



**MASS TRANSIT DEPARTMENT BOARD MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
April 9, 2024**

A meeting of the Mass Transit Department Board was called to order at 10:10 a.m. Board Chair Oscar Leeson was present and presiding and the following Board Members answered roll call: Board Members Josh Acevedo, Joe Molinar, Henry Rivera, and Chris Canales. Late Arrivals: Isabel Salcido and Art Fierro at 10:11 a.m.; Cassandra Hernandez at 10:12 a.m.; and Brian Kennedy at 10:16 a.m.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC – PUBLIC COMMENT

This time is reserved for members of the public who would like to address the Mass Transit Department Board on items that are not on the Mass Transit Department Board Agenda.

Mr. Steven Strumer, member of the public, commented.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:

Motion made by Board Member Rivera, 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 Leeson and Board Members Acevedo, Hernandez, Molinar, Salcido, Fierro, Rivera, and Canales.

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Board Member Kennedy

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 March 12, 2024.
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CONSENT AGENDA – REQUEST TO EXCUSE ABSENT MASS TRANSIT BOARD MEMBERS:

2. Request to excuse absent Mass Transit Department Board Members.

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

REGULAR AGENDA – OPERATIONAL FOCUS UPDATES:

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

3. Briefing on the intent to provide a Notice of Termination for Mission del Paso – Route 83 interlocal agreement between the City of El Paso and El Paso County, executed on October 20, 2014.

Mr. Anthony DeKeyzer, Director of Sun Metro, presented a PowerPoint. Copy on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Board Members Hernandez and Molinar commented.

Mr. Cary Westin, Interim City Manager, commented.

Ms. Lisa Turner, member of the public, commented.

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

REGULAR AGENDA – OTHER BIDS, CONTRACTS, PROCUREMENTS:

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

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R E S O L U T I O N

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MASS TRANSIT DEPARTMENT BOARD OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the City Manager be authorized to sign Agreement 2024-0401 Bus Cleaning Services by and between the City of El Paso and both WorkQuest f/k/a TIBH Industries, Inc., a private non-profit corporation and the certifying party, and Goodwill Services, the performing party, to provide interior bus cleaning services for fixed route buses and vans managed by the City of El Paso's Sun Metro (Mass Transit) Department for a term of three (3) years from the effective date of the Agreement and one (1) two-year option to extend, which may be exercised by the City Manager or designee administratively. This is a service requirement contract at a currently estimated cost to the City of El Paso of \$487,104.00 for the initial term and an estimated \$1,119,098.40 if the option to extend is exercised.

Motion made by Board Member Fierro, seconded by Board Member Rivera, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the Resolution.

AYES: Board Chair Leaser and Board Members Kennedy, Acevedo, Hernandez, Molinar, Salcido, Fierro, Rivera, and Canales.
NAYS: None

REGULAR AGENDA – OTHER BUSINESS:

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

5.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration ("FTA") is currently accepting applications for the FY2024 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") wishes to submit a grant application for the FY2024 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 \$30,597,000 and requires a total match of \$2,303,000.

WHEREAS, if awarded, the funds received under the Grant would be utilized for improving public transit and funding the acquisition 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 his designee is authorized to sign the documents related to the FY2024 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 and requires a cash match of \$2,303,000; and
2. That the City Manager or his 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 \$2,303,000, for said grant.

Board Chair Leaser and Board Member Hernandez commented.

Mr. Jerry DeMuro, Deputy Transit Officer, commented.

Ms. Lisa Turner, member of the public, commented.

Motion made by Board Member Fierro, seconded by Board Member Rivera, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the Resolution

AYES: Board Chair Leeser and Board Members Kennedy, Acevedo, Hernandez, Molinar,
Salcido, Rivera, and Canales.
NAYS: None
NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Board Member Fierro

ADJOURN

Motion made by Board Member Canales, seconded by Board Member Rivera, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

AYES: Board Chair Leeser and Board Members Kennedy, Acevedo, Hernandez, Molinar,
Salcido, Fierro, Rivera, and Canales.
NAYS: None

Approved as to content:

Anthony DeKeyzer, Director of Mass Transit