



**SPECIAL MASS TRANSIT DEPARTMENT BOARD MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
March 28, 2023**

A special meeting of the Mass Transit Department Board was called to order at 10:55 a.m. Board Chair Oscar Leeser was present and presiding and the following Board Members answered roll call: Board Members Brian Kennedy, Alessandra Anello, Cassandra Hernandez, Joe Molinar, Isabel Salcido, Art Fierro, Henry Rivera, and Chris Canales.

**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.**

No members of the public commented.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion made by Board Member Anello, seconded by Board Member Canales, 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.)

**1<sup>ST</sup> MOTION**

AYES: Board Members Kennedy, Anello, Hernandez, Molinar, Salcido, Fierro, Rivera, and Canales  
NAYS: None

**2<sup>ND</sup> MOTION**

Motion made by Board Chair Leeser, seconded by Board Member Molinar, and unanimously carried to reconsider the consent agenda to allow for the Board Chair to vote.

**3<sup>RD</sup> AND FINAL MOTION**

Motion made by Board Member Rivera, seconded by Board Member Salcido, 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 Members Kennedy, Annello, Hernandez, Molinar, Salcido, Fierro, Rivera, Canales,  
and Board Chair Leeser  
NAYS: None

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**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 Special Mass Transit Board Meeting of February 28, 2023.

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

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

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**CONSENT AGENDA – BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

**Goal 8: Nurture and Promote a Healthy, Sustainable Community**

3. \*Motion made, seconded and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the appointment of Scott White to the Sun Metro Citizen’s Advisory Committee by Board Member Chris Canales.

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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 FY2023 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 FY2023 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 \$13,487,721.60 and requires a 20% cash match of \$3,371,930.40; and

**WHEREAS**, if awarded, the funds received under the Grant would be utilized for improving public transit, funding the acquisition of zero emission vehicles and provide opportunities for workforce development; and

**WHEREAS**, the project will improve City's Transit system, support the City's workforce development, 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 FY2023 Low or No Emission Grant Program and the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program which offers funding in the amount of \$13,487,721.60 and requires a 20% cash match of \$3,371,930.40 for a total amount of \$16,859,652; and

2. That the City Manager or his designee is authorized to sign any agreements or verifications required to submit an application for the FY2023 Low or No Emission Grant Program and the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program; and

3. That the City shall provide all matching funds, in the amount of \$3,371,930.40, for said grant.

**1<sup>ST</sup> MOTION**

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

AYES: Board Members Kennedy, Annello, Hernandez, Molinar, Salcido, Fierro, Rivera, and Canales

NAYS: None

**2<sup>ND</sup> MOTION**

Motion made by Board Member Canales, seconded by Board Member Hernandez, and unanimously carried to **RECONSIDER** this item to allow for the Board Chair to vote.

AYES: Board Members Kennedy, Annello, Hernandez, Molinar, Salcido, Fierro, Rivera, Canales, and Board Chair Leaser

NAYS: None

**3<sup>RD</sup> AND FINAL MOTION**

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

AYES: Board Members Kennedy, Annello, Hernandez, Molinar, Salcido, Fierro, Rivera, Canales, and Board Chair Leaser

NAYS: None

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**ADJOURN**

Motion made by Board Member Rivera, seconded by Board Member Canales, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

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

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Approved as to content:

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Ellen A. Smyth, Chief Transit & Field Operations Officer