



**MASS TRANSIT DEPARTMENT BOARD MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JULY 7, 2026**

Mass Transit Department Board was called to order at 12:41 p.m. Board Chair Renard U. 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. Early Departure: Deanna Maldonado-Rocha at 12:41 p.m.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC – PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Quirino Villa, citizen, commented.

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

NAYS: None

CONSENT AGENDA – APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the minutes of the Special Mass Transit Department Board meeting of June 23, 2026.

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

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

3. REGULAR AGENDA - OPERATIONAL FOCUS UPDATES

Presentation and discussion on a report by El Paso Transportation Authority (ETA) on the transit services offered in El Paso County by ETA. The report to the Mass Transit Department Board will also include a brief history and overview of the transit agency.

Mr. Jerry DeMuro, Deputy Director of Sun Metro, introduced the item.

Mr. John Andon, Executive Director of ETA, presented a PowerPoint presentation. (copy on file at the City Clerk's office)

Board Chair Johnson and Board Members Chávez, Niño, Fierro and Limón commented.

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

4. REGULAR AGENDA – OTHER BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Texas General Land Office (“GLO”) sells natural gas to schools, cities, and other public retail customers at a reduced rate through the State Energy Marketing Program; and

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Cooperation Act allows governmental agencies to enter into contracts with each other and allows such contracts to be extended or renewed as needed; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso has been contracting with GLO through an Interlocal Cooperation Contract for many years to meet the City's operational needs, which includes fueling its own vehicles as well as the vehicles of City tenants; and

WHEREAS, the current Interlocal Contract with GLO, Interlocal Cooperation Contract GLO Contract No. 23-151-000-E054 internally referenced by the City as Interlocal Agreement 2023-0067 (“Interlocal Contract”), expires in July 31, 2026 and the City would like to renew and extend the Interlocal Contract as needed in order to continue to obtain the necessary gas to fuel its vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the City will continue to need natural gas for its operational needs for the foreseeable future, especially as the transit system continues to grow and therefore would like to continue in the relationship with GLO as long as both parties are willing and able participants, as this relationship is beneficial for both parties; and

WHEREAS, the City will continue to align its use of GLO services with the annual City budget process, whereby the projected cost of the fuel is reviewed, updated, and authorized by The Mass Transit Department Board of the City of El Paso through approval of the applicable expenditures, fiscal year budget resolution and its associated schedules; and

WHEREAS, the City will renew or extend its Contract with GLO for natural gas each year in order to continue to meet the operational needs of the City and its tenants, which supports the transit system within the region and 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:

1. **That**, the recitals contained in this Resolution are hereby found to be true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

2. **That**, the Mayor be authorized to sign the amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation Contract by and between City of El Paso and The Texas General Land Office, to allow the City to continue to purchase natural gas, pursuant to Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, under which the GLO will provide the City natural gas at an indexed gas price as published each month in the Platts Gas Daily price guide report plus a market demand factor of \$0.70 per MMBtu and as indicated in the contract.

3. **That**, the Mayor, be authorized to renew and extend the Interlocal Contract without further action from the Mass Transit Department Board, after receiving communication from the Texas General Land Office each year that they wish to renew or extend the Contract, as long as the expenditure continues to be approved in the annual budget resolution.

4. **That**, the Mayor be authorized to accept, reject, alter, amend or terminate the Interlocal Contract after review and approval by the City Attorney's office.

5. **That**, fiscal year expenditures with GLO be governed by the Mass Transit Department Board's approval of the annual Mass Transit Department budget and annual budget resolution.

6. **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 Limón, seconded by Board Member Chávez, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the Resolution.

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

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Board Member Maldonado-Rocha

ADJOURN

Motion made by Board Member Canales, seconded by Board Member Limón, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 1:10 pm.

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

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Board Member Maldonado-Rocha

Approved as to content:

Anthony DeKeyzer, Director of Mass Transit