

**SUN METRO CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SMCAC)
September 11, 2024
MEETING MINUTES**

Call meeting to order.

Meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM. 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 July 10, 2024.

Motion made by Mr. Graham, seconded by Ms. Ochoa and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the minutes of the previous CAC meeting.

2. Discussion regarding update on status of the tri-party Interlocal Agreement for Paratransit Services

Mr. Rimkus reviewed the agreement, and some of the committee members had questions that were answered by Mr. Rimkus. Committee members asked if they could send a letter to the City of Socorro pertaining to the agreement. Ms. Garcia, legal counsel, cautioned members and advised they would not be allowed to speak on behalf of the City, only as private citizens, unless the full committee voted on the item, which was not on the current meeting agenda.

3. Discussion and action regarding updating the committee's bylaws to allow for hybrid meetings

Mr. Rimkus reviewed the options, which included members being allowed to participate in meetings virtually due to illness or quarantine. Ms. Ochoa asked if public participation had to be in person, Mr. Rimkus said no. Motion made by Mr. Salgado, seconded by Ms. Ochoa; all members present voted for, except Ms. Carreon, who voted against the motion.

4. Discussion regarding an update on Sun Metro planning, operations, and budget

Mr. Mendez updated the committee on the Sun Metro Rising plan, including upcoming service modifications, and addressed questions from the committee. Mr. Steele, speaking as a member of the public, asked when Routes 14 and 15 would return to Sunday service,

Mr. Mendez replied by stating Sun Metro has limited resources. Mr. Arnold updated on fixed route, LIFT and streetcar. Mr. Andonoski reviewed the recently-approved budget for Sun Metro. Committee members had questions which were addressed by Mr. Rimkus, Mr. Arnold and Mr. DeMuro.

5. **Discussion regarding the viewing of a Sun Metro television commercial aired during the 2024 Olympic Games**

Commercial video was played, Ms. Ochoa asked if it ran on social media, Mr. DeMuro replied that it was not.

6. **Discussion regarding a holiday potluck for committee members**

Mr. Graham asked if members were interested, all members agreed to a potluck for the November meeting.

7. **For notation:**

Mr. Rimkus presented the dates and websites for EPATS LGC board meetings and LIFT paratransit advisory meetings.

Public Comment

Mr. Afravi discussed a personal experience on scheduling a trip on a Saturday, asked for a supervisor to be available on Saturdays.

Adjourn

Motion made by Mr. White, seconded by Ms. Ochoa and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the meeting of September 11, 2024.