

# News Release



## New Mexico Rail Runner Express makes improvements to roadway near Los Ranchos/Journal Center Station

**Rail system teams up with Bernalillo County to make area near north valley train station safer**  
(Albuquerque, NM – January 23, 2009)- Beginning this weekend, the New Mexico Rail Runner Express will start work at the Los Ranchos/Journal Center Rail Runner station to add some safety features that will help alert and guide motorists and passengers in the area.

“We’ve got a lot of people using this particular station, so we are adding some interim safety features as we explore a long-term solution”, says Lawrence Rael, Executive Director of the Mid-Region Council of Governments. “We want to make sure that motorists, train passengers and area residents are slowing down in the area and paying attention to posted signs. “

### **Construction and added safety features for Los Ranchos/Journal Center Rail Runner Station:**

- The addition of three speed humps on El Pueblo between Edith and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street
- Posted signs that warn motorists that they are entering a “Congested Area”
- The speed limit will be reduced from 40 mph to 30 mph
- Increased Bernalillo County Sheriff Patrols

“I have had extensive meetings with area neighbors and neighborhood associations in my district over concerns such as additional parking and safety”, says Bernalillo County Commissioner Michael Wiener, District 4. “I am very pleased that the County and the Rail Runner are working together to address those concerns, and I look forward to continued efforts to identify some long-term solutions.”

Work in the area of the Los Ranchos/Journal Center Station will begin on Sunday.

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