

**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

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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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(If Department Head Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)

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.

(signatures begin on the following page)

APPROVED this _____ day of _____ 2025.


MASS TRANSIT DEPARTMENT BOARD:

Renard U. Johnson, Chairman

ATTEST:

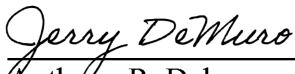
Laura D. Prine, Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

 Deputy Transit Officer for

Anthony R. Dekeyzer
Sun Metro/Mass Transit Department