



**County of El Paso
Agenda Item Details**

Item Title: Transit Operations - TxDOT FY2025 Intercity-Bus (ICB) Project Grant Agreement (PGA) (2024-0735)

Submitted By: Xavier Banales, Interim Director

Department: Transit Operations

Department Phone Number: 915-546-2159

Subject: GRANT AWARD – Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) FY2025 Intercity-Bus (ICB) Project Grant Agreement (PGA) from September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025, in the amount of \$676,068. This will continue the provision of the Intercity-Bus (ICB) Service, serving El Paso and Anthony, Texas, and Las Cruces, New Mexico. A 50/50 match is required and met by the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) funds; therefore, no County match required. (Contract No. 2024-0735)

Background: On September 1, 2009, El Paso County launched an intercity bus service that linked the Town of Anthony to El Paso, Texas and Las Cruces, New Mexico. This service is the result of an innovative partnership between the County, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT). Federal Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) funds were used to launch this service. The County's Planning & Development Department, Transportation Division, has identified TxDOT Intercity Bus (ICB) funds to continue this service; this PGA is for one year of service that will continue to be managed by NMDOT. NMDOT contracts All Aboard America for the operation of 57-passenger coaches that are ADA accessible and restroom equipped. The service operates in peak directions five days a week for a fare of \$3 each way with monthly passes available at \$90. There is no service on weekends or holidays. The service is meeting a need along this corridor and is a complement to other transportation services provided by the County's Transportation Division.

Fiscal Impact: Fiscal Impact Historical
N/A

Fiscal Impact Projected
GRANT – \$676,068; No County match is required, 50/50 match met by the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) funds.

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Budget or Unbudgeted Match:

Recommendation:

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Prior Action:

On January 8, 2024 – Item 4Q; Commissioners Court approved the Planning & Development Department to apply to the FY2024 two-year funding Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Intercity-Bus (ICB) Grant in the amount of \$1,377,348 to continue the Gold Route partnered with NMDOT.

Strategic Plan:

Goal:

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Objective:

Strategic Plan Information:

**Estimated Time Needed
For This Item:**