



In October 1881, the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad completed its line over Raton Pass and down the Rio Grande to El Paso. The line brought railroad service to Spanish-era missions and Native American pueblos such as Los Lunas. Today, passenger service is provided between Santa Fe and Belen (the next stop south of Las Lunas) by the Rio Metro Regional Transit District's New Mexico Rail Runner Express.

The line also is an important freight route for BNSF, today using locomotives sporting Santa Fe livery.



This bolted-rail siding looks out-of-service and was either an older version of the AT&SF mainline or more likely an old siding.