

Central Avenue Corridor BRT Project
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Small Starts Project Development
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The City of Albuquerque's ABQ RIDE proposes to implement bus rapid transit (BRT) along the Central Avenue Corridor. The corridor is approximately 17 miles long extending from Interstate 40 on the east side of Tramway Boulevard to Interstate 40 on the west side of Albuquerque at its interchange with Atrisco Vista Road. The Central Avenue Corridor BRT project would operate within the existing public right of way of Central Avenue and feature: dedicated stations with raised platforms accommodating level boarding; off-board fare collection; a mix of dedicated and shared right of way; traffic signal priority; and bi-directional headways.

Central Avenue is one of the region's key east-west roadways and one of the few roads that crosses the Rio Grande connecting the burgeoning residential development on the west side of the river with the region's major employment and activity centers east of the river.

ABQ RIDE anticipates developing a locally preferred alternative (LPA) and adopting it into the region's fiscally constrained long-range transportation plan by March 2015. ABQ RIDE expects to complete the environmental review process with receipt of a categorical exclusion by March 2015, receive a Small Starts Grant Agreement in December 2015, and start revenue service by 2017.

