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City of El Paso Update on Fire at Sun Metro Transit Operations Center

Transit Service Adjustments to Support the Community

EL PASO, Texas—The City of El Paso and Sun Metro are responding to a fire that occurred on Tuesday at the Sun Metro Transit Operations Center (TOC), 10151 Montana Avenue.

The incident remains under investigation. The fire resulted in injuries to eight individuals—five were transported to area hospitals, while three declined medical transportation. Of those hospitalized, two are in critical condition and have been flown to a burn center in Phoenix.

“Our priority right now is ensuring the well-being of our employees and maintaining critical transit services for our community,” said City Manager Dionne Mack. “We appreciate the patience of our riders as we work to restore operations safely.”

Incident Investigation and Response

The El Paso Fire Department is continuing to investigate the cause of the fire. Sun Metro is working closely with emergency responders and city officials to assess the damage and determine next steps for restoring full operations.

“We understand that the public and the media have many questions, and we are committed to providing answers. However, at this time, we ask for patience as we focus on supporting our staff and stabilizing operations,” said Sun Metro Director Anthony Dekeyzer.

Support for Employees

The City is providing support to affected employees, including access to medical care, counseling, and assistance with accommodations as needed.

Press Briefing Scheduled for Tomorrow

Sun Metro will host a press briefing at 1 p.m. Thursday, February 13, 2025, at the Transit Operations Center, 10151 Montana to provide additional updates.

Please note: At this time, our focus remains on assisting staff and maintaining transit operations.

Transit Service Adjustments

Sun Metro recognizes that for many in our community, public transit is their primary or only means of transportation.

In response to the incident, we have been evaluating operations to determine how to best serve riders while managing available resources.

At this time, most fixed routes will operate on a Sunday/Holiday schedule to maintain essential transit services.

However, to better support the community, we are making the following modifications to key routes to ensure students and commuters can reach schools and workplaces:

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Modified Sunday Schedule for Key Routes:

- Route 205 (Mesa BRIO) – Service begins at 6 AM with a 20-minute frequency.
- Route 206 (Alameda BRIO) – Service begins at 6 AM with a 25-minute frequency.
- Route 207 (Dyer BRIO) – Service begins at 6 AM with a 25-minute frequency.
- Route 208 (Montana BRIO) – Service begins at 6 AM with a 30-minute frequency.
- Route 59 (Eastside Connector) – First bus departs 6:04 AM from DTC, with a 28-minute frequency.

Additionally, routes serviced by our community partner, Amistad, will continue to operate on their regular schedules. These routes include:

- Rt. 5 – Far East/Eastside Transfer Center Express
- Rt. 6 – Far East/Mission Valley Transfer Center Express
- Rt. 8 – Gateway Circulator
- Rt. 11 – Mesita via Kern Place
- Rt. 12 – Doniphan Circulator
- Rt. 13 – Coronado Hills Circulator
- Rt. 26 – 5 Points/Alameda Express
- Rt. 54 – RC Poe via Montwood
- Rt. 56 – RC Poe/Far East Circulator
- Rt. 90 – Park-N-Ride Westside to Eastside Express

Riders are encouraged to plan ahead and check for service updates via Sun Metro's website sunmetro.net and social media platforms.

In response to the recent events, Sun Metro has been evaluating operations to determine how to best serve riders while managing available resources.

For the latest updates, please visit www.SunMetro.net or follow us on [Facebook](#) or [X](#).

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