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## **ART Electric Bus Showcased at Unique Philanthropic Car Show**

**ALBUQUERQUE, NM** – This weekend, the premier Albuquerque Rapid Transit (ART) electric bus will be showcased at the Concours Du Soleil black tie gala on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> and Public show on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. The ART Bus will be on display in the “Hot Hybrids” row of the impressive car show along with the 2016 Tesla P90X and the 2015 Porsche 918 Spyder.

Organized by the Albuquerque Community Foundation, the goal for Concours du Soleil is to celebrate a beautiful collection of New Mexico owned automobiles while raising funds to make a positive impact in the Albuquerque community. Over the past several years, Concours has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for nonprofit organizations working in the greater Albuquerque area.

The ART Bus is the United States' first 60-foot articulated battery-electric transit buses will provide an eco-friendly, high efficiency, long-lasting bus with increased reliability and simplified maintenance. These top of the line buses will also provide about a 50% savings on monthly fuel and maintenance costs.

Cost savings are only one facet of the benefits of electric buses. Selecting electric buses also improves the health quality for Albuquerque residents. Exhaust from diesel buses includes pollutants and emissions of carbon monoxide, hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides, whereas electric buses provide clean energy, which reduces City's carbon footprint. Through the use of electric buses over their 15 year operational lifetime, it is estimated that the City will reduce the its carbon footprint by more than 21,780 metric tons while also saving taxpayers \$9.8 million in operational savings. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, this carbon offset is the equivalent to removing 4,601 passenger vehicles off the road for one year, recycling 6,912 tons of waste instead of it being landfilled, or removing 2,300 homes' energy use for one year.

The cost of the 20 buses is \$22.9 million utilizing FTA funding.

The Albuquerque Rapid Transit is currently 70% completed with the opening expected at the end of the year. For more information on the project and bus design, visit [brtabq.com](http://brtabq.com) or call the ART hotline at 505-398-4ART (4278).

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