

MASS TRANSIT DEPARTMENT BOARD MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

DECEMBER 14, 2021

A meeting of the Mass Transit Department Board was called to order at 10:20 AM with Board members Peter Svarzbein, Alexandra Anello, Cassandra Hernandez, Joe Molinar, Isabel Salcido, Claudia Rodriguez, Henry Rivera and Cissy Lizarraga. Late arrival: Board Chair Leeser at 10:28AM

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.

The following member of the public commented:

1. Ms. Judy Ackerman commented

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

All matters listed under the CONSENT AGENDA, including those on the Addition to the Agenda, will be considered by Mass Transit Department Board to be routine and will be enacted by one motion unless separate discussion is requested by Board Members. Prior to the vote, members of the audience may ask questions regarding items on the consent agenda. When the vote has been taken, if an item has not been called out for separate discussion, the item has been approved. The Mass Transit Department Board may, however, reconsider any item at any time during the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

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 Svarzbein, Anello, Hernandez, Molinar, Salcido, Rodriguez, Rivera, and Lizarraga

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Board Chair Leeser

Goal 6: Set the Standard for Sound Governance and Fiscal Management

CONSENT AGENDA – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. *Motion made, seconded and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the Minutes for the Mass Transit Board Meetings held on November 9, 2021 and November 23, 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA – REQUEST TO EXCUSE ABSENT MASS TRANSIT BOARD MEMBERS

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

REGULAR AGENDA

Strategic Goal 7: Enhance and Sustain El Paso's Infrastructure Network

3. RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) grant recipients are required to comply with the United States Department of Transportation Title VI Regulations (49 CFR part 21) and the FTA Circular 4702.1B, which sets out the new criteria for FTA recipients; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso's Mass Transit Department (Sun Metro) is an FTA grant recipient; and

WHEREAS, Sun Metro is required to have a Title VI Program (Program) under the federal regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Program sets out the policies and procedures for Sun Metro to evaluate proposed service and fare changes to determine whether the planned changes will have a disparate impact on the basis of race, color, or national origin, or a disproportionate burden on low-income populations.

WHEREAS, Sun Metro conducted Fare Equity Analyses for Route 4 (Free Circulator) for compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended and guidance found in FTA Circular 4702.1B.

WHEREAS, in March of 2017, the City of El Paso's Mass Transit Department (Sun Metro) and the City of El Paso adopted the 2017 Fare Equity Analyses for Route 4 (Free Circulator); and

WHEREAS, the FTA updated the Fare Equity Analyses and the City of El Paso Mass Transit Department would like to adopt the new Title VI Fare Equity Analysis: Mobile Payment Option completed in 2021.

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

That the City of El Paso adopts the City of El Paso's Mass Transit Department's (Sun Metro) Federal Title VI Program and updated Title VI Fare Equity Analysis: Mobile Payment Option.

Ms. Ellen Smyth, Managing Director of Sun Metro & Environmental Services presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Board Members Svarzbein, Annelo, and Molinar commented.

Mr. Tommy Gonzalez, City Manager, commented.

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

AYES: Board Members Svarzbein, Annelo, Molinar, Salcido, Rodriguez, Rivera, Lizarraga,
and Board Chair Leeser

NAYS: None

Not present: Board Member Hernandez

ADJOURN

Motion made by Board Member Molinar, seconded by Board Member Salcido and unanimously carried to adjourn this meeting at 10:49AM.

AYES: Board Members Svarzbein, Annelo, Molinar, Salcido, Rodriguez, Rivera, Lizarraga,
and Board Chair Leeser

NAYS: None

Not present: Board Member Hernandez

Approved as to content:

Ellen A. Smyth, Managing Director