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# Sun Metro to Restore Service to Near Standard Level to Better Serve El Paso Service Modifications Begin February 23, 2025

EL PASO. Texas—Sun Metro will expand service beginning on Sunday. February 23, 2025, by adding more routes, extending hours and increasing frequency, as part of ongoing efforts to restore bus service following a fire at its Transit Operations Center.

The current modified service schedule will remain in effect until Saturday, February 22, 2025.

"The restoration of these additional routes increase current service from 11 routes to 48 routes out of the 52 routes Sun Metro normally operates during weekdays," said Sun Metro Director Anthony DeKeyzer. "This expansion will improve access to jobs, schools, medical care, and other essential services. We appreciate our passengers' patience and understanding as we continue working toward full service restoration."

On February 11, 2025, a fire severely impacted Sun Metro's maintenance operations, leading to a temporary reduction in service to comply with federal vehicle maintenance regulations. Tragically, five Sun Metro employees were hospitalized due to the incident, and one later succumbed to his injuries. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

Following the incident, Sun Metro adjusted its operations to ensure compliance with federal transit safety regulations, which require systematic inspections, preventive maintenance, and repairs to maintain buses in safe operating conditions.

Since the fire, Sun Metro has operated:

- All Brio routes on a modified schedule •
- Most fixed routes on a Sunday/Holiday schedule •
- Amistad routes on their regular schedule

This modified schedule will remain in effect through Saturday, February 22, 2025.

Sun Metro has set up temporary maintenance operations at the Union Depot in Downtown to service vehicles.

# **Upcoming Service Modifications**

Regular Sunday service starts Sunday, February 23, and Monday, February 24, 2025, Sun Metro will introduce a Modified Weekday and Saturday Schedule, gradually increasing service levels:

- Sunday, February 23, 2025 Regular Sunday schedule resumes
- February 24 28, 2025 Modified Weekday Schedule starts •
- Saturday, March 1, 2025 Modified Saturday Schedule starts •

# **Routes Returning on February 24, 2025**

Modified Weekday Schedule (Effective Monday, February 24) Please note: Routes 2, 16, 25, and 60 will not operate under this schedule.

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Route	Service Area	Operating Hours	Frequency
Route 4	Union Plaza Circulator	6:15 AM – 7:13 PM	60 min
Route 7	Northeast/Cielo Vista TC	4:25 AM – 7:30 PM	50 min
Route 10	Sunset Heights/UTEP	5:45 AM – 7:20 PM	50 min
Route 14	Westwind	5:35 AM – 7:40 PM	50 min
Route 15	Mesa	4:55 AM – 8:30 PM	70 min
Route 19	Resler Circulator	5:00 AM – 8:05 PM	65 min
Route 21	Chelmont Via Raynolds	5:15 AM – 6:45 PM	70 min
Route 24	Delta Via Second Ward	5:00 AM – 8:10 PM	80 min
Route 32	5 Points/Piedras/Ft Bliss	5:30 AM – 7:28 PM	45 min
Route 33	Government Hill Via Bassett	4:35 AM – 7:50 PM	80 min
Route 34	Medical Center Via Cliff	5:05 AM – 7:05 PM	90 min
Route 35	5 Points via Dyer	5:05 AM – 8:40 PM	55 min
Route 36	Beaumont Hospital/Highland	5:52 AM – 7:40 PM	110 min
Route 43	Montalvo Park Via Dyer	4:30 AM – 7:30 PM	60 min
Route 44	Sean Haggerty Via McCombs	5:20 AM – 7:17 PM	80 min
Route 46	North Hills Circulator/Rushing	5:08 AM – 7:38 PM	60 min
Route 50	Montana	5:00 AM – 8:00 PM	60 min
Route 51	RC Poe Via Edgemere	5:45 AM – 7:00 PM	100 min
Route 52	RC Poe Via Pebble Hills	6:00 AM – 6:40 PM	120 min
Route 53	Bob Mitchell via Montwood	5:30 AM – 8:38 PM	70 min
Route 58	Route 58 Montana/Turner	4:40 AM – 7:35 PM	65 min
Route 59	Eastside Connector	4:45 AM – 8:01 PM	15 min
Route 61	Route 61 DTC Via Alameda	4:10 AM – 7:23 PM	75 min
Route 62	Govt District Via Lakeside	5:52 AM – 7:58 PM	90 min
Route 63	Mission Valley via Eastside Terminal	5:28 AM – 7:28 PM	60 min
Route 65	Valle Verde via Paisano	5:10 AM – 8:07 PM	45 min
Route 66	Valle Verde via North Loop	5:00 AM – 7:16 PM	90 min
Route 67	Yarbrough	5:29 AM – 8:09 PM	77 min
Route 68	Lee Trevino	5:21 AM – 7:35 PM	90 min
Route 69	George Dieter	5:10 AM – 8:45 PM	90 min
Route 72	Vista Del Sol	6:45 AM – 8:10 PM	90 min

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Route	Service Area	Operating Hours	Frequency
Route 74	Pellicano/Rojas	5:30 AM – 8:28 PM	90 min
Route 86	Bordeaux via North Loop	5:45 AM – 7:43 PM	60 min
Route 89	Zaragoza Bridge Circulator	4:40 AM – 8:00 PM	30 min
Route 205	Mesa BRIO	5:00 AM – 7:55 PM	20 min
Route 206	Alameda BRIO	5:00 AM – 7:55 PM	30 min
Route 207	Dyer BRIO	5:00 AM – 7:55 PM	30 min
Route 208	Montana BRIO	5:00 AM – 7:43 PM	30 min

# Amistad Routes (Regular Weekday Schedule Continuing)

Route	Service Area	Operating Hours	Frequency
Route 5	Far East/Eastside Terminal Express	5:00 AM – 8:55 PM	80 min
Route 6	Far East/Mission Valley Express	5:30 AM – 8:33 PM	80 min
Route 8	Gateway Circulator	5:30 AM – 8:05 PM	60 min
Route 11	Mesita via Kern Place	8:00 AM – 4:55 PM	45 min
Route 12	Doniphan Circulator	5:00 AM – 8:03 PM	55 min
Route 13	Coronado Hills Circulator	5:55 AM – 7:48 PM	50 min
Route 26	Five Points/Alameda Express	6:00 AM – 6:56 PM	30 min
Route 54	RC Poe via Montwood	5:25 AM – 8:45 PM	50 min
Route 56	RC Poe/Far East Circulator	6:20 AM – 7:02 PM	45 min
Route 90	Westside/Eastside Express	5:50 AM – 7:30 PM	45 min

### Modified Saturday Schedule (Effective Saturday, March 1)

Routes 14, 15, 19, 35, 43, 44, 50, 51, 52, 53, 59, 61, 62, 63, 65, 66, 68 and 89 will run on a modified schedule. *Please note: Routes 2, 25, and 60, will not operate under this schedule.* 

Routes 4,7,10, 21, 24, 32, 33, 34, 36, 46, 58, 67, 69, 72, 74, 86, and Brios will be running on regular Saturday Schedule.

# Sunday Schedule (Effective Sunday, February 23)

Regular Sunday service resumes.

# Stay Updated

Passengers are encouraged to plan ahead and check for service updates via: Sun Metro's Customer Service Center (915) 212-3333 <u>www.SunMetro.net</u> Facebook & X (@SunMetroEP)

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