



**SPECIAL MASS TRANSIT DEPARTMENT BOARD MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
January 18, 2023**

A special meeting of the Mass Transit Department Board was called to order at 10:52 a.m. Chair Oscar Leeser was present and presiding and the following Board Members answered roll call: Board Members Brian Kennedy, Aleksandra Anello, Cassandra Hernandez, Joe Molinar, Isabel Salcido, Art Fierro, and Henry Rivera. Board Member Chris Canales requested to be excused from this meeting.



**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 Molinar, seconded by Board Member Kennedy, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE, AS AMENDED**, 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, Hernandez, Molinar, Salcido, Fierro, Rivera and Board Chair Leeser
- NAYS: None
- NOT PRESENT: Board Member Anello
- ABSENT: Board Member Canales



**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 Mass Transit Board Meeting of December 6, 2022.



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

2. \*Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **EXCUSE** Board Member Chris Canales from the January 18, 2023, Special Mass Transit Department Board Meeting.



**CONSENT AGENDA – BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

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

3. \*Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **APPOINT** Elisa M. Tamayo-Ochoa to the Sun Metro Citizen’s Advisory Committee by Board Member Aleksandra Annello, District 2.
4. \*Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **APPOINT** Rebecca Hernandez to the Sun Metro Citizen’s Advisory Committee by Board Member Joe Molinar, District 4.



**CONSENT AGENDA – NOTICE FOR NOTATION**

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

5. \*Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **NOTE** the Sun Metro’s Title VI program update that was prepared in accordance with the requirements specified in the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Circular 4702.1b, “Title VI Requirements and Guidelines for Federal Transit Administration Recipients.”



**REGULAR AGENDA – OPERATIONAL FOCUS UPDATES**

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

6. Presentation and discussion on the Fixed Route Performance Indicators for the First Quarter of FY23 period ending November 30, 2022.

Ms. Ellen Smyth, Chief Transit and Field Operations Officer, gave a PowerPoint presentation and commented.

Board Members Fierro and Hernandez commented.

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

- 7. Presentation and discussion on the Paratransit/LIFT Performance Indicators for the First Quarter of FY23 period ending November 30, 2022.

Ms. Ellen Smyth, Chief Transit and Field Operations Officer, gave a PowerPoint presentation and commented.

Board Members Annello, Hernandez, and Fierro commented.

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

- 8. Management Update – Sun Metro Project Update presentation from Nelson Nygaard.

Ms. Ellen Smyth, Chief Transit and Field Operations Officer presented James Gamez, principal with Nelson Nygaard, who gave a PowerPoint presentation and commented.

Board Members Annello and Hernandez commented.

City Manager Tommy Gonzalez commented.

Chief Financial Officer Robert Cortinas commented.

Ms. Smyth commented.

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



**ADJOURN**

Motion made by Board Member Rivera, seconded by Board Member Molinar, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 11:46 a.m.

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



Approved as to content:

  
Ellen A. Smyth, Chief Transit & Field Operations Officer