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## **Blue Bus Fall Service Changes**

Taos Chile Line service hours reduced; Turquoise Trail

Route reinstated with new updated route and number

Beginning Monday, Oct. 16, the Blue Bus will operate the all-new 275 Turquoise Trail route, providing service to Madrid, Los Cerrillos, NM-599 Rail Runner Station, Santa Fe Outlets and Santa Fe Place Mall. The new fare-free service will offer four round trips Monday through Friday.

In a related change, Route 270, previously branded as the Turquoise Trail route will now be re-named as the NM-599 Station Route. The free weekday service includes three round trips Monday through Friday and serves the NM-599 Rail Runner station, the Oñate Military Complex and the State Penitentiary Complex.

Taos area Blue Bus passengers need to be aware that effective Monday, Oct. 16, service hours on the popular 340 Chile line have been reduced, starting later in the morning and ending earlier on evenings. Northbound buses will now run between 7:30 a.m. and 4:53 p.m. and southbound buses run between 8:15 a.m. and 5:29 p.m. Previously, Chile Line northbound service ran between 7:30 a.m. and 6:08 p.m. and southbound buses ran between 7:00 a.m. and 6:44 p.m. The Chile line serves the Taos Pueblo, the Town of Taos and Ranchos de Taos.

Please visit the Blue Bus web site at <u>https://www.ncrtd.org/service-changes/</u> for more details or call 866-206-0754.

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