

**SUN METRO CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SMCAC)
July 10, 2024
MEETING MINUTES**

Call meeting to order.

Meeting was called to order at 3:00PM. 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	Vacant		

1. Approve the Minutes of the Regular Committee meeting of May 8, 2024.

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

2. Discussion regarding welcome of new committee members

Mr. Rimkus introduced the three new committee members, Jesus Salgado, Sandy Azcona and Angela Ochoa. Mr. Dekeyzer suggested that everyone present should introduce themselves.

3. Discussion and action regarding consideration of options for hybrid committee meetings

Mr. Rimkus went over a brief history of hybrid committee meetings. Committee members gave their opinions on hybrid meetings. Mr. Dekeyzer and Mr. De Muro advised that meetings can be held through Teams. No action taken at this time.

4. Discussion regarding the procedures for LIFT paratransit trip planning

Mr. Caraveo presented Rider Management, Trip Scheduling and Ride Plan Optimizer. A couple of committee members shared their personal experiences with LIFT.

5. Discussion regarding an update on Sun Metro Rising

Mr. Mendez gave an update on Sun Metro Rising which included Proposed Network, Bus Stop analysis and micro transit in District 5.

6. **Discussion regarding an update on the Texas Veterans Commission grant for free bus rides for veterans**

Mr. De Muro gave the update on the grant which included how many customers have been helped so far and how much money is still available.

7. **Discussion regarding phone number access for LIFT paratransit issues**

Mr. Caraveo presented and introduced one single phone number for LIFT, 212-LIFT.

8. **Discussion regarding update on Sun Metro outreach efforts to increase ridership**

Ms. Rivera presented on what Outreach does and what it is currently working on.

9. **Discussion regarding free parking at Sun Metro facilities for disabled veterans and bus passes for committee members**

Mr. Rimkus went over both of the topics.

10. **Discussion regarding information on Mandy the Mule trolley display and status of unrestored PCC streetcars**

Mr. De Muro presented on both of the topics.

Public Comment

Brittany Hernandez brought up the needs of UTEP students specifically in transportation, wants to partner up with Sun Metro and is interested in enhancing service.

Adjourn

Motion made by Ms. Azcona, seconded by Mr. Salgado and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the meeting of July 10, 2024.