslar

asked if another sign might be considered asking if the maintenance is not kept up to call a certain number to report. Jon provided additional information on what they would like to see on the sign. Year's past we talked about Adopt-a-Shelter and that would be a great benefit and community investment.

It was noted that St. Michael's Drive all the way to St. Francis Drive is a difficult area to accommodate ADA needs.

The Chair asked who would staff talk to at the state on improvements. Jon said that they had a conversation in the past and that he will make contact again with the person there to revive this matter. The suggested timeline of the spring would work.

Fixed Route: FDA requirement; there is no announcement on any of your buses. Jon said that they have instructed their operators that this is something that needs to be done, it is not voluntary; it has to be done. Annette said that they have put it in the route match and it is now implemented. Right now it is a driver's responsibility to make these announcements but in the future route match automation will help.

Tomas Rivera – Chainbreaker – Civil Rights Association

We are a pro-transit and pro-bike organization. We are looking at a project called Help Santa Fe Ride. The proposal that we have come up with is a rebate program, where if someone bought a bicycle or safety equipment they could receive a bus pass. Mr. Rivera would like an opportunity to be placed on the TAB agenda in the future after the committee has had an opportunity to read the draft/confidential proposal. Mr. Rivera also served on the BTAC committee and was concerned about the bus stops and infrastructure for the bicyclist. "We had hoped that a bike share program would also be beneficial." The Chair asked for the BTAC agenda to be forwarded to him along with the date and time of the next meeting. Jon expressed his thanks to Tomas for all the past and present work that has been done when our service levels were in jeopardy. Jon said that he could say that they would support the bicycle and transit partnership.

## **V. ACTON ITEMS**

### **1. Approval of revised Santa Fe Ride subscription trip reservation policy.**

This item is offered for an additional opportunity. Mary questioned the outreach mechanism to the general public. The Chair responded that there have been responses received both by phone and mail. There were public meetings and they were not very well attended. There were many types of communications that were sent to the general public.

*Ms. Maslar moved to approve the revised Santa Fe Ride subscription trip reservation policy, second by Ms. Bleck, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.*

A copy of the policy and letter to be sent out within 60 days informing the community of this change. It was recommended that it be sent out in time to be received by January 2, 2013.

2. **Endorsement of proposed city council resolution: Extending “free fares” to all Transit services performed by Santa Fe Trails and funded by the North Central Regional Transit District (NCRTD) through the regional transit tax.**

**Deferred to next regular schedule.**

3. **Approval of 2013 Santa Fe Trails and Santa Fe Ride Service Schedule**

Jon Bulthuis: This year we approved a schedule for 2012 that had service for New Year’s Day and it isn’t a practice we have done in the past. This year we are operating New Year’s Day; 2013 and 2014 will have no service on New Year’s Day. Saturday service has been done on New Year’s Eve and Xmas Eve. The federal holidays are reflected in the draft calendar before you.

**Ms. Maslar moved to approve the 2013 Holiday/Special Days Service Schedule. Motion dies for lack of a second.**

**Ms. Maslar moved to approve the 2013 Holiday/Special Days Service to include regular schedule on Xmas Eve and New Year’s Eve on Saturday service. Motion withdrawn.**

**Discussion:** Weekday schedule until 8 pm – for Xmas Eve. Jon said that it would cut a few hours out of someone’s normal workweek. Cleanest way is to do it weekday or Saturday. The Union is also going to be concerned about a 40 hour week. Saturday schedule is 8 am – 8 pm and frequency on routes changes.

Jon expressed the concern about the driver’s schedule on both these holidays.

***Ms. Bleck moved to have a Saturday service schedule on Xmas Eve and weekday service on New Year’s Eve, second by Mr. Cooper, motion carried by unanimous voice vote. 1 in opposition.***

4. **Approval of 2013 Transit Advisory Board Meeting Schedule**

Board Schedule: 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month, except the combined November – December meeting on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ms. Maslar proposed that the January meeting be the month for a retreat and that it be changed to a weekend for 4 hours. Jon will check on the restrictions of having a quorum at the retreat.



*Ms. Maslar moved to approve the 2013 Transit Advisory Board schedule with the change that the January 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting be cancelled and be left open for a working retreat date to be determined in January, second by Mr. Bell, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.*

## **VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **1. Report on System Ridership: Santa Fe Trails and Santa Fe Ride** (Report in packet)

September was down a little bit from last year, yet reasonably strong. If you look across the routes, 2<sup>nd</sup> page, percentages are fairly stable with Cerrillos Rd. dominating, Rt. 22 trailing. The Chair asked if the 22 is mostly Railrunner or the College? It is the SFCC run and there are some from Rancho Viejo. Rt. 1 is Agua Fria. We should watch Rt. 4 as there is increasing commuter ship. The Chair asked about Route M and it was noted that in order for it to succeed the Museums need to possibly put money forward on a strong marketing effort. There are residents and students from St. John's College who use this route. The Chair asked; "how do we approach the Museums again?" Jon said he will follow up with the director at the museum and bring back a report to the next meeting. It was suggested that the City Councilor's of that district be apprised of the need to get the Museums support. Before the pickup was created we had a strong marketing relationship with the Museums.

Santa Fe Ride: It was noted that there is idling taking place at Kingston. Jon said he will revisit this with staff. It was also noted that idling time permitted was 2 minutes and no longer for city vehicles. The safety concerns of leaving a vehicle idling is very important.

On time performance is not a positive report over last year. Jon said that it could be an operator issue and he will check into this item.

### **2. Promotion and Education Efforts with Santa Fe Public Schools**

At the request of TAB an update was requested for the MOA. Loretta Duran: Our youth 18 and below get to ride for free. We worked with the assistant superintendent and the administration has opened their doors to staff at the different schools. We talk about safety and the benefit of riding the bus. We have seen an increase in ridership. (Exhibit) We provide them with very valuable information on how to ride the bus and we leave them with printed collateral. Each month staff is visiting school(s) and making a very positive presentation. Loretta would also like to hit the elementary schools in the near future. Mr. Cooper said that is a very good initiative. The Chair asked what is the policy on field trips. Staff said that they are doing them now but can't confirm if there is a firm policy to transport the children for field trips. This is

a topic of discussion under the MOA and the Chair encouraged discussion with the Superintendent.

**3. Fixed Route Bus Procurement – Review 35’ and 40’ Seating Layout**

Jon provided 3-seat layouts for a 35’ and 40’ bus. They have \$2 million to purchase additional buses which does not include the local match. We would like to have an Action Item on next month’s agenda to make a recommendation to purchase the bus that is agreed upon. At this time we cannot accommodate a 40’ bus on site; therefore it would require capital improvements. It will provide 7 extra seats in the 40’ bus. We are not proposing what we have it in the fleet right now; we would be adding 5’ and about 7 more seats. The Council would like to have smaller buses yet we have support from the Mayor on this proposal. It is important to provide confidence to the Council that the drivers can get the 35’ buses through the downtown area. Mr. Robinson asked, “How do we relieve the overcrowding as the economy has not gotten better and ridership increases?” Jon said that scheduling and the larger buses will be very helpful to handle the capacity. (Jon shared the AVL tool to the committee, more information to follow). If we get an approval in December the procurement process will begin as quickly as possible. We have budget for the purchase of 6 buses.

Aurore Bleck: Note that the modesty panel that was clear is not any longer and it makes it difficult to look over and see where the next stop is.

Jon: ADA requirements and other features have been discussed and he will try hard to spec improvements for future buses.

The Chair also said that a 40’ bus would be good for special services.

Thank you.

**4. Bench/Shelter Project – Feedback Prototype Installations**

There is a copy in the packet of the press that we received and there is a comment card that Jon would like to have returned to him. This is open until November 15<sup>th</sup> and can be sent to Jon Bulthuis. It is also accessible on line. It was asked to re-state this topic at next month’s meeting. It was recommended not to limit comments just to the website but to make comments inclusive of the logo design, system map and other notable areas. Feedback is welcomed. Jon encouraged everyone to check out the prototype shelters.

**5. Federal Surface Transportation Act (Map21) – FY2013 Apportionment  
Defer until next meeting.**

**6. Planned Upgrade CNG Compression Station – Clean Energy  
Defer until next meeting.**

**7. Plans for Santa Fe Trails “Millionth Rider” Celebration – November 10<sup>th</sup> Route Map: T-Shirt (suggestion) (Committee met prior to the full TAB meeting).**

A random transfer pass will identify the millionth rider. There will be prizes and the winner will come to the November 10<sup>th</sup> activity at Santa Fe Trails from 11:30 am – 2:00 pm. Prizes are being gathered by Mr. Garrett Robinson. Mr. Robinson will e-mail the list to Jon for assistance in picking up the donations. A plan of how to present the award to the winner was discussed; i.e., possibly pick up in the bus or limo, hotel night and dinner. Menu for this event was discussed and will be confirmed later.

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

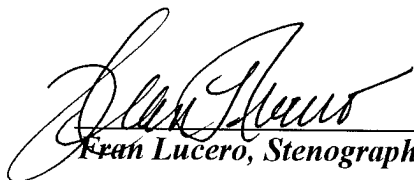
**VIII. ADJOURN**

*There being no further business to come before the Transit Advisory Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.*

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*Colin Messer, Chair*



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*Fran Lucero, Stenographer*

## Guide for kids and parents on city buses

### At the bus stops:

- Arrive 5 minutes early and no pushing and shoving to be first in line.
- Stand back from the curb, at least 2 feet, 4 giant steps (so the bus doors don't open into you).
- Before boarding, finish any food and drinks. No eating or drinking on the bus.
- Gather your things in advance so you are ready when the bus comes.
- Allow the passengers to exit the bus prior to you getting on the bus.
- Announce to the driver that you are under 18 years and if you have an ID show it.
- Once the bus pulls away from the curb, boarding is finished. The bus doors will not re-open.
- Never step in front of a city bus, if you have a bike, tell the driver before, then load.

### On the Bus:

- Stay seated – no horse-play or fighting. Be respectful of other passengers on the bus.
- Do not put your feet up on the seats.
- No food or drinks allowed on board (use the garbage can or recycle bin)
- Keep your voices low, especially on the cell phone.
- No profanity, rude jokes and unruly behavior.
- No loud music, headphones only – respect the driver who needs to listen for traffic and sirens.
- Be aware of other riders who might need to use handicap seats.
- For safety's sake, do not stand unless all seats are taken. If a seat is empty, use it!
- Stay alert. Keep your feet on the floor so that you are ready for any sudden stops or turns.

### Getting off the bus:

- Pull the cord above the windows to activate the "stop request" sign. This alerts the driver to stop at the next bus stop. Pull it in advance so the driver has enough time to stop safely.
- Gather your things in advance so you are ready.
- Exit quickly but orderly. Be aware of traffic and other pedestrians.
- **Cross behind the bus** – where you can see traffic and traffic can see you.
- Never step in front of a city bus.

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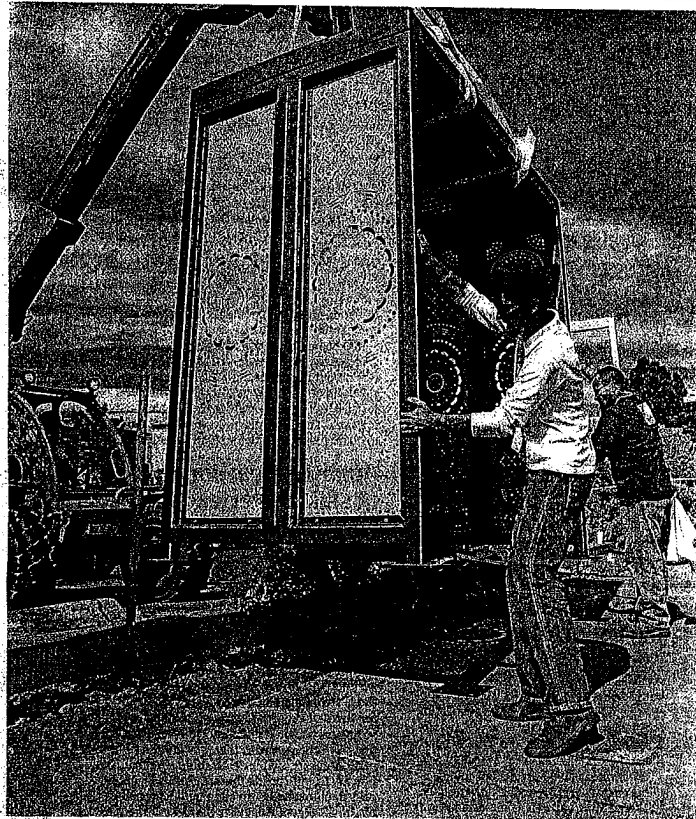


*Exhibit*

# Waiting in style

Prototype bus shelters funded by stimulus evoke S.F. aesthetic

SANTA FE  
NEW MEXICAN  
Wednesday, October 10, 2012



From left, Christian Harper, designer and builder, and Bobby Garcia Jr. with Modulus Design in Albuquerque help direct the placement of a bus shelter at Sandoval and Alameda streets Tuesday. Prototypes of three new designs are being installed at three downtown locations, intended to reflect the local history, culture and artistic tradition of Santa Fe. JANE PHILLIPS/THE NEW MEXICAN

By Julie Ann Grimm  
The New Mexican

**A** product of federal stimulus money in Santa Fe is finally visible now that contractors have begun installation of a trio of prototypes for new bus shelters.

The shelters are also a public art project intended to showcase and mimic tinwork typical of Northern New Mexico. After putting out a call

for entries, the city Arts Commission selected Taos artist Kim Pollis to design tin panels that were reproduced to fit into shelters designed by architects with the Autotroph design firm.

Workers installed the first prototype shelter Tuesday along Sandoval Street and plan to erect two more this week, another on Sandoval and a third on Guadalupe Street near Manhattan Avenue. Once bus riders and other city residents have had a

chance to provide feedback, the city plans to make a massive order of the street-side "furniture" to upgrade bus stops in every part of town.

In 2010, Santa Fe was awarded \$500,000 for the project under the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The city used some of that money to hire the architects and pay the artist, but will use the rest to acquire materials for

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## Shelters: Surveys on prototypes available

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what Transit Division Director Jon Bulthuis called a substantial investment in bus system infrastructure.

When the work is complete, Bulthuis said, Santa Fe Trails bus stops will have a more unified look. Some existing glass-walled bus shelters, which are prone to vandalism, will be removed as part of the project.

In addition to using concepts from the artist, Autotroph integrated practical features such as ventilation, wind blockage and seating. Some shelters have solar-powered lighting.

A short survey on the prototypes is available at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/LYZ3R5V](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LYZ3R5V).

Also, paper surveys will be available at the prototype locations, on any Santa Fe Trails bus, or from the Santa Fe Trails office at 2931 Rufina St.

Santa Fe Trails, celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, expects to serve its millionth passenger of the year sometime next month, passing a milestone that indicates a continuing climb in bus ridership. In 2011, city buses logged 971,000 passenger trips, a 9 percent increase over the previous year.

Officials plan a family-friendly party to mark the millionth rider and the anniversary on Saturday, Nov. 10, at the Rufina Street office from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.



From left, Eli Flickinger, Micah Hallock and Bobby Garcia Jr. with Modulus Design in Albuquerque install the first of three "public art" bus shelters. JANE PHILLIPS/THE NEW MEXICAN

# Artistic Bus Shelters Bring Tin Touch

■ Prototypes are work of Kimberly Pollis of Taos

By KATHALEEN ROBERTS  
Journal Staff Writer

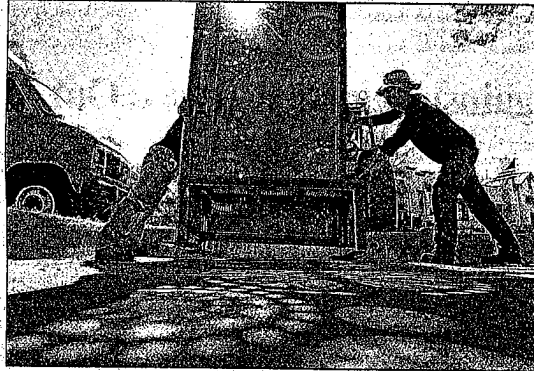
The next time some Santa Fe commuters take shelter while waiting for a bus, a silver swirl of dollies and stars will pin-wheel around them.

Workers are installing the prototype shelters at Guadalupe Street and Manhattan Avenue across from the Santa Fe Depot and Tomasita's. Two others sprout along Sandoval Street north and south of Alameda.

The designs are the work of Taos tin artist Kimberly Pollis.

Pollis submitted 20 drawings to the Santa Fe Arts Commission. A selection committee whittled their choices first to five, then three, before giving her the job.

"This is asymmetrical," she said, nodding toward the lacy spirals that also resemble starbursts or cathedral windows across from Tomasita's.



EDDIE MOORE/JOURNAL

Bobby Garcia Jr., left, and Micah Hallock, with Modulus Design of Albuquerque, install a new prototype bus stop shelter along Guadalupe Street on Wednesday.

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## Shelters Bring Artistry to City

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A Taos resident for 20 years, Pollis started making tin 12 years ago.

"I was a stay-home mom with two children," she said. "In Boston, I was a graphic designer and art director. I really needed to have art I could do on the kitchen table. 'I witnessed a tin demonstration, and I was hooked.'"

She worked briefly with traditional tin artist Ted Arellanes in Albuquerque, but considers herself mostly self-taught.

"It's addictive because you get instant results," she said. "Once you start punching the metal — every time you make something, you get more ideas and techniques."

In Taos, she makes screen doors and sconces and has created her own niches to use as hanging altars.

Pollis enlarged the shelter designs to a sweeping scale — 7 feet by 21 inches — the largest dimensions she has ever produced.

"This was one of the first designs I came up with," she said. "I was thinking of wheels and buses — transportation."

The drawings were very specific.

"I had to decide hole space and proximity from one hole to another," she said. "It had to have a very good balance aesthetically."

Pollis scanned final templates onto a disc. Metal fabricators Autotroph crafted the final shelters with a silver-grey powder coat. They integrated practical features and

functions such as ventilation, wind blockage, seating and lighting.

The prototypes are courtesy of federal stimulus money, city Transit Division director Jon Balthuis said. Community members are encouraged to add their input to the project at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/LYZ3R5V](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LYZ3R5V). Paper surveys will be available at the prototype locations, on any Santa Fe Trails bus or from the Santa Fe Trails office at 2931 Rufina. The surveys will be available for one month.

Balthuis said there will be "dozens" more shelters popping up around the city.

The metal shelters include LED lighting crowned with solar panels, Balthuis said. The old Plexiglas shelters had maintenance problems, he added. The new shelters will add some continuity in design.

"Right now we've got a small patchwork of bus shelters," he said. The project will "bring art into the neighborhoods."

Debra Garcia y Griego, interim director of the city's Fine Arts Commission, said a committee chose Pollis' work out of a pool of six proposals from 10 artists.

Committee members appreciated Pollis' previous work on large-scale projects, she said. "They liked both the traditional and the contemporary aspects of her work."

Pollis also sells her work on the crafters' site [etsy.com](http://etsy.com).

"The prettiest thing you see will be mine," she said with a laugh.

**Santa Fe Trails Bus Shelter Prototypes  
Public Input Survey**

1. Do you support the city-wide upgrade of existing bus shelters with the new designs?  
1                      2                      3                      4                      5  
Do not support                      Neutral                      Strongly Support
2. What is the best part of the new bus shelter designs?  
a. Design      b. Integrated Artwork      c. Seating      d. Lighting      e. Shelter
3. Do you like the use of artwork in these bus shelters ?    Yes    No
4. Do you think these bus shelters are a good example of functional public art?    Yes    No
5. Do the new bus shelter designs reflect the character of Santa Fe?    Yes    No
6. Do you think these shelters improve passenger safety?    Yes    No

Feel free to provide other comments below:

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This survey can also be completed online at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LYZ3R5V>

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Friendly Bus Driver***