



# EL PASO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY



El Paso Area Transportation Service, LGC (the “Corporation”) is organized for the purpose of encouraging and assisting local units of government to join and cooperate with one another to provide and deliver regional multimodal transportation solutions for the residents of the Greater El Paso community.

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*HISTORY*  
**EL PASO COUNTY  
TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM**

- El Paso Countywide Transit Service Plan – 1994
- Recommended one unified transit system for the county with Sun Metro extending into the county & .05 % sales tax to pay for the service. Not approved.
- Address Pollution / Air Quality
- EP County expanded the Fixed Route Transit Program
- Identified future services (paratransit, demand / response, Park-and-Ride, etc.)

*HISTORY*  
**EL PASO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION  
PROGRAM 2005 - 2015**

- Increased routes to unserved areas
- Federal funding increased nationwide (Clean Air Act – CMAQ)
- Van Pool Program implemented
- Gold Route (El Paso to Las Cruces)
- Regional Planning Committee (WTEP) established (EP County – Lead Agency)

*HISTORY*  
**EL PASO COUNTY  
TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM**

- 2015 – 2024 Regional Transit Institutional Options Feasibility Study- Identified Five Scenarios for Countywide Transit Program
- Creation of Local Government Corporation – LGC (2020 / 2021)
- Continued expansion of Fixed Transit
- Converted the fleet to CNG
- Paratransit (Introduced August 2024)
- General Public Demand Response (Planned for 2026)
- Bus shelters (118 new bus shelters to be build in 2025)
- Electric vehicle pilot project (2025 / 2026)
- EP Transit Facility (land purchase is underway) (2026/2027)

## El Paso County Fixed Route Transit Program

### 2010

- Eight Buses
- Four Routes
- Split Schedule - No service between 10AM to 4PM

### 2025

- Twenty-Eight Buses
- Six Routes
- Paratransit Program
- Continuous Bus Service - 6AM to 8PM

## ***RIDERSHIP SEPT 2023 THRU AUGUST 2024***

<b><i>Route 10</i></b>	Anthony / Canutillo	<b><i>36,349</i></b>
<b><i>Route 20</i></b>	Montana Vista (Far East El Paso)	<b><i>16,388</i></b>
<b><i>Route 30</i></b>	Horizon City	<b><i>32,458</i></b>
<b><i>Route 31</i></b>	Eastlake	<b><i>14,229</i></b>
<b><i>Route 40</i></b>	Fabens / Tornillo	<b><i>12,852</i></b>
<b><i>Route 50</i></b>	Mission Trail	<b><i>4,989</i></b>
<b><i>Route 84</i></b>	EPCC / Mission del Paso	<b><i>28,667</i></b>
<b><i>Gold Route</i></b>	El Paso / Las Cruces	<b><i>33,449</i></b>
<b><i>Van Pool</i></b>	El Paso County and adjacent area	<b><i>379,744</i></b>
<b><i>GRAND TOTAL</i></b>		<b><i>559,125</i></b>



## NEW PROGRAM ADA PARATRANSIT

- Person is unable to use fixed route buses because of disability
- Fare is \$2.50 per trip
- Curb to curb
- Person lives within 3/4 of a mile from a fixed route
- Shared ride
- Transportation within a service area
- Buses meet ADA requirements
- Rides are reserved within one to seven days in advance

## BUS SHELTERS THREE TYPES

- 1** **CATEGORY I - FULL SERVICE** - BIKE RACK, COVERED, INFORMATION BOARD (MAP, ANNOUNCEMENTS), TRASH CAN, SOLAR POWERED NIGHTLY LITE, ADA COMPLIANT
- 2** **CATEGORY II - MEDIUM** - BENCH & SIGN
- 3** **CATEGORY III - BASIC** - SIGN ONLY

# BUS SHELTER



## AMENITIES

- SHELTER STRUCTURE
- SOLAR ILLUMINATION
- BENCH BIKE RACK
- MAP CASE TRASH
- RECEPTABLE
- CONCRETE PAD BUS
- STOP SIGN

SOLAR PANEL

# ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- This committee ensures that voices of people with disabilities are heard and considered in the planning and implementation process. This helps create more effective and inclusive policies and programs
- Meet quarterly, or as needed
- Input from constituents who use services
- Disseminate information about services
- Review certain marketing materials before distribution
- Provide critical review
- Provide support
- Advocate

# CHALLENGES

- Paratransit services
- Socorro services reduction & unforeseen consequences
- Revenue / Expense projections
- Coordination of assets (EP County & ETA)
- Contract compliance
- New transit facility
- Two staff positions increasing to five (early 2025)

## ROLE OF RIO GRANDE COG

- Receives all member contributions & pays expenses upon authorization by the Board.
- Maintains financial records and uses generally accepted accounting principles.
- Maintains EPATS LGC website and ensures that information is published.
- Publishes board agendas and ensures they are posted per the Texas Open Meetings Act.
- Ensures revenue and expenses are maintained separate from RIOCOG records.
- Collaborate with legal services by Kemp Smith, & marketing, public information, website management with Barracuda P.R.

# FUNDS RECEIVED FY 23 AND FY 24

	FY 2023	FY 2024
Town of Anthony	\$0	\$27,500
Village of Vinton	\$19,739	\$20,500
El Paso County	\$106,705	\$169,300
Horizon City	\$63,578	\$114,800
City of San Elizario	\$23,600	\$47,000
Town of Clint	\$0	\$12,900
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$213,622</b>	<b>\$346,400</b>

## RIOCOG HIGHLIGHTS IN FY 2024

- Assisted in incorporating the Town of Anthony and the Town of Clint into the EPATS LGC in FY 24.
- Facilitated and coordinated thirteen EPATS LGC board meetings in FY 24.
- Supported four Access Advisory Committee meetings in FY 24.
- Participated in weekly check-ins with Texas Transportation Institute and EP County Staff.
- Coordinated as needed with legal support (Kemp Smith) & Barracuda PR for website & public information.



# SUMMARY OF CURRENT PROJECTS

- El Paso Fixed Route Transit Program Demand Response Program Bus Shelters Program
- Electric vehicle Pilot Program
- RFP for FY 2025 (Fixed Route, Paratransit, General Public Demand Response)
- Van Pool Program
- Gold Route Program - EP County Partnership w/NMDOT & TxDOT
- Vehicle Replacement - 3 to 4 Vehicles per year
- EP County Transit Facility - late 2026 - 2027
- Total grants awarded and monitoring \$20,000,000

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