



**El Paso Area Transportation Services, LGC
Board Meeting Minutes for June 14, 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
Mike Medina	City of San Elizario	Present
Andrea Carillo	Village of Vinton	Present

Others Present

Virtual	In Person
Adam Shea	Reyna Mayorga, El Paso County
Kelly Blume, TTI	Jesus Cerna, El Paso County
Ana Gaby Becerra	Jorge Reyes, El Paso County
David Cantu, City of San Elizario	Daniel Marquez, El Paso County
Paul Buharin	Karl Rimkus, City of El Paso
Alexander Cadet	Karl McElhaney, Commissioner Carlos Leon
Marina Monsisvais- Barracuda PR	Sergio Estrada, Kemp Smith
Israel Irrobali, Barracuda PR	
Gabriel Garcia, Barracuda PR	Xavier Banales, EP County WTEP
Anne Guayant	Annette Gutierrez, Rio Grande COG
Alejandra Valadez	Jackie Butlet, Commissioner Carlos Leon
	Harrison Plourde, El Paso MPO
	Luis Galicia, TTI
	Michael Walk, TTI



2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comment
4. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting on April 19, 2023.

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

Motion by Carlos Leon Seconded by Mike Medina

Members Voting Aye: Carlos Leon, Michelle Garcia, Jose Landeros, Mike Medina, Andrea Carillo

Members Voting Nay: None

Executive Session- The members of the El Paso Area Transportation Services LGC retired into Executive Session to discuss items 5 and 13, pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.071. The board will reconvene to take official action.

The board went into Executive Session at 1:35 p.m.

The board came out of Executive Session at 2:33 p.m.

5. Discuss and take appropriate action on the City of Socorro, the Town of Anthony, and the Town of Clint, joining EPATS, LGC.

MOTION: APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO PROVIDE A RESPONSE TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO REGARDING THE CITY'S DENIAL OF THE FY 2023 PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT.

Motion by Jose Landeros Seconded by Carlos Leon

Members Voting Aye: Carlos Leon, Michelle Garcia, Jose Landeros, Mike Medina, Andrea Carillo

Members Voting Nay: None



13. Discuss and take appropriate action to explore the possibility of having the City of El Paso Mass Transit Department (Sun Metro) join the El Paso Area Transportation Services, Local Government Corporation (EPATS, LGC) Board as a voting member.

MOTION; AUTHORIZE STAFF TO SEND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CITY OF EL PASO MASS TRANSIT DEPARTMENT, INVITING THEM TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF JOINING THE EL PASO AREA TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORPORATION.

Motion by Mike Medina Seconded by Andrea Carillo

Members Voting Aye: Carlos Leon, Michelle Garcia, Jose Landeros, Mike Medina, Andrea Carillo

Members Voting Nay: None

6. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Interlocal Public Service Transit and Contribution Agreement for FY 2023 between El Paso Area Transportation Services, Local Government Corporation and Horizon City, City of San Elizario, and the Village of Vinton.

MOTION: AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE INTERLOCAL PUBLIC SERVICE TRANSIT AND CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT FOR FY 2023 BETWEEN EL PASO AREA TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORPORATION AND HORIZON CITY, CITY OF SAN ELIZARIO AND THE VILLAGE OF VINTON

Motion by Andrea Carillo Seconded by Mike Medina

Members Voting Aye: Carlos Leon, Michelle Garcia, Jose Landeros, Mike Medina, Andrea Carillo

Members Voting Nay: None

7. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Interlocal Public Service Transit and Contribution Agreement for FY 2023 between El Paso Area Transportation Services, Local Government Corporation and County of El Paso, Texas.

MOTION: AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE INTERLOCAL PUBLIC SERVICE TRANSIT AND CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT FOR FY 2023 BETWEEN EL PASO AREA TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORPORATION AND COUNTY OF EL PASO, TEXAS.

Motion by Carlos Leon Seconded by Michelle Garcia

Members Voting Aye: Carlos Leon, Michelle Garcia, Jose Landeros, Mike Medina, Andrea Carillo

Members Voting Nay: None

8. Discuss and take appropriate action to designate an EPATS, LGC Director to serve as a stakeholder representative on the Far West Texas/El Paso Regional Transportation Coordination Committee (WTEP).

NO ACTION



9. Discuss and take appropriate action on branding efforts presented by Barracuda Public Relations, LLC.

NO ACTION

10. Discuss and take appropriate action on recommendation by El Paso County Transit to implement a promotional summer free fare starting on June 15, 2023, through September 30, 2023.

MOTION: TO APPROVE A PROMOTIONAL SUMMER FREE FARE STARTING ON JUNE 15, 2023 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Motion by Michelle Garcia Seconded by Mike Medina

Members Voting Aye: Carlos Leon, Michelle Garcia, Jose Landeros, Mike Medina, Andrea Carillo

Members Voting Nay: None

Items 11 and 12 were taken together.

11. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the implementation of Routes 10 and 11.
12. Receive a presentation from the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) on recommendations for proposed improvements in FY24 & FY25 and take appropriate action on proposed service plan(s).

NO ACTION

The board gave direction to TTI to use Option 4, cost out Sunday service and Route 40X

14. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding establishing transit office space in the El Paso Area Transportation Services, Local Government Corporation (EPATS, LGC) service area.

NO ACTION

Reports, Presentations, and Discussion: Item 15 was for discussion only and had no action taken.

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

17. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.