



AGENDA FOR THE MASS TRANSIT DEPARTMENT BOARD MEETING

**July 22, 2025
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 300 N. CAMPBELL AND VIRTUALLY
11:30 AM**

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A quorum of the Mass Transit Department Board must participate in the meeting.

ROLL CALL

CALL TO THE PUBLIC – PUBLIC COMMENT:

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for those who wish to sign up in advance of the meeting date. Requests to speak must be received by 9:00 a.m. on the date of the meeting. Thirty minutes in total is allotted for speakers.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:

All matters listed under the CONSENT AGENDA, including those on the Addition to the Agenda, will be considered by Mass Transit Department Board to be routine and will be enacted by one motion unless separate discussion is requested by Board Members. Prior to the vote, members of the audience may ask questions regarding items on the consent agenda. When the vote has been taken, if an item has not been called out for separate discussion, the item has been approved. The Mass Transit Department Board may, however, reconsider any item at any time during the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approval of minutes of the Regular Mass Transit Department Board Meeting of June 10, 2025. [25-867](#)

All Districts

Sun Metro Mass Transit, Anthony R. DeKeyzer, (915) 212-3306

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

2. Request to excuse absent Mass Transit Board Members. [25-159](#)

REGULAR AGENDA - OTHER BUSINESS:

3. Discussion and action on a Resolution and 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; and 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 and that the City shall provide all local matching funds, in the amount of \$2,755,221.00, for said grant. [25-865](#)

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Sun Metro Mass Transit, Jerry DeMuro, (915) 2122-3470

- 4. Discussion and action on a Resolution that the City Manager or designee is authorized to sign the documents related to 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 that the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to establish 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 that the City shall provide all matching funds in the amount of \$180,000.00.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Mass Transit Department Board of the City of El Paso may retire into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D, to discuss any of the following: (The items listed below are matters of the sort routinely discussed in Executive Session, but the Mass Transit Department Board of the City of El Paso may move to Executive Session any of the items on this agenda, consistent with the terms of the Open Meetings Act.) The Mass Transit Department Board will return to open session to take any final action and may also, at any time during the meeting, bring forward any of the following items for public discussion, as appropriate.

- Section 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY
- Section 551.072 DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY
- Section 551.073 DELIBERATION REGARDING PROSPECTIVE GIFTS
- Section 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS
- Section 551.076 DELIBERATION REGARDING SECURITY DEVICES OR SECURITY AUDITS
- Section 551.087 DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS
- Section 551.089 DELIBERATION REGARDING SECURITY DEVICES OR SECURITY AUDITS; CLOSED MEETING

ADJOURN

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

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Approval of minutes of the Regular Mass Transit Department Board Meeting of June 10, 2025.



**MASS TRANSIT DEPARTMENT BOARD MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
June 10, 2025**

A meeting of the Mass Transit Department Board was called to order at 11:32 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 Limón, seconded by Board Member Fierro, 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:

GOAL 6: Set the Standard for Sound Governance and Fiscal Management

1. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the minutes of the Regular Mass Transit Department Board meeting of May 13, 2025.

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

GOAL 6: Set the Standard for Sound Governance and Fiscal Management

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

CONSENT AGENDA – BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Goal 8: Nurture and Promote a Healthy, Sustainable Community

3. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **APPOINT** Keith Andrews to the Sun Metro Citizens Advisory Committee by Representative Alejandra Chávez.
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REGULAR AGENDA – OTHER BUSINESS:

Goal 7: Enhance and Sustain El Paso’s Infrastructure Network

4.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration (“FTA”) is currently accepting applications for the Fiscal Year 2025 Low or No Emission Grant Program and the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso, Texas (“City”), through its Mass Transit Department (“Sun Metro”), wishes to submit a grant application for the Fiscal Year 2025 Low or No Emission Grant Program and the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program (“Grant”); and

WHEREAS, the Grant funding is in the amount of \$1,963,500.00 and requires a total match of \$346,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the City will be requesting \$161,700.00 in Transportation Development Credit from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to reduce the City’s match portion; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, the funds received under the Grant would 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 2025 Low or No Emission Grant Program and the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program which offers funding in the amount of \$1,963,500.00 and requires a cash match of \$346,500.00; and
2. **THAT** the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to sign any agreements, verifications or documents required to carry out the purpose of this resolution; and
3. **THAT** the City shall provide all matching funds, in the amount of \$184,800.00, for said grant.

Motion made by Board Member Fierro, seconded by Board Member Limón, 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 Niño, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 11:34 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



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Request to excuse absent Mass Transit Board Members.



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Discussion and action on a Resolution and 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; and 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 and that the City shall provide all local matching funds, in the amount of \$2,755,221.00, for said grant.

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



DEPARTMENT: Sun Metro

AGENDA DATE: 7/22/25

PUBLIC HEARING DATE:

CONTACT PERSON NAME: Anthony R. DeKeyzer

PHONE NUMBER: 915-212-3306

2nd CONTACT PERSON NAME: Jerry DeMuro

PHONE NUMBER: 915-212-3470

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

STRATEGIC GOAL:

7.0 - Enhance and Sustain El Paso's Infrastructure Network

SUBGOAL:

7.3 - Enhance a Regional Comprehensive Transportation System

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action on a Resolution and 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; and 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 and that the City shall provide all local matching funds, in the amount of \$2,755,221.00, for said grant.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

In FY 2024, Sun Metro applied for the Low or No Emission Grant Program and the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program and was awarded funding in the amount of \$30,597,000.00 to purchase 32 35-ft. buses and to install four large scale canopies at the Sun Metro Transit Operations Center. The new FTA administration met with Sun Metro staff and recommended increasing the City cash match by \$452,221.00 or be subject to the reduction of the Transportation Development Credits (TDC's) \$2,700,400.00.

COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH:

N/A

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

On April 9, 2024 the Mass Transit Board Department approved the cash match of \$2,303,000 and the submission of the application for the FY 24 Low or No Emissions program and the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Cash match funding amount of \$452,221.00 is secured through the Sun Metro Fund Balance

REPORTING OF CONTRIBUTION OR DONATION TO CITY COUNCIL:

N/A

NAME	AMOUNT (\$)

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

Jerry DeMuro

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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.

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APPROVED this _____ day of _____ 2025.

MASS TRANSIT DEPARTMENT BOARD:

Renard U. Johnson, Chairman

ATTEST:

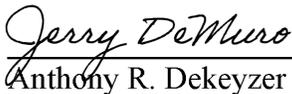
Laura D. Prine, Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Joyce Garcia
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

 Deputy Transit Officer for

Anthony R. Dekeyzer
Sun Metro/Mass Transit Department



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



DEPARTMENT: Mass Transit Department - Sun Metro

AGENDA DATE: 07/22/2025

PUBLIC HEARING DATE: N/A

CONTACT PERSON NAME: Anthony R. DeKeyzer

PHONE NUMBER: (915) 212-3306

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

STRATEGIC GOAL:

7.0 - Enhance and Sustain El Paso's Infrastructure Network

SUBGOAL:

7.3 - Enhance a regional comprehensive transportation system

SUBJECT:

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BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

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:

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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.

(signatures begin on the following page)

APPROVED this _____ day of _____ 2025.

MASS TRANSIT DEPARTMENT BOARD:

Renard U. Johnson, Chairman

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine, Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JG



Joyce Garcia
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

 Deputy Transit Officer for

Anthony R. Dekeyzer, Director
Sun Metro/Mass Transit Department