SPECIAL MASS TRANSIT DEPARTMENT BOARD MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JUNE 23, 2026

A special meeting of the Mass Transit Department Board was called to order at 11:30 a.m. Board Chair Renard U. Johnson was present and presiding and the following Board Members answered roll call: Alejandra Chávez, Josh Acevedo, Deanna Maldonado-Rocha, Cynthia Boyar Trejo, Ivan Niño, Art Fierro, Lily Limón, and Chris Canales.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:

Motion made by Board Member Limón, seconded by Board Member Fierro, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE, AS REVISED,** all matters listed under the Consent Agenda (Items approved, postponed, or deleted pursuant to the vote on the Consent Agenda will be shown with an asterisk {*}.)

AYES: Board Chair Johnson and Board Members Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None

CALL TO THE PUBLIC – PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA – APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the minutes of the Mass Transit Board meeting of May 12, 2026.

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

2. Request to excuse absent Mass Transit Board Members.

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

3.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2023, the City of El Paso ("City") awarded Contract No. 2023-0188 Armored Car Services:

1. Trans America Protection Corporation

WHEREAS, pursuant to Attribute 21, Article 8, Section B (Termination for Default) the City is authorized to terminate the Contract for default; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to terminate the Contract for Default.

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

That the Director of Purchasing & Strategic Sourcing is authorized to notify Trans America Protection Corporation that the City is terminating Contract No. 2023-0188 Armored Car Services for default, pursuant to Attribute 21, Article 8, Section B of this contract, due to contractor's failure to comply with provisions of Contract No. 2023-0188, and that the termination shall be effective as of June 23, 2026.

That the Purchasing and Strategic Sourcing Department also recommends that Trans America Protection Corporation be disqualified from entering into any contract with the City for a period of 3 years for default and unsatisfactory performance.

Mr. Harold D. Russell, Lead Procurement & Contract Analyst, presented.

Board Member Chávez commented.

The following City staff members commented:

- Ms. Joyce Garcia, Assistant City Attorney
- Ms. Karla Nieman, City Attorney

1ST MOTION
Motion made by Board Member Chávez, seconded by Board Member Acevedo, and unanimously carried to **LAY** the item on the **TABLE**.

AYES: Board Chair Johnson and Board Members Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None

2ND MOTION
The Mass Transit Department Board meeting was **RECESSED** at 11:48 a.m. to convene the Regular City Council Meeting.

3RD MOTION
The Mass Transit Department Board meeting was **RECONVENED** at 4:32 p.m.

4TH MOTION
Motion made by Board Member Canales, seconded by Board Member Limón, and unanimously carried to **TAKE** the item from the **TABLE.**

5TH AND FINAL MOTION
Motion made by Board Member Canales, seconded by Board Member Limón, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the Resolution**.**

AYES: Board Chair Johnson and Board Members Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None

4.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso's Mass Transit Department ("Sun Metro") provides public transportation for the City of El Paso; and

WHEREAS, Fort Bliss is a military base partially located in El Paso County, Texas and whose main cantonment is located in the City of El Paso ("Fort Bliss"); and

WHEREAS, Fort Bliss's population makes use of the Sun Metro routes that already exist within the City of El Paso but those routes do not currently reach all areas of the military base; and

WHEREAS, federal law, codified at 10 U.S.C. §2679 authorizes the Secretary of the Army to enter into an Intergovernmental Support Agreement on a sole source basis with a local government to receive installation-support services; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso, through Sun Metro, and Fort Bliss would like to enter into an Intergovernmental Services Agreement where Sun Metro will provide public transportation within Fort Bliss designated areas, in the form of micro transit services, to service more of the population within the military base; and

WHEREAS, this agreement will support the transit system within the region and a high quality of life for the City of El Paso community.

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

1. **That**, the Mayor be authorized to sign an Intergovernmental Support Agreement ("IGSA") between the City of El Paso and the United States to provide public transportation services, in the form of micro transit services, by and through the City's Mass Transit Department ("Sun Metro") to Fort Bliss.
2. **That,** the Mayor be authorized to renew the IGSA, without further action from the Mass Transit Department Board.
3. **That**, the Mayor be authorized to accept, reject, alter, amend or terminate the IGSA after review and approval by the city Attorney's office, without further action from the Mass Transit Department Board.
4. **That,** the City Manager or designee be authorized to sign any related agreements, verifications and documents, after review and approval from the City Attorney's office, as

well as effectuate any budget transfers, submit necessary revisions to the operational plan and take any actions necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

Mr. Anthony Dekeyzer, Director of Sun Metro, presented.

Col. Michael V. Soyka, Ft. Bliss Garrison Commander, commented.

Board Chair Johnson and Board Member Niño commented.

1ST MOTION
Motion made by Board Member Canales, seconded by Board Member Limón, and unanimously carried to **MOVE** the item to the **REGULAR AGENDA**.

2ND AND FINAL MOTION
Motion made by Board Member Limón, seconded by Board Member Chávez, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the Resolution**.**

AYES: Board Chair Johnson and Board Members Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None

ADJOURN

Motion made by Board Member Niño, seconded by Board Member Limón, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 4:34 pm.

AYES: Board Chair Johnson and Board Members Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None

Approved as to content:

Anthony DeKeyzer

Anthony DeKeyzer, Director of Mass Transit