

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

DEPARTMENT: Mass Transit Department (Sun Metro)
AGENDA DATE: October 8, 2013
CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Jay Banasiak, Mass Transit Director 534-5810
DISTRICT (S) AFFECTED: All

SUBJECT:

Approve a Resolution to name the new Sun Metro Operations and Maintenance Facility located on Montana the "*Bicentennial Council Transit Operations Center.*"

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

In May 1975 Mayor Don S. Henderson and the Bicentennial Council made the decision to buy out all the private bus operations in El Paso in order to establish a public transportation system. The Council obtained federal, state and local monies to do this. In 1976 the buyout was completed and the new bus operation was started.

Members of the Bicentennial Council include: Mayor Don Henderson, Dr. J.B. Jones, Richard Najera, E.H. Baeza, and Arlene Quenon.

SELECTION SUMMARY:

N/A

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

On July 16, 2013 the Citizens Advisory Committee approved the application for naming the new facility "*Bicentennial Council Transit Operations Center.*"

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD: _____


Signature

9/25/13
Date

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the facility currently referred to as the Sun Metro Administration, Operations & Maintenance Facility is located at 10159 Montana Ave. El Paso, Texas 79925; and

WHEREAS, on July 16, 2013, the Citizen’s Advisory Committee for the Board of the Mass Transit Department (“Citizen’s Advisory Committee”) met and approved a recommendation to name the facility the “Bicentennial Council Transit Operations Center; and

WHEREAS, this name change meets the standards required by the July 28, 2009 resolution of the El Paso City Council regarding the naming of a transfer center; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council accept the recommendation from the Citizen’s Advisory Committee, to name the facility, the **BICENTENNIAL COUNCIL TRANSIT OPERATIONS CENTER**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

THAT the facility located at 10159 Montana Ave. shall henceforth be named and known as the **BICENTENNIAL COUNCIL TRANSIT OPERATIONS CENTER**.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2013.

CITY OF EL PASO

Oscar Leeser
Mayor

ATTEST:

Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Kristen L. Hamilton
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Jay Banasiak, Director
Mass Transit Department

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CITY OF EL PASO
MASS TRANSIT DEPARTMENT
SUN METRO FACILITY
NAMING/CHANGE APPLICATION FORM

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Applicant Information:

Name of person or organization requesting name change: Emma Acosta

Address: 300 N. Campbell

Street, City, State Zip: El Paso, Texas 79902

Non-Profit Status (If applicable): _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: (915) 541-4515

Cell Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Naming Information

Current name of facility: Sun Metro Administration, Operations & Maintenance Facility

Name to be considered in addition to current name:

Bicentennial Council Transit Operations Center

Does this name duplicate the name of any other Sun Metro facility in El Paso?

No

Do you expect any public opposition to this request? No. If so, describe what opposition your request may face. Add additional pages if needed.

N/A

If the name change is of a person who is deceased, what was the date of the person's death?

N/A

Explain how this deceased person was prominent in El Paso or elsewhere and demonstrated a continued commitment and/or made an extraordinary contribution preferably to public transportation or Sun Metro and its programs.

N/A

Is the name change for a person who is alive? Yes. If so, explain how this person is extremely prominent locally, in Texas, nationally or internationally, and what worthy and extraordinary contribution, preferably to Public Transportation, has been made by this person? Attach additional pages if necessary.

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

Is the person or group requesting the change willing to incur the customary costs associated with the naming or renaming of a facility? Yes

DON HENDERSON BIO

In 1975, Mayor Don Henderson and his council members paved the way for El Paso to have a citywide public transit system by purchasing three privately owned transit companies using federal funding. Known as the Henderson Bicentennial Council, the Mayor and Council saw a perfect opportunity to help move their community.

The Bicentennial Council, named so because it was during the U.S. nationwide celebration of the American Revolution Bicentennial celebration, also knew then that the creation of what is now known as Sun Metro would benefit the community by generating revenues for the City.

Beyond the creation of Sun Metro, the Henderson Bicentennial Council worked to obtain funds to complete the interstate highway project for US-54, cleared the right of way for the extension of Hawkins to North Loop as well as the widening of Zaragoza through Ysleta. The Henderson Bicentennial Council set up the first Convention and Tourist Bureau in El Paso.

During his term as Mayor (1975 -1977), Henderson helped establish the first U.S. Border Cities organization that brought together mayors, council representatives and staff from Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California to El Paso along with more than 200 federal officials to review and study border needs and concerns. These activities helped establish the U.S. Border Commission.

Henderson, along with Mayors from various other U.S. cities, was invited to the White House to discuss city issues with then-President Gerald Ford. Henderson, in turn, invited President Ford to come to visit El Paso. Ford came to El Paso in April 1976 during a presidential campaign stop. During the visit Henderson and Ford dedicated a war memorial to 203 American servicemen from El Paso who died in Vietnam, a project of the El Paso Chapter of the American Gold Star Mothers.

Former Mayor Don Henderson, while primarily credited with leading the Bicentennial Council to create Sun Metro, is also recognized for his dedication to the arts, the creation of various parks, and the preservation of El Paso history; all in the hopes of improving and promoting the community's quality of life.



List eligible members of the public who support this requested name change. Include the names and addresses of at least 50 persons, ages 18 years (eighteen) or older, who live within the Sun Metro service area of El Paso who have signed a petition of support for the name change or who will appear in person at a location to be determined to show their support. Attach additional pages if necessary.

NAME (Print)	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE	PHONE/CELL
1. RAYMOND MCCOY	3605 ANNACILL	[Signature]	[Phone]
2. Sharon Verriggs	3011 Oakley	[Signature]	
3. Laura Torres		[Signature]	
4. VERONICA PAMAN	1431 MIRACLES	[Signature]	
5. Norma Leyarreta	10217 Ashwood D.	[Signature]	
6. Nick Isaías	1408 Arizona	[Signature]	
7. Edna McNeil	9321 More	[Signature]	
8. MR Bauer	520 Place	[Signature]	
9. Rodrigo Armas	14363 Esboere	[Signature]	
10. Jose M Gomez	6186 Los Felinos	[Signature]	
11. LAURA GOMEZ	6186 LOS FELINOS	[Signature]	
12. BUANO DEAMAN	Good SAMARITAN	[Signature]	
13. RUDOLFO A. BARBA	3121 FEDERAL	[Signature]	
14. Alejandra Marco	766 Martha Cole	[Signature]	
15. SOFIA CERE CERES	1028 FRANCINE	[Signature]	
16. Erik Bruce	7324 Desierto Oro Ct	[Signature]	
17. Abel Sanchez	12294 INVERSON CS.	[Signature]	
18. AN KANATH	6842 PISATIEMPO	[Signature]	
19. BLUN GOODRICH	4750 Portsmouth	[Signature]	
20. Stephen Good	6907 Polvadera	[Signature]	
21. JOSEPH M. UREÑO	5520 EMERALD VIEW DR.	[Signature]	
22. Luis A. BUENA	11509 Arrow Rock Dr	[Signature]	
23. Marisol Sierra	7704 Navido Goodman	[Signature]	
24. Bea Sanchez	3528 Cliffrock 0035	[Signature]	



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NAME(Print) ADDRESS SIGNATURE PHONE/CELL

- 25. Elva Azpeitia 633 Laramie River Elizabeth
- 26. Valerie Briones 465 Lomaland #14 [Signature]
- 27. Donna Trent 513 Anasazi Donna Trent
- 28. Rodolfo Rizo 728 Springfire Rodolfo Rizo
- 29. CHRISTOPHER BETANES 3217 Duran Rd [Signature]
- 30. MONICA M. MUNIZ 7990 Arcraft Rd. #886 Monica
- 31. Victor Dominguez 709 Dulce Tisana [Signature]
- 32. Tim Candee 10805 Coral Sands [Signature]
- 33. Frank Leon 216 Cargill [Signature]
- 34. Vivian Rojas 5233 Suedwater [Signature]
- 35. Katy Guzman 6801 Orizaba Ave [Signature]
- 36. LINDSAY HOLT 5555 WESTSIDE DR. [Signature]
- 37. MICHAEL HINOJOS 612 VALLEY PLUM [Signature]
- 38. MARIO SAUCEDO 11737 CHLOUS [Signature]
- 39. Willie Beltran 9241 McFall [Signature]
- 40. FRANCISCO T Villalobos 6011 Valley Dr [Signature]
- 41. Johanna Marquez 8158 Disney Ln [Signature]
- 42. Amis (Amis) 3905 Porter Ave [Signature]
- 43. Nayela Drey 11355 Lake Ozark [Signature]
- 44. Robert Graydon 3712 Monroe 915-
- 45. Humberto Medina 2799 VAQUERO LN (9)
- 46. David Reartman 4625 Amposta [Signature]
- 47. Sandra G. Vasquez 5713 Calgary - So. Waco
- 48. Elsa Reyes - 1616 - Womina [Signature]
- 49. Victor Dominguez PO Box 20311 79713 [Signature]
- 50. Ted N. Triolo 800B Espada 79911 [Signature]

Father *

Son *

