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**SUN METRO CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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**January 08, 2025  
10151 MONTANA AVENUE, EL PASO, TX 79925  
3:00 PM  
SUN METRO, ROOM 117**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Sun Metro Citizens Advisory Committee of the City of El Paso to be conducted on the above date and time has been canceled.

**A quorum of five committee members must be present and participate in the meeting.**

**ROLL CALL**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda below will be considered by the Committee to be routine and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless members of the Committee or persons in the audience request specific items be removed from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda for discussion prior to the time the Committee votes on the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Committee meeting of September 11, 2024. [BC-303](#)

**REGULAR AGENDA**

2. Discussion regarding Sun Metro's review of transit vehicle types and vehicle purchase plan (Jerry DeMuro, Deputy Transit Officer). [BC-304](#)

3. Discussion regarding a review of on-time performance for paratransit trips (Victor Caraveo, Project Manager). [BC-305](#)
4. Discussion regarding an update on Veterans Ride for Free grant progress (Rodolfo Reyes, Grants Project Manager). [BC-306](#)
5. Discussion regarding progress on accessible pathways construction project for Sun Metro Rising (Robert Mendez, Transit Senior Service Planner). [BC-307](#)
6. Discussion on potential goals for use of Sun Metro transit centers (Scott White, Chair). [BC-308](#)
7. For notation: [BC-309](#)
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  - The Sun Metro Paratransit Advisory Public Meeting occurs twice on the first Thursday of every even-numbered month. For more information, please contact Mr. Victor Caraveo at 212-LIFT. Meeting announcements are also posted on Sun Metro's Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/sunmetro>

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Committee will allow speakers from the public to comment on any transit-related issue that is not on the agenda. During the Public Comment Period of the meeting, audience members who sign up to address the Committee will be given an opportunity to address the Committee. Unless modified by the Chair, speakers will be allowed three (3) minutes for their comments. For more information, please contact Mariana Orozco at (915) 212-3308.

### **ADJOURN**

#### **NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

Sign language interpreters will be provided for this meeting upon request. Requests must be made to Mariana Orozco at [OrozcoM@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:OrozcoM@elpasotexas.gov) a minimum of 48 hours prior to the date and time of this hearing.

If you need Spanish Translation Services, please email [OrozcoM@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:OrozcoM@elpasotexas.gov) at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

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**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS  
LEGISTAR AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM**

**AGENDA LANGUAGE:**

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Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Committee meeting of September 11, 2024.

**SUN METRO CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SMCAC)  
September 11, 2024  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Call meeting to order.**

Meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM. The following Committee Members were present:

District	Name	Present	Absent
D1	Jesus Salgado	X	
D2	Elisa Tamayo	X	
D3	William Graham	X	
D4	Sandy Azcona		X
D5	Aziz Afravi	X	
D6	Angela Ochoa	X	
D7	Sylvia Carreon	X	
D8	Scott White	X	
Mayor	<b>Vacant</b>		

**1. Approve the Minutes of the Regular Committee meeting of July 10, 2024.**

Motion made by Mr. Graham, seconded by Ms. Ochoa and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the minutes of the previous CAC meeting.

**2. Discussion regarding update on status of the tri-party Interlocal Agreement for Paratransit Services**

Mr. Rimkus reviewed the agreement, and some of the committee members had questions that were answered by Mr. Rimkus. Committee members asked if they could send a letter to the City of Socorro pertaining to the agreement. Ms. Garcia, legal counsel, cautioned members and advised they would not be allowed to speak on behalf of the City, only as private citizens, unless the full committee voted on the item, which was not on the current meeting agenda.

**3. Discussion and action regarding updating the committee’s bylaws to allow for hybrid meetings**

Mr. Rimkus reviewed the options, which included members being allowed to participate in meetings virtually due to illness or quarantine. Ms. Ochoa asked if public participation had to be in person, Mr. Rimkus said no. Motion made by Mr. Salgado, seconded by Ms. Ochoa; all members present voted for, except Ms. Carreon, who voted against the motion.

**4. Discussion regarding an update on Sun Metro planning, operations, and budget**

Mr. Mendez updated the committee on the Sun Metro Rising plan, including upcoming service modifications, and addressed questions from the committee. Mr. Steele, speaking as a member of the public, asked when Routes 14 and 15 would return to Sunday service,

Mr. Mendez replied by stating Sun Metro has limited resources. Mr. Arnold updated on fixed route, LIFT and streetcar. Mr. Andonoski reviewed the recently-approved budget for Sun Metro. Committee members had questions which were addressed by Mr. Rimkus, Mr. Arnold and Mr. DeMuro.

5. **Discussion regarding the viewing of a Sun Metro television commercial aired during the 2024 Olympic Games**

Commercial video was played, Ms. Ochoa asked if it ran on social media, Mr. DeMuro replied that it was not.

6. **Discussion regarding a holiday potluck for committee members**

Mr. Graham asked if members were interested, all members agreed to a potluck for the November meeting.

7. **For notation:**

Mr. Rimkus presented the dates and websites for EPATS LGC board meetings and LIFT paratransit advisory meetings.

**Public Comment**

Mr. Afravi discussed a personal experience on scheduling a trip on a Saturday, asked for a supervisor to be available on Saturdays.

**Adjourn**

Motion made by Mr. White, seconded by Ms. Ochoa and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the meeting of September 11, 2024.



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Discussion regarding Sun Metro's review of transit vehicle types and vehicle purchase plan (Jerry DeMuro, Deputy Transit Officer).



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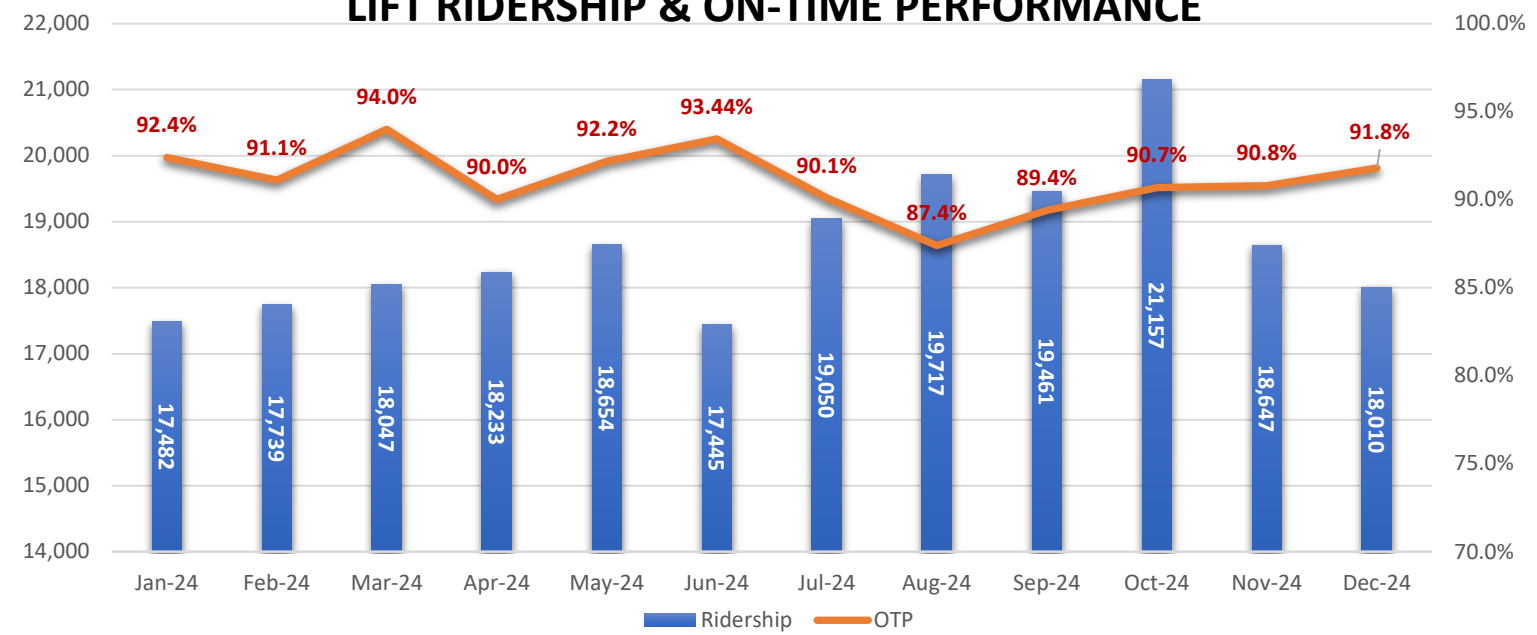
# LIFT Operations

Average 2024 Ridership: 18,644  
 • 2023 Average: 16,282

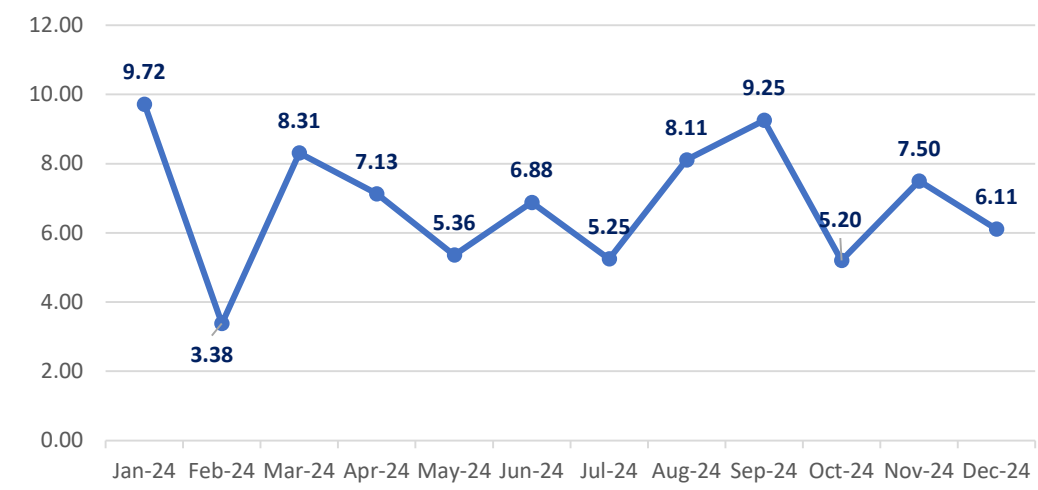
Average 2024 OTP: 91.1%  
 • Target: above 90%  
 • 2023 Average: 81.3%

Average 2024 Complaints:  
 6.85 per every 10,000 Trips  
 • Target: below 13  
 • 2023 Average: 28.23

## LIFT RIDERSHIP & ON-TIME PERFORMANCE



## Complaints per every 10,000 Trips





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# Sun Metro Citizen Advisory Committee

January 8, 2025

# Texas Veterans Commission

## Grant Information

- **Project Name:** Sun Metro General Assistance for Veterans
- **Award Date:** 6/21/2024
- **Award Amount:** \$100,000
- **Matching Funds:** 0
- **Total Budget:** \$100,000
- **Amount Expended:** \$47,680
- **Amount Remaining:** \$52,320
- **Current Status:** 5 months of service completed
- **Funding Deadline:** 6/30/2025

## Project Description

Sun Metro provides qualified veterans and their family members free monthly passes on fixed routes and free trips for paratransit service. The award is divided with \$50,000 allocated for fixed routes, and \$50,000 for paratransit LIFT service.

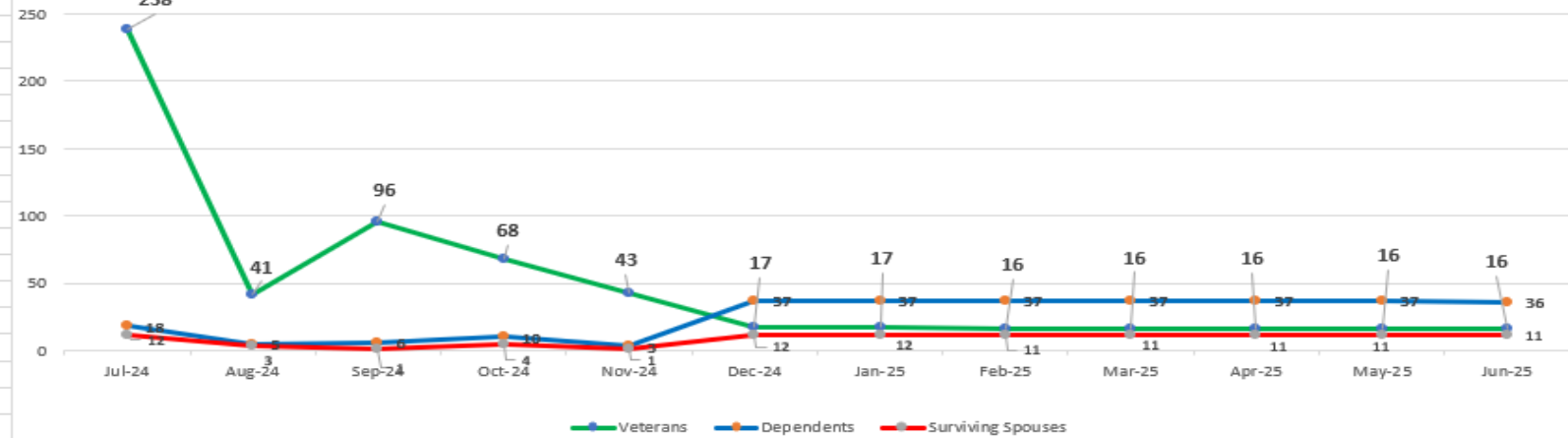






# Texas Veterans Commission Data

## 2024 Unduplicated Beneficiaries



### FY 24-25 TVC Benchmark Goals

- 600 Veterans
- 300 Dependents
- 100 Surviving Spouses

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- 1000 Total Beneficiaries Served

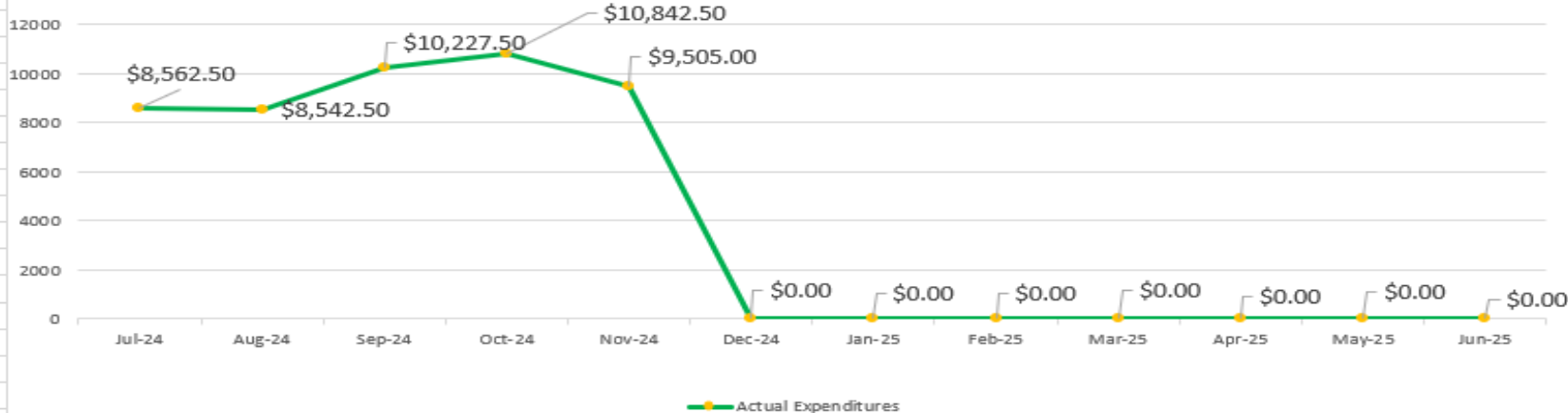
### Benchmarks July through Oct 2024

- 486 Veterans
- 42 Dependents
- 21 Surviving Spouses

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- 549 Total Unduplicated

## Actual Grant Expenditures



**\$100,000.00 Projected Grant Expenditures**

**\$100,000.00 Total Grant Award**

**\$47,680.00 Total Expended**

**\$52,320.00 Remaining Funds**

## 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, **R**espect, **E**xcellence,  
**A**ccountability, **P**eople



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# Sun Metro Rising Update January 2025

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# Sun Metro Pathway Projects

## Purpose

- Identified 27 Priority Locations to Enhance before Sun Metro Rising Service Modifications.
- Construction began on Monday, November 4, 2024, and is expected to continue for 10 months.
- To date we have completed 3 of these pathways.

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Council District	Priority Improvements
1	0
2	5
3	3
4	11
5	1
6	2
7	4
8	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>

# System Review

- In the final phase building the route schedules.
- Analyzing and improving bus stop infrastructure throughout the city.
- Title 6 Analysis for the Major Service Change is being conducted and is expected to be finalized soon accounting for the adjustments made along the way.

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Discussion on potential goals for use of Sun Metro transit centers (Scott White, Chair).



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