



**MASS TRANSIT DEPARTMENT BOARD MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MAY 12, 2026**

A meeting of the Mass Transit Department Board was called to order at 12:17 p.m. Board Chair Renard U. Johnson was present and presiding and the following Board Members answered roll call: Alejandra Chávez, Deanna Maldonado-Rocha, Ivan Niño, Art Fierro, Lily Limón, and Chris Canales. Josh Acevedo arrived at 12:27 p.m. Cynthia Boyar Trejo was absent.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:

Motion made by Board Member Limón, seconded by Board Member Fierro, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE, AS REVISED**, 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, Maldonado-Rocha, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Board Member Acevedo

ABSENT: Board Member Boyar Trejo

CALL TO THE PUBLIC – PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA – APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the minutes of the Mass Transit Board meeting of April 1, 2026.
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CONSENT AGENDA – REQUEST TO EXCUSE ABSENT MASS TRANSIT BOARD MEMBERS:

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

REGULAR AGENDA - RESOLUTIONS:

2. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **MOVE** the item to the **REGULAR AGENDA**.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City owns and operates, through its Mass Transit Department Sun Metro ("Sun Metro"), the Nestor A. Valencia Mission Valley Transfer Center which includes the Mission Valley Visitor Center, located at 9065 Alameda Ave El Paso, TX 79907 ("Center"); and

WHEREAS, the El Paso Mission Trail Association ("Association") is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to promote the historic nine-mile corridor between Ysleta, Socorro, and San Elizario through education, preservation, and tourism efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Association has commissioned a mural from artist Robert Dozal ("Mural"); and

WHEREAS, the Association wishes to donate the Mural to the City of El Paso; and

WHEREAS, the parties agree that due to the historical significance of the area, and the ease of access facilitated by the Transfer Center, the Mural should be installed on a wall of the Visitor Center of the Nestor Valencia Mission Valley Transfer Center; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Landmark Commission of the City of El Paso issued a certificate of appropriateness on May 15, 2025 for such Mural to be placed at the Center; and

WHEREAS, on July 8, 2025, the City Council of the City of El Paso authorized District 7 Representative, Lily Limon, to expend discretionary funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 to supplement the cost of Mural for the Association; and

WHEREAS, the Mural highlights the historical significance of the area, encourages the use of public transportation in the region, fosters community pride, promotes the visual image of the City and enhances the quality of life of the citizens of El Paso.

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

1. **THAT**, the Mass Transit Department Board finds the above recitals to be true and correct.
2. **THAT**, The City Manager or designee be authorized to sign a Donation Agreement between the City of El Paso and the El Paso Mission Trail Association, to accept the donation of the mural by the El Paso Mission Trail Association.
3. **THAT**, City Manager or designee also be authorized to sign an Access, License and Waiver agreement between the City of El Paso and the artist to allow the artist commissioned by the Mission Trail Association to install the mural.

4. **THAT**, the City Manager or designee be authorized to take actions necessary and effectuate any budget transfers, sign any related agreements and amendments to such agreements after review and approval by the City Attorney's office, as well as a sign documents necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

Mr. Anthony DeKeyzer, Director of Sun Metro, commented.
Board Member Limon commented.

The following members of the El Paso Mission Trail Association commented:

- Ms. Lidia Almeida, Chair, President of the El Paso Mission Trail Association
- Mr. Shelby McCue, Council Member of the El Paso Mission Trail Association
- Mr. Robert Dozal, Artist

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Board Member Boyar Trejo

ADJOURN

Motion made by Board Member Canales, seconded by Board Member Limón, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 12:29 pm.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Board Member Boyar Trejo

Approved as to content:

Anthony DeKeyzer, Director of Mass Transit