



**El Paso Area Transportation Services, LGC
Board Meeting Minutes for April 19, 2023**

**Enrique Moreno County Courthouse
Commissioners Court Chambers
500 East San Antonio Room 303
El Paso, Texas 79901**

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MINUTES PREPARED BY JORGE L. REYES, ASSISTANT PLANNER/BOARD SECRETARY

1. Open Meeting

The El Paso Area Transportation Services Local Government Corporation meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m. Members in attendance were:

Carlos Leon (Chair)	El Paso County	Present
Michelle Garcia (Vice Chair)	Horizon City	Present
Jose M. Landeros	El Paso County	Present
Maya Sanchez	City of San Elizario	Absent
Andrea Carillo	Village of Vinton	Absent

Others Present

Virtual

James Cardenas, TTI
Kelly Blume, TTI
Adriana Rodarte, City of Socorro
David Cantu, City of San Elizario
David Armijo
David Galicia Cabrera, TTI
Marina Monsisvais- Barracuda PR
Israel Irrobali, Barracuda PR
Annette Gutierrez, Rio Grande COG
Mo Moabed, Dona Ana County

In Person

Reyna Mayorga, El Paso County
Jesus Cerna, El Paso County
Jorge Reyes, El Paso County
Daniel Marquez, El Paso County
Karl Rimkus, City of El Paso
Karl McElhaney, Commissioner Carlos Leon
Sergio Estrada, Kemp Smith

Xavier Banales, EP County WTEP
Celia R. Garcia, Project Amistad
Lorraine Quimiro, City of Socorro
Illiana Holguin, El Paso County



2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comment
4. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting on January 18, 2023.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON JANUARY 18, 2023.

Motion by Michelle Garcia Seconded by Jose Landeros
Members Voting Aye: Carlos Leon, Michelle Garcia, Jose Landeros
Members Voting Nay: None

The committee heard item number 12. Discussion on branding development and implementation options for EPATS, LGC and all related facilities.

Public Comment was taken from El Paso County Commissioner Illiana Holguin, David Armijo, San Elizario Alderman David Cantu, and Ex-Officio Member Karl Rimkus

NO ACTION

5. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the “FY 2023 Administrative Cost Agreement for the El Paso Area Transportation Services, Local Government Corporation” between the EPATS, LGC and the Rio Grande Council of Governments.

MOTION: TO APPROVE

Motion by Jose Landeros Seconded by Carlos Leon
Members Voting Aye: Carlos Leon, Michelle Garcia, Jose Landeros
Members Voting Nay: None

6. Discuss and take appropriate action on City of Socorro joining EPATS, LGC.

Public comment provided by Socorro City Representative Ruben Reyes

NO ACTION



7. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Interlocal Public Service Transit Agreements between El Paso Area Transportation Services, Local Government Corporation and El Paso County, Horizon City, City of San Elizario, City of Socorro, and the Village of Vinton.

NO ACTION

8. Approve and make recommendation to El Paso County Transit to offer a promotional free fare for Ozone Action Days as determined by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) from May 1, 2023, through October 31, 2023, as well as free fare for Earth Day on April 22, 2023.

MOTION : Approve staff recommendation for El Paso County Transit to offer a promotional free fare for Ozone Action Days as determined by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) from May 1, 2023, through October 31, 2023, as well as free fare for Earth Day on April 22, 2023.

Motion by Jose Landeros Seconded by Michelle Garcia
Members Voting Aye: Carlos Leon, Michelle Garcia, Jose Landeros
Members Voting Nay: None

Member Landeros directed staff to bring back a free summer fare program starting Memorial Day and ending Labor Day to the next meeting.

Reports, Presentations, and Discussion: Items 9-13 were for discussion only and had no action taken.

9. Presentation from the Far West Texas/El Paso Regional Transportation Coordination Committee (WTEP) regarding the approved Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) 2022-2026 Regional Plan for the following counties: El Paso, Hudspeth, Culberson, Presidio, J. Davis and Brewster.
10. Presentation from the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) for Task Order 2 "El Paso County Urban and Rural Reporting Financial Analysis."
11. Presentation from Sun Metro regarding its Service Expansion Policy and possible impact to Route 84 EPCC Mission Del Paso, service to Socorro, Texas.
12. Discussion on branding development and implementation options for EPATS, LGC and all related facilities.
13. Update and discussion from El Paso County Transit staff regarding ongoing transit projects and issues.
14. Executive Session- There was no need for Executive Session at this meeting.
15. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:53 p.m.