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Department / Council Office	Sun Metro Mass Transit
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District(s) Affected	All Districts
Agenda Item	A Resolution that the City Manager be authorized to sign a Field Test Agreement ("Agreement") by and between the CITY OF EL PASO and CHEVRON ORONITE COMPANY, LLC., to test oils on buses operated by the City of El Paso's Mass Transit Department, for a term beginning on the date the Agreement is executed and ending on September 1, 2029 and, that the City Manager or designee be authorized to take actions necessary and effectuate any budget transfers, sign any related agreements and amendments to such agreements after review and approval by the City Attorney's office, as well as sign any documents necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.
Issue Statement	Approval is being requested for Sun Metro to enter into an agreement with the Chevron Oronite Company, LLC, to submit field test samples of specific motor oils provided by Chevron on Sun Metro transit vehicles equipped with Cummins engines.
Background	Sun Metro operates a robust fleet of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) transit vehicles, requiring specialized, high-performance lubricants to ensure optimal engine efficiency and longevity. To continuously improve these standards, Cummins Engine Company has commissioned Chevron and Oronite (additive developer) to engineer a next-generation CNG engine oil. This new formulation is designed to minimize component wear and extend the standard oil drain interval by 3,000 miles, thereby reducing material costs, labor hours, and reliance on foreign oil. Through this partnership, Sun Metro will receive all testing lubricants free of charge while simultaneously reducing engine wear across the active fleet. To validate the real-world performance of this product, the manufacturers require field testing in a verified "severe duty" transit

	environment. Partners are selected based on strict criteria, including a proven track record of rigorous preventative maintenance and flawless documentation. Because of Sun Metro’s operational excellence, the agency has been selected as an ideal testing partner. This initiative builds upon a successful history of collaboration. The Mass Transit Department Board previously approved similar, highly beneficial Field Test Agreements with Chevron/Oronite on April 14, 2015, and December 10, 2019. Under these past agreements, Sun Metro successfully mitigated fleet operational costs by receiving all testing lubricants entirely free of charge. Entering into this new agreement will allow Sun Metro to continue leveraging its high maintenance standards into direct budgetary savings for the city.
Council Options	1. Approve the Field Test Agreement; or 2. Direct Staff to make changes to this agreement prior to approval; or 3. Take no action
Committee Review and/or Recommendation	N/A
Community and Stakeholder Outreach (if applicable, as an attachment) – please include	N/A
Related City Policies	N/A
Prior Council Action	Field Test Agreements between Sun Metro and Chevron/Oronite were approved by Mass Transit Department Board on April 14, 2015 and December 10, 2019.
The City Attorney’s Office has reviewed the documents and signed off on the necessary forms	Yes
Amount and Source of Funding	N/A
Enter the elected official's name followed by the amount donated.	N/A
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