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City to Begin Stabilization and Debris Removal at Fire-Damaged Sun Metro Facility

Work Necessary to Provide Safe Access for Investigators

EL PASO, Texas—The City of El Paso will begin carefully removing debris and unstable portions of the Sun Metro maintenance facility today, April 14, 2025, to support the ongoing investigation into the fire that damaged the site earlier this year.

The work at 10151 Montana Avenue will involve clearing collapsed roof material and taking down severely compromised walls that currently pose a danger to investigators and crews.

“This is a critical step in ensuring a safe environment for the investigators working to determine the cause of the fire,” said Deputy City Manager Nicole Cote, who oversees Sun Metro. “The structure is unstable, and without this work, it would be too dangerous to conduct a thorough investigation.”

The February 11, 2025, fire caused significant structural damage. Progress was delayed in part by the extent of the damage and the need to coordinate closely with structural engineers, insurance providers, and investigators. Required state and federal approvals also took time, and recent high winds and severe weather made it unsafe to proceed sooner.

To protect the integrity of the investigation, the work will be carried out in carefully managed phases. Given the complexity of the site and safety considerations, the City will determine a completion timeline as the project advances.

The City remains committed to a thorough, transparent investigation into the cause of the incident.

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