

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

AGENDA DATE: April 9, 2024

PUBLIC HEARING DATE: N/A

**CONTACT PERSON(S) NAME
AND PHONE NUMBER:** Anthony DeKeyzer (915) 212-3306

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: Districts 6 and 7

STRATEGIC GOAL: 7.3 Enhance a regional comprehensive transportation system

SUBJECT:

Briefing on the intent to provide a Notice of Termination for Mission del Paso – Route 84 interlocal agreement between the City of El Paso and El Paso County, executed on October 20, 2014.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The City will issue a Notice of Termination, signed by the Interim City Manager, to terminate the interlocal agreement to operate Mission del Paso – Route 84, effective August 31, 2024. Sun Metro has operated Route 84 on behalf of the El Paso County, with service to Socorro, and San Elizario, Texas, as well as El Paso Community College Mission del Paso campus. With the recent formation of the El Paso Area Transportation Services (EPATS) Local Government Corporation, El Paso County Transit is restructuring their routes to provide service to the area.

The intent of Sun Metro to discontinue operating this route has been discussed with El Paso County Transit staff, and at recent board meetings of the EPATS Board of Directors, with no objections from the County of El Paso.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED? X YES NO

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT: Sun Metro

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

Anthony DeKeyzer
Name

Anthony R. DeKeyzer
Signature

March 26, 2024
Date



City Manager's Office

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April 9, 2024

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**INTERIM CITY
MANAGER**

Cary Westin

El Paso County

The Honorable Ricardo A. Samaniego

800 E. Overland Ave., Ste. 301

El Paso, TX 79901

Dear Judge Samaniego:

This letter is in reference to transit Route 84 – Mission del Paso, with transit service to the Mission Valley, operated by Sun Metro on behalf of El Paso County. The management of the route, including cost and other details, is covered by an interlocal agreement between the City of El Paso and El Paso County that was effective on November 1, 2014 (the "Agreement"). The Agreement has renewed automatically every year on September 1 in successive twelve month terms. Per section 8.3 of the agreement, either party may terminate the agreement with 60 days written notice to the other party.

This letter is formal notice that the City will be exercising its right to terminate the Agreement, effective August 31, 2024, and will discontinue operation of Route 84 – Mission del Paso on that date, or sooner if requested by El Paso County Transit.

I am directing Sun Metro staff to keep in frequent communication with El Paso County Transit staff in the coming months, so both parties may transition from Sun Metro to El Paso County transit service in an organized and cooperative manner. Should El Paso County Transit wish to take over operation of Route 84 sooner than August 31, 2024, I would ask that I be provided prompt notice of that.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter, and please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss further.

Sincerely,

Cary Westin

Interim City Manager



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County Route 84 Contract with Sun Metro

April 9, 2024



Strategic Goal: 7 Enhance & Sustain El Paso's Infrastructure Network

Sub Goal: 7.3 Enhance a Regional Comprehensive Transportation System

What We Will Cover

- **The What and Why**
- **Route 84 – Mission del Paso**
- **Route 84 – Route Summary**
- **County Bus Service Restructure**
- **Recommendation**

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The What and Why

- The county has partnered with incorporated cities within the county and has formed a Local Government Corporation (LGC) the El Paso Area Transportation Services (EPATS)
- Currently Sun Metro operates one fixed route (Route 84) for the County, which includes paratransit
- In lieu of this, the contract with the county for Route 84 will not be renewed when it expires on August 31, 2024
- In addition, the County Transit has been directed by TXDOT to implement paratransit services
- The LGC intends to implement fixed route and paratransit under a single contract in the July/August timeframe

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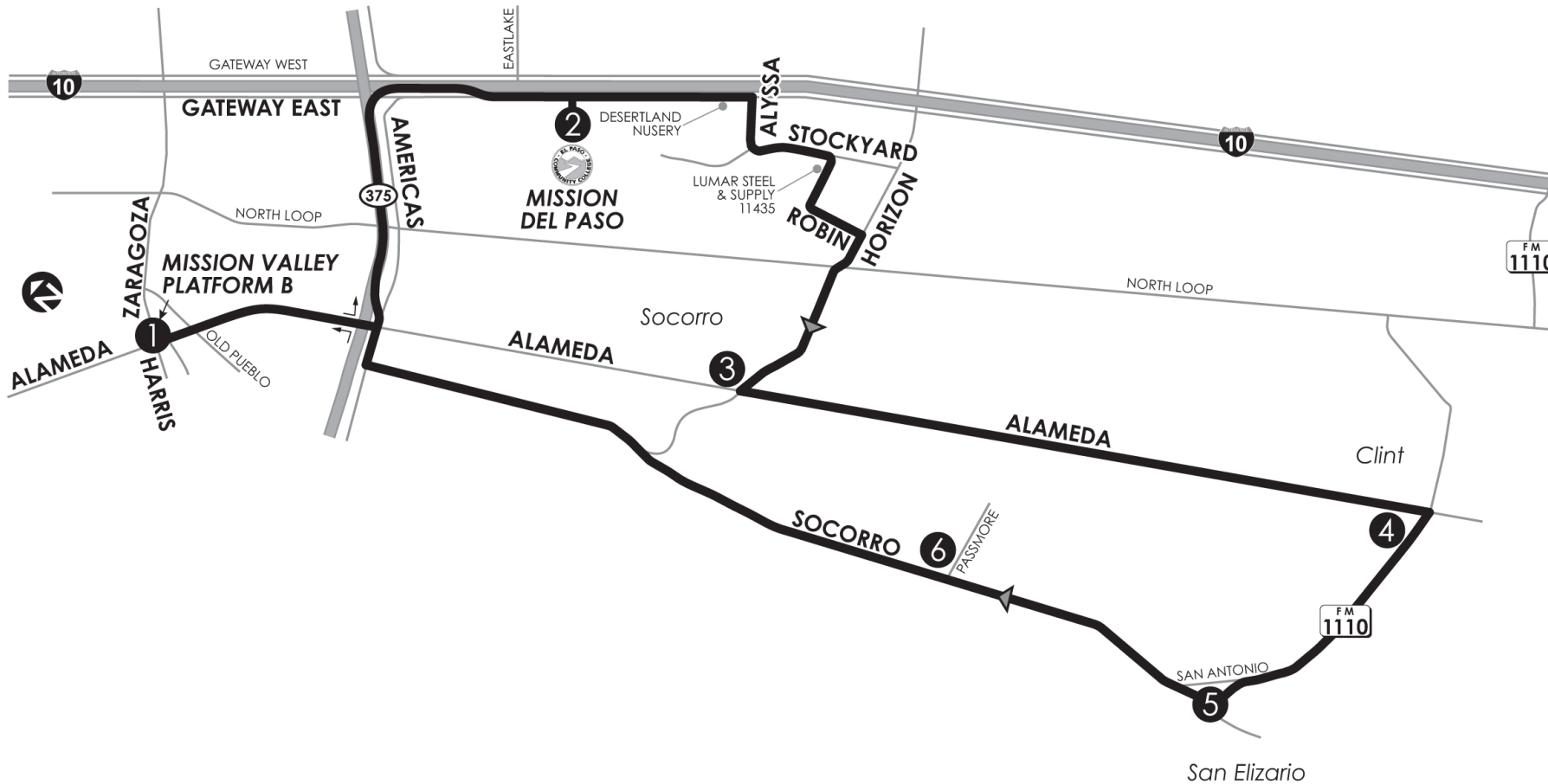
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Route 84 – Mission del Paso

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Route Summary

- Sun Metro-operated route, contracted by County of El Paso
- Service to EPCC Mission del Paso campus, Socorro, Clint, and San Elizario
- Terminates at Mission Valley Transit Center
- Nine trips per weekday, eight on Saturdays
- Averages 100 riders per day
- Current interlocal agreement approved by Mass Transit Dept. Board October 2014

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County Bus Service Restructure

- The LGC board met on February 21st and approved the county's bus service restructure which includes a route that covers the area that is serviced by Route 84
- Sun Metro and EPATS are coordinating to ensure there are no lapse of services
- The current agreement allows for either party to terminate agreement with 60 days' advance notice. Sun Metro has prepared a Notice of Termination, reviewed by the City Attorney's Office

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Recommendations

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- Coordinate with LGC to ensure seamless coverage for residents in the area serviced by Route 84
- Issue Notice of Termination to County of El Paso for Route 84, signed by Interim City Manager



Mission

Deliver exceptional services to support a high quality of life and place for our community



Vision

Develop a vibrant regional economy, safe and beautiful neighborhoods and exceptional recreational, cultural and educational opportunities powered by a high performing government



Values

Integrity, Respect, Excellence, Accountability, People

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