



**Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
El Paso Area Transportation Services, LGC  
August 27, 2024 – 2:30 PM**

Enrique Moreno County Courthouse  
Room LL106  
El Paso, Texas 79901

**MINUTES PREPARED BY ANNETTE GUTIERREZ, RIOCOCG /BOARD SECRETARY**

1. Open Meeting

The El Paso Area Transportation Services Local Government Corporation meeting was called to order at 2:34 p.m. Members in attendance were:

Commissioner Carlos Leon (Chair)	El Paso County	Present
Arturo Rubio	Horizon City	Present
Jose M. Landeros	El Paso County	Absent
Andrea Carrillo	Village of Vinton	Present
Jessica Mayeux	Town of Anthony (Virtual)	Present
Mike Medina	City of San Elizario	Present
Susie Rodrigues	Town of Clint (Virtual)	Present

**Others Present**

Virtual

Celia Garcia, Amistad  
Tim McDaniel  
C.Bune  
Kelly Blume, TTI  
Nicolette Ruiz, Barracuda  
Dave Acosta, Barracuda  
Michael Walk, TTI  
David Galicia-Cabrera, TTI

In Person

Karl Rimkus, City of El Paso (Ex Officio)  
Harrison Plourde, El Paso MPO (Ex Officio)  
Jackie Butler, Commissioner Carlos Leon  
Karl McElhaney, Commissioner Carlos Leon  
Annette Gutierrez, Rio Grande COG  
Xavier Banales, El Paso County Transit  
Jesus Cerna, El Paso County Transit  
Claudia Garcia, Sun Metro  
Alexis Ortiz, El Paso County

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Discussion and Appropriate Actions:**

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

All consent agenda items were moved to the regular agenda.

- a. Approve the minutes of the meeting on July 17, 2024.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES WITH THE NOTED CORRECTIONS.

Motion by Andrea Carrillo                      Seconded by Mike Medina  
Members Voting Aye: Carlos Leon, Arturo Rubio, Andrea Carrillo, Jessica Mayeux,  
Susie Rodriguez and Mike Medina

Members Voting Nay: None

- b. Approve the Fiscal Agent’s Financial Report.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT AS PRESENTED.

Motion by Andrea Carrillo                      Seconded by Mike Medina Members  
Members Voting Aye: Carlos Leon, Arturo Rubio, Andrea Carrillo, Jessica Mayeux,  
Susie Rodriguez and Mike Medina

Members Voting Nay: None

- c. A Resolution approving and adopting the ADA Paratransit Plan.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ADA  
PARATRANIST PLAN.

Motion by Carlos Leon                              Seconded by Mike Medina Members  
Members Voting Aye: Carlos Leon, Arturo Rubio, Andrea Carrillo, Jessica Mayeux,  
Susie Rodriguez and Mike Medina

Members Voting Nay: None

**5. REGULAR AGENDA**

- a. Receive updates and reports from El Paso County Transit staff regarding ongoing transit projects and other transit matters.

NO ACTION

- b. Update on the Service Reduction/Removal Policy from TTI.

NO ACTION

- c. Update on the preliminary FY 2025 Contribution Amounts for member governments.

NO ACTION

- d. Discuss and take appropriate action to authorize the LGC Chair to execute an agreement with Barracuda PR for the Socorro Outreach Plan, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000, after review and approval by Legal Counsel.

MOTION: TO AUTHORIZE THE LGC CHAIR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH BARRACUDA PR FOR THE SOCORRO OUTREACH PLAN IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000, AFTER REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY LEGAL COUNSEL.

Motion by Mike Medina      Seconded by Andrea Carrillo  
Members Voting Aye: Carlos Leon, Arturo Rubio, Andrea Carrillo, Jessica Mayeux, Susie Rodriguez and Mike Medina

Members Voting Nay: None

- e. Discuss and take appropriate action on the Interlocal Agreement for the Provision of Transit Operations Services by and between El Paso County, City of El Paso/Sun Metro, and the El Paso Area Transportation Services, Local Government Corporation (EPATS, LGC) for the coordination and operation of ADA-complimentary paratransit services.

MOTION: TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE BOARD CHAIR TO SIGN THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF TRANSIT OPERATIONS SERVICES BY AND BETWEEN THE EL PASO COUNTY CITY OF EL PASO SUN METRO AND THE EL PASO TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORPORATION, FOR THE COORDINATION OF ADA COMPLIMENTARY PARATRANSIT SERVICES.

Motion by Mike Medina      Seconded by Art Rubio  
Members Voting Aye: Carlos Leon, Arturo Rubio, Andrea Carrillo, Jessica Mayeux, Susie Rodriguez and Mike Medina

Members Voting Nay: None

- f. Discuss and take appropriate action on creating a Fund Balance Policy.

NO ACTION

- g. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the FY2025 Staffing Plan for the El Paso Area Transportation Services, LGC.

NO ACTION

- h. Update on Federal Transportation Administration's Helping Obtain Prosperity for Everyone (HOPE) project.

NO ACTION

- i. Receive a report from the Director of Transit Operations regarding operational, financial, and other relevant activities for the month.

NO ACTION

- j. Discuss the City of Socorro's - Rio Vista Transportation Program application for Section 5310 funding.

NO ACTION

## **6. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Only the Directors of the El Paso Area Transportation Service, Local Government Corporation (EPATS, LGC), have a right to attend an executive session, except that legal counsel must be present if the executive session is held pursuant to Government Code section 551.071. In addition to legal counsel, EPATS, LGC may include in executive session certain officers and employees if it finds that (1) their participation is necessary to the matter under consideration; (2) their interests are not adverse to the EPATS, LGC, and (3) their presence will not waive the attorney-client privilege.

- a. Discuss findings regarding persons necessary in the Executive Session.

NO ACTION

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: TO ADJOURN

Motion by Andrea Carrillo      Seconded by Mike Medina

Members Voting Aye: Carlos Leon, Arturo Rubio, Andrea Carrillo, Jessica Mayeux, Susie Rodriguez and Mike Medina

Members Voting Nay: None

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.