

SUN METRO CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SMCAC)
May 14, 2025
MEETING MINUTES

Call meeting to order.

Meeting was called to order at 3:03PM. The following Committee Members were present:

District	Name	Present	Absent
D1	Jesus Salgado		X
D2	Elisa Tamayo		X
D3	William Graham	X	
D4	Sandy Azcona		X
D5	Aziz Afravi	X	
D6	Angela Ochoa	X	
D7	Sylvia Carreon	X	
D8	Scott White	X	
Mayor	Vacant		

1. Approve the Minutes of the Regular Committee meeting of September 11, 2024.

Motion made by Ms. Ochoa, seconded by Ms. Carreon and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the meeting of September 11, 2024.

2. Discussion regarding options for alternative location for Committee meetings and virtual meetings.

Mr. Rimkus discussed the different options regarding meeting location and virtual meetings. Ms. Carreon stated she preferred meeting at the TOC. Ms. Ochoa asked what other locations are available, Mr. Rimkus replied that the Pension office could be an option.

3. Discussion regarding Committee meetings, attendance and quorum.

Ms. Ochoa asked if there is an attendance policy, Ms. Garcia stated the rule, Mr. White suggested to review what is posted online.

4. Discussion and action regarding adoption of a vision statement for the Committee.

Mr. White stated what the Committee should be discussing and the primary focus for members. Ms. Garcia stated that the Committee was initially to report issues to the MTB and that members can request a presentation from Sun Metro. Motion made by Mr. Graham to continue discussions at the next meeting and adopt a vision statement. Ms. Carreon seconded and unanimously carried to **APPROVE**.

5. Discussion regarding Sun Metro fleet maintenance operations at Union Depot.

Mr. Arnold explained how the Union Depot is being used and what type of vehicles are being serviced. Ms. Ochoa asked how much of the maintenance building had to be

demolished, Mr. De Muro responded. Mr. Afravi asked how many mechanic vacancies, Mr. Arnold replied. Mr. Graham suggested an internship program with the local technical schools, Mr. Arnold replied.

6. **Discussion regarding progress on accessible pathways construction project for Sun Metro Rising.**

Mr. Mendez discussed the requirement that each new pathway for the Sun Metro Rising plan requires ADA accessibility and discussed the project's progress.

7. **Discussion regarding an update on Veterans Ride for Free grant progress.**

Ms. Fierro (Sun Metro) advised that the TVC funds have been expended but an additional \$13,500 has been requested from the Commission. Mr. Graham asked how the money is split between fixed routes and paratransit rides, Mr. Caraveo replied.

8. **Discussion regarding training portal for Committee members.**

Ms. Orozco reviewed the mandatory trainings for members and presented how to register for trainings, Mr. Rimkus added more on the topic.

9. **For notation**

Mr. Rimkus noted the EPATS monthly meetings and the Sun Metro Paratransit Advisory Public meetings.

Public Comment

Mr. Afravi commented on the 24hour scheduling policy at LIFT.

Adjourn

Motion made by Ms. Ochoa, seconded by Mr. Graham and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the meeting of May 14, 2025.

Approved as to content:



Anthony DeKeyzer, Director of Mass Transit