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PRESS RELEASE

Sun Metro Hosts Grand Opening for Bicentennial Council Transit Operations Center

El Paso, Texas – Sun Metro invites the public to join city and community leaders in the dedication and [grand opening of the new Bicentennial Council Transit Operations Center, 10151 Montana, at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28.](#)

ABOUT THE FACILITY

Located at 10151 Montana, the facility is home to all Sun Metro's operational needs, including an operations building, maintenance building, CNG Fueling facility, bus wash facility and covered bus parking area. Sun Metro broke ground on the \$27 million facility in June of 2012 which was 50 percent funded by the City of El Paso and 50 percent by Sun Metro. Sun Metro received a \$750,000 grant from the Federal Transit Administration to build the CNG Fuel Dispensing Facility which in total cost \$1.5 million.

The facility includes all the administrative offices, fleet dispatch, fixed route operations, driver locker room, employee wellness center, customer service call center, employee break room, training room, employee fitness center, maintenance body shop and a bus wash facility.

The 37.5 acre property currently houses 156 fixed route buses, 35 non-revenue vehicles and 10 Mesa Brio articulated buses. Sun Metro will expand its bus fleet with the addition of 14 articulated buses for the Alameda Brio Corridor, which is set to begin service in 2016, the Dyer Brio Corridor with 10 articulated buses and the Montana Brio Corridor with 14 additional articulated buses.

ABOUT THE BICENTENNIAL COUNCIL

In May 1975, Mayor Don S. Henderson and the Bicentennial Council made the decision to buy out three private bus operations in El Paso, in order to establish a public transportation system. The council obtained federal, state and local monies to do so. In 1976 the buyout was completed and the new bus operation, today known as Sun Metro, was started. One of the advantages in purchasing the privately owned bus companies was the City would receive revenue from the bridges to benefit the bus operation for the years to come. Members of the Bicentennial Council included Mayor Don Henderson, Dr. J.B. Jones, Richard Najera, E. H. Baeza and Arlene Quevon.

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