



**MASS TRANSIT DEPARTMENT BOARD MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JULY 22, 2025**

A special meeting of the Mass Transit Department Board was called to order at 11:33 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 Fierro, seconded by Board Member Limón, 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:

1. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the minutes of the Regular Mass Transit Department Board meeting of June 10, 2025.

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

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

REGULAR AGENDA – OTHER BUSINESS:

- 3.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on April 9, 2024, the Mass Transit Department Board of the City of El Paso authorized the submission of a grant application to the Federal Transit Administration ("FTA") for the Fiscal Year 2024 Low or No Emission Grant Program ("Grant") which was for an amount of \$30,597,000.00 and

authorized the City of El Paso, Texas ("City") to provide the required matching funds in the amount of \$2,303,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Grant required a cash match of \$5,003,400.00 and the City would be applying for Transportation Development Credits from the Texas Department of Transportation ("TxDOT") in the amount of \$2,700,400.00 and therefore the City would only be providing a match of \$2,303,000; and

WHEREAS, City was awarded such Grant in the amount of \$30,597,000.00, however, the FTA now requires a total cash match from the City in the amount of \$5,455,621.00, which is a higher total match than originally required; and

WHEREAS, the City will be receiving \$2,700,400.00 in Transportation Development Credits from TxDOT to reduce the City's match portion; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to provide the higher cash match to the FTA in order to receive the Grant; and

WHEREAS, the funds received under the Grant will be used for improving public transit and funding the purchase of low emission vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the project will improve City's transit system, further the City's goal to improve air quality throughout the City, and therefore support 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:

1. **THAT** the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to sign the documents related to the Fiscal Year 2024 Low or No Emission Grant Program and the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program which offers funding in the amount of \$30,597,000.00 and requires a total cash match of \$5,455,621.00.
2. **THAT** the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to establish the funding sources, effectuate any budget transfers and sign any agreements, verifications and documents, after review and approval by the City Attorney's office, required to carry out the purpose of this resolution.
3. **THAT** the City shall provide all local matching funds, in the amount of \$2,755,221.00, for said grant.

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

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

NAYS: None

4.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2023 the City Council for the City of El Paso granted authority to submit for consideration to the House Appropriations Committee, the Fiscal Year 2024 Community Project Funding for various projects including Sun Metro's Micro Transit Project ("Grant"); and

WHEREAS, the Grant funding is in the amount of \$720,000.00 and requires a cash match of \$180,000.00; and

WHEREAS, City is home to the largest public transit provider in West Texas along the U.S. Mexico border and a substantial proportion of our community relies on Sun Metro for their daily commute; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, the funds received under the Grant would be used for the purchase of small electric buses to offer an on-demand option to riders that is more flexible than designated fixed routes and the paratransit services; and

WHEREAS, the project will improve City's transit system, further the City's goal to improve accessibility throughout the City and therefore support 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:

1. **THAT** the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to sign the documents related to the Fiscal Year 2024 Community Project Funding for Sun Metro's Micro Transit Project which offers funding in the amount of \$720,000.00 and requires a cash match of \$180,000.00; and
2. **THAT** the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to establish the funding sources, effectuate any budget transfers and sign any agreements, verification and documents, after review and approval by the City Attorney's office, required to apply for this grant and carry out the purpose of this Resolution.
3. **THAT**, the City shall provide all matching funds, in the amount of \$180,000.00 for said Grant.

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

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

NAYS: None

ADJOURN

Motion made by Board Member Limón, seconded by Board Member Acevedo, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

AYES: Board Chair Johnson and 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