

MAY 2026



Atomic City Transit was awarded the 2025 Transit System of the Year



Earth Day, April 2026

COUNTY MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

The County Manager's Monthly Report provides updates on key programs and projects, County financials and metrics that help track how the staff are serving the community.

NOTE FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

April was all about the budget hearings with the hearings taking place the evenings of April 27 and 28. Council adopted a budget of \$350M total expenditures from all funds including: \$138M for general operations (non-enterprise or special revenue) funds; \$95M utility funds; \$46M fire cooperative agreement funding for serving LANL; and an additional \$71M in other grant and capital expenses. The Fiscal Year 2027 Budget in Brief can be found here ([link](#)).

Aside from the Budget Hearings, there was only one other Council meeting held in April with the following summary of agenda items:

- Proclaimed April 13-20 International Dark Sky Week
- Proclaimed April 19-25 National Library Week
- Accepted a citizen petition to make North Road and Urban Park a four-way stop and requested Public Works staff evaluate the intersection and return to Council with their findings within 90 days
- Heard a presentation about the 2026 Legislative Session outcomes with social work licensure and interstate medical licensure compacts passing and Los Alamos County Housing Infrastructure North Mesa project receiving \$1.154M capital outlay award
- Approved a contract to complete design and construction documents for the Betty Ehart Senior Center renovations
- Approved a contract to drill five piers for the White Rock substation transformer replacement project
- Approved the annual Assessor Property Valuation and Maintenance Plan
- Approved a contract to construct the new Fire Station 4 building
- Heard a report from the annual advocacy trip to Washington D.C.
- Discussed possible Charter amendment changes that could be sent to the voters on the November 2026 ballot
- Authorized Chair Ryti to sign and send a letter to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) supporting the Waste Isolation Pilot Plan (WIPP) accepting waste from outside of NM

If you would like to see more about the council and their boards and commissions please visit ([link](#)) to view meeting agendas, videos and minutes.

Some of my April activities as county manager coordinating and supporting partners and residents included:

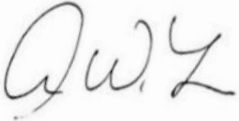
- April 7 – toured V-Site to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Manhattan Project National Historical Park (formal anniversary date was during federal shutdown at the end of 2025)

- April 7 – met with the federal working group of councilors and NMED Secretary Kenney to discuss legacy waste clean-up priorities
- April 8 - attended monthly meeting with Deputy Laboratory Director of Operations Mark Davis to discuss topics of mutual interest such as budgets, staffing, road safety, and housing
- April 8 – attended Manhattan Project National Historical Park 10th Anniversary community event at Fuller Lodge
- April 10 – participated in Leadership Los Alamos' class of 2026 Economic Development panel
- April 14 – attended monthly meeting with DOE-NNSA and DOE-EM Los Alamos site managers
- April 16 – attended the monthly LAPS and UNM-LA joint leadership meeting
- April 20 – attended the LACDC Board meeting to give a County briefing about the proposed budget

April concluded with Los Alamos entering Stage 1 Fire restrictions on April 28th. Although some springtime rainstorms were welcomed, the drought conditions remain severe to extreme. Stage 1 restrictions include the prohibition of outdoor campfires and outdoor cooking other than as specified in Order 2026-01 ([link](#)).

A special kudos to our transit team for being named the 2025 Rural Transit System of the Year from both the New Mexico Department of Transportation and the New Mexico Transit Association – well done!

Warm regards,



Anne Laurent
County Manager

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COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

General County

The County website officially transitioned from .us to .gov, with public awareness campaign occurring throughout the month of April. The team needed to reconfigure the Google Analytics web tags, so analytic data will resume in May.

County Line, Bottom Line, Sustainability, Off the Shelf Newsletter

The average open rate across all County e-newsletters in April was 55%.

Individual newsletter performance is as follows:

- County Line: 49% of 2,313 subscribers
- Bottom Line: 63% of 695 subscribers
- Off the Shelf: 58% of 834 subscribers
- Economic Development – No edition issued in April
- Sustainability: 67% of 137 subscribers

Record Management

5 Internal requests
17 records provided
4 Permit requests
15 records released

IPRA

259 Records requested
40 Carryovers from previous month
2,774 Records pulled for review/release

Clerk's Office

258 Recordings & Filings
82 eRecordings
8 Marriage Licenses
1 Probate Case
3 County Council/Board Mtgs
16,412 Total Registered Voters
3606 Voter Record Transactions
3 Social Media Posts
672 Facebook Followers
387 Instagram Followers
78 Threads Followers
49 Customer Visits

Community Development Department

@LosAlamosCountyCommunityDevelopmentDepartment
104 Reached this month
1 Content interactions this month

Community Services Department

New Social Media Followers: 42
E-Activity Guide Reads:
Spring: 156
Alcohol Permits: 0

Environmental Services

Social Media Followers: 1.3k

Fire Department

Social Media Followers: 17 IG, 45 FB

Website

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The Rep'd addition to the website answered 184 questions from 637 total engagements with the platform in April, which is an estimated saving of 15 hours of staff time answering those questions.

Social Media Report

The County maintained a 15:1 ratio of positive to negative sentiment in April 2026 (30% vs. 2%). The County's main Facebook page reached 9,700 followers and the County's main Instagram account had 2,419 followers by the end of April:

- Facebook: 130,769 views with 1,232 interactions
- Instagram: 8,448 views with 245 interactions

The social media policy final draft was completed and prepared for signature to go into effect on May 1, 2026. At the same time, an older Facebook policy (0250) will be rescinded.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL, TRIBAL, AND REGIONAL RELATIONS

State

Investigation into transportation options for behavioral and mental health patients for Social Services led to conversations with NMDOT and identification of a potential third-party provider.

Federal

Continued efforts to amend Congressionally Directed Spending project submissions per guidance from each Senator's office. The Emergency Operations Center equipment, future Water Well design and plan, and the Community Health Action Center continue to be considered.

Follow up communications from the federal working group fly-in (DC advocacy trip) continued as well.

Arranged a presentation on Congressionally Directed Spending to the National Association of County Intergovernmental Relations Officials organizations by staff from Senator Heinrich's office.

10th Anniversary of the Manhattan Project National Historical Park was held at Fuller Lodge with great attendance.

Tribal and Regional

Conversations with the Pueblo de San Ildefonso have led to agreement to continue regular meetings and follow up on unfinished business, such as the radar speed signs and the hexavalent chromium plume.

Rio Arriba County continues a fast pace in constructing the nursing home. The city of Espanola has continued development/upgrades of the parks.



FISCAL STEWARDSHIP

Budget: On April 28, 2026, Los Alamos County Council approved the proposed FY2027 budget with expenditures of \$350.2 million as compared to FY2026 adopted expenditures of \$367.9 million. Read the summary outlined in the [Los Alamos County FY2027 Citizen's Guide to the Budget](#). The full FY2027 Adopted Budget Book will be available no later than August 15, 2026 under “Budgets” on the County’s Administrative Services Department website, available by clicking [here](#)

Payroll:

Tyler Connect Conference – Las Vegas

Finance staff attended Tyler Connect, the annual conference hosted by Tyler Technologies. They spent the week exploring new features, best practices, and upcoming enhancements to our payroll software. They returned with deeper

understanding of the system's capabilities that will support future improvements to our workflow.

GFOA Training – Kansas City, MO

Finance staff also participated in a Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) intensive training on governmental accounting. This program deepened her knowledge of accounting principles and strengthened the connection between payroll operations and financial reporting.

Procurement Stats FY 26 YTD Stats:

1454 Purchase Orders Issued
 490 PO Change Orders
 3064 Inventory Pick Tickets
 83 Agreements Completed
 47 Amendments Completed
 83 Solicitations/Amendments in Progress

Trends:

Purchase Orders increased from 1307 (FY25) to 1454 (FY26)
 PO Change Orders decreased from 535 to 490
 Inventory Pick Tickets Processed & Delivered increased from 3053 to 3064
 Agreements Completed increased from 80 to 81
 Amendments Completed increased from 31 to 47
 Solicitations/Agreements/Amendments in Progress decreased from 90 to 83
 Anticipated Projects decreased from 46 to 25
 Property Disposal Requests Received decreased from 51 to 39

April 2026				April 2025	
Accounts Receivable	Number of Transactions	Dollar Amount	Variance Over Prior Year Increase (Decrease)	Number of Transactions	Dollar Amount
Gross Receipts Tax Received	5	\$ 6,969,242.66	22%	4	\$ 5,695,667.64
Electronic Payments Received (EPAY)	32	\$ 4,958,084.20	114%	32	\$ 2,316,377.31
Property Tax Received	831	\$ 1,663,769.00	0%	621	\$ 1,660,944.99
Lodgers Tax Received	6	\$ 35,220.00	-4%	4	\$ 36,642.98
Accounts Payable					
Number of Invoices Paid	531	\$ 16,672,739.07	-14%	441	\$ 19,438,110.58
Wire Payments Processed	27	\$ 6,803,658.89	-15%	30	\$ 7,959,433.48
Electronic Fund Transfers (EFT) Processed	159	\$ 6,833,742.51	-21%	117	\$ 8,623,685.11
Normal Print Checks Processed	222	\$ 3,035,337.67	6%	196	\$ 2,854,991.99
Total Disbursements	408	\$ 16,672,739.07	-14%	343	\$ 19,438,110.58
P-Card Transactions	1,378	\$ 480,473.44	-20%	1,382	\$ 602,163.66

EFFECTIVE, EFFICIENT, AND RELIABLE SERVICES

CLERK

Update

April has been a pivotal month for the Clerk's Office, defined by a rigorous commitment to professional excellence and the technical precision required to safeguard the elections. The milestones reached this month are fundamental to maintaining the integrity, transparency, and accessibility of the democratic process in Los Alamos County.

The month was anchored by a heavy investment in specialized expertise. Allison Collins represented the office at the Tyler Conference, gaining critical insights into the systems that power the daily operations, while Michael Redondo, Tessa Jo Mascarenas, and Victoria Montoya attended Election School. This was an essential deep dive into the evolving complexities of election law. By staying ahead of these changes and completing the internal Professional Performance Appraisals (PPAs) to ensure the team is performing at the highest professional standard for the public.

On the operational side, the focus shifted toward the tangible mechanics of the upcoming election cycle. The team successfully completed machine certification, a rigorous testing phase that serves as the bedrock of voter confidence. This was paired with the meticulous task of creating and reviewing ballots, where absolute accuracy is non-negotiable.

Perhaps most importantly, the team turned attention to the frontline of the voting experience: the poll workers. The team conducted comprehensive Poll Worker Training with significant emphasis on two major shifts in the voting landscape: the new Same-Day Voter Registration procedures and the transition to semi-open primaries. Educating the team and volunteers on these updates is vital to ensure that every eligible voter understands their options and experiences a smooth, efficient process at the polls.

Even with these high-stakes preparations, the commitment to local governance remained steadfast as the team supported three County Council meetings. Whether it is documenting legislative history or preparing for a high-turnout election, every action taken this April was designed to ensure that the Clerk's Office remains a reliable, transparent, and modern resource for the community.

Connecting with the Public

New Mexico Now has Semi-open Primaries

A primary election is an election held to allow voters to select major party candidates to move on to represent the parties in the general election. In the past, only voters registered with a major party could vote in a primary election in New Mexico. That changes this year.

Major Party Voters	Registered with a major party? You can vote in your party's primary election. Once voting has started, you cannot change your party on your voter registration.	Minor Party Voters	Registered with a minor party? You must register with a major party or update your voter registration declining to state a political party in order to vote in the primary election.
Not Registered with a Qualified Political Party	Not registered with a qualified political party? You can select a major party's ballot and vote in the primary election without updating your voter registration.	Unsure Voters	Not sure if you are registered with a qualified political party? Check your voter registration details at NMVote.org .

Make a plan to vote today.
Learn More at SOS.NM.GOV

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER
SECRETARY OF STATE

Upcoming Events / Project Milestones / Seasonal Changes / New Initiatives:

May 5, 2026	Voter Registration Online and in the Clerk's Office Closes Absentee Voting Begins In-person Same Day Registration Begins
May 5- May 16, 2026	Early Voting Los Alamos Municipal Building 8 AM to 5 PM, Monday through Friday
May 12, 2026	County Council Meeting in White Rock
May 16, 2026 – May 30, 2026	Expanded Early Voting Begins Los Alamos Municipal Building and White Rock Town Hall 8 AM to 6 PM, Monday through Saturday
May 19, 2026	County Council Meeting in White Rock
June 2, 2026	Primary Election Day

HUMAN RESOURCES

Administration

- Human Resources filled the vacant Senior Office Specialist position. Mia Casados transferred from CSD to fill the position.
- The Personnel Board has one (1) vacant position and being recruited for
- The Personnel Board met on April 28, 2026, for the monthly meeting.
- Human Resources team attended training for Conflict Resolution and Mental Health Awareness.

Safety & Risk Management

Training Stats: Overall safety training is at 97% compliance. (Please note that this does not include specialty safety training).

Compensation & HRIS/Munis

- Continued collaboration with the Training Manager and ERP Manager on the management of the new PPA System in Munis / ESS.
- Compensation is working the Job Description Review Project with various departments.
- Compensation is preparing for the upcoming Annual Increase process.

HR Training/Staff Development

- Performance Planning Appraisals (PPAs) are well underway with a due date of Friday May 8th.
- A new Customer Service Course through SFCC is now offered to all County employees.
- HR will be rolling out the new Manager “Need to know” training in June.
- County employees are currently 95% compliant with required trainings, with 5% of assignments currently overdue.

Benefits:

Utilization of the county EAP was 1.61% in the first quarter of 2026, and overall utilization in 2025 was 6.39%. Historically, LAC has met or exceeded the national standard of 3-5%. The Benefits department encourages anyone who needs the EAP to utilize it. Kudos to employees for using The Solutions Group.

The Benefits team is currently soliciting responses to four RFPs for Dental, Vision, and Long-Term Disability Insurance, as well as an Employee Benefits Consultant. These items expire at the end of 2026.

The Benefits team planned the Pre-Retirement Seminar on April 30th in Council Chambers, featuring presentations from MissionSquare, NFP, Sentinel, PERA, NMHRCA, and SSA. There were 36 people in attendance at this event.

Benefits conducted 4 retirement planning meetings in April.

The Benefits Team conducted 13 exit interviews in April.

PLANNING

April Stats

Planning staff reviewed and acted on the following:

16 New Business License Reviews

15 Permit Reviews

11 Planning Inspections

5 Development Applications

No Updates for April 2026

Upcoming

May 13, 2026, Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting

May 27, 2026, Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting

June 17–19, 2026, the Comprehensive Plan consultants will conduct a public engagement session to present the vision scenarios developed through the Steering Committee, Technical Advisory Committee, and prior public input.

INFRASTRUCTURE ASSET MANAGEMENT

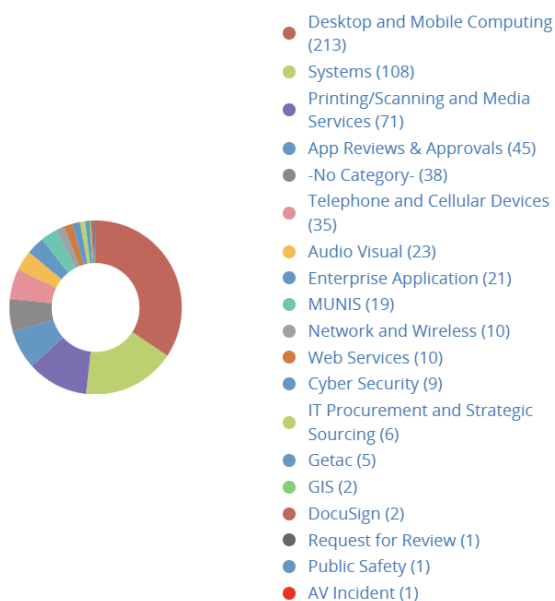
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

April Stats

620 Tickets

620 Closed Tickets

Category distribution



AIRPORT

Take-offs and Landings – March activity at the Los Alamos County Airport reflected typical late-winter to early-spring conditions (windy), with a total of 266 aircraft operations recorded, including 170 visiting operations, and 90 operations were conducted by Classic Air Medical, highlighting the continued importance of the airport in supporting regional emergency medical services. Overall activity levels remain consistent with seasonal trends.

Updates

Progress on the 8-unit T-Hangar Project continues, with Mick Rich Contractors completing drilling and beginning concrete work for the footings. While progress remains steady, work is proceeding at a measured pace as site conditions and coordination efforts continue.

The Los Alamos Fire Department conducted their annual Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) training at the airport this month, reinforcing ongoing readiness and maintaining compliance with training requirements. These exercises continue to strengthen coordination between airport operations and emergency response personnel.

The Airport Manager submitted a grant proposal to the New Mexico Department of Transportation Tourism Department for the airport kiosk project. This project aims to enhance the visitor experience by providing accessible information about local attractions, aviation resources, and regional tourism opportunities.

Additionally, the Airport Manager attended the New Mexico Airport Managers Annual Meeting in Ruidoso, engaging with airport managers from across the state, engineering firms, and New Mexico Aviation Division leadership. The conference provided opportunities for collaboration, professional development, and participation in workshops focused on airport operations, funding, and infrastructure planning.

Operationally, the Airport experienced a significant increase in fuel delivery costs, with the most recent delivery exceeding prior pricing by more than \$2 per gallon, reflecting broader market volatility. The Airport also addressed several wildlife incursions, specifically deer entering the airfield. The Airport Manager identified a breach in the perimeter fencing and coordinated with Facilities staff to complete repairs.

FACILITIES

April Stats:

New work orders since last report – 203

Current work orders in queue – 128

Completed work orders – 174

Service Requests – 69

After hour call outs – 12

Emergency call outs – 4

Updates:

The Public Works capital project team continues to advance a broad portfolio of capital improvement and facility projects supporting County operations and community services. Key efforts include ongoing planning and design for the Emergency Operations Center, Social Services Action Center and a countywide lighting upgrade program.

Several projects are transitioning into or actively in construction. The Fire Station 4 Replacement project has been awarded, with mobilization scheduled for early May. Construction activities are underway at the Airport T-Hangars site. Ashley Pond electrical upgrades, and the installation of EV charging stations at the Mesa Public Library, and Brewer Arena improvements are on track to commence by mid-May.

Design of facilities renovation and improvement continue to move forward. The Manhattan Era Dormitory renovation, the Betty Ehart Senior Center renovation and HVAC replacement projects are advancing through final design. At the Aquatic Center's Olympic pool restoration, the contractor is installing swim lane tiles.

Ongoing maintenance and system upgrades remain a priority. The Golf Course HVAC replacement is complete and undergoing final testing, ice rink chiller went through its first quarterly maintenance, and the Justice Center CRAC unit replacement project has entered initiated status.

Mid-America has completed the warranty work at the Golf Course. This work consisted of tree planting and corrections to the water drainages at some greens and tees. The Capital Projects and Facilities Division also assisted the Community Services Department to coordinate and install the Heritage Gate at the Betty Ehart Senior Center.

Additional projects—including the Visitor Center food truck pads, Longview Drive development, and various Public Works system upgrades—remain in planning, design, or cost-estimating phases. Staff continue to prioritize coordination, cost control, and timely delivery across all active projects.



T-Hanger Concrete Pier Drilling

Fire Station 4 replacement-site location



Swim Lane Tile Installation



Drainage correction at Golf Course tees and greens. Contractors re-finishing the Community Room wood floors at the Golf Course Clubhouse.

CUSTODIAL

April Stats

Fuller Lodge – 65

White Rock Activity Center – 14

White Rock Fire Station – 1

Betty Ehart Senior Center – 22
White Rock Town Hall – 0
Municipal Building – 31

Updates

Reservations for the month of April increased slightly from the previous month with more functions at Fuller Lodge. The Clerks office carpets were shampooed, the Golf Course tile auto scrubbed, PEEC carpets shampooed and upholstery shampooed, carpet shampooed in some of Fuller Lodge offices and tiles waxed at the Ice Rink. New HEPA cordless vacuums were purchased which are quieter than corded vacuums but still remove 99.9% of particulates. Staff removed all the tables, chairs, etc. from the Golf Course restaurant area to make room for the flooring replacement.

New tables are being purchased to replace the current tables at Fuller Lodge. The wood flooring at Fuller Lodge is scheduled to be refinished prior to July 1.

FLEET

April Stats

Work orders entered – 275

Work orders completed within 72 hours – 161

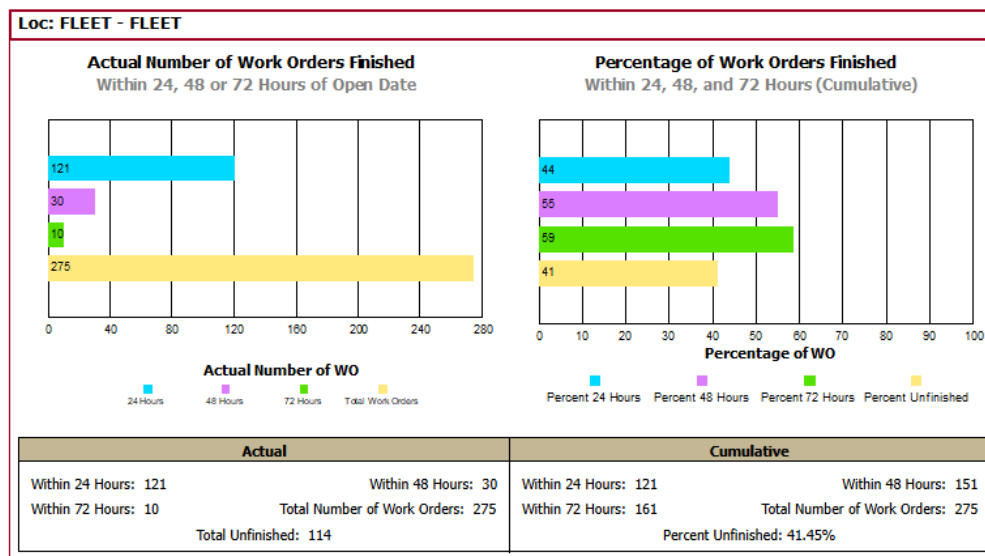
Work orders that remain open – 42

Work orders that are considered preventive maintenance – 64

Work orders that are considered repairs – 173

Work orders due to accidents –4

Work Orders for recalls –34



Over the past month, Fleet received 275 work requests, with just 42 still open. The target is to complete all work orders within 72 hours of creation. In some cases, turnaround times are affected by parts availability due to the specialized nature of certain equipment.

With the start of the summer season, Fleet has shifted its focus to preparing summer equipment and completing annual inspections. The team is also continuing to receive new replacement vehicles while retiring older units.

In the coming weeks, the team will begin scheduling annual tank inspections and preparing to install GPS/telematics systems across the County fleet.

The team is also making steady progress on the monthly cleaning assignments for the car wash bays at PCS. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to keeping the facilities in good condition. Please remember to clean up after using the car wash and return all equipment to its proper place.

I'd also like to acknowledge the Traffic team for repainting the lines in the fleet parking area – thank you!

TRAFFIC AND STREETS

April Stats

Customer calls – 62

Traffic Control & Excavation Permits processed – 27

Permits extended – 1

Locates performed – 50

Perma Patch used – 900 lbs.

Asphalt – 28 tons

Concrete – 45 yards

Sweeping miles - 198

Signs fabricated and installed – 7

Work orders received – 9

Work orders completed – 22

Signs and Markings Team

The Signs and Markings team completed extensive pavement marking and signage activities throughout the county. Crews painted island tips and curbs at multiple locations, including the newly constructed traffic island at Trinity Drive and 37th Street, where tube delineators were also installed. Additional curb and island tip painting was completed along Central Avenue, Canyon Drive, Diamond Drive, State Road 4, and

North Road. The division also fabricated and installed seven new traffic signs. Furthermore, green bike lanes were installed along Diamond Drive near Sullivan Field to enhance cyclist safety and roadway visibility.



Wayfinding Sign Installation



Green Bike Lane Installation



Curb and Island Painting Countywide

Traffic Electricians Team

The Traffic Electricians team is currently operating without its two electrician positions. Recruitment efforts are underway, with the job posting opened on April 10 and scheduled to close on May 5.

In the interim, the Traffic Manager has assumed responsibility for critical operations. To date, the manager has completed 50 streetlight locates, repaired Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) systems at the airport and collected data for both the Urban Road and North Road safety studies.

Streets Team

The Streets team conducted a wide range of infrastructure maintenance and improvement projects. Crews replaced more than 250 feet of sidewalk and 50 feet of curb and gutter across several locations, including Sandia Road, 41st Street, Kiva, Manhattan Loop, and 5th Street.

Street sweeping operations covered 198 miles, and approximately 56 tons of debris were collected and transported to the landfill. Asphalt work was completed at the cemetery, and milling material was placed in the parking lot at the LAFD training center. Vegetation management efforts included clearing overgrown areas along the trail between 7th and 9th Streets, performing right-of-way maintenance at the airport, Canyon Drive, and 15th Street, and applying herbicide along the airport fence line. Concrete work included replacement on Sandia Loop and 41st Street, as well as removal on Sage Street, South Sage Street, and at the Aquatic Center in preparation for new installations. Crews also repaired an access road to Canyon Road at Olive Street and transported concrete debris to GM Materials in Santa Fe.

Training and Professional Development

Staff participated in several professional development opportunities:

- Four employees attended a Pavement Preservation Workshop in Ruidoso.
- One employee attended the APWA Snow and Ice Conference in Cleveland, Ohio.
- Four employees attended the Transportation and Construction Conference in Las Cruces.

Special Projects and Interdepartmental Support

Crews provided support for various community events and interdepartmental initiatives. This included cleaning the parking lot at the Justice Center for a special event and preparing the PEEC Nature Center parking lot for the Earth Day Festival, where traffic control assistance was also provided.

Additionally, crews assisted the Public Works Engineering Division by lifting a metal plate on Central Avenue to facilitate inspection and measurement of failing underground infrastructure.

Graffiti removal efforts were completed at the entrance to Quemazon and at the pedestrian catwalk near the high school.

EMPLOYEE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

April Highlights

- YTD 59 Job Postings created (17 in the month of April)
- YTD 801 Applications received (159 in the month of April)
- Average applications per job posting=14 (9 in the month of April)
- YTD 49 Promotions (20 in the month of April)
- YTD 4 Employee Transfer (1 in the month of April)
- YTD 2 Employee Status Change from Regular >Casual (0 in the month of April LT>R)
- YTD 45 New Hires (22 in the month of April-22 includes 15 Fire Recruits)

HOUSING

Updates

20th Street Development Solicitation: The due diligence phase of development has been extended by request of the development partner. The developer provided additional earnest money to extend the due diligence period as required by the development agreement. The due diligence extends through July 2026. [Goals: Downtown Revitalization, Local Business, Housing.]

9th Street Apartments: Unit renovations and the major electrical infrastructure upgrades across all three buildings are wrapping up. The focus in the first part of 2026 will be completing the electrical upgrades and implementing energy efficient

improvements with the installation of mini splits across units. [Goals: Housing.]



ADA ramps, curb and gutter and sidewalks along 9th Street.

Affordable Housing Service Providers: In the coming weeks, the Housing Trust will launch a new round of marketing for the various programs with a DPU billing insert as well as at various events throughout the community. There are currently multiple applications in process for both the Home Rehabilitation and Homebuyers Assistance programs. [Goals: Housing.]

North Mesa Update: Staff from the County and Wilson and Company presented findings of the North Mesa Transportation and Utilities Study at a joint LAPS Board and County Council work session on February 26, 2026. The final report was well received. The study provides preliminary designs and cost estimates for system upgrades needed to serve the site with utilities and to mitigate the project's impact on the transportation system. [Goals: Housing, Intergovernmental Relations.]

A-8-A: On March 11, 2026, the County and development partner, Servitas, closed on the transfer of the A8A property. The Site Plan was approved on March 26, by the Planning and Zoning Commission. These two milestones indicate strong movement in the development process and kick-off the next steps which include finalizing the construction plans and project pricing. Staff anticipate these will be completed in the coming months. [Goals: Housing.]

LOCAL BUSINESS AND DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION

Updates

MyCity Business/Nonprofit/Events Directory - The directories are publicly available on VisitLosAlamos.org and LosAlamosnm.us. At the end of its second month of promotion, the directory has had more than 50 event submissions, lists 60 businesses and 10 nonprofits. [1.1 Communication and Engagement; 3.2 Local Business; 3.4 Tourism and Special Events]

Chamber Business Breakfast Legislative Event - Anita Barela and Ellyn Felton, along with Desirae Lujan from Community Development, attended the event at SALA to hear an update from Rep. Christine Chandler about the most recent legislative session. In addition, the group spoke with various community members in attendance. [1.1 Communication and Engagement; 3.2 Local Business; 3.4 Tourism and Special Events]

RDC Los Alamos Business Booster - Elias Isaacson, Anita Barela, and Ellyn Felton attended the Regional Development Corporation's (RDC) free Business Booster Workshop and Intensive Networking Lunch on April 14, 2026, at the SALA Event Center in Los Alamos. Local businesses and startups were able to connect and explore resources available in the region. The event was part of RDC's ongoing efforts to strengthen the regional economy in Northern New Mexico, in collaboration with Los Alamos National Laboratory and Los Alamos County. [1.1 Communication and Engagement; 3.2 Local Business; 3.4 Tourism and Special Events]

Los Alamos County Spring Vendor Meeting - Anita Barela attend and participated in the Los Alamos County Community Services Department's Summer Vendor Meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at the Fuller Lodge. The meeting was designed for vendors interested in participating in upcoming County summer events, including the concert series. Attendees were able to join in person or via Zoom to learn about updates to the vendor process, event requirements, and application expectations, as well as connect with event organizers and ask questions. [1.1 Communication and Engagement; 3.2 Local Business; 3.4 Tourism and Special Events]

Travel Trade State Training – On April 8, Ellyn Felton attended a travel trade training session held by Visit Santa Fe, New Mexico Tourism Department, and Alon Tourism solutions. During the event, the state and Alon educated attendees on New Mexico's new status in travel trade and how communities, as well as businesses, can get added to the promoted locations and opportunities for visitors from other countries. This meeting was the first step in getting Los Alamos added to their online directory of locations. [1.1 Communication and Engagement; 3.4 Tourism and Special Events]

Manhattan Project 10th Anniversary Celebration – On April 8, the community gathered to celebrate Manhattan Project National Historical Park. Ellyn Felton, along with other members of the county, helped plan the event with the park service and national laboratory. An estimated 150 people attended the event in Fuller Lodge. [1.1 Communication and Engagement; 3.4 Tourism and Special Events]

EDUCATIONAL, ARTS, CULTURAL, & HISTORICAL AMENITIES

Upcoming Nature Center Programs

Promotion of the Mosaic Assembly workshops to help build the glass-tiled mosaic project on the Justice Center wall began. Registration starts May 1. Event is Friday, June 5 – Sunday, June 7

Night Sky in June (In-person) - 06/02/2026

Nature @ Night: Raptors (In-person) - 06/02/2026

Seeing! (In-person) - 06/05/2026

Two Small Pieces of Glass (In-person) - 06/06/2026

Los Luceros Bird Walk (In-person) - 06/07/2026

Dogs in Space! (In-person) - 06/09/2026

Nature @ Night: Robot Dog (In-person) - 06/10/2026

From Earth to the Universe (In-person) - 06/12/2026

Supermassive Black Holes (In-person) - 06/13/2026

Wildflower Walk (In-person) - 06/15/2026

Islamic Astronomy (In-person) - 06/16/2026

Nature @ Night: Bugs (In-person) - 06/17/2026

Black Holes (In-person) - 06/19/2026

Butterfly Walk (In-person) - 06/20/2026

Big Astronomy: People, Places, Discoveries (In-person) - 06/20/2026

How to Win 37 Pieces of Flair via Helicopter Evacuation (Or Not) (In-person & live-streamed) - 06/23/2026

Nature @ Night: Family Strengths Network (In-person) - 06/24/2026

“The Little Things that Run the World” Movie Screening (In-person) - 06/25/2026

Fractals (In-person) - 06/26/2026

Geologic Tour to the Goblin Colony (In-person) - 06/27/2026

One Sky (In-person) - 06/27/2026

Library April Stats:

Public Events: 67

Total Program Attendance: 1,500

Physical Items Circulated: 24,041

Digital Items Circulated: 9,767

Total Items Circulate: 33,808

Updates

In a monthly highlight, the Library held the first-ever open chess tournament at Fuller Lodge. The tournament drew a crowd of over 100 players and spectators from the region. The event grew out of the weekly informal chess meet-up at Mesa Public Library, a popular program that has given community members an opportunity to play their favorite game and build community in an informal environment.

The Library also supported diversity through a passive program celebrating Arab American Heritage Month, featuring a spice sampler and cookbook giveaway. The initiative proved very popular, sparking excitement and conversations about exploring new cuisines and food traditions.

The Library did outreach at two Earth Day events: one at the PEEC-sponsored Earth Day Festival and another at the County staff event at the Municipal building.

In April, the Library celebrated National Library Week with several staff celebrations, banners, and new branded staff apparel, and special social media posts highlighting key professional values of librarianship, like freedom to read, community engagement, and libraries as welcoming third spaces for all community members.

In April, library staff took the first steps toward migrating the Integrated Library System (ILS) from SirsiDynix Workflows to Koha, supported by ByWater Solutions. ByWater staff were on-site for two days to work with library staff from relevant teams on mapping workflows and discussing process improvements to prepare for the eventual transition to the new system.

Looking Ahead

The summer reading program this year will begin on June 1 and ends on July 26. The theme this year is "Plant a Seed, Read".

TOURISM AND SPECIAL EVENTS

April Stats

Visit Los Alamos Facebook

15,696 Followers to date

104,682 Reached this month

1,399 Content interactions this Month

@VisitLosAlamosNM Instagram

1,657 Followers to Date

4,291 Reached this month

346 Content interactions this Month

Visit Los Alamos Email Newsletter

4,042 Subscribers

Visitlosalamos.org Website

19,166 Users

8,561 Engaged Sessions

31 seconds Average Engagement Time/Active User

Visitor Center Visitation

Los Alamos: 1,587 people this month

White Rock: 696 people this month

COMMUNITY BROADBAND

Construction preparations and mobilization are in full swing this month. Reels of fiber optic cable have been delivered. The materials staging area is active. Other materials such as conduit and electronics have been ordered, some of which will take some months to be delivered. Construction for Phase 1 is set to begin in the month of May.

A groundbreaking event has been planned and will happen on 5/12. Invitations have been sent out as well as a press release to let the public know about this milestone event celebrating the beginning of CBN construction.

The web site for Atomic Fiber came online in April as atomicfiber.net. The public can use the web site to register and express interest in being a subscriber, as well as to check in regularly for project updates and for new web site features, such as the upcoming dashboard page, where interested residents will review service options and sign up for service. County residents will soon be able to input their address and search to see when construction is planned for their neighborhood.

DPU and Public Works teams continue to participate in regular CBN design review and approval sessions. DPU continues pole "make ready" work, which is part of the prep for fiber optic cable installation.

For the San Ildefonso middle mile fiber project, their team is working to finish up fiber strand splicing and testing. The project is getting closer to completion and will be ready for first use soon.

Also, this month the broadband manager attended the New Mexico Day of Resilience, a multi-stakeholder initiative designed to strengthen digital access, communications continuity, and disaster readiness across the state. The ongoing initiative emphasizes connectivity as critical infrastructure, specifically addressing wildfire season readiness.

HEALTH, WELLBEING, AND SOCIAL SERVICES

April Stats

4 Contractor Public Programs and Events

140 People Attended Programs and Events

Updates

April has been a busy month of events and conferences for Social Services staff!

Case Coordination Specialist Deni Fell attended the American Society on Aging's 4-day national conference, On Aging 2026, from April 20th-23rd in Atlanta, GA. This year's theme was Belonging. The ASA convenes the nation's largest community of professionals working in aging as the go-to source for learning, networking, and embracing opportunity in the aging society through an equity lens.

Health Care Specialist Lori Padilla and Social Services Manager Jessica Strong attended the statewide Assisted Outpatient Treatment Courts (AOTC) statewide conference in Albuquerque, April 23-24, 2026. Assisted outpatient treatment (AOT) is the practice of providing outpatient treatment under a civil court order to individuals with severe mental illness who have demonstrated difficulty engaging with treatment on a voluntary basis. AOT can dramatically reduce hospitalization, criminalization, and other adverse outcomes for its target population.

Lastly, Social Services Manager, Jessica Strong, attended NatCon 2026, the National Council for Mental Health Conference in Denver, Colorado, April 27-29th. NCMH is a 501(c)(3) association and the unifying voice of organizations that deliver mental health and substance use recovery services in America.

Program Specialist Jamie Allbach set up an outreach and information booth at the Earth Day special event hosted at the Los Alamos Nature Center and PEEC on Saturday, April 18th. It was a fun-filled day of interactions while communicating with the public about a variety of Social Services available to Los Alamos County residents.

Contractors:

Los Alamos Public Schools Prevention (LAPS)

Nicotine Peer Ambassador Program

March and April 2026

Participants: 14

Launched a Nicotine Prevention Peer Ambassador Program that empowers students to lead prevention efforts and promote healthy, nicotine-free choices among their peers. Ambassadors received training on nicotine risks, refusal skills, and peer outreach, and actively engaged students through lunch-time tabling, direct conversations, campaigns, and events. The team also created and distributed informational flyers, produced a video for Topper TV and middle school audiences, and shared key messages through school announcements to broaden their reach. The program strengthens youth leadership, increases awareness, and supports a positive, prevention-focused school culture.

Family Strengths Network (FSN)

Build It Fridays

4/10/2026

Participants: 31

Families get the opportunity for some after-school fun with engaging engineering activities at Family Strengths Network, two Fridays a month. Never get bored with different materials to create and build with each month!

YMCA Los Alamos Teen Center (LATC)

Hawk Hangout - Take over the Teen Center

4/23/2026

Participants: 94

The Teen Center hosted a Hawk Hangout event, welcoming 94 seventh and eighth-grade students for an afternoon takeover of the facility. Participants explored a wide range of activities, including VR, nail care, and facial masks, and open recreation with pool, ping pong, arcade, and pinball machines, and video games such as Super Smash Bros and NBA 2K. Teens also had the opportunity to engage with the music space and instruments, as well as sing some karaoke. The event provided a structured, supervised introduction to the Teen Center while helping younger students build familiarity and comfort ahead of high school.

Upcoming Events & Announcements: New Member Welcome BBQ - June 5th from 3pm-6pm - we'll be grilling up brats, hot dogs, and burgers to welcome the newly graduated 8th graders.

INCLUSION, ACCESS, AND BELONGING

Staff have developed draft language to create an Inclusivity Advisory Board. This language is currently being reviewed by the County Attorney's office. Council will discuss this draft language at their May 19, 2026, Council meeting.

MOBILITY

Atomic City Transit Stats

Unlinked Passenger Trips (UPT) - 21,967

Fixed-Route UPT - 21,292

Demand-Response UPT- 675

Special UPT - 0

Service Days - 22

UPT per Service Day - 999

UPT per Service Mile - .55

Service Disruptions - 4

On-time Timepoint Departures – 87%

On-time Paratransit Trips – 99.6%

Buses with Defective ITS Systems – 14%

Customer Complaints – 1

Updates

Atomic City Transit has been awarded the 2025 Rural Transit System of the Year

This recognition honors agencies that demonstrate excellence in serving rural communities through reliable, efficient, and innovative public transit service. Atomic City Transit continues to meet the evolving needs of its riders while strengthening mobility within the region. Funded through the 5311 Grants for Rural Areas Program! The team was honored to receive this recognition from both NMDOT and NMTA. Each year, one transit agency is selected for outstanding performance, and this year the hard work stood out.



Fixed Route Monthly Performance Metrics

Atomic City Transit Ridership Report

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Fixed Route Monthly
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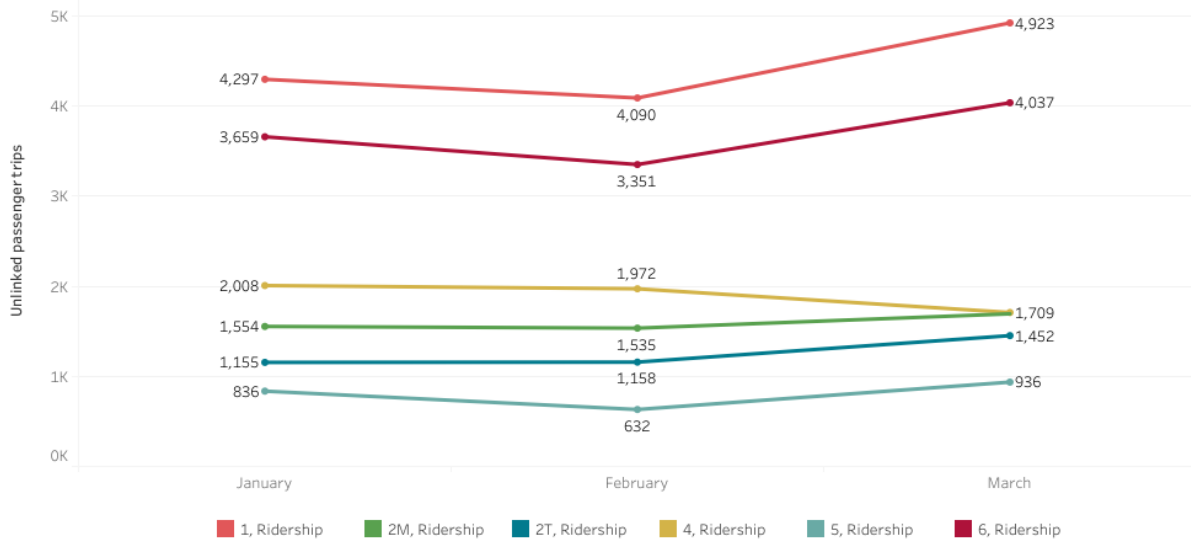
ACT MyRide Monthly
Performance Metrics

Seasonal Services
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Fixed Route Monthly Performance Metrics 2026

Monthly Ridership 2025

Routes 1-6 run year round with peak services on 1 and 6 in high ridership times for commutes and the lunch hour.



Monthly Ridership Comparison by Year

		1	2M	2T	4	5	6	Grand Total
March	2019	4,961	2,503	1,590	2,575	1,229	5,536	18,394
	2025	4,785	1,523	1,002	2,345	748	2,797	13,200
	2026	4,923	1,694	1,452	1,709	936	4,037	14,751

Monthly On Time Performance

		1	2M	2T	4	5	6	SYSTEM
March	2026	92%	76%	87%	85%	94%	85%	87%

ACT MyRide Services Monthly Performance Metrics

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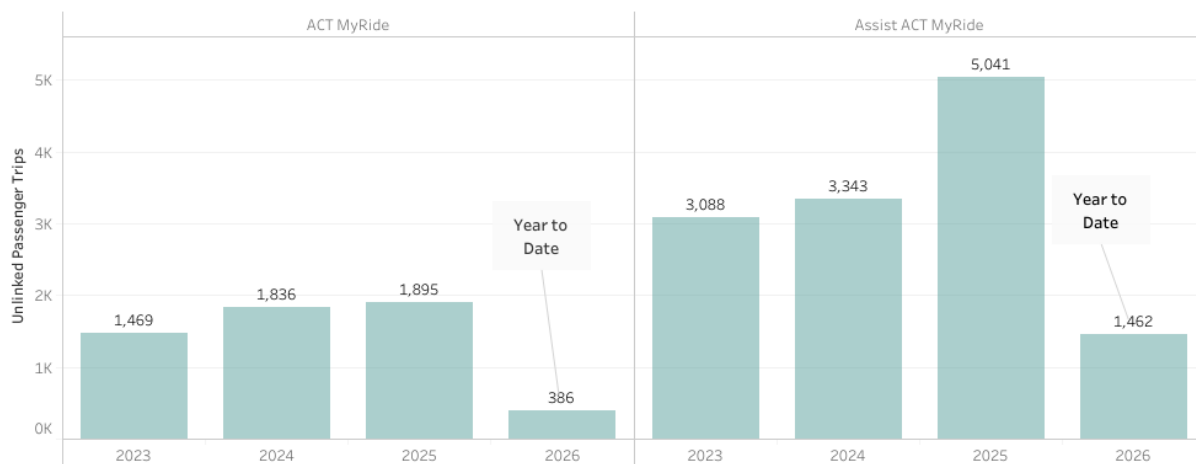
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ACT MyRide Services Monthly Performance Metrics 2026

On Demand: ACT MyRide and ACT MyRide Assist Programs Ridership

While both serves are free, ACT MyRide is a same day rideshare service open to the public while Assist ACT MyRide is by application only and part of the American Disabilities Act Program. Both services run Monday through Friday. ACT MyRide operates from 5:15 AM to 6:00 AM and 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM and Assist from 6:00 AM to 6:30 PM. An ACT MyRide Saturday Pilot Program ran from August 2, 2025 to October 25, 2025 to determine need and capacity for long term implementation.



Monthly Ridership Comparison by Year

		ACT MyRide	Assist ACT MyRide	Grand Total
March	2019	86	487	573
	2025	97	395	492
	2026	147	528	675

Monthly On Time Performance

		ACT MyRide	Assist ACT MyRide
March	2026	100%	100%

System Total Ridership Analysis Over Time

Atomic City Transit Ridership Report

System Total Ridership Analysis Ov..	System Total Ridership Yearly Com..	Fixed Route Monthly Analysis	ACT MyRide Monthly Performance Metrics	Seasonal Services Monthly Performance..
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System Total Ridership Analysis Over Time

How to Read this Graph: The year 2019 (blue column) is an industry baseline for ridership trends before pandemic times while the 2025 (purple column) and the 2026 (pink column) ridership numbers provide recovery comparisons year over year against the 2019 baseline. Significant ridership loss was seen in summer months due to Bandler service changes and access since 2024.



System Total Ridership Yearly Comparison

Atomic City Transit Ridership Report

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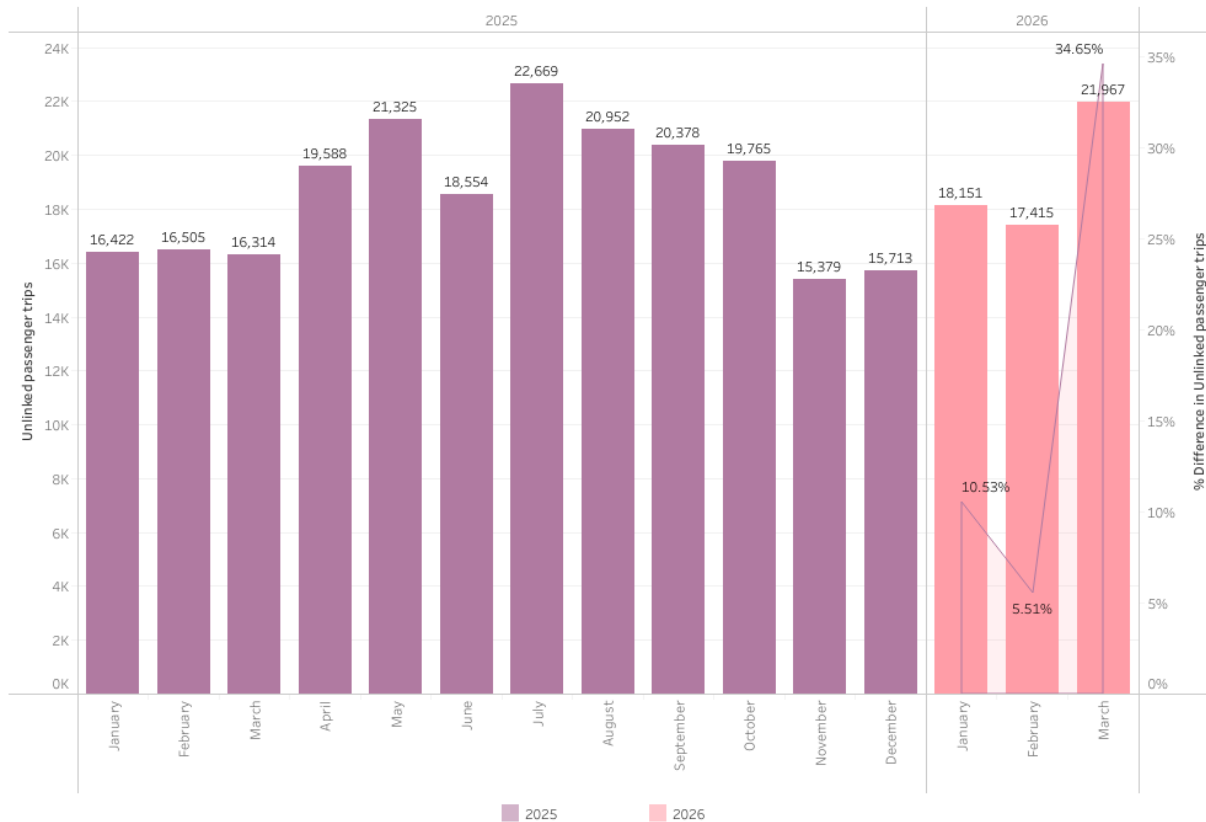
Fixed Route Monthly
Analysis

ACT MyRide Monthly
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System Total Ridership Yearly Comparison

How to Read this Graph: The columns show total ridership numbers including fixed route, seasonal services, and on demand ridership. The shaded areas (January is just a line for one month) show percent difference in ridership compared to the prior year so 2025 shows comparatively to 2026.



Seasonal Services Monthly Performance Metrics 2025

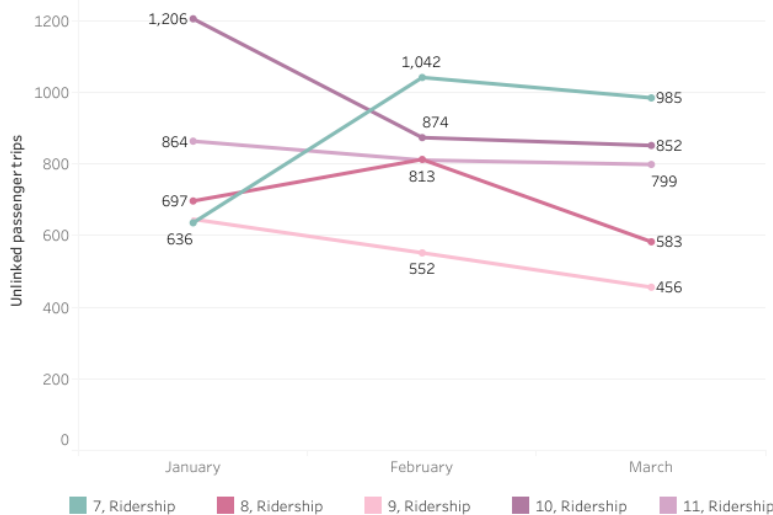
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Seasonal Services Monthly Performance Metrics 2026

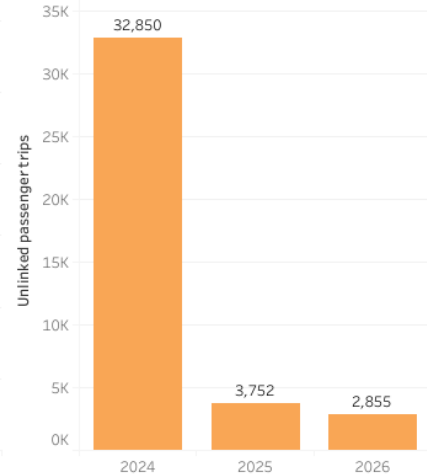
Express Routes 7-11, 2025

Express Routes run one outbound trip from bus stops near schools into the Downtown Area between 2:00 - 3:45pm August through May.



Bandelier Route 12

Bandelier contracted service runs between Juniper Parking Lot and the Visitor Center seasonally.



Note: Bandelier service ran March 19th to 29th.

Monthly Ridership Comparison by Year

	7	8	9	10	11	Bandelier 12	Grand Total
March 2019		554	675	725	629	0	2,583
2025	688	629	453	383	469		2,622
2026	985	583	456	852	799	2,855	6,530

There were 11 unassigned rider in March 2026. Unassigned riders are riders on board during non-revenue service periods or can happen when disconnected from the live tracking technology where the software cannot determine which route to assign the passengers.

TRANSPORTATION BOARD

The Transportation Board meeting for April was canceled.

OPEN SPACE, PARKS, AND RECREATION

ADMINISTRATION

Community Services has been named a finalist for the 2026 National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management for the second consecutive year. The department will be competing in Class V (population less than 30,000) for the

award managed by the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration (AAPRA) and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA).

19th Hole Sports Pub has been granted a temporary license agreement, allowing them to begin occupancy and set up of the restaurant on May 1. This is part of preparations for a tentative opening date of June 1.

Art in Public Places: An unveiling ceremony for “Raven Dialogues, Friendly Advice” was held at PEEC’s Earth Day event on Saturday, April 18th

Art in Public Places: "Los Alamos Heritage Gate" security art gate was installed at the Betty Ehart Senior Center..

Connecting with the Public

Discovering the Wild Bees of New Mexico – 4/14/2026

In-person and live-streamed presentation about native bees and the plants that depend on them.

70 participants

Earth Day Festival – 4/18/2026

In-person festival to celebrate Earth Day at the Los Alamos Nature Center. This is PEEC’s largest single event of the year and includes entertainment, food, activities, informational booths, and so much more!

1,300 participants

Fire, Forests, & the Future of the Jemez – 4/24/2026

In-person presentation about the history of how wildfire patterns and forest conditions have changed over time, and how it’s shaping forests in the Jemez Mountains.

74 participants

OPEN SPACE, PARKS AND TRAILS

April Stats

Parks Acres Maintained: 1,017

No updates for April 2026

RECREATION

April Stats:

Programs and Events: 110

Participation:

- Recreation: 2,874

Open Gym Programs: 1,098

Vendors: 0

People Utilizing the Ice Rink: 1,537

Updates:

Work continues at Pinon Park Pool, replacing filter socks, performing concrete and tile repairs, and preparing for the Fire and State inspections. Additionally, Yearout continues to work on the boiler for the Pinon Park Pool. The merc and pressure test is complete, awaiting the state inspection to finalize this project.

The Father-Daughter dance and Mom & Son/Family Dances are always a hit, allowing families to get dressed up and go dancing, and more importantly, make memories.

Night to Remember is the special needs prom, an event for individuals to get dressed up and go out dancing with their friends and family.

The Gymkhana horse event has been doing well with 14 participants at the first event, and the program is growing.

On Wednesday, April 22, the Aquatics Division Manager held a training session at the Whiterock Water Treatment Plant on rescuing a worker who had fallen into the water tanks. Roughly 12 participants from GWS. The participants learned how to use a shepherd's hook to rescue a victim and pull them out.

Hawk Hang Out took over the teen center on April 23rd with 98 middle schoolers in attendance, enjoying themselves doing nails, facials, playing games, singing karaoke, and eating hot dogs



Bear Sculpture Unveiling



Cory at Barranca



Earth Day



LAPS Nicotine Ambassadors



Chess Tournament



White Rock Water Treatment Plant Training



New Filters



Pinon Pool

PUBLIC SAFETY

BUILDING SAFETY

8 Commercial Building permits were issued in April 2026 with a total valuation of \$3,068,500.00.

76 Residential Building permits were issued in April 2026 with a total valuation of \$1,496,560.37.

2 Certificates of Occupancy were issued in April 2026.

214 Building Inspections took place in April 2026.

Update

On April 8th, the final certificate of occupancy was issued for The Hill, marking the completion of a nearly 5-year project.

On April 24th, the Building Safety Division held a class for roofing contractors. The class covered applicable building codes, the permitting process, Class A roof assemblies, and common inspection failures.



Looking Ahead

An educational event for homeowners will be hosted in White Rock, similar to the one held in March. This event is tentatively scheduled for mid-July, and will focus on permitting requirements, common code considerations, and best practices for home improvement projects.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

CDD Director Elias Isaacson attended the ICC EduCode Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, from February 23–27, 2026. During the conference, Elias attended sessions focused on upcoming code cycles, leadership development, and code enforcement practices. These sessions provided updates on evolving building codes and offered insight into effective leadership and enforcement strategies that support safe and compliant development within the community.

POLICE

Update

The Los Alamos Police Department (LAPD) is actively working to enhance public safety through proactive DUI prevention. Since St. Patrick's Day 2026, the department has performed two DWI checkpoints, engaging with over 2,000 drivers during each operation.



The LAPD selects DUI checkpoint locations based on data-driven factors, focusing on areas with a high frequency of alcohol/drug-related arrests and collision statistics. Safety is a priority, with sites chosen for high visibility and adequate lighting to protect both motorists and officers.

FIRE

LAFD Responded to 167 calls for service in April

- 128 EMS Calls
- 20 Hazardous Situation
- 19 Public Service
- 18 Non-Emergency (False Alar/Good Intent)
- 5 Rescue Calls
- 3 Fire Calls
- 6 Fire Investigations
- 131 Fire Inspections
- 62 New Social Media Followers (17 IG, 45 FB)

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Environmental Stewardship

Meeting Goals

During April 2026, the Sustainability Office continued advancing implementation of the Climate Action Plan through community engagement, environmental stewardship initiatives, regional collaboration, and electrification planning efforts.

The Sustainability Newsletter was published in celebration of Earth Month and subscriber participation continued to grow, increasing from 130 to 137 subscribers with a 66% engagement rate.

The County's new climate action campaign, Give A Shift, was selected by the community and officially launched during the PEEC Earth Day Festival. The campaign

encourages community members to make small shifts toward more environmentally friendly behaviors.

The County also hosted an Earth Day celebration for staff at the Municipal Building, highlighting the many environmental programs and services available to employees and community members. Participating organizations and programs included:

- Atomic City Transit showcasing free public transportation services
- Environmental Services highlighting the County's recycling programs
- Los Alamos Fire Department sharing information about defensible space and wildfire preparedness
- Bee City Los Alamos providing education on pollinator-friendly gardening
- Los Alamos Public Library showcasing community programs and services
- Interactive sustainability activities including recycled notepad making and kinetic-energy-powered snow cone making

The event served as a fun and engaging way to recognize the many ways Los Alamos County is supporting environmental stewardship, conservation, and climate action efforts.

Staff also continued participating in Extended Producer Responsibility meetings with state partners to support ongoing waste reduction and recycling discussions statewide.

Energy & Electrification Initiatives

Staff developed an On-Bill Financing presentation scheduled for presentation to the Board of Public Utilities on June 3. The proposed program would provide low-interest financing opportunities for homeowners to complete energy efficiency and electrification upgrades while remaining compliant with the Anti-Donation Clause. The program is intended to support energy efficiency improvements, incentivize electrification and help advance long-term goals related to reducing reliance on natural gas.

Environmental Sustainability Board (ESB)

The Environmental Sustainability Board received a presentation on New Mexico's first Climate Action Plan, along with a presentation from Firebrand Creative, the County's Climate Marketing and Engagement consultant. Discussions included behavioral science research related to climate communications and the strategic direction of the Give A Shift campaign.

Staff also attended the Ridwell recycling event hosted at the Unitarian Church. The program provided community members with opportunities to recycle and divert hard-to-recycle materials that are not typically accepted through curbside recycling programs.

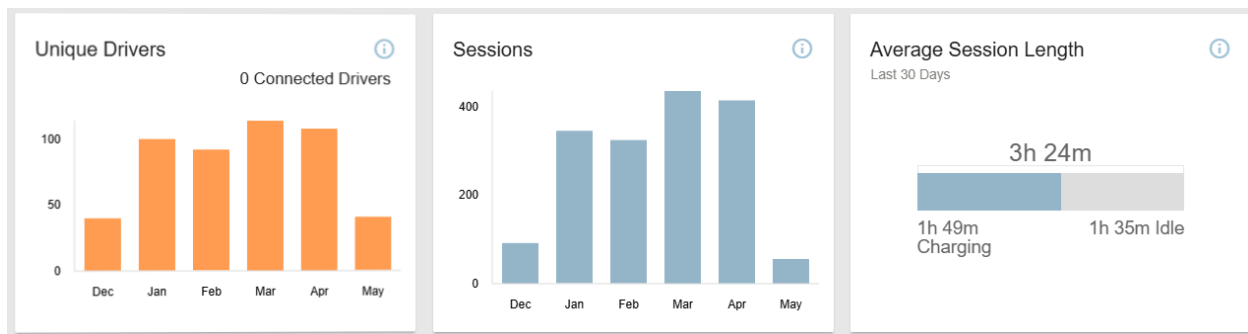
Additionally, the ESB Chair appointed a working group to begin development of a proposed single-use plastic bag ordinance in response to County Council direction.

EV Planning

The final Fleet Conversion Plan and Community-Wide EV Charging Plan were presented to the Board of Public Utilities, marking the final benchmark for the project. Both plans had previously been accepted by County Council and provide long-term strategies for fleet electrification and expansion of EV charging infrastructure throughout the community.

Public EV charger utilization remained steady, with monthly charging sessions exceeding 300 sessions from January through April and peaking at more than 430 sessions in March. Unique driver activity also remained consistently high during this period, indicating continued use of the County's charging network.

Average charging session length over the last 30 days was approximately 3 hours and 24 minutes, including 1 hour and 49 minutes of active charging time. Charger utilization data will continue to be monitored to help inform future infrastructure planning and operational considerations.



WASTE MANAGEMENT

Environmental Services March Stats

Customer Service Emails – 55

Roll Cart Requests – 60

Total bear carts deployed are 2,328. LA townsite has 2,244 and WR has 84

Household Hazardous Waste Customers – 80

Recycle Coach App Users – 4,245

Recycle Coach App Interactions – 14,414

Overlook Visitors – 148

Transfer Station Visitors – 2,283
Yard Trimming Participants – 5,434
Social Media Followers – 1.3k

Update

Environmental Services was proud to participate in this year's Earth Day celebration at the Pajarito Environmental Education Center (PEEC) on Saturday, April 18th, joining community members in honoring and protecting the local environment. Management Analyst Joshua Levings engaged with visitors of all ages, sharing information about sustainable practices, waste reduction, and the services provided to keep Los Alamos clean and environmentally responsible.

In addition, Environmental Services joined the Earth Day celebration at the municipal building on April 22nd, where Management Analyst Joshua Levings connected with visitors about proper recycling practices and handed out fun and useful giveaways.

Yard trimming collection for calendar year 2026 started on Monday, March 23 and has collected over 100 tons of yard waste. The material collected will be mulched and utilized in the bio solid composting for wastewater or used by residents for landscaping. Residents are allowed one cart per household. Register for a Yard Trimming Cart online at www.losalamosnm.us/gogreen.



Residential Sustainability Report



Residential Sustainability Report

Service Period: March 2026

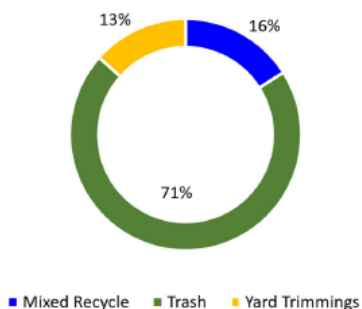
March Diversion Rate: 29%



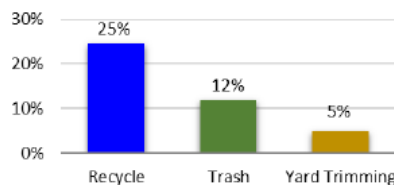
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The *diversion rate* is the percent of recyclable and compostable material diverted from the landfill.

Monthly Collection Report

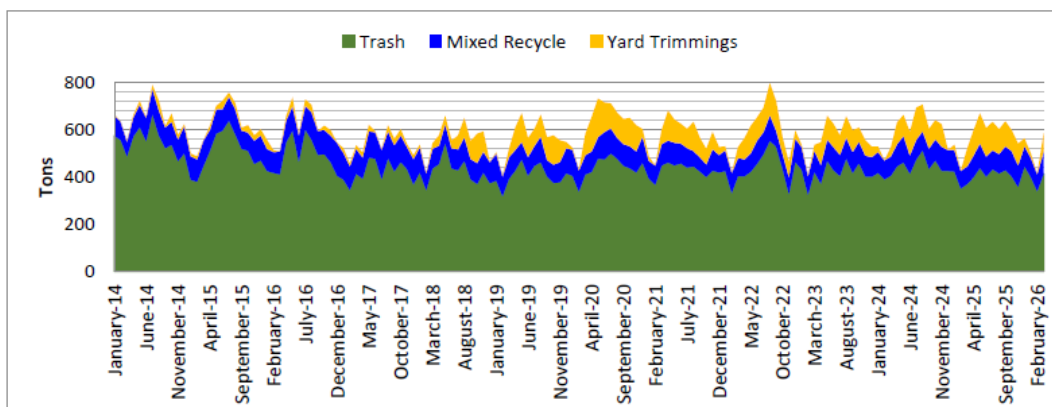


% Change Previous Year

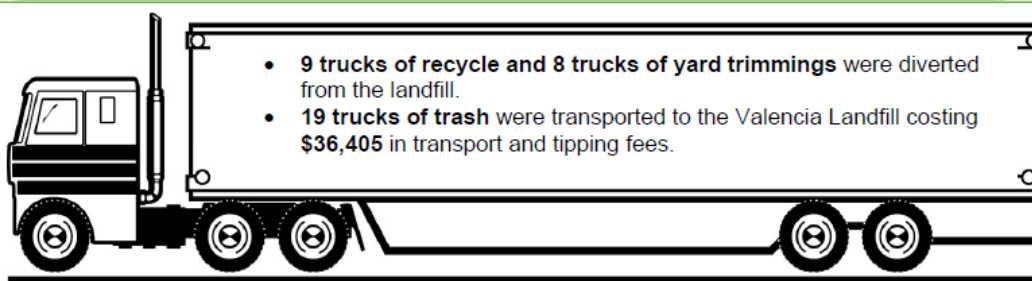


	Mar-25	Mar-26
Yard Trimmings	75.18	78.87
Recycle	75.47	93.99
Trash	370.64	414.32

In March by recycling and composting Los Alamos County reduced GHG emissions by ~477 tons*



In 2026 by recycling and composting Los Alamos County reduced GHG emissions by ~1,052 tons*



For more information contact Environmental Services Division at 505.662.8163 or email solidwaste@lacnm.us

*GHG emissions calculated using <https://www.stopwaste.co/calculator>

BUILDING FACILITIES

Capital Improvement Projects – Engineering

Los Alamos County is working on a variety of projects that support quality of life, infrastructure, and economic development initiatives. A summary of the project and additional information can be found on the website – <https://lacnm.com/PW-Projects>

Project Name	Dept	Update
NM-4 Crossing and Multi-Use Trail and Pinon Elementary School Trail Extension	PW	This project will create an at-grade crossing of NM State Road 4 in White Rock at the Mirador Subdivision and provide both new multi-use trail infrastructure and reconstructed trail infrastructure in the Pinon Park area. The county received design and construction grant funding from NMDOT for this project. A separate grant was also received to extend the trail network through the Pinon Elementary School to Grand Canyon Drive. The designs are being completed by Bohannon Huston and will be advertised for construction in Spring 2026 with construction continuing through 2027.
Trinity Drive Safety and ADA	PW	This project is the result of a 2016 road safety audit and has been awarded grant funding from the Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program by NMDOT. A resolution of support was made by Council in September 2024 approving a Hybrid Road Diet, one of the alternatives presented by the engineer Wilson and Co. The design has been finalized and advertised for construction.
Finch Street	PW	This project design was completed by an on-call engineering firm. The project is anticipated to be advertised for bids in late 2025. Council approved an agreement with the Los Alamos Medical Center for the transfer of land for the construction of the Finch Street project in August 2023. The project has been advertised for construction. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2026.
Canyon Rim Trail Phase III	PW	The project design and right-of-way (ROW) acquisitions are underway from Knecht Street to 15 th Street. The design is being completed by an on-call engineering firm, Wilson and Co. The project is anticipated to be advertised for bids in Fall 2026 with construction occurring in late 2026/2027. Completion of the trail design from 15 th Street to 20 th Street is pending ROW acquisitions.
Denver Steels Phase II	PW, DPU	This project was awarded to TLC Plumbing and Utility (Spear D) with construction ongoing. The joint project with the Department of Public Utilities includes full road reconstruction along with utility upgrades.
Fairway Dr. – Trinity Dr. to LANL Gate	PW, DPU	This project is a joint-utility project with DPU and is anticipated for construction in late 2026 through 2027. The design is being completed in-house and is underway.

Denver Steels Phase III	PW, DPU	This project is a joint-utility project with DPU and is anticipated for construction in late 2026 through 2027. The design is being completed in-house and is underway.
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Capital Improvement Projects Updates - Facilities

A summary of the project and additional information can be found at the County website

– <https://www.losalamosnm.us/Government/Departments-and-Divisions/Public-Works/Capital-Projects-Facilities-Division-Projects>.

Project Name	Dept	Update
Asset Management Software for Facilities	PW	Facilities team is coordinating a department liaison training for the County's work order request portal (AkitaBox).
Benchmarking Building Utility Consumption	PW	No activities to report in April
Justice Center Emergency Dispatch CRAC Unit	PD	Task Order has been signed and notice to proceed was issued to contractor.
Manhattan Project Era Dormitory Renovation	PW	The Architect is finalizing 100% Construction documents and Public Works is preparing to issue an IFB by June 2026.
Golf Course Site Improvements	PW, CSD	Mid-America completed warranty work.
Golf Course Clubhouse HVAC replacement	PW, CSD	HVAC installation has been completed and HVAC Test and Balance in progress.
Ice Rink Permanent Chiller Replacement	PW, CSD	Quarterly chiller maintenance completed.
Ice Rink Floor Replacement and Shade Structure	PW, CSD	Project team is finalizing RFP for design –build services.
Fire Station 3 Snow Melt System Replacement	PW, FD	Project team received a redesign proposal from Lloyd & Associates. The project manager is working on Task Order revision 1.
Emergency Operations Center (EOC)	PW, PD, FD	Project team is finalizing the floor plan configuration and starting discussions about sustainable building features.
Fire Station 4 Replacement	PW, FD	Contract awarded to Spartan Construction. The contractor and project team kicked off the project with anticipated mobilization in early May.
Aquatic Center Olympic Pool Restoration	PW, CSD	Pool tile installation has started on the vertical walls and swim lanes of the shallow end. Project team requested quotes for painting the natatorium walls.

Betty Ehart Senior Center Renovation	PW, CSD	Council approved the TO Revision to complete the construction documents for General Renovations Project.
Betty Ehart Senior Center HVAC Replacement	PW, CSD	100% Construction Documents are due at the end of this month. Public Works is soliciting interest from on-call construction contractors to receive cost proposals.
Mesa Public Library EV charging Stations	CMO, PW, DPU	Purchase Order has been generated. R&M Construction provided barricade plans and work is scheduled to start by mid-May.
Aquatic Center Pool Replacement Pumps Design	PW, CSD	Agreement for design services executed. Projects kicks off in May 1.
County Facilities Interior and Exterior Lighting Upgrades	PW	Project team is drafting a scope of work to develop an implementation plan to upgrade interior and exterior lighting in County facilities.
PCS Salt Bins Rust Correction	PW	Review of 90% of drawings in progress.
PCS Bus Canopy Snowmelt System	PW	Construction drawings finalization still in progress
Electric Bus Charging Infrastructure	PW	Revisions to electrical drawings are in progress. Project team is compiling the bid documents.
Brewer Arena Improvements	PW, CSD	Council approved a Task Order with All-Rite Construction LLC, to begin construction in May 2026.
Social Services Action Center	PW, CSD	Project team is reviewing proposals from A/E consultants for the planning and conceptual design phase of this project.
Airport T-Hangars	PW	Piers for T-Hangars completed
WR Visitor Center Food Truck Pads	PW, CDD	Project team is waiting for pricing from on-call contractors
BESC Heritage Gate	PW, CSD	Installation completed.
Ashley Pond Electrical Pedestals Phase II	PW, CSD	Construction is anticipated to begin in early May.
White Rock Complex EV Chargers	PW	Project is in design phase.
Longview Dr. Development	PW	Project team is reviewing cost proposals for the demolition of three structures in the way of the street realignment.
Animal Shelter Dog Run/Exercise Area	PD, PW	Project team is reviewing cost estimates for this project.

ROADS

Updates

The Finch Street project was advertised for construction in April. The scope of work for the Finch St. project includes an extension of Finch St. from the end of 35th St. through the LAMC parking lot to Trinity Dr. (NM 502). The project is being coordinated with LAMC to reconfigure their existing parking lot and relocate their driveway east to the new Finch St. connection with Trinity Dr.

Connecting with the Public

Public outreach for the Trinity Drive Safety and ADA project is ongoing. The county has contracted with CWA Strategic Communications, an experienced public relations agency, to provide this service.

The Denver Steels Phase II public outreach process consists of coordination with affected residents, businesses, and LAPS. This coordination is critical to successful project execution while minimizing negative impacts.

Planning is underway for public outreach for the multiple projects being overseen by Public Works including construction of NM-Crossing and Multi-Use Trail; and design of Denver Steels Phase III and Fairway Drive projects.

Looking Ahead

Preparation continues in preparing solicitation of bids for NM-4 Multi-Use Trail and Crossing projects.

Design development continues for Denver Steels Phase III and Fairway Drive. These projects are joint-utility projects and are anticipated to be advertised for bids in late 2026 for 2026/2027 construction.

The Division continues to play an active role in reviewing developer applications, conducting inspections, and approving construction permits and design reviews. Recent reviews have covered a diverse range of projects, such as the Christus Development, A-8-A Coyote Mesa, 20th Street Development, the Guesthouse Hotel (old Hilltop House site), the Women's Dormitory Building, and the Hills Apartments/35th Street Realignment. Other reviews include the Century Bank, Sherwood Rounds off Longview Drive, Arbolada, and the redevelopment of the Motel 6 building.

NEW STAFF & PROMOTIONS

Clerk's Office:

The team is thrilled to announce that Victoria Montoya has officially stepped into the role of Elections Manager. Victoria is a familiar face in the Clerk's Office, and her return to the team marks a significant win for the election operations.

Victoria's professional journey has come full circle here in Los Alamos. She originally served as a Senior Deputy Clerk in the office before expanding her expertise across the county, holding key roles within both the Parks and Records departments. Her foundational experience also includes valuable time spent at the Rio Arriba County Clerk's Office, giving her a broad and seasoned perspective on New Mexico's specific election requirements.

By bringing this diverse background back to the Clerk's Office, Victoria offers a unique blend of institutional knowledge and cross-departmental experience. The team is confident that her stewardship will be instrumental in ensuring the elections remain secure, transparent, and efficiently managed. Please join us in welcoming Victoria into her new role!



Benjamin Gonzales, Engineering, Project Manager

We're pleased to welcome Benjamin Gonzales to the Engineering team in his new role as Project Manager.

Atomic City Transit Welcomes Dennis and Saul as their New Transit Operator Trainees



Dennis Epperson

Saul Rasmussen

Staff Member Highlight of the Month – April 2026

Congratulations to Traffic and Streets Employees, Andy and Ross who recently passed the Commercial Driver's License – Class A (CDL) test



Andy Romero

Ross Kohn

Staff Member Highlight of the Month – March 2026



Jose Ramirez, Transit Operator II

Atomic City Transit is proud to recognize Jose Ramirez, Transit Operator II, for his outstanding contributions. Since joining the team in November 2025, Jose has been a key part of evening fixed route and Dial-a-Ride services, consistently supporting both his supervisor and coworkers with a wide range of tasks.

Jose stands out for his initiative and strong work ethic—he's someone who steps up and gets things done. His positive attitude and teamwork make him a valued member of the ACT team. In recent months, the department has also received multiple compliments from riders highlighting Jose's excellent customer service.

Great job, Jose—your dedication does not go unnoticed. If you see him on your next trip with Atomic City Transit, be sure to say hello!

From: jordan archuleta <rijamesarchuleta@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 2, 2026 1:36 PM
To: Atomic City Transit <AtomicCityTransit@losalamosnm.gov>
Subject: Compliment

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Hi there I wanted to give a good compliment to the new guy Jose. I have a 7 month old baby who was asleep in my arms and I had my hands full with grocery bags from Smiths and he offered to help me. I thought that was really nice of him to offer his help even though he didn't have to.
Jordan

Library:

The Library welcomed three new casual library associates in April. The new associates are Abby Richmond, Joanna Gillespie, and Bridget Hoodless, who will serve in teams across the library, including at the branch in White Rock.



Cyrus Gray, Finance and Budget Analyst

Cyrus began as the Finance Department's new Finance & Budget Analyst on April 28th and will work primarily on bank reconciliations and capital assets. He received his master's degree in accounting at New Mexico State University and has prior work experience in government finance, most recently at North Central Solid Waste Authority.

Cyrus is from Espanola, NM and has lived in northern NM for his entire life. In his free time, he enjoys reading, bike riding, snowboarding and spending time with family and friends. Finance is excited to welcome Cyrus to the team!

ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to the following individuals on their service anniversaries with the Los Alamos County:

15 years

Beatrice Odezulu
Marisol Padilla

20 years

Katherine Stoddard

25 years

Jerry Norris

RETIREMENT

The team would like to congratulate the following individuals on their retirement from the County:

David A. Martinez- CDD (Building) after 8 years

Pete A. Garcia- Police (Detention) after 16 years

On April 28th, David Martinez, Chief Building Official (CBO), officially retired after a distinguished career spanning nearly 20 years in code enforcement and building safety, including approximately nine years of service with Los Alamos County. During his tenure, he provided leadership in building code interpretation and enforcement, guided complex projects through plan review and inspection processes, and supported staff development within the Building Safety Division. His contributions had a lasting impact on the department and the community, and he will be greatly missed.

ACCOLADES

Congratulations to the following team members who earned Recognition coins this month:

Kevin Vigil – Cooperation

Your hard work directly demonstrates the County's values, and we congratulate you on striving to meet the mission and vision of the County. Thank you for your exceptional efforts and for being an inspiring part of our team.

From: Laurent, Anne <anne.laurent@losalamosnm.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2026 3:34 PM
To: "County Council" <CountyCouncil@losalamosnm.gov>
Cc: Martinez, Eric <eric.martinez@losalamosnm.gov>; Wilson, Keith <keith.wilson@losalamosnm.gov>; Styron, Cory <cory.styron@losalamosnm.gov>; Peterson, Eric <eric.peterson@losalamosnm.gov>; Parker, Wendy <wendy.parker@losalamosnm.gov>
Subject: FW: Quemazon Graffiti

Dear Council,
A shout out of appreciation to our PW and Open Space staff for quickly removing graffiti in the public right-of-way.
Anne

From: Wilson, Keith <keith.wilson@losalamosnm.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2026 2:57 PM
To: Laurent, Anne <anne.laurent@losalamosnm.gov>
Cc: Walker-Foster, Tim <tim.walker-foster@losalamosnm.gov>; Rael, Juan <juan.rael@losalamosnm.gov>; Martinez, Eric <eric.martinez@losalamosnm.gov>; Peterson, Eric <eric.peterson@losalamosnm.gov>
Subject: Quemazon Graffiti

Good Afternoon Anne,

Letting you know that Traffic and Streets crews removed the graffiti at the Diamond Dr Pedestrian Bridge and the Quemazon Pl/North Road Intersection this afternoon. The third location further up Quemazon Place was determined to be on private property and it sounded like from our discussion yesterday that the HOA was taking care of its removal.

Below are pictures after removal. Note that the black staining on the rock under the "Quemazon" is natural staining of the rock and not remnants of the graffiti.

Thanks to Tim and his crew and Eric Peterson for providing the "Elephant Snot" Graffiti remover material.



Subject: Re: Parking sign for Bath Tub row

THANK YOU!!! 🙏

I noticed them and have been meaning to send a note of thanks!

I actually observed an out of town car turn at the sign and proceed to the parking lot. Those signs help a lot!

Again, muchas gracias,

Georgia Strickfaden

Library:

As a retired librarian living in Rio Arriba Co., I can't thank Los Alamos County Library System enough for access to their outstanding collection, services & staff.

Patron said that she appreciates that the youth library staff make a point of introducing parents to each other when we're all casually chatting. She said, "It's like you're a friend dating service!"

A patron expressed gratitude for help using the library's mobile printing service.