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Sun Metro, the City Mass Transit Department, is one of the largest City departments with over 650 employees and an annual budget of over \$42 million. Sun Metro offers Fixed Route and Paratransit bus service within the El Paso city limits, portions of El Paso County and throughout the City of Sunland Park, New Mexico. Job Express is another service of Sun Metro to support those individuals transitioning from welfare to work by providing transportation to job training, education, employment and childcare destinations.

At Sun Metro, fleet modernization and high priority capital projects are aggressively pursued to secure the future of the Mass Transit system. Sun Metro actively obtains funding to purchase new buses to ensure a continuum of service that meets current and future needs.

Effectiveness and efficiency is also enhanced by high priority capital projects that are expected to increase community partnerships and revenue streams. Exciting public initiatives include International Terminal, Mesa Street Terminal, Mission Valley Terminal, Westside Terminal, Far Eastside Terminal, Great Streets, Transit Advertising and Accessibility and shelter improvements.

The diversification of services will continue to allow Sun Metro to provide affordable service for the people of El Paso and surrounding areas.

DID YOU KNOW THAT SUN METRO:

- provides more than 40,000 rides on an average weekday
- operates 365 days of the year
- stops at almost 4,000 bus stops daily
- covers over 21,600 miles daily
- offers customers 64 Routes
- operates in Sunland Park, New Mexico, and El Paso County under contract
- answers over 175,000 Customer Service calls annually

ACHIEVEMENTS FY05

- Secured \$4,700,000 in total funding from Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for new bus purchases
- Secured \$2,350,000 in total funding from Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Funding (CMAQ) for the creation and implementation of a UTEP/Eastside Express Route and 2-way conversion and amenities installation along Oregon Street
- Secured \$4,700,000 in funding from CMAQ Funding for the partial funding of the Mesa Street Transit Terminal and Great Streets projects
- Secured \$2,530,000 in total funding from FTA for the continuation of the JOB Access program
- Secured \$12,330,000 from FTA 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Program for FY 04-05, up 7% over FY 02-03
- 12,830,000 passenger rides were provided in 2005, a 22.1% increase over fiscal year 2004. This represents an additional 6,000 rides daily.
- Recognized by the U.S. Department of Energy as the 2005 Transit Fleet of the Year at its 11th Annual Clean Cities Conference and Exposition in Palm Springs, May 3. The award recognized Sun Metro's pioneering efforts to convert its fixed route fleet to compressed natural gas (CNG) and liquified natural gas (LNG).

