



**MASS TRANSIT DEPARTMENT BOARD MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
April 1, 2025**

A meeting of the Mass Transit Department Board was called to order at 10:10 a.m. Board Chair Renard Johnson was present and presiding and the following Board Members answered roll call: Alejandra Chávez, Josh Acevedo, Deanna Maldonado-Rocha, Cynthia Boyar Trejo, Ivan Niño, Art Fierro, Lily Limón, and Chris Canales.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:

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

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

NAYS: None

CONSENT AGENDA – APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

GOAL 6: Set the Standard for Sound Governance and Fiscal Management

1. *Motion made by Board Member Limón, seconded by Board Member Niño, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the minutes of the Regular Mass Transit Department Board meeting of March 4, 2025.

CONSENT AGENDA – REQUEST TO EXCUSE ABSENT MASS TRANSIT BOARD MEMBERS:

GOAL 6: Set the Standard for Sound Governance and Fiscal Management

2. **NO ACTION** was taken on this item.

REGULAR AGENDA - OPERATIONAL FOCUS UPDATES

Goal 7: Enhance and Sustain El Paso's Infrastructure Network

3. Discussion on a presentation to the El Paso Mass Transit Department Board by El Paso Area Transportation Services (EPATS) regarding its development and current programs operated under the name El Paso Transportation Authority (ETA).

Mr. Anthony R. DeKeyzer, Director of Sun Metro, introduced the item and the following speakers who presented a PowerPoint presentation (Copy on file at the City Clerk's Office):

1. Ms. Jackie Butler, County Commissioner and Chair of El Paso Area Transportation Services (EPATS)
2. Mr. Xavier Bañales, El Paso Transit Authority Interim Director

Board Chair Johnson and Board Member Acevedo commented.

Ms. Lisa Turner, member of the public, commented.

NO ACTION was taken for this item.

REGULAR AGENDA – OTHER BIDS, CONTRACTS, PROCUREMENTS:

GOAL 7: Enhance and Sustain El Paso's Infrastructure Network

4. Motion made by Board Member Limón, seconded by Board Member Niño, and unanimously carried to **AWARD** Solicitation 2025-0250R Repair and Maintenance of Overhead Contact System (Re-Bid) to Kateri Powerline Solutions, LLC for an initial term of three (3) years for an estimated amount of \$1,093,800.00. The total contract time is for three (3) years for a total estimated amount of \$1,093,800.00. This contract will provide Streetcar routine preventive inspection, maintenance, as well as corrective maintenance functions and emergency repairs, as needed, of the overhead contact system to ensure safety, efficiency and availability of service.

Contract Variance:

The difference based in comparison to the previous contract is as follows: A decrease of \$131,580.00 for the initial term, which represents a 10.75% decrease due to a decrease in pricing.

Department:	Sun Metro – Mass Transit
Award to:	Kateri Powerline Solutions, LLC
City & State:	El Paso, TX
Item(s):	All
Initial Term:	3 Years
Option Term:	N/A
Total Contract Time:	3 Years
Annual Estimated Award:	\$364,600.00
Initial Term Estimated Award:	\$1,093,800.00
Total Estimated Award:	\$1,093,800.00
Account(s):	560-3200-60080-52205-P6018
Funding Source(s):	Sun Metro Operating Fund
District(s):	All

This was a Request for Proposals Procurement – service contract.

The Purchasing & Strategic Sourcing and Sun Metro – Mass Transit Departments recommend award as indicated to Kateri Powerline Solutions, LLC the highest ranked offeror based on the evaluation factors established in the evaluation criteria for this procurement.

It is requested that the City Manager be authorized to establish the funding sources and make any necessary budget transfers and execute any and all documents necessary for execution of this award.

In accordance with this award, the City Manager or designee is authorized to exercise future options if needed.

Ms. Crystal Paz, Purchasing and Strategic Sourcing Department, presented.

Board Member Limón commented.

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

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Board Member Fierro

REGULAR AGENDA - OTHER BUSINESS:

Goal 7: Enhance and Sustain El Paso's Infrastructure Network

5.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Federal Transit Administration ("**FTA**") provides urbanized area formula funding for transit capital, operating assistance and transportation related planning in urbanized areas under the Urbanized Area Formula Funding program of 49 U.S.C. 5307 ("**5307 funds**"); and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso is located within the El Paso Urbanized Area; and

WHEREAS, Sun Metro provides Mass Transit within the City of El Paso and is the designated recipient of El Paso Urbanized Area Formula 5307 funds ("**EPUZA 5307 funds**"); and

WHEREAS, Sun Metro as a designated recipient must apportion amounts of FTA 5307 funds for the El Paso Urbanized Area, including splitting 5307 funds with transit agencies operating in the El Paso Urbanized area that are not currently served by Sun Metro; and

WHEREAS, The Mass Transit Department Board of the City of El Paso approved the Sun Metro Service Expansion Policy ("**Policy**") on November 9, 2021, which provides the method for service to jurisdictions within the El Paso Urbanized area that are not currently served by Sun Metro, as well as provides the process for eligible transit agencies to access EPUZA 5307 funds; and

WHEREAS, the Sun Metro Service Expansion Policy requires that in order for a transit agency to have access to EPUZA 5307 funds, the transit agency must meet the minimum requirements of the Policy and must enter into a Service Expansion Agreement with the City which must be approved by the City of El Paso Mass Transit Board, with recommendation from the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization; and

WHEREAS, SCRTD is requesting access to EPUZA 5307 funds as it provides mass transit in Southern New Mexico and within the City of El Paso, and therefore provides transit services within the El Paso Urbanized area; and

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to enter into an Interlocal Agreement for service expansion to allow SCRTD to access EPUZA 5307 funds in order to continue to provide reliable public transit in the region; and

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Agreement for Service Expansion supports the public purpose of improving the transit system within the region and supporting a high quality of life for the City of El Paso community.

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

That, the Mayor be authorized to sign an Interlocal Agreement for Service Expansion by and between **City of El Paso and The South Central Regional Transit District**, to allow South Central Regional Transit District access to El Paso Area Urbanized 5307 funds in order to improve the transit system within the region and support a high quality of life for the City of El Paso community.

That, the City Manager or designee be authorized to accept, reject, alter, amend or terminate the resulting Interlocal Agreement after review and approval by the City Attorney's office.

That, the City Manager or designee be authorized to sign any related agreements, verifications and documents, after review and approval 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.

Motion made by Board Member Canales, seconded by Board Member Limón, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the Resolution.

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

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Board Member Fierro

ADJOURN

Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

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

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Board Member Fierro

Approved as to content:

Anthony DeKeyzer, Director of Mass Transit