



CITY OF EL PASO

# City of El Paso Municipal Court

Revision to the Omnibase  
(Failure to Appear FTA) 2023 Contract

**Strategic Goal 2 – Set the standard for a safe and secure city**

# What is Omnibase Failure To Appear (FTA) Program

- Omnibase Failure To Appear (FTA) & Texas Department of Public Safety program.
- Enforcement program that may deny renewal of driver license if an individual failed to appear for a citation or failed to satisfy a judgement ordering the payment of a fine.
- License is **not suspended** > Renewal of the license is placed on hold
- Licenses are renewed every 8 years

# Omnibase (FTA) Program Contract revision

- Municipal Court has been utilizing the program since 2010
- The last contract was renewed March of 2023
- Contract change: INDIGENCY status will “immediately” release driver license hold
- Contract change: Individuals can now apply for an occupational license if regular license is on hold.
  - Provides option to acquire an occupational license for 2 years and additional option to renew for 2 more years ( 4 years total)

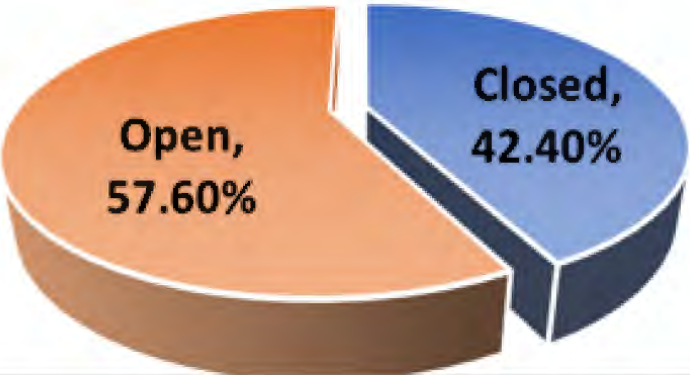
# Program Benefits

- Tool to assist courts with enforcement, case resolutions, and closure of cases
- Opportunity to assist individuals to resolve pending cases and remove warrants
- The hold is placed 180 days *after* the warrant date
- Court does not require FULL payment of warrant to release the hold
  - > Statutory \$10 per case required
- Prior to the hold, the court **attempts to communicate at least 15 times** and available at any given time to provide options at every stage of the process



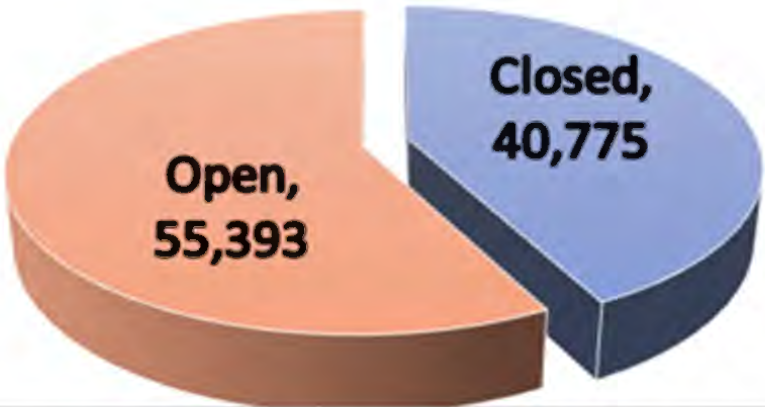
# Historical Data: Omnibase 2016 - 2023

Omnibase Hold Status for cases placed from  
2016 to 2023



El Paso Municipal Court Full Court Enterprise data as of  
02/12/2024 for holds placed up to 12/31/2023

Omnibase Holds Placed 2016-2023



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**Total closed cases**  
**Balance on Open cases**

**\$ 22,138,076**  
**\$ 20,703,317**

**\*\*Raw data on holds placed = Fines/Fees and State fees**

# Texas Municipal Courts Utilizing OMNI Contract

Texas Municipal Courts	Cases Entered January – December 2023
Houston	40780
Corpus Christi	28029
El Paso	21824
San Antonio	17354
Tyler	11916
Laredo	10316

# Court Customer Program Data 2016-2023

- Average number of cases placed with Omnibase per individual = 2
- Average fines/fees (including state fees) for 2 cases = \$ 600
- To clear the hold, an individual will pay \$ 10 for each case = \$ 20
- If individual is unable to pay, they may request an indigency hearing.
- **Warrant will be recalled immediately**
- **Individual will request an option to resolve the case.**

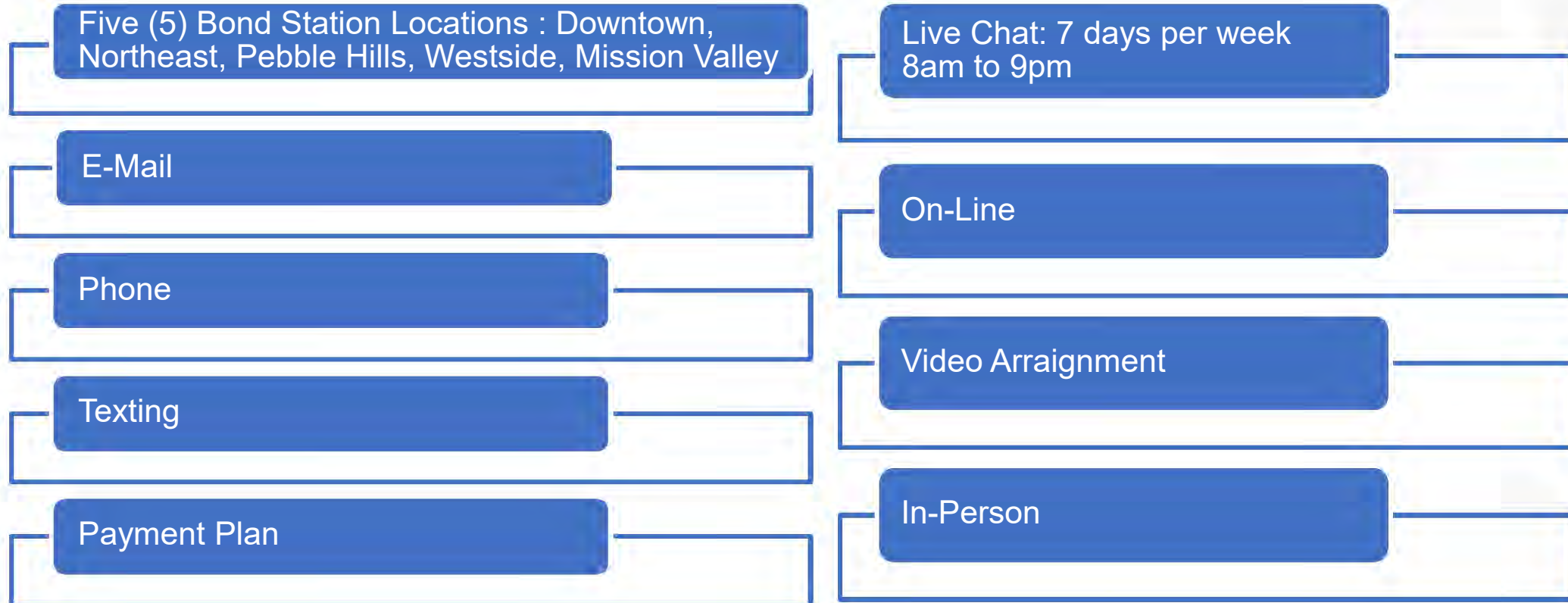
# Customer Service Options

## Printed on the Citation / Website

- 180-day payment plan – **at any time**
- Driving safety course, if individual qualifies – **at any time**
- Pay the citation in full – **at any time**
- Submit proof on paper violations ***prior*** to the arraignment
- Waive arraignment prior to the arraignment date and request a trial date
- Request an indigency hearing – **at any time**



# Municipal Court Customer Service **Contact Options**



**Option: 180 Day Payment Plan is available at any time since citation(s) issued**

## MISSION



Deliver exceptional services to support a high quality of life and place for our community.

## VISION



Develop a vibrant regional economy, safe and beautiful neighborhoods and exceptional recreational, cultural and educational opportunities powered by a high performing government.



## VALUES

Integrity, **R**espect, **E**xcellence,  
**A**ccountability, **P**eople