



**MASS TRANSIT DEPARTMENT BOARD MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
APRIL 1, 2026**

A meeting of the Mass Transit Department Board was called to order at 11:50 a.m. Board Chair Renard Johnson was present and presiding and the following Board Members answered roll call: Alejandra Chávez, Deanna Maldonado-Rocha, Cynthia Boyar Trejo, Ivan Niño, Art Fierro, Lily Limón, and Chris Canales. Board Member Josh Acevedo attended virtually.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:

Motion made by Board Member Fierro, seconded by Board Member Limón, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE**, all matters listed under the Consent Agenda (Items approved, postponed, or deleted pursuant to the vote on the Consent Agenda will be shown with an asterisk {*}.)

AYES: Board Members Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales

NAYS: None

CALL TO THE PUBLIC – PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Jose Gaston Barriga, member of the public, commented.

CONSENT AGENDA – APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the minutes of the Mass Transit Board meeting of March 3, 2026.
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CONSENT AGENDA – REQUEST TO EXCUSE ABSENT MASS TRANSIT BOARD MEMBERS:

2. **NO ACTION** was taken on this item
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CONSENT AGENDA - RESOLUTIONS:

3.

***RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the County of El Paso (“County”) owns vehicles that require compressed natural gas (“CNG”) fuel and are used for public transportation purposes in El Paso County; and

WHEREAS, the County does not currently have CNG fueling facilities available to fuel these vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the County has delegated to El Paso Area Transportation Services (“EPATS”) certain policy and operations decision-making authority over County’s fixed route service and paratransit service and EPATS operates such transit services as El Paso Transportation Authority (“ETA”); and

WHEREAS, in the future, EPATS will completely take on all transit related services that the County provides and the County plans to assign its contractual rights and responsibilities related to transit to EPATS; and

WHEREAS, The City of El Paso currently has a contract with the Texas General Land office (“GLO”) to receive natural gas for the City’s operational needs which includes providing gas to the City’s tenants; and

WHEREAS, the City uses the gas from GLO in its CNG fueling facilities to fuel vehicles used for its Mass Transit Department (“Sun Metro”); and

WHEREAS, the County and EPATS store and maintains their transit vehicles in one of the City’s properties, and such vehicles require use of the City’s CNG fueling facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City, County and EPATS wish to enter into an Interlocal agreement in which the City will fuel the vehicles utilized by ETA, from the City’s CNG fueling facilities as indicated in the agreement, in furtherance of improving the public transit system within the region and supporting a high quality of life for the El Paso community.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MASS TRANSIT DEPARTMENT BOARD OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That, the Mass Transit Department Board of the City of El Paso finds the above recitals to be true and correct.

That, the Mayor be authorized to sign an Interlocal Agreement in a form substantially similar to Exhibit A, by and between the City of El Paso, the County of El Paso and The El Paso Area Transportation Services, to fuel vehicles used by the El Paso Transportation Authority from the City’s compressed natural gas fueling facilities and as further outlined in the Interlocal Agreement, in furtherance of improving the public transit system within and supporting a high quality of life for the El Paso community.

That, the City Manager or designee be authorized to accept, reject, alter, amend or terminate the resulting Interlocal Agreement.

That, the City Manager or designee be authorized to sign any related agreements, verifications and documents, after review from the City Attorney’s office, effectuate any budget transfers and submit necessary revisions to the operational plan, and take any actions necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Board Member Fierro, seconded by Board Member Limón, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 11:55 am.

AYES: Board Members Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro,
Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None

Approved as to content:

Anthony DeKeyzer, Director of Mass Transit