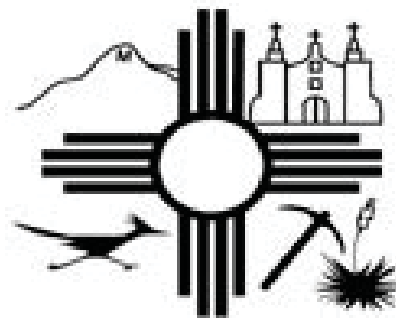


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Do you recognize this building?

At one time it was City Hall. It's been a court and a jail. Most recently it housed the Socorro County Facilities and Maintenance Department. Now it's undergoing a grand refurbishing to become the new home of Socorro's Transportation Department.

What IS the Transportation Department? It started in 2006 with "one man and one van." Today there are 5 vans, 2 fulltime and 3 parttime drivers and Rosemary Rosas, the fulltime program manager all serving an average of 58 passengers a day and keeping Socorro on the move.

The work on the outside of the building has been done for some time, but the inside requires a complete remodel. TFC Construction of La Joya is demolishing the interior and installing new ceilings and flooring and patching up the adobe walls. By the end of March they expect to have completed work on a main reception area with 4 offices. Two of the offices will be for the Transportation Department and 2 will likely be leased out as professional space. ARRA (the

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act commonly known as "stimulus money") is funding the project.

Need a ride? It's your ticket to the Rail Runner, to Alamo, or just around town. The vans run scheduled service 3 times a day during the week to the Rail Runner station and Valencia Campus in Belen, and make 3 trips to the train station on the weekend. A van comes in from Alamo in the morning and returns there in the afternoon—and stops in Magdalena on the way. Need to go somewhere within the city limits on YOUR schedule? Just call the dispatch at 835-1501.

You can't beat the price: in town it's 50 cents (25 for students and senior citizens); a dollar each way to Belen or Alamo. If you hop on in Magdalena to come to Socorro, the cost is .75. You MUST reserve your seat in advance You can find the schedule online at www.socorronm.gov/city_services/transportation.asp.

Workmen found evidence of steel bars in the ceiling in the northeast room indicating its use as a jail cell at one time. This old walk-in safe will remain in the reception area and probably used for storage.



Employee Anniversaries

Jay Santillanes	15 years
Robert Aragon	5 years
Thaddeus Bejnar	5 years

City Council

Mary Ann Chavez-Lopez	Nick Fleming
Gordy Hicks	Toby Jaramillo
Donald Monette	Michael Olguin, Jr.
Ernest Pargas, Jr.	Peter D. Romero
Ravi Bhasker, Mayor	Pat Salome, Clerk