



**County of El Paso
Agenda Item Details**

Item Title: Transit Operations - TTI Task Order No. 10 - Community Demand Response Service Planning (Contract 2024-0748)

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Department: Transit Operations

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Subject: Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign Task Order No. 10, Community Demand Response Service Planning with the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) from September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025, in the amount of \$270,000. Funds are available in SG-GPLANST24-OPERATING EXP. (Contract No. 2024-0748)

Background: El Paso County Transit a.k.a. El Paso Transportation Authority (ETA), in collaboration with the El Paso Area Transportation Services, LGC (EPATS), has partnered with the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) for technical assistance to develop a comprehensive General Public Demand Response (GPDR) service plan. This task order supports the ongoing efforts of EPATS to enhance transit services, particularly in areas not served by fixed routes, through the implementation of GPDR and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) paratransit services (implemented August 2024). With fixed-route service contracts expiring in 2024, and new services anticipated for 2025, this task will guide the County's transition to more flexible service models like microtransit, while ensuring adherence to industry best practices. This project will include community engagement, analysis of service needs, and provide recommendations for service boundaries, ridership forecasts, and implementation strategies.

Contract Number: 2024-0748
Contract Term Start: 9/01/2024
Contract Term End: 8/30/2025
County Attorney Opinion Number:

Fiscal Impact: Fiscal Impact Historical
N/A

Fiscal Impact Projected
Funding in the amount of \$270,000 is available in:

SG-PLANST24-OPERATING EXP
COSG-7208-0002024-431-80-80102-0001-00000-600000

Long Account Number: Amount:

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Budget or Unbudgeted Match:

Recommendation:

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Prior Action:

On August 26, 2024; Item 4AM – Commissioner’s Court approved the FY2025 Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Planning Assistance Project Grant Agreement (PGA) in the amount of \$270,000, beginning September 1, 2024, to August 31, 2025.

On June 15, 2020; Item 23 – Commissioners Court approved the Master Interlocal Agreement with TTI for a variety of transportation studies, research, evaluations and other services.

Strategic Plan:

Goal:

4. Upgrade Infrastructure

Objective:

6.6 Expand the public transit system

Strategic Plan Information:

Continued improvement and implementation of new Transit Services.

**Estimated Time Needed
For This Item:**