

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Sun Metro

AGENDA DATE: November 28, 2017

PUBLIC HEARING DATE: N/A

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DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: 1 and 8

STRATEGIC GOAL: Goal No. 7: Enhance and Sustain El Paso's Infrastructure Network

SUBGOAL: 7.3 : Enhance regional comprehensive transportation system.

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a resolution / ordinance / lease to do what? **OR AUTHORIZE** the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

Management Update

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?

Streetcar Implementation Plan Update

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD:



(If Department Head Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)



El Paso Streetcar Implementation Plan Update

City Council Meeting
Nov 28, 2017



El Paso Streetcar Project

EL PASO STREETCAR OFFICIAL ROUTE





Training and Hiring

- Dates are on-board projections
 - AD of Streetcar Operations—Carl Jackson Aug-2016
 - Safety Manager—Jose Marquez Aug-2017
 - Maintenance Manager—Erik Eberlein Nov-2017
 - Transit Supervisor/Trainer Dec-2017
 - Hostlers/Equipment service workers Jan-2018
 - 1st group of streetcar operators Jun-2018
 - 2nd group of streetcar operators Sep-2018



Coordination with FTA/TxDOT State Safety Oversight Agency

- As established under the current federal regulations, the FTA/TxDOT SSOA have safety jurisdiction over ALL rail transit in their states
- SSOA must approve operational plans before the start of revenue service
- TxDOT scheduled a site visit Sep 6 – 8, 2017 for a briefing and an initial inspection of the streetcar system
- TxDOT requested several plans which we submitted on October 31, 2017, and are expecting comments and additional documents request soon
- Awaiting PCC car and Maintenance Facility documents from Granite and Brookville
- SSOA safety certification is expected Aug/Sep 2018, which is necessary to start revenue service



Marketing Plan for Safety Signage and Initial Outreach

- CRRMA is producing video/brochure for Safety Campaign
- CRRMA is preparing power points, handouts, brochures, on-site signage and other safety materials to address ADA, pedestrian, vehicular, bicycle, OCS poles, and streetcar interaction
- Sun Metro and CRRMA will conduct safety presentations with surrounding Neighborhood Associations/Civic Groups
- Sun Metro will schedule safety campaign meetings for each side of town to include: corridor maps, project timelines, fact sheets and grand opening information
- COEP will be selecting a marketing firm to assist in streetcar branding and possible naming rights, and fare sponsorship for special free day events



CRRMA and COEP Transition Timelines

- CRRMA is responsible to construct the Streetcar system
- Hand-off to the COEP will be incremental as infrastructure and PCC cars are certified operational
 - Maintenance facility should be completed for hand-off in Jan 2018
 - Electrical and rail Infrastructure should be completed for hand-off early 2018
 - 1st PCC car should arrive late Jan/early Feb and be certified for hand-off in late Feb/early Mar
 - PCC cars 2-6 will arrive one-by-one, between Mar and Oct 2018
 - Revenue service projected to start in Nov 2018



Other Streetcar Activities

- A PCC Streetcar wrapped bus will be displayed at Winterfest starting Dec 1st
- Sun Metro will provide free rubber tired trolley transportation at Winterfest on Fri, Sat and Sun during peak times
- The CAC met on Nov 21st to discuss the naming of the Maintenance Facility after the late Ron Dawson, who was instrumental in the operations and restoration of the El Paso streetcar system for over 40 years
- The streetcar team is planning a visit to Tucson to observe their streetcar system operations and marketing efforts
- Sun Metro is working on incorporating the streetcar trip planning and real-time tracking to the upcoming fixed route real-time app for use on cell phones and computers











