

**Rudy Cruz, Jr.**  
Mayor

**Ruben Reyes**  
At Large

**Cesar Nevarez**  
District 1 /Mayor ProTem



**Alejandro Garcia**  
District 2

**Gina Cordero**  
District 3

**Irene Rojas**  
District 4

**Adriana Rodarte**  
City Manager

**NOTICE OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE  
CITY OF SOCORRO**

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THE FACILITY IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE AND ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES ARE AVAILABLE. REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATION FOR INTERPRETIVE SERVICES MUST BE MADE 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THIS MEETING. PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT (915) 858-2915 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

LA INSTALACIÓN ES ACCESIBLE PARA SILLAS DE RUEDAS Y HAY PLAZAS DE ESTACIONAMIENTOS DISPONIBLES. LAS SOLICITUDES DE ADAPTACIÓN PARA SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION DEBEN HACERSE 48 HORAS ANTES DE ESTA REUNIÓN. COMUNÍQUESE CON LA OFICINA DEL SECRETARIO DE LA CIUDAD AL (915) 858-2915 PARA OBTENER MÁS INFORMACIÓN

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY THE 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2025 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE CITY HALL CHAMBERS, 860 N. RIO VISTA RD., SOCORRO, TEXAS AT WHICH TIME THE FOLLOWING WILL BE DISCUSSED:

THIS WRITTEN NOTICE, THE MEETING AGENDA, AND THE AGENDA PACKET, ARE POSTED ONLINE AT [HTTP://COSTX.US/CITY-CLERK-PUBLIC-NOTICE](http://costx.us/city-clerk-public-notice) THE PUBLIC CAN ALSO ACCESS THE MEETING BY CALLING TOLL FREE-NUMBER 844-854-2222 ACCESS CODE 323610.

THE PUBLIC MAY CALL IN 844-854-2222 ACCESS CODE 323610 BY 5:30 PM MOUNTAIN STANDARD TIME (MST) ON THE 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2025 TO SIGN UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND THE AGENDA ITEM THEY WISH TO COMMENT ON. THE PUBLIC THAT SIGNED UP TO SPEAK WILL BE CALLED UPON BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER DURING THE MEETING.

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1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence.

### **3. Establishment of Quorum**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- 4. Public Comment** (The maximum time for public comment will be 30 minutes and three minutes will be allotted for each speaker. Government Code 551.042 allows for responses by city council to be a statement of specific factual information given in response to the inquiry; or a recitation of existing policy in response to the inquiry; or a decision to add the public comment to a future agenda.)

#### **PRESENTATION**

- 5. Recognition** to Andres Gomez and Jesus Gomez for their outstanding artistic contributions, their commitment to community, and their lasting impact on the cultural life of our city.  
*Mayor Rudy Cruz, Jr.*
- 6. Introduction** of Newly Elected SISD Trustee District 5 Mr. Manny Rodriguez.  
*Mayor Rudy Cruz, Jr.*
- 7. Proclamation** to recognize June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, as Dravet Syndrome Awareness Day in the City of Socorro, Texas to promote awareness.  
*Gina Cordero*

#### **NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

**ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA, INCLUDING THOSE ON THE ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA, WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE ROUTINE AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION ON THESE ITEMS UNLESS CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS REMOVE SPECIFIC ITEMS FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA TO THE REGULAR AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO THE TIME THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTE ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA.**

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA TO THE REGULAR AGENDA WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AFTER ACTING ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.**

**ANY MATTERS LISTED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA AND THE REGULAR AGENDA MAY BE DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT THE OPTION OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO CITY COUNCIL FOLLOWING VERBAL ANNOUNCEMENT, IF AN APPROPRIATE EXCEPTION TO THE OPEN MEETING REQUIREMENT OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT IS APPLICABLE.**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ARE TYPICALLY NOT TAKEN DURING THE INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES. PUBLIC COMMENTS WILL BE ALLOWED AT THE SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING-ORDINANCE 320**



8. **Excuse** absent council members. *Olivia Navarro*
9. **Approval** of Regular Council Minutes of May 15, 2025. *Olivia Navarro*
10. **Discussion and action** to approve the Department's April Monthly Report  
*Adriana Rodarte*

**REGULAR AGENDA**  
**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES**

11. **Public Hearing** for the Proposed Amendment to Chapter 46 – Zoning, Article V Supplemental Regulations for All Districts 46-636 Alcoholic Beverages to revise the alcohol sales setbacks from certain institutional uses and add clarify exemption for business with food and beverage certificate *Lorraine Quimiro*
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*Lorraine Quimiro*

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- 18. *Second Reading and adoption*** of an Ordinance approving The Waiver Request from Section 38-8.2.- Preliminary Plat -- Plans and Data (Subsection C. Engineering Reports) to Waive The Storm Drainage Plan Requirement for The Campoya Subdivision, being Tract 17, Block 15, Socorro Grant, and Located on Melendez Dr., Socorro, Texas.

*Lorraine Quimiro*

### **HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENTS**

- 19. *Discussion and action*** on approving the Civil Service Committee 2024 Annual Report.

*Carol Candelaria*

### **GRANTS DEPARTMENT**

- 20. *Discussion and action*** to authorize Resolution 818 recognizing The Dusty Tap, located at 10297 Socorro Rd, Socorro, TX 79927, as Socorro Small Business of the Quarter in the Food & Café Category. *Alejandra Valadez*

- 21. *Discussion and action*** to authorize Resolution 819 recognizing LITS Shoe Repair & Boots, located at 10089 North Loop Rd., Socorro, TX 79927, as Socorro Small Business of the Quarter in the All Other Business Category. *Alejandra Valadez*

- 22. *Discussion and action*** to update Resolution 820 authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Office of the Governor (OOG), Criminal Justice Division (CJD) FY 2025 **General Victim Assistance Program** for the Socorro Police Department and designate City Manager, Adriana Rodarte as the authorized official. *Alejandra Valadez*

- 23. *Discussion and action*** to update Resolution 821 authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Office of the Governor (OOG), Criminal Justice Division (CJD) FY 2025 **Criminal Justice Program** for the Socorro Police Department and designate City Manager, Adriana Rodarte as the authorized official. *Alejandra Valadez*

- 24. *Discussion and action*** to update Resolution 822 authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Office of the Governor (OOG), Criminal Justice Division (CJD) FY 2025 **Juvenile Justice & Truancy Prevention Grant Program** for the Socorro Police Department and designate City Manager, Adriana Rodarte as the authorized official.

*Alejandra Valadez*

- 25. Discussion and action** to update Resolution 823 authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Office of the Governor (OOG), Criminal Justice Division (CJD) FY 2025 **Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant Program** for the Socorro Police Department and designate City Manager, Adriana Rodarte as the authorized official. ***Alejandra Valadez***
- 26. Discussion and action** to authorize Resolution 824 supporting two (2) grant applications to the Texas Department of Transportation's 2025 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) Call for Projects for the "Rio Vista Complete Streets Feasibility Study" and the "Socorro Active Transportation Plan" projects. Socorro's 20% match requirement is eligible to be covered by Transportation Development Credits. ***Alejandra Valadez***

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- 27. Discussion and action** to approve an Interlocal Agreement between Emergency Health Network and the City of Socorro Police Department. ***Chief Robert Rojas***
- 28. Discussion and action** to approve the Participation in the Texas LESO Program and approve for the Chief of Police and Mayor Cruz to Execute the FY2025 State Plan of Operation. ***Chief Robert Rojas***

### **CITY MANAGER**

- 29. Discussion and action** on an order Scheduling a Uniform Election to be held in the City of Socorro, Texas on Tuesday November 4, 2025, for the purpose of electing City Council Members, Representatives, District 1, District 2 and District 3. ***Adriana Rodarte***
- 30. Discussion and action** to adopt Socorro ¡Avanzando! the 2025 - 2028 Transit Development Plan for the City of Socorro. ***Adriana Rodarte***
- 31. Discussion and action** to approve the licensing agreement between the City of El Paso/Sun Metro and the City of Socorro, for the use of the Nestor A. Valencia Mission Valley Transit Center to connect the City of Socorro's Transit System to the Regional Transit Network. ***Adriana Rodarte***
- 32. Discussion and action** to authorize the Mayor to execute Resolution 825 authorizing the filing of applications with the Federal Transit Administration, an operating administration of the United States Department of Transportation. ***Adriana Rodarte***

The City Council of the City of Socorro may retire into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Section 3.08 of the City of Socorro Charter and the Texas Government Code, Sections 551, Subchapter D to discuss any of the following: (The items listed below are matters of the sort routinely discuss in Executive Session, but the City Council of the City of Socorro may move to Executive Session any of the items on this agenda, consistent with the terms of the Open Meetings Act.) The City Council will return to open session to take any final action and may also, at any time during the meeting, bring forward any of the following items for public discussion, as appropriate.



Section 551.071 CONSULTATIONS WITH ATTORNEY  
Section 551.072 DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY  
Section 551.073 DELIBERATION REGARDING PROSPECTIVE GIFT

Section 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS  
Section 551.076 DELIBERATION REGARDING SECURITY  
Section 551.087 DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS

***Discussion on the following:***


**33. Discussion and action** on advice received from City Attorney in closed session, and action to approve real estate transaction; authorize filing or settlement of legal action; authorize employment of expert witnesses and consultants, and employment of special counsel with respect to pending legal matters. *Adriana Rodarte*

**34. Discussion and action** on qualifications of individuals for employment and for appointment to Boards & Commissions, job performance of employees, real estate acquisition and receive legal advice from City Attorney regarding legal issues affecting these matters. *Adriana Rodarte*

**35. Discussion and action** regarding pending litigation and receive status report regarding pending litigation. *Adriana Rodarte*


**36. Adjourn**

**DATED THIS 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2025**

By:   
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

I, the undersigned authority, hereby certify that the above notice of the meeting of the City Council of Socorro, Texas is a correct copy of the notice and that I posted this notice at least Seventy-two (72) hours preceding the scheduled meeting at the City Administration Building, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., in Socorro, Texas.

**DATED THIS 2<sup>nd</sup> OF JUNE 2025**

By:   
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

Agenda posted: 6-2-25 @ 12:56  
Removed: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ by: \_\_\_\_\_

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June 2, 2025

**TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**FROM: Mayor, Rudy Cruz Jr.**

**SUBJECT: Recognition** to Andres Gomes and Jesus Gomez for their outstanding artistic contributions, their commitment to community, and their lasting impact on the cultural life of our city.

### **SUMMARY**

#### **Recognition of Andres Gomes and Jesus Gomez**

The City of Socorro proudly recognizes **Andres Gomes** and **Jesus Gomez**, two gifted artists whose collaboration has brought beauty, meaning, and cultural pride to our community through the power of public art.

Together, Andres and Jesus have completed several impactful murals throughout the city, each one a testament to their creativity, vision, and deep connection to the community. Among their most significant achievements is the mural in the foyer of the Municipal Building a striking and meaningful piece that offers a powerful representation of Socorro's rich history and heritage.

This mural, and their collective body of work, not only enhance our cityscape but also reflect the stories, values, and spirit of our people. Their dedication and collaborative spirit are truly commendable.

The City of Socorro extends its heartfelt appreciation to **Andres Gomes and Jesus Gomez** for their outstanding artistic contributions, their commitment to community, and their lasting impact on the cultural life of our city.

### **STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE**

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

**Account Code (GF/GL/Dept):**

**Funding Source: N/A**

**Amount:**

**Quotes (Name/Commodity/Price) N/A**

**Co-op Agreement (Name/Contract#) N/A**

**ALTERNATIVE**

**N/A**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**N/A**



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City Manager

June 2, 2025

**TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**FROM: Mayor, Rudy Cruz Jr.**

**SUBJECT: Introduction** of Newly Elected SISD Trustee District 5 Mr. Manny Rodriguez

**SUMMARY**

The purpose of this agenda item is to formally introduce Mr. Manny Rodriguez, the newly elected Socorro Independent School District (SISD) Trustee for District 5, to the City Council and the community.

As the newly elected trustee representing our area, this will be an opportunity for Council Members to meet Mr. Rodriguez, and for the community to be made aware of their new school board representative.

We will also afford Mr. Rodriguez the opportunity to provide brief remarks and engage in a meet-and-greet with Council and those in attendance.

**STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE**

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**ALTERNATIVE**

N/A

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

N/A

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City Manager

May 28, 2025

**TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**FROM: District 3 Representative, Gina Cordero**

**SUBJECT: Discussion and action** to Proclaim June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, as Dravet Syndrome Awareness Day in the City of Socorro, Texas to promote awareness.

**SUMMARY**

The City of Socorro is officially recognizing June 23, 2025, as Dravet Syndrome Awareness Day to raise public awareness about this rare and severe form of epilepsy that begins in infancy. The proclamation highlights the challenges faced by individuals with Dravet Syndrome, the importance of early diagnosis, and the need for ongoing research and community support. The city encourages residents to learn more about the condition and stand in solidarity with affected families.

**STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE**

Same as above

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

**Account Code (GF/GL/Dept):** N/A

**Funding Source:** N/A

**Amount:**

**Quotes (Name/Commodity/Price)** N/A

**Co-op Agreement (Name/Contract#)** N/A

**ALTERNATIVE**

N/A



**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

N/A

**REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION**

1. City Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
2. CFO \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
3. Attorney \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**PROCLAMATION**

**DRAVET SYNDROM AWARENESS DAY**

**Dravet Syndrome Awareness Day – June 23rd**

**WHEREAS**, Dravet Syndrome is a rare and catastrophic form of epilepsy that begins in infancy and is marked by frequent and prolonged seizures, developmental delays, and significant health challenges throughout life; and

**WHEREAS**, Dravet Syndrome affects approximately 1 in every 15,700 individuals, and due to its rarity and complexity, it is often underdiagnosed or misdiagnosed, leading to delays in proper care and treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, increased awareness and understanding of Dravet Syndrome are essential to improve early diagnosis, provide better support to affected individuals and their families, and encourage research into more effective treatments and ultimately, a cure; and

**WHEREAS**, organizations such as the Dravet Syndrome Foundation and advocates across the country are working tirelessly to raise awareness, educate the public, and support ongoing research and care for those living with this devastating disorder; and

**WHEREAS**, June 23rd has been designated as **Dravet Syndrome Awareness Day** to honor the strength of those affected and to amplify the call for increased public knowledge and medical research;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Rudy Cruz Jr., Mayor of the **City of Socorro**, do hereby proclaim **June 23, 2025** as **Dravet Syndrome Awareness Day** in the City of Socorro, and encourage all residents to learn more about this condition and support individuals and families who are affected by Dravet Syndrome.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Socorro to be affixed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.

**PASSED AND APPROVED this 5th day of June, 2025.**

THE CITY OF SOCORRO

ATTEST:

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Rudy Cruz Jr.  
Mayor

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Olivia Navarro  
City Clerk

**Rudy Cruz, Jr.**  
*Mayor*

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*At Large*

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**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 15, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Rudy Cruz, Jr.  
Ruben Reyes  
Cesar Nevarez  
Alejandro Garcia  
Maria "Gina" Cordero  
Irene Rojas

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

N/A

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager  
Victor Perez, Deputy City Manager  
Lorraine Quimiro, City Planner  
Jim Martinez, City Attorney  
Victor Reta, Communication Director  
Carol Candelaria, HR Director  
Alejandra Valadez, City Development Director  
Julio Dominguez, Parks & Public Works Supervisor  
Robert C. Rojas, Chief of Police  
Jason Stanzione, Deputy Chief of Police  
Juan Favela, Police Lieutenant  
Israel Rodriguez, Police Lieutenant  
Jose Botello, Planner  
Alfredo Ferando, IT Technician  
Juan Zamarano, IT Technician  
Maria Dominguez, Animal Control Officer  
Jose Quinonez, Economic Recovery Coordinator  
Marisela Corral, Administrative Assistant  
Diana Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant  
Ivan Sosa, Socorro Police Officer  
Andres Naranjo, Laborer  
Edgar Guardiola, Laborer  
Daniel Ontiveros, Laborer  
Jose Gaxiola, Laborer  
Jose Banda, Laborer  
Santiago Montelongo, Laborer  
Severiano Alvarez, Laborer



## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at: 6:03 pm.

## **2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Ernesto Serna Fine Arts Academy**

Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem led by Ernesto Serna Fine Arts Academy Students.

## **3. Establishment of Quorum**

A quorum was established with six council members present.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

## **4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No members of the public signed up to speak; Public Comment Closed at 6:06 PM.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### ***5. Recognition to Code 10 and Gear LLC for their outstanding contributions and unwavering support to the City of Socorro.***

***Mayor Rudy Cruz Jr.***

The presentation made by Mayor Rudy Cruz, Jr. to the owners of Code 10, and Gear LLC was recognized with a plaque for their donations of jackets & sweaters as well as their unwavering support to the City of Socorro, Texas.

### ***6. Proclamation to recognize Crisol Delgado, owner of Burro Time To Go for her recognition by the US Small Business Administration as Small Businessperson of the Year in 2025 for the El Paso District.***

***Alejandra Valadez***

Proclamation & certificate of appreciation read & presented by City Development Director Alejandra Valadez, Economic Recovery Coordinator Jose Quinonez, and remarks made by Ms. Crisol Delgado.

### ***7. Proclamation to recognize the month of May as Historic Preservation Month.***

***Victor Reta***

Proclamation read by Director Victor Reta. Remarks from the Council were also made.

- 8. *Proclamation*** to recognize the month of May as Mental Health Month.

***Victor Reta***

Proclamation read by Director Victor Reta and presented the proclamation to the attending representatives, and remarks were made by: National Alliance for Mental Illness- Alejandra Valadez & Emergency Health Network- Catherine Longoria. Remarks from the Council were also made.

- 9. *Proclamation*** to recognize May 18-24 as National Parks and Public Works Week.

***Victor Reta***

The proclamation was read by Director Victor Reta, and they presented the proclamation to the Socorro Parks & Public Works Team. Remarks made by Parks & Public Works Supervisor Julio Dominguez. Remarks from the Council were also made.

- 10. *Proclamation*** to recognize May 11-17 as National Police Week.

***Victor Reta***

The proclamation was read by Director Victor Reta, and they presented the proclamation to the Socorro Police Department. Remarks made by Socorro Police Chief of Police Robert C. Rojas. Remarks from the Council were also made.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 11. *Excuse*** absent council members.

***Olivia Navarro***

- 12. *Approval*** of Regular Council Minutes of May 1, 2025.

***Olivia Navarro***

- 13. *Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing*** for the Proposed Amendment to Chapter 46 – Zoning, Article V Supplemental Regulations for All Districts 46-636 Alcoholic Beverages to revise the alcohol sales setbacks from certain institutional uses and add clarify exemption for business with food and beverage certificate

***Lorraine Quimiro***

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R-1 (single-family residential) zoning district, on Tract 4-E, Block 28, Socorro Grant, located at 11541 Dindinger Rd., Socorro, Texas.

***Lorraine Quimiro***

**16. *Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing*** of an Ordinance approving The Waiver Request from Section 38-8.2.- Preliminary Plat -- Plans and Data (Subsection C. Engineering Reports) to Waive The Storm Drainage Plan Requirement for The Campoya Subdivision, being Tract 17, Block 15, Socorro Grant, and Located on Melendez Dr., Socorro, Texas.

***Lorraine Quimiro***

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve the Consent Agenda*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas  
Nays:  
Absent:

**REGULAR AGENDA**  
**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *move up item twenty-five (25) & twenty-six (26)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Cesar Nevarez, Ruben Reyes, Alejandro Garcia, Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas  
Nays:  
Absent:

**25. *Public Hearing of an Ordinance approving Preliminary and Final Plat for the Campoya Subdivision, being Tract 17, Block 15, Socorro Grant, and located at Melendez Dr., Socorro, Texas.***

***Lorraine Quimiro***

Public Hearing was opened at: **6:40 PM**  
No Speakers for Public Hearing  
Public Hearing closed at: **6:41 PM**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia, seconded by Ruben Reyes to *move up item thirty-one (31) after item twenty-six (26)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Cesar Nevarez, Ruben Reyes, Alejandro Garcia, Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas  
Nays:  
Absent:

***26. Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance approving a Preliminary and Final Plat for the Campoya Subdivision, being Tract 17, Block 15, Socorro Grant, and located at Melendez Dr., Socorro, Texas.***

***Lorraine Quimiro***

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number twenty-six (26)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas  
Nays:  
Absent:

**PLANNING AND ZONING**

***31. Discussion and action to approve a fee waiver request and event permit for a church kermes at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church at 673 Old Hueco Tanks Road to be held June 27, 28, and 29, 2025 from 5:00 pm to 12:00 am.***

***Lorraine Quimiro***

\*City Attorney, advised caution on ruling for any waivers for purposes of religious affiliations to avoid a discrimination case unless you do so for all\*

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez, seconded by Alejandro Garcia, to *approve item number thirty-one (31)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas  
Nays:  
Absent:

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES**

***17. Public Hearing of an Ordinance approving a Master Plan Resubmission for Eastwind Hills being Lot 1 and 2, Block 1, Lot 1, 2, and 3, Block 2, Eastwind Hills Unit One Subdivision, Socorro, Texas.***

***Lorraine Quimiro***

Public Hearing was opened at: **6:47 PM**  
No Speakers for Public Hearing  
Public Hearing closed at: **6:47 PM**

**18. *Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance approving a Master Plan Resubmission for Eastwind Hills being Lot 1 and 2, Block 1, Lot 1, 2, and 3, Block 2, Eastwind Hills Unit One Subdivision, Socorro, Texas.***

***Lorraine Quimiro***

Representative: Jorge Ascarate Present

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number eighteen (18)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent:

**19. *Public Hearing of an Ordinance approving a Replat for Eastwind Hills Unit One Subdivision, being Lot 3, Block 2, Eastwind Hills Unit One Subdivision, and located on Gateway West Blvd., Socorro, Texas.***

***Lorraine Quimiro***

Public Hearing was opened at: **6:54 PM**

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at: **6:54 PM**

**20. *Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance approving a Replat for Eastwind Hills Unit One Subdivision, being Lot 3, Block 2, Eastwind Hills Unit One Subdivision, and located on Gateway West Blvd., Socorro, Texas.***

***Lorraine Quimiro***

Representative: Jorge Ascarate Present

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia, seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number twenty (20)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent:

**21. *Public Hearing of an Ordinance approving a Master Plan Resubmission for Horizon Park being Lot 1, 2, and 4, Block 1, Horizon Park Unit One, all of Lot 3, Block 1, Horizon Park Unit One Replat A, Tract 2, 3-B, 3-B-5, and 10-J, Block 3, Socorro Grant, Socorro, Texas.***

***Lorraine Quimiro***

Public Hearing was opened at: **6:57 PM**

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at: **6:57 PM**



**22. *Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance approving a Master Plan Resubmission for Horizon Park being Lot 1, 2, and 4, Block 1, Horizon Park Unit One, all of Lot 3, Block 1, Horizon Park Unit One Replat A, Tract 2, 3-B, 3-B-5, and 10-J, Block 3, Socorro Grant, Socorro, Texas.***

***Lorraine Quimiro***

Representative: Jorge Ascarate Present & Provided Remarks

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number twenty-two (22)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent:

**23. *Public Hearing of an Ordinance approving a Preliminary Plat for Horizon Park Unit Three Subdivision, being Tract 10-J, Block 3, Socorro Grant, and located at 10971 E. Burt Rd., Socorro, Texas.***

***Lorraine Quimiro***

Public Hearing was opened at: **7:03 PM**

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at: **7:03 PM**

**24. *Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance approving a Preliminary Plat for Horizon Park Unit Three Subdivision, being Tract 10-J, Block 3, Socorro Grant, and located at 10971 E. Burt Rd., Socorro, Texas.***

***Lorraine Quimiro***

Representative: Enrique Escobar NOT present.

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number twenty-four (24)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent:

**27. *Public Hearing of an Ordinance approving the Amendments to Chapter 46 – Zoning, Article V Supplemental Regulations for All Districts Section 46-631. - Off-Street Parking Requirements to revise the warehouse and distribution off-street parking requirements and add Manufacturing Off-Street parking requirements.***

***Lorraine Quimiro***

Public Hearing was opened at: **7:08 PM**

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at: **7:08 PM**

**28. Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance approving the Amendments to Chapter 46 – Zoning, Article V Supplemental Regulations for All Districts> Section 46-631. - Off-Street Parking Requirements to revise the warehouse and distribution off-street parking requirements and add Manufacturing Off-Street parking requirements.**

**Lorraine Quimiro**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia, seconded by Gina Cordero, to approve item number twenty-eight (28). Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent:

**29. Public Hearing of an Ordinance for the Amendment to The City of Socorro's Master Plan and Rezoning of Tract 6, Block 5, Socorro Grant, located near the Intersection of Gateway East Blvd. and Nuevo Hueco Tanks Rd., Socorro, Texas, from A-1 (Agricultural) to IC-Mud (Industrial/Commercial Mixed-Use Developments) with a Variance Request from Sec. 46-451. - General Regulations. (Subsection D) Height Requirements - to allow a 60'-0" Maximum Allowable Building Height Instead of the 45'-0" Maximum Height Limitation, a Variance Request from Sec. 46-452. - Procedures. (Subsection J) to waive the Required Traffic Impact Analysis, a Variance Request from Sec. 46-631. - Off-Street Parking Requirements. (16-A) to allow a Reduction in Parking Space Requirements of 1 Space per 400 S.F. of Net Leasable Office Space Instead Of the 1 Space Per 350 S.F. Requirement and a Variance Request from Sec. 46-631. - Off-Street Parking Requirements. (17-A) to allow a Reduction in Parking Space Requirements of 1 Space Per 5,000 S.F. of Net Leasable Warehouse area instead of the 1 Space Per 500 S.F. Requirement to allow for Distribution and Warehousing Facilities.**

**Lorraine Quimiro**

Public Hearing was opened at: **7:15 PM**

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at: **7:15 PM**

**30. *Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance for the Amendment to The City of Socorro's Master Plan and Rezoning of Tract 6, Block 5, Socorro Grant, located near the Intersection of Gateway East Blvd. and Nuevo Huevo Tanks Rd., Socorro, Texas, from A-1 (Agricultural) to IC-Mud (Industrial/Commercial Mixed-Use Developments) with a Variance Request from Sec. 46-451. - General Regulations. (Subsection D) Height Requirements - to allow a 60'-0" Maximum Allowable Building Height Instead of the 45'-0" Maximum Height Limitation, a Variance Request from Sec. 46-452. - Procedures. (Subsection J) to waive the Required Traffic Impact Analysis, a Variance Request from Sec. 46-631. - Off-Street Parking Requirements. (16-A) to allow a Reduction in Parking Space Requirements of 1 Space per 400 S.F. of Net Leasable Office Space Instead Of the 1 Space Per 350 S.F. Requirement and a Variance Request from Sec. 46-631. - Off-Street Parking Requirements. (17-A) to allow a Reduction in Parking Space Requirements of 1 Space Per 5,000 S.F. of Net Leasable Warehouse area instead of the 1 Space Per 500 S.F. Requirement to allow for Distribution and Warehousing Facilities.***

***Lorraine Quimiro***

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia, seconded by Gina Cordero, to approve item thirty (30) with staff recommendations except for the traffic analysis study as the Planning & Zoning Commission Recommended. Motion passed.

Adam Newport, Representative, provided remarks from TPA Group.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas  
Nays:  
Absent:

## **RECREATION CENTER**

**32. *Discussion and action for the approval of a TABC license to sell alcoholic beverages at the 2025 Independence Day Xtravaganza event to be held on July 4, 2025, at Cougar Park located at 10664 Socorro Rd. from 4:00 pm to 1:00 am.***

***Victor Reta***

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia, seconded by Cesar Nevarez to approve item number thirty-two (32). Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas  
Nays:  
Absent:

### **CITY MANAGER**

***33. Discussion and action to cancel the Regular Council Meeting dated Thursday June 19, 2025, and reschedule for a Special Council Meeting for Wednesday, June 18, 2025.***

***Adriana Rodarte***

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *approve item thirty-three (33) with the additional*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent:

### **MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

***34. Discussion and action to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Socorro and the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo, for the Pueblo to receive Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funding for the initial Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) phase of two bridge projects in the City of Socorro the Passmore Bridge and the Vineyard Bridge and authorize the city manager or her designee to execute agreement.***

***Mayor Rudy Cruz Jr.***

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia, seconded by Irene Rojas, to *approve item thirty-four (34)* Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent:

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *delete items thirty-five (35), thirty-six (36), and thirty-seven (37)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to move up item (39) into open session. Motion passed.

Ayes: Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes

**39. Discussion and action** to direct staff to approve an Intergovernmental Support Agreement between the city of Socorro Texas and the U.S. Army Garrison Fort Bliss, Texas for the provision of custodial services at Fort Bliss facilities and to authorize the city manager or her designee to execute the agreement. [551.071]

***Mayor Rudy Cruz Jr.***

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia, seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number thirty-eight (38)*. Motion passed.

\*Attorney said the council can discuss the general background, but legal advice needs to be discussed in closed session.\*

\*Mayor & City Manager gave remarks & background information.\*

A motion was made by Mayor Rudy Cruz Jr., seconded by Alejandro Garcia. to move *items number thirty-eight (38) and thirty-nine into executive for discussion with the attorney*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent:

City Council entered executive session at: **7:57 PM**

City Council returned to open session at: **8:23 PM**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA**

**38. Discussion and action** regarding application of El Paso Electric Company to Change Rates, PUCT Docket No. 57568 [551.071].

***James A. Martinez***

A motion was made by Gina Cordero, seconded by Alejandro Garcia. To *deny* the change of rates by El Paso Electric. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent:

**39. Discussion and action to direct staff to approve an Intergovernmental Support Agreement between the city of Socorro Texas and the U.S. Army Garrison Fort Bliss, Texas for the provision of custodial services at Fort Bliss facilities and to authorize the city manager or her designee to execute the agreement. [551.071]**

***Mayor Rudy Cruz Jr.***

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia to *approve with the agreement and separately seek an attorney general's opinion on the matter.* Second by Irene Rojas. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent:

**40. Adjourn**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Reyes to *adjourn at 8:25 pm.*

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent:

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**Rudy Cruz, Jr. Mayor**

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Victor Reta, Recreations Director

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Date minutes were approved

**Rudy Cruz Jr.**  
*Mayor*

**Ruben Reyes**  
*At Large*

**Cesar Nevarez**  
*District 1 / Mayor Pro Tem*



**Alejandro Garcia**  
*District 2*

**Gina Cordero**  
*District 3*

**Irene Rojas**  
*District 4*

**Adriana Rodarte**  
*City Manager*

May 28, 2025

**TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**FROM: City Manager, Adriana Rodarte**

**SUBJECT: April Departments monthly report.**

**SUMMARY**

**City Manager submitting City of Socorro Departments for the month of April 2025 2025.**

**STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE**

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

**Account Code (GF/GL/Dept):**

**Funding Source:**

**Amount:**

**Quotes (Name/Commodity/Price) N/A**

**Co-op Agreement (Name/Contract#) N/A**

**ALTERNATIVE**

**N/A**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**



N/A

**REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION**

1. City Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
2. CFO \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
3. Attorney \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



**Socorro Municipal Court  
April 2025**

1. SMC has arraignments every Mondays of the month, from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM and from 1:30 PM to 5:30 PM via Zoom and in person.
2. April 1<sup>st</sup> the DSC report was submitted to two open records requests.
3. April 1<sup>st</sup> submitted the monthly Omni Base report (defendants with active warrants will not be able to renew their DL).
4. April 2<sup>nd</sup> submitted the State Criminal Costs & Fees and the Omni quarterly reports to administration for payment.
5. April 2<sup>nd</sup> the new warrants report was submitted to the collection law firm.
6. April 2<sup>nd</sup> Code Enforcement pre-trials, resets and show cause hearings were held in the morning and FTA pre-trial in the afternoon.
7. April 9<sup>th</sup> Animal control pre-trials, resets and show cause hearings were held all day.
8. April 14<sup>th</sup> and April 28<sup>th</sup>, the biweekly **CDL** convictions reports were submitted to DPS.
9. April 14<sup>th</sup> submitted the Convictions/Dismissals to DPS and the Office of Court Administration (OCA).
10. April 15 to April 17, Ivan Hernandez attended the TMCEC Regional Clerks Conference in Lubbock, TX.
11. April 23<sup>rd</sup> Attorney court was held all day.
12. April 30<sup>th</sup> Show cause hearings were held all day.
  - 1** case was closed in which fine and court costs were satisfied by community service.
  - 25** cases were closed with DSC and/or Deferment.
  - 19** cases were closed in which fine and court costs satisfied with jail time.
  - 143** Capias Pro Fine was issued.
  - 2** Alcohol offences, **2** Paraphernalia, **1** Theft and **12** Traffic citations were issued to minors under 21 years old.
  - No** cases were heard and closed in which fine and court cost were waived for indigency.
  - 199** citations were issued by SPD, **9** DPS, **37** Code Enforcement, and **92** Animal Control.

**\$62,325.82** total collected this month.



City of Socorro

HR Monthly Report for  
April 2025

Carol Candelaria  
Human Resources Director

May 7, 2025

## Human Resources April 2025 Report

The human resources department provides overall policy direction on human resources management issues and administrative support functions related to the management of employees for all City departments. The mission of the department is to be a strategic partner by providing Human Resources programs that attract, develop, retain, and engage a skilled and diverse workforce.

### 1. Employee Birthdays

12

<b><u>Last Name</u></b>	<b><u>Employee First Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Class</u></b>	<b><u>Birth Date</u></b>
Cobos	Maria	Laborer	Street Dept	4/13
Escobar	Rose	Exec. Admin. Assist.	City Manager	4/21
Ferando	Alfredo	IT Technician	ITECH	4/14
Frausto	Ignacio	Police Officer	Police	4/2
Frias	Ivan	Laborer	Street Dept	4/2
Gutierrez de Guajardo	Maria	Custodian	City Manager	4/22
Hernandez	Ivan	Court Clerk	Municipal Court	4/26
Hinojos	Dante	Police Officer	Police	4/27
Navarro	Olivia	City Clerk	City Clerk	4/19
Nevarez	Adam	Animal Control Officer	Police	4/25
Rodriguez Jr.	Israel	Sergeant	Police	4/23
Tecomahua Zavala	Victorio	Police Officer	Police	4/21

### 2. Employee, Anniversaries for the Month

11

<b><u>Last Name</u></b>	<b><u>Employee First Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Class</u></b>	<b><u>Hire Date</u></b>
Aguirre	Linda	Sergeant	Police	4/16/2018
Caro	Ana	Police Officer	Police	4/25/2022
Delgado-Porras	Jessica	Communications Dispatcher	Police	4/25/2022
Dominguez	Jimmy	Corporal	Police	4/25/2016
Gomez	Michelle	Court Clerk	Municipal Court	4/4/2016
Herrera-Hamidan	Aisa	Police Officer	Police	4/2/2024
Holguin	Denise	Police Officer	Police	4/1/2024
Montelongo	Santiago	Laborer	Street Dept	4/28/2008
Morales	Alexandra	Communications Dispatcher	Police	4/10/2024
Perez	Jesus	Recycle Technician	Street Dept	4/14/2008
Provencio	Graciela	Custodian	City Manager	4/9/2007

### 3. Vacancies

9

<b>Police Department</b>		<b>Opening</b>	<b>Filled</b>
			<b>Openings 6</b>
Police Officers		4	1
Sergeant		0	0
Communication Dispatcher		2	0
		0	0
Crime Analyst – Grant Funded		0	0
			<b>Openings 1</b>
<b>Parks and Public Works</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>
Director		1	0
Equipment Operator		0	0
			<b>Openings 0</b>
<b>Recreation Center</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>
Community Liaison Coordinator		0	0
Community Liaison		0	0
			<b>Openings 2</b>
<b>Planning And Zoning</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>
Planner		1	0
Building Official		1	0
			<b>Openings 0</b>
<b>City Manager</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>
Custodian		0	0
			<b>Openings 0</b>
<b>Finance</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>
Finance Technician		0	0
			<b>Openings 0</b>
<b>Grants</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>
Grants Compliance Officer		0	0
			<b>Openings 0</b>
<b>IT</b>		<b>Total</b>	
IT Technician		0	0

### 4 New hires for the month

2

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Employee First Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>
Carrasco	Steve	Police Officer	Police	04/14/2025

5. Employee Separations / Retirement

1

Last Name	First Name	Position	Department	Separation Date
Morales	Armando	Planner Communication	P&Z	04/25/2025
Barraza	Evelyn	Dispatcher Communication	Police	04/08/2025
Saenz	Natalie	Dispatcher Communication	Police	04/04/2025

6. Personnel Changes Promotion, Transfers

2

Name	Position	Department	Effective date

7. Employee Leaves / FMLA

4

Department	
Parks and Public Works	2
Police Department	2
Planning and Zoning	0
Recreation Center	0
City Manager	0
Municipal Court	0

8. Performance Reviews for the Month

7

*Note: Evaluation notices are sent last week of the month for the upcoming months reviews*

City Manager	1
Finance	0
PPW	1
Police / Code Enforcement/ Animal	4
Rec Center	0
Municipal Court	1
Planning & Zoning	0
Grants	0

City Clerk	0
IT	0

**9. Incidents / Workers Compensation Reported**

**1**

City Manager	0
Finance	0
PPW	0
Police	1
Rec Center	0
Municipal Court	0
Planning & Zoning	0
IT	0

**10.**

**Unemployment claims for the Month**

**0**

**11.**

**Employee Assistance Program (EAP)**

**EAP referrals**

**6**

**12.**

**Investigations Internal**

**0**

**13.**

**Civil Service Meeting:**

No Civil Service meeting was held in April

**14.**

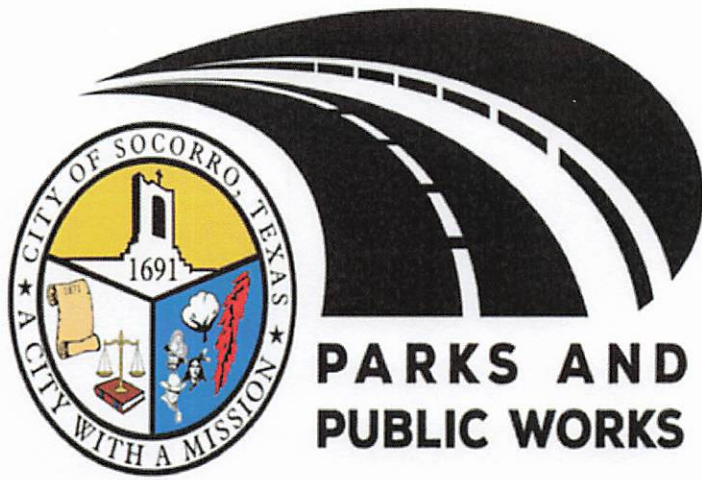
**Ethics Commission Meeting:**

Ethics Commission did not meet in April

**15.**

**Miscellaneous -**





April  
2025

# Parks & Public Works Monthly Report



Call Us  
915-858-1114

# Monthly Highlights



## Work Done:

- Cleaned Weeds
- Cleaned Culver's
- Cleaned Subdivision
- Cleaned School Zones
- Cleaned Ponding Areas
- Install Guardrail
- Made Sandbags
- MS4 Picked Up Water
- Park Maintenance
- Repaired Sidewalks
- Swept Main Streets
- Worked on Street Signs
- Worked on Potholes
- Currently Working on Amistad Park
- Currently Working on Moon City Park

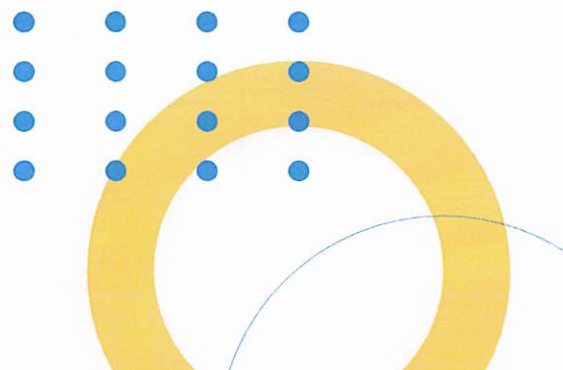
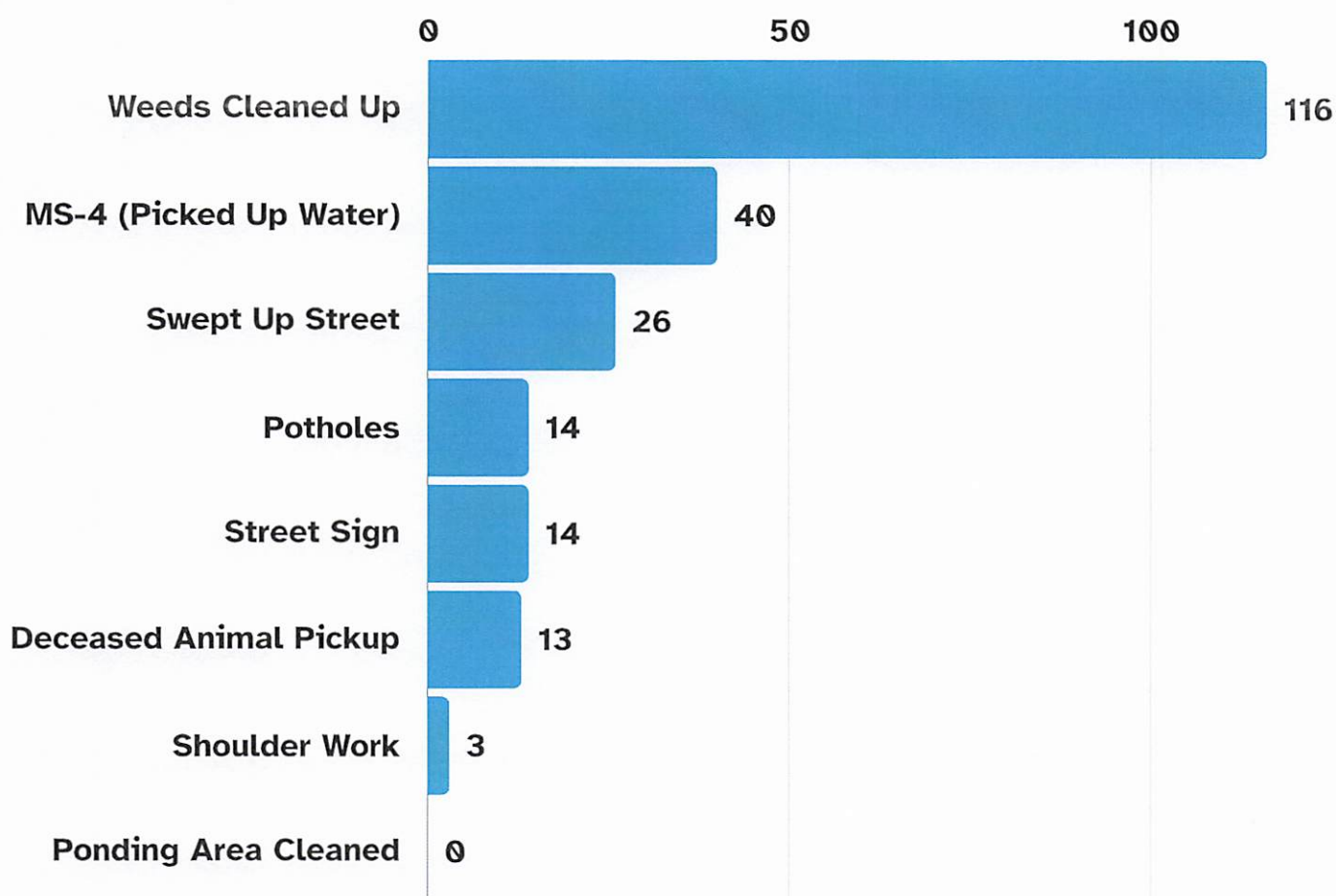
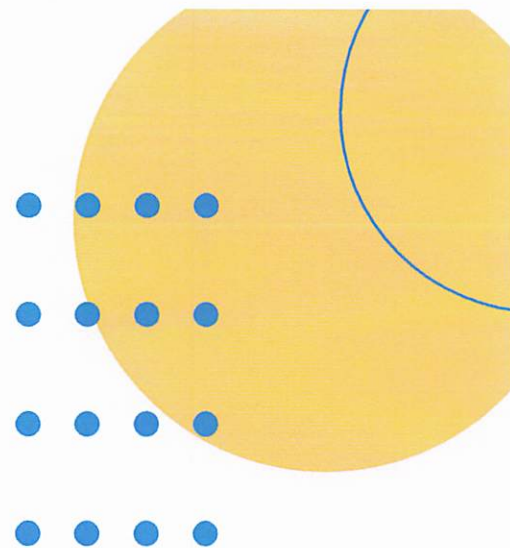


## Project Pending:

- Cougar Park
- Street Paving



# Monthly Overview





## Deceased Animals

- N. Loop Dr-Dog
- Horizon Blvd-Dog
- Buford Rd-Dog
- Socorro Rd-Cat
- S. Moon Rd-Cat
- Lydia Rd-Dog
- N. Loop Dr-Dog
- Passmore Rd-Cat
- Alameda Ave-Dog
- Horizon Blvd-Dog
- Flor Freesia Dr-Dog
- Alameda Ave-Dog
- Armstrong Dr-Dog



## Shoulder Work

- N. Moon Rd
- Jewel Dr
- Gem Valley Rd



## Weeds Cleaned Up

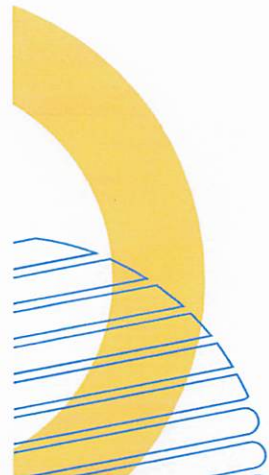
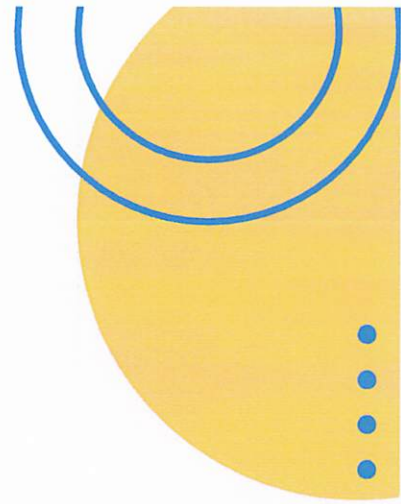
- SPC Isaac Trujillo Dr
- TS Daniel Cadena Dr
- HC Gilbert Minjares Dr
- LT Luis Peralta Rd
- Villas del Sol Rd
- SGT Jose Gonzales Rd
- CPL Angel Monarez Rd
- LT Joe Magallanez Rd
- Villas Del Este
- CPL Rigo Gutierrez Rd
- Villas Del Valles Dr
- Villas Del Sur Dr
- Villas Escondida Dr
- Montreal Cir
- Minnesota Ct
- Wisconsin Ct
- Ephesus Ct
- Santorini Ct
- Stedham Cir
- Oslo Dr
- Delhi Dr
- Drammen Way
- La Fogata Rd
- Camichin Pl
- Abejeno Rd
- Lagrimas Rd
- Deserts Dr
- Plateau Dr
- Loess Pl





## Weeds Cleaned Up

- Mountains St
- Plain Pl
- Winn Rd
- Flaca Ln
- Mike Carbajal Rd
- Apodaca Rd
- Trejo Rd
- Rodriguez Rd
- Artemediano St
- Ortiz Ln
- Fresquez Dr
- Fray Olguin Ct
- Villa Socorro Pl
- Villa Sol Ct
- Villa Ysleta Dr
- Gran Villa Pl
- Joya Del Valle
- Brisa Del Valle Dr
- Ardilla Rd
- Fray Vargas Dr
- Rosa Azul Dr
- Rosa Blanca Dr
- Piro Ct
- Karachi Way
- Shady Valley Dr
- Thunder Rd
- Gem Valley
- Sunset Valley Ave
- Van Nuys Dr





## Weeds Cleaned Up

- Delano Dr
- Twilight Dr
- Helius Rd
- Soleil Rd
- Sun Temple Rd
- Summer Dr
- Jewel Dr
- McAdoo Dr
- Russ Rd
- Jervis Dr
- Jim Bean Dr
- Lydia Rd
- Soya Dr
- Supima Dr
- Jo Way
- Maxine Dr
- Judy Ln
- Milo Dr
- Delilah Ave
- Bernice Ct
- Genevieve Cir
- Sudan Dr
- Rye Ln
- Horn Cir
- Horizon Blvd
- Lark Ln
- Los Robles
- Aaker St
- Ganado Dr





## Weeds Cleaned Up

- Kirkland St
- Ethyl Hart St
- Perlette St
- Fredonia St
- Muscat Rd
- Tokay Ave
- FE Jackson Rd
- Vineyard Rd
- Nuevo Hueco Tanks Rd
- Rachel Dr
- Tania Dr
- Regina Dr
- Porsel Dr
- Los Magos Cir
- Wilton Pl
- Donna Marie Dr
- Ululani Dr
- Brown Rd
- Gail Pl
- Montevideo St
- Monte Mayor Dr
- Montecristo
- Montecarlo
- Monte Rubio Ct
- Elba Margarita Cir
- Urrunaga Ct
- Letona St
- Olano Ct
- Barzon St

# MS4

(MS4) 2025

Vacuum Pipe-2500 gal

Buffalo Pipe-500 gal

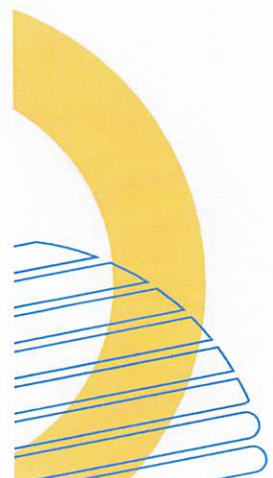
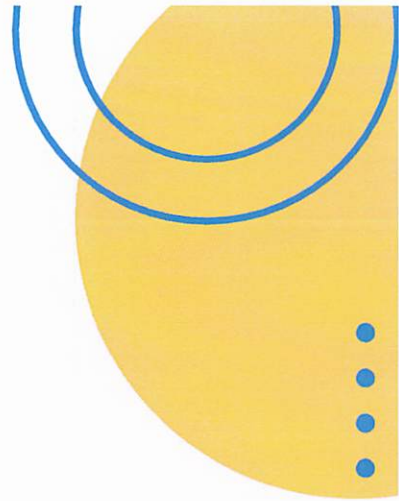
Date	Street Name	Trips	Gallons	Total Gal	Ponding Area/ Park
4/4/25	Eligo Dr	2	500	1,000	Paradise Park
4/4/25	Oslo Dr	4	500	2,000	Moon City Park
4/4/25	Nancy Dr	4	500	2,000	Paradise Park
4/4/25	Judge Coldwell Dr	3	500	1,500	Paradise Park
4/4/25	Bauman Rd	3	2,500	7,500	Paradise Park
4/4/25	Nevarez Rd	2	2,500	5,000	Moon City Park
4/4/25	Nancy Dr	3	2,500	7,500	Paradise Park
4/4/25	Bernice Ct	1	2,500	2,500	Yard
4/4/25	Jewel Dr	1	2,500	2,500	Paradise Park
4/4/25	Buford Rd	4	2,500	10,000	Paradise Park
4/4/25	Dindinger Rd	1	2,500	2,500	Paradise Park
4/4/25	Philip Dr	1	2,500	2,500	Paradise Park
4/4/25	Bandolina Dr	½	1,250	1,250	Paradise Park
4/4/25	Nancy Dr	4	2,500	10,000	Paradise Park
4/4/25	Milo Dr	½	1,250	1,250	Paradise Park
4/4/25	Nancy Dr	3	2,500	7,500	Paradise Park
4/4/25	Bulldog Park	1	2,500	2,500	Paradise Park
4/7/25	Donna Marie Dr	2	500	1,000	Paradise Park
4/7/25	Lydia Rd	4	500	2,000	Paradise Park
4/7/25	Patti Jo Dr	1	500	500	Paradise Park
4/7/25	Rain Cloud Dr	1	1,250	1,250	Paradise Park
4/7/25	Grijalva Dr	1	1,250	1,250	Paradise Park
4/7/25	Stedham Cir	1	2,500	2,500	Paradise Park
4/7/25	Oslo Dr	2	2,500	5,000	Paradise Park
4/7/25	Nancy Dr	3	2,500	7,500	Paradise Park
4/7/25	Bauman Rd	2	2,500	5,000	Paradise Park
4/7/25	Skylight Cir	1	1,250	1,250	Paradise Park
4/7/25	El Cid Dr	1	1,250	1,250	Paradise Park
4/7/25	Nancy Dr	1	2,500	2,500	Moon City Park
4/7/25	Visa Rd	2	2,500	5,000	Paradise Park
4/8/25	Lucknow Rd	3	500	1,500	Mauro Rosas Park
4/8/25	Datsun Dr	4	500	2,000	Mauro Rosas Park
4/8/25	Favila Rd	1	500	500	Mauro Rosas Park
4/8/25	Lucknow Rd	1	2,500	2,500	Paradise Park
4/8/25	Morocco Cir	1	2,500	2,500	Paradise Park
4/8/25	Montreal Cir	1	2,500	2,500	Paradise Park
4/8/25	Kendrick Cir	1	2,500	2,500	Paradise Park
4/8/25	Conquistador	1	2,500	2,500	Paradise Park
4/8/25	Escudo Rd	1	2,500	2,500	Paradise Park
4/8/25	Dindinger Rd	1	500	500	Paradise Park





## Swept Up Street

- Judge Coldwell Dr
- Hueco Junction Rd
- Blue Valley
- Red Valley
- Cyan Valley
- Purple Valley
- Orange Valley
- Amber Valley
- Xanadu Valley
- Yellow Valley
- Nuevo Hueco Tanks
- Horizon Blvd
- Rio Vista Rd
- Bufford Rd
- Bauman Rd
- Place Rd
- Chisolm Trail
- El Cid Dr
- Escalante Dr
- Santa Paula Dr
- Manzana Dr
- Holguin Rd
- La Cienega Dr
- N Moon Rd
- Old Hueco Tanks Rd
- All School Zones



# Potholes

Street	Potholes	Tons
Middle Drain Rd	4	3½
Dindinger Rd	1	3¼
Middle Drain Rd	1	¾
Dini Rozi	2	3
Middle Drain Rd	1	¾
Bernice Rd	6	3½
Flor Bonita	2	¼
Middle Drain Rd	1	1½
Dindinger Rd	1	¼
Shanda Cir	1	1
Old Hueco Tanks Rd	1	1
Peters Dr	2	3
Middle Drain Rd	1	½

## Potholes

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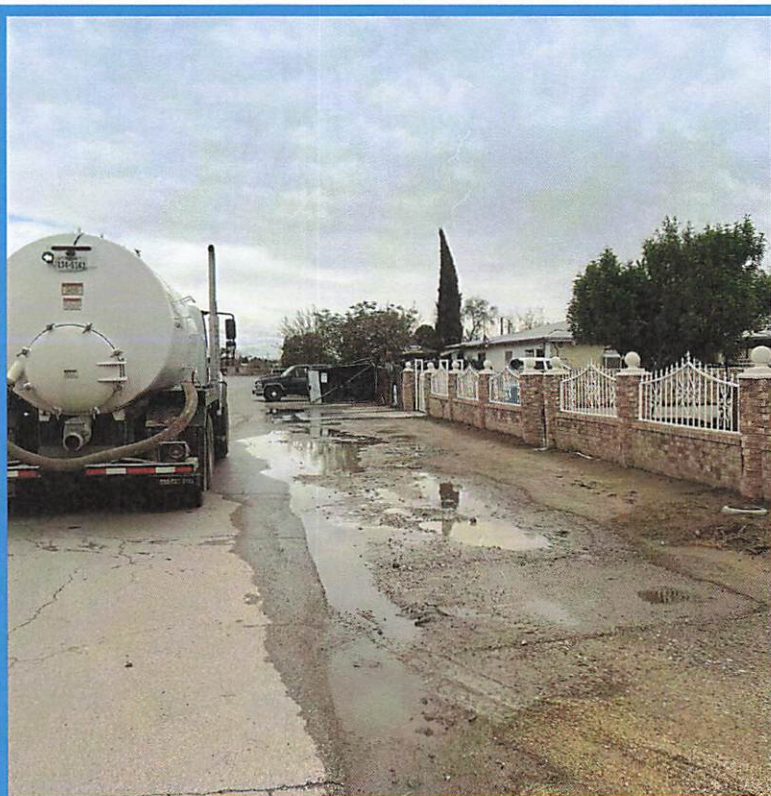
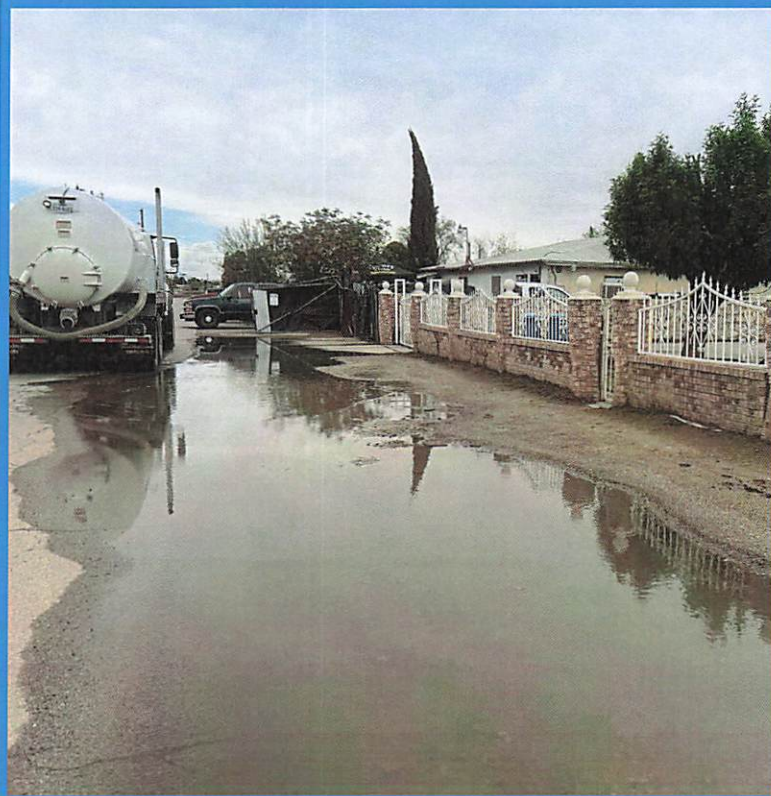
## Street Sign

Street	Sign
Stockyard Dr & Alyssa	Stop
Brown Rd & Horizon Blvd	Stop
Rachel Dr & Tania Dr	Stop
Bovee Rd	Arrow
Deserts Dr & Crevasse Dr	Stop
Lydia Rd & Horizon Blvd	Stop
Ellen Dr & Doris	Stop
Rio Vista Rd	Object Marker
FE Jackson Rd & Perlette	Stop
Dindinger Rd	Speed Limit
Wiseman Cir	Stop
La Fogata Rd	Stop
Ernest Rd	Stop

## Street Sign

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# Monthly Report



**APRIL 1, 2025**

**SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**240 N Moon RD Socorro TX 79927**



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## INTRODUCTION:

### PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

- WELCOME TO OUR MONTHLY REPORT, A WINDOW INTO OUR ONGOING EFFORTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS.
- IN THIS REPORT, YOU'LL FIND BREAKDOWNS OF PERSONNEL, BUDGET UPDATES, PERFORMANCE MEASURES, COMMENDABLE CASES, SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND QUALITY CONTROL REVIEWS.

### DEPARTMENT MOTTO

- "WE SERVE OUR CITY WITH A MISSION"

### MISSION STATEMENT

- *AS THE GUARDIANS OF OUR CITY, OUR MISSION IS TO UPHOLD THE PRINCIPLES OF MORALITY, INTEGRITY, SERVICE, SACRIFICE, INNOVATION, ORGANIZATION, AND NOBILITY (M.I.S.S.I.O.N). WE ARE COMMITTED TO MAINTAINING PEACE AND ORDER, PROTECTING THE LIVES AND PROPERTY OF OUR COMMUNITY, AND ENFORCING THE LAW IMPARTIALLY. WE STRIVE TO ENHANCE PUBLIC TRUST BY CONDUCTING OURSELVES WITH THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF INTEGRITY AND PROFESSIONALISM. WE HONOR THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF OUR CITY'S MISSIONS AND ARE DRIVEN BY OUR DUTY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CITY'S SAFE AND PROSPEROUS FUTURE. WE PLEDGE TO SERVE WITH COMPASSION, COURAGE, AND RESPECT, CONTINUOUSLY SEEKING TO IMPROVE AND ADAPT TO THE EVOLVING NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY.*

### DEPARTMENT VALUES

- THE SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT IS COMMITTED TO SERVING OUR COMMUNITY WITH:
  - **MORALITY:** WE LEAD INTEGRITY, ACTING WITH HONOR, AND TRUTH IN ALL OUR ENGAGEMENTS UPHOLDING THE ETHICAL STANDARDS OF OUR PROFESSION.
  - **INTEGRITY:** WE MAINTAIN THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF HONESTY IN OUR ACTIONS, FOSTERING A CULTURE OF TRUST BETWEEN OUR DEPARTMENT AND THE COMMUNITY WE SERVE.
  - **SERVICE:** WE ARE COMMITTED TO PROTECTING AND SERVING OUR COMMUNITY, EMBRACING THE RESPONSIBILITY ENTRUSTED TO US.



- **SACRIFICE:** WE UNDERSTAND THE RISK OF OUR PROFESSION AND ARE WILLING TO PUT THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF OUR COMMUNITY ABOVE OUR OWN.
- **INNOVATION:** WE ADAPTED THE EVOLVING NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY, EMPLOYING MODERN TECHNIQUES AND TECHNOLOGY TO IMPROVE OUR SERVICES AND RESPONSE.
- **ORGANIZATION:** WE WORK AS A COORDINATED UNIT, VALUING THE STRENGTH OF OUR DIVERSITY AND UNIT TO ENSURE A SAFER COMMUNITY.
- **NOBILITY:** WE CARRY OUT OUR DUTIES WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT, RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF OUR ROLE IN THE PRESERVATION OF PEACE AND ORDER. WE HONOR THE HISTORY AND LEGACY OF OUR CITY'S MISSION AND ARE PROUD TO CONTRIBUTE TO ITS FUTURE.

## PERSONNEL BREAKDOWN:

### ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

#### AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL:

- 1 CHIEF OF POLICE
- 1 DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE
- 1 ACCREDITATION MANAGER
- 1 OFFICER (PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UNIT – INTERNAL AFFAIRS)
- 1 OFFICER (PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UNIT – BACKGROUNDS)
- 1 OFFICER (PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UNIT – TRAINING & QUARTERMASTER)
- 2 RECRUITS (EPCC-LETA)
- 1 EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

#### EMPLOYEE STATUS:

- NONE

**VACANCY:**

- NONE

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION**

**AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL:**

- 1 LIEUTENANT
- 1 SERGEANT
- 5 DETECTIVES
- 1 RECORDS CLERK
- 1 CRIME VICTIMS ADVOCATE
- 1 PROPERTY & EVIDENCE OFFICER
- 1 CLERK
- 1 CRIME ANALYST (PART TIME)

**EMPLOYEE STATUS:**

- NONE

**VACANCY:**

- NONE

**PATROL OPERATIONS DIVISION**

**AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL:**

- 1 LIEUTENANT
- 4 SERGEANTS
- 30 OFFICERS

**EMPLOYEE STATUS:**

- 1 OFFICER MILITARY LEAVE (VICTORIO TECOMAHUA – 08/25)
- 4 TRAINEES (MAX HALLIGAN, ALEJANDRO GONZALEZ, STEVEN CARRASCO, WALLY TERRAZAS)

**VACANCY:**

- 4 OFFICERS

**SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION****AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL:**

- 1 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
- 1 INTERMEDIATE COMMUNICATIONS SUPERVISOR
- 8 COMMUNICATIONS DISPATCHER
- 2 CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS
- 2 ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS

**EMPLOYEE STATUS:**

- NONE



**VACANCY:**

- 2 COMMUNICATIONS DISPATCHER

**BUDGET:****DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL BUDGET:**

- REVISED BUDGET – \$5,446,377.00
- AVAILABLE BUDGET – \$2,249,403.51
- PERCENT REMAINING – 41%

**DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL BUDGET:**

- REVISED BUDGET – \$870,300.00
- AVAILABLE BUDGET – \$522,243.61
- PERCENT OF BUDGET REMAINING – 60%

**OVERTIME BUDGET:**

- REVISED BUDGET – \$400,000.00
- AVAILABLE BUDGET – \$258,429.07
- PERCENT OF OVERTIME BUDGET REMAINING – 64%



OVERTIME BREAKDOWN:

DEPARTMENT FUNDED				GRANT FUNDED (REIMBURSED)			
TYPE	CID	POD	SSD	TYPE	CID	POD	SSD
ADMINISTRATIVE	0	5.77	35.32	STONE GARDEN	0	57	0
REPORT WRITING	0	2.92	0	BORDER STAR	0	99	3
LATE ARREST	0	13.33	0	VICTIM SERVICES	0	0	0
LATE CALLS	0	32.75	6	TXDOT	0	0	0
COVERAGE	0	3	23	HIDTA	0	0	0
SPECIAL EVENTS	0	27.75	4.97	PAL	0	10	0
CID CALL OUT/FOLLOW UPS	0	0	0	TOTAL	0	166	3
CODE SWEEPS	0	0	0				
TRAINING	0	0	3				
KENNEL MAINTENANCE	0	0	4.50				
COUNTY COURTS	0	3	0				
TOTAL	0	88.52	76.79				



## PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

### CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

#### INVESTIGATIONS

#### CASE INTAKE

RECEIVED	ASSIGNED	SCREENED	CLEARED	PRESENTED TO DA	ACTIVE
214	76	1	44	15	151

#### ASSIGNED CASE AUDIT

ACTIVE/ASSIGNED CASES				
	UNDER 30 DAYS	31 < 60 DAYS	61 < 90 DAYS	>91 DAYS
SGT. B.BUSTAMANTE	7	3	0	0
DET. J. FRAIRE	0	0	0	0
DET. S. SOTO	9	3	6	0
DET. L SANTIBANEZ	20	2	4	18
DET. I. PARADA	19	13	9	2
DET.D.MONARREZ	21	7	4	2
TOTAL	76	28	23	22



## CASE STATUS AUDIT

THE AUDIT SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING FOR EACH DETECTIVE: HOW MANY CASES EACH DETECTIVE IS ASSIGNED, HOW MANY CASES THE DETECTIVES CLEARED THAT MONTH, AND HOW THE CASES WERE CLEARED.

DISPOSITION KEY: CEX1 – EXCEPTIONALLY CLEARED/NO PROSECUTION DESIRED, CEX2 – EXCEPTIONALLY CLEARED/NON-ARREST, CEX3 – EXCEPTIONALLY CLEARED/WARRANT, CLAR – CLEARED BY ARREST, CLEA – CLEAR BY JUVENILE ARREST, CLEX – CLOSED EXCEPTIONALLY CLEARED, CLR – CLEAR BY CITATION, FILN – FILED NO ACTION/NON-CRIMINAL, FRW – FORWARD TO OUTSIDE AGENCY, INAC – INACTIVE, JUV – JUVENILE CASE NO CUSTODY, UNFN – CASE UNFOUNDED, SCN - SCREENED

	ASSIGNED CASES	ACTIVE CASES	CLEARED CASES	DISPOSITION
DET. J. FRAIRE	0	0	1	CEX2-1
DET. S. SOTO	9	18	6	INAC-4 CEX2-2
DET. L. SANTIBANEZ	20	46	4	CLEX-1 CEX2-3



<b>DET. I. PARADA</b>	19	42	13	CEX2-2 CLEX-3 CLAR-1 INAC-6 FRW-1
<b>DET.D. MONARREZ</b>	21	34	14	INAC-7 CLEX-3 CLAR-2 CEX2-1 CEX3-1
<b>SGT.B. BUSTAMANTE</b>	7	10	6	UNFN-1 CLAR-1 CEX1-2 INAC-1 SCN-1

#### ACTIVE CASES OVER 60 DAYS

##### DETECTIVE JOSE FRAIRE

- NONE

##### DETECTIVE SAMUEL SOTO

- 2025-00360- PENDING IDENTIFICATION OF THE POSSIBLE OFFENDER UNABLE TO MAKE CONTACT WITH VICTIM.
- 2025-000233- JUST RECEIVED VIDEO FOOTAGE FROM THE BANK (GRAND JURY SUBPOENA) TO IDENTIFY POSSIBLE OFFENDER. VICTIM CANNOT ID AS TRANSCCTIONS WERE DONE ONLINE.
- 2025-000332- WAITING FOR VICTIM TO PROVIDE ACCOUNT NUMBERS FOR GRAND JURY SUBPOENA.
- 2025-000318- RECEIVED INFORMATION ON POSSIBLE SUBJECT VIA PRINTS. ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT VICTIM AND LEFT MESSAGE TO VERIFY IF THE SUBJECT WORKED FOR THEM. NO RESPONSE FROM THE VICTIM.
- 2025-000232- UNABLE TO LOCATE JUVENILE TO LIVE SCAN TO SYSTEM PER COUNTY ATTORNE'S OFFICE.

**DETECTIVE LOUIS SANTIBANEZ**

- 2024-002956-NEEDING TO OBTAIN VIDEO FOOTAGE/REVIEW
- 2020-002892-REVIEW WITNESS STATEMENT WILL SUBMIT AS NON-ARREST
- 2024-002606-ATL OFFENDER, REVIEW FORENSIC INTERVIEW
- 2024-001736-REPORTER HAS NOT ANSWERED CALL. NON-ARREST PENDING.
- 2024-002293- PENDING PHOTO LINEUP.
- 2024-001159 -ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE ADDITIONAL PARTY
- 2024-001060-ATL OFFENDER
- 2024-001015-PENDING REVIEW USB PENDING CONTACT WITH INVOLVED PARTIES.
- 2024-000813-PENDING INACTIVATION.
- 2023-001133- ATL VICTIM AT NEW ADDRESS OF 180 GRANDVIEW#5
- 2022-001177-PENDING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM CPS.
- 2020-001953-PENDING LOCATING OFFENDER.
- 2024-001749-NEEDING CONTACT WITH REPORTER/NO CALL BACKS 2024-001686-INACTIVE WILL RE-OPEN AT A LATER DATE.
- 2024-002333-ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE OFFENDER
- 2024-002312-PENDING INTERVIEW OF ADDITIONAL PARTIES
- 2024-001741-PENDING CONTACT WITH VICTIM WRONG NUMBER LISTED
- 2025-000086-PENDING CONTACT WITH REPORTER
- 2025-000071-PENDING REVIEW OF LATENT PRINTS.
- 2024-002982-PENDING REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS

**DETECTIVE ISAAC PARADA**

- 2025-000205-CASE PENDING INACTIVATION.

- 2025-000211- NEED FOLLOW UP WITH VICTIM.
- 2025-000223- SENT CASINGS FOR NIBN TESTING.
- 2025-000249-NEED FOLLOW UP WITH VICTIM.
- 2025-000204- NEED FOLLOW UP WITH VICTIM.
- 2025-000306-REVIEW VIDEO.
- 2025-000350-NEED TO FOLLOW UP WITH VICTIM.
- 2025-000362-NEED FOLLOW UP WITH VICTIM AND OFFENDER.
- 2025-000397-PENDING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.
- 2025-000418- PENDING FOLLOW UP WITH VICTIMS.
- 2025-000415-CASE PENDING INACTIVATION.

**DETECTIVE DANIEL MONARREZ**

- 2025-000209- PENDING CONTACT WITH VICTIM.
- 2025-000148- PENDING CASE INACTIVATION.
- 2025-000212- PENDING CASE WILL BE INACTIVATED PENDING LAB RESULTS.
- 2025-000229-PENDING STATEMENT FROM VICTIM.
- 2025-000238- PENDING STATEMENT FROM VICTIM.
- 2025-000296- PENDING STATEMENT FROM VICTIM.
- 2025-000320- PENDING STATEMENT FROM VICTIM.







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FRONT DESK / CRIMINAL RECORDS

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<b>Valid</b>	74	77	74	83								
<b>Invalid</b>	13	10	8	14								
<b>Total</b>	87	87	82	97								

#### PROPERTY & EVIDENCE:

The Socorro Police Department Property and Evidence Unit is responsible for maintaining the integrity of evidence and property that comes into possession in accordance with state laws, city ordinances and departmental police and procedures. Evidence personnel are responsible for receiving, storing, releasing and maintaining security of a wide variety of items

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
# OF ITEMS SUBMITTED	238	201	257	257									
# OF ITEMS DESTROYED/DISPOSED	0	0	0	66									
# OF ITEMS RETURNED TO OWNER	1	1	1	3									
VEHICLES IMPOUNDED SCPD LOT	2	1	2	2									
VEHICLES RELEASED FROM SCPD LOT	1	0	1	2									
# OF ITEMS SUBMITTED TO DPS/EPCSO FOR ANALYSIS	7	14	19	6									
# OF AUDITS CONDUCTED	0	2	1	3									
# OF HANDGUNS/LONG GUNS SUBMITTED	1	1	2	0									
# OF HANDGUNS/LONG GUNS RELEASED	0	0	2	0									

#### EVIDENCE REQUESTS FROM THE DISTRICT/COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

- 37 EVIDENCE SUBMITTED.
- 70 E-MAILED CASES W/PHOTOS,



- **93** CASES W/BODY WORE CAMERA VIDEOS,
- **111** ITEMS TURNED INTO PMI.
- THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE THE NUMBER OF PHOTOS OR VIDEOS TURNED IN FOR EACH CASE.

## PATROL OPERATIONS DIVISION

### PATROL SHIFT PERFORMANCE

SHIFT	CFS	TRAFFIC STOPS	ARRESTS	REPORTS	CRASH REPORTS
SHIFT A	682	141	13	63	15
SHIFT B	435	94	8	162	8
SHIFT C	1123	175	13	42	22
SHIFT D	593	60	18	47	16
TOTALS	2833	470	52	314	61

### MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH ANALYSIS

#### REPORTED CRASHES (WITHIN THE CITY OF SOCORRO):

- SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT – 63
- TXDPS – 2
- SOCORRO ISD PD - 1

#### TOP 3 CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

- 21 – OTHER (EXPLAIN IN NARRATIVE)
- 16 – FAILED TO CONTROL SPEED
- 8 – DRIVER INATTENTION



## SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

### DISPATCH

### CALLS INTAKE

911 DIRECT	911 TRANSFERS	EMERGENCIES	NON-EMERGENCIES	TOTAL CFS
532	67	450	2269	2719

### TOP 10 CALL TYPES

ANIMAL CALLS	ASSIST AGENCY	CHILD RELATED	DISTURBANCE CALLS	DOMESTIC CALLS	MVA	OFFICER INITIATED	SUSPICIOUS CALLS	THEFTS CALLS	WELFARE CHECKS
225	55	25	135	47	102	1231	58	40	69

### RESPONSE TIMES

PRIORITY TYPE	AVG CALL TO DISPATCH	AVG CALL TO ARRIVAL	AVG CALL TO ARRIVAL TIME	AVG CALL TO CLOSE
PRIORITY 1-3	0:04:00	0:05:35	0:09:35	0:33:50
PRIORITY 4-7	0:05:47	0:09:19	0:15:06	1:24:17
PRIORITY 7-9	0:10:54	0:10:20	0:21:15	0:47:46



# ANIMAL CONTROL & CODE ENFORCEMENT

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
<b>CALLS FOR SERVICE</b>	1089	1049	1084	883								
<b>ASSISTS</b>	7	13	16	10								
<b>CITY SOURCE</b>	24	24	26	33								
<b>DISPATCH</b>	225	129	177	144								
<b>FLAG DOWN</b>	12	12	4	2								
<b>INTERNAL REQUESTS</b>	73	57	84	71								
<b>SELF INITIATED</b>	572	597	541	352								
<b>REPORTS</b>	0	351	236	334								
<b>ANIMAL CONTROL STATS</b>												
<b>VICIOUS ANIMAL</b>	24	26	25	25								
<b>LOOSE ANIMAL</b>	164	89	95	131								
<b>INJURED ANIMAL</b>	15	4	26	11								
<b>RELEASE TO OWNER</b>	15	12	58	7								
<b>CITATIONS</b>	70	70	250	74								
<b>WARNINGS</b>	25	16	20	25								
<b>CODE ENFORCEMENT STATS</b>												
<b>VIOLATIONS</b>	104	69	136	97								
<b>CITATIONS</b>	30	9	11	38								



## COMMENDABLE CASES & SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

### CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

- SGT. BIANCA BUSTAMANTE AND CRIME VICTIM ADVOCATE LORENZA ELIAS ATTENDED THE NEW MEXICO CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN CONFERENCE.
- SGT BIANCA BUSTAMANTE AND ALL CID DETECTIVES ATTENDED THE TEXAS RANGER OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING COURSE.
- LT JUAN FAVELA ATTENDED COFFEE WITH A PRINCIPAL AT SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL.
- CID DETECTIVES RESPONDED TO A HOMICIDE ON APRIL 20,2025 THAT OCCURRED AT THE PETRO TRUCK STOP. IN A JOINT INVESTIGATION WITH THE EL PASO COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE, A MALE SUBJECT WAS ARRESTED FOR THE HOMICIDE AND BOOKED INTO THE EL PASO COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY.
- CID DETECTIVES RESPONDED TO A DEADLY CONDUCT ON DINDINGER ON APRIL 10,2025. THROUGH THE COURSE OF THE INVESTIGATION, DETECTIVES WERE ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE OFFENDER. OFFENDER WAS LOCATED AND ARRESTED. OFFENDER A CONVICTED FELON WAS BOOKED INTO THE EL PASO COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY FOR DEADLY CONDUCT, UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF FIREARM BY FELON AND SEVERAL OUTSTANDING WARRANTS.
- CID DETECTIVES RESPONDED TO A DEADLY CONDUCT/SHOT FIRED CALL ON APRIL 7,2025. THROUGH THE COURSE OF THE INVESTIGATION, IT WAS DISCOVERED THE OFFENDER FIRED SEVERAL SHOTS AT A FEMALE DRIVER WHO WAS DRIVING HOME ALONG WITH HER YOUNG CHILD. THE OFFENDER WAS ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON, UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF A WEAPON, AND POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE. OFFENDER WAS BOOKED INTO THE EL PASO COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY.

### PATROL OPERATIONS DIVISION

- LT RODRIGUEZ -OPERATION BIRD DOG COMMENCED ON APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>, AND IT WILL CONCLUDE ON MAY 30<sup>TH</sup>. IN ONE WEEK OF THE OPERATION STARTING THERE HAS BEEN 50 VIOLATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AND ARE BEING ADDRESSED.
- OFFICER CESAR GONZALEZ DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL HAS A TOTAL OF 18 ARRESTS. OFFICER GONZALEZ HAD 7 SELF-SURRENDERS, 6 REFERRALS BY PATROL OFFICERS AND ONE CRIMINAL WARRANT THAT WAS EXECUTED. OUT OF THE 13 ARRESTS OFFICER GONZALEZ WAS ABLE TO GET 8 DEFENDANTS TO PAY THEIR FINES WITH THE SOCORRO MUNICIPAL COURT.
- OFFICER EMMANUEL ROJERO COMPLETED THE FTO PROGRAM ON APRIL 28 AND WILL BE ASSIGNED TO SHIFT A.
- OFFICER HALLIGAN, OFFICER GONZALEZ AND OFFICER CARRASCO STILL REMAIN UNDER THE FTO PROGRAM.
- ALL PATROL SERGEANTS SUCCESSFULLY REGISTERED FOR THE DWI TRAINING (IMPAIRED DRIVING SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 13,2025 AT THE DA'S OFFICE.
- SGT. CASTANEDA AND LT RODRIGUEZ ATTENDED AND COMPLETED TRAINING ON HOW TO INVESTIGATE OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING AT THE SHERIFF'S ACADEMY. THE TRAINING WAS PROVIDED BY THE TEXAS RANGERS.



- PATROL OFFICERS AND SERGEANTS ACKNOWLEDGED ALL THEIR POLICIES AND THEIR DTB'S FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL.
- THE PATROL SECTION PROVIDED SECURITY AND BLOCKED OFF STREETS FOR THE 2025 COLOR RUN AND EASTER CELEBRATION. NO INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED DURING THE EVENT.

#### SHIFT A. SGT DOMINGUEZ

- WE RECOVERED A RECOVERED SPENT CASING. THIS IS A POSSIBLE LEAD TO ONE OF OUR SHOOTINGS DEADLY CONDUCT (CN:2025-000801).
- OFFICERS SIERRA AND ROJERO HANDLED AN AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ASSAULT WHERE DETECTIVES WERE NOTIFIED. CASE IS PENDING SANE EXAM RESULTS (CN:2025-000808)
- OFFICERS SIERRA AND ROJERO ARRESTED A SUBJECT FOR EVADING IN A VEHICLE AND POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PENALTY GROUP 1 (CN:2025-000892)
- OFFICER ROJERO AND RODRIGUEZ ARRESTED TWO SUBJECTS FOR ASSAULT AND OBSTRUCTION. (CN:2025-000844)
- OFFICER EMMANUEL ROJERO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE FTO PROGRAM AND WILL BE RELEASED SOLO ON 05/03/2025.
- OFFICER ANA CARO REACHED HER 3 YEAR MARK AS A CITY EMPLOYEE ON 04/25/2025.

#### SHIFT B. SGT.BENAVIDEZ

- 2025-000691-ON 04/07/2025 AT APPROXIMATELY 0238 HRS. OFFICERS FUENTES AND DEUSTERMAN RESPONDED TO THE 200 BLOCK OF NORTH NEVAREZ IN REFERENCE TO SHOTS FIRED.OFFICER FUENTES LOCATED THE VICTIM ANS WAS ABLE TO OBTAIN A DESCRIPTION OF THE OFFENDERS VEHICLE. IT WAS ALSO LEARNED THAT THE OFFENDER HAD BRANDISHED A FIREARM AT THE VICTIM DURING A "ROAD RAGE" INCIDENT AND FIRED SEVERAL SHOTS IN TO HER DIRECTION. AS A RESULT OF COMPLETE AND THROUGH PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION, OFFICER FUENTES LOCATED THE OFFENDER AND VEHICLE IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA AND WAS ABLE TO TAKE THE OFFENDER INTO CUSTODY WITHOUT INCIDENT.
- 2025-000727-ON 04/10/2025 AT 2100 HRS OFFICER DEUSTERMAN RESPONDED TO 11570 DINDINGER RD. IN REFERENCE TO SHOTS FIRED ON THE AREA. OFFICER DEUSTERMAN LOCATED HANDGUN SHELL CASINGS IN THE AREA AMD SECURED THE CRIME SCENE. ASSISTING OFFICERS AT THE SCENE LOCATED VIDEO SURVEILLANCE FROM A NEARBY RESIDENCE. THE SHELL CASINGS WERE PROCESSED. THROUGH THE VIDEO SURVEILLANCE PROVIDED TO INVESTIGATORS, A VEHICLE WAS IDENTIFIED. A FEW DAYS LATER AN OFFENDER WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY FOR THE OFFENSE.
- 2025-00713- ON 04/09/2025 AT 1951 HRS OFFICER VEGA RESPONDED TO 713 PUNJAB ON A DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE. AS THE RESULT OF OFFICER VEGA THROUGH INVESTIGATION, AND OFFENDER WAS IDENTIFIED AND TAKEN TO CUSTODY WITHOUT INCIDENT.



- 2025-000812- ON 04/20/2025 AT 0206 OFFICERS FROM SHIFT B RESPONDED TO 1295 HORIZON BLVD (PETRO TRUCK STOP) IN REFERENCE TO AN ASSAULT. OFFICERS ARRIVED AND INITIALLY FOUND NO ONE IN THE AREA. THROUGH THEIR PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION INFORMATION WAS DEVELOPED AND THE SCENE WAS SECURED AND ALL PERTINENT UNITS AND AGENCIES WERE NOTIFIED. THROUGH THE INVESTIGATIVE WORK OF PATROL OFFICERS FROM SHIFT B AN OFFENDER WAS IDENTIFIED AND APPREHENDED A FEW HOURS LATER AND CHARGED WITH THE HOMICIDE.
- ALL OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO SHIFT B COMPLETED ALL TRAININGS REQUESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT ACCREDITATION TEAM.

#### SHIFT C. SGT CASTANEDA

- 2025-000832- OFFICER TERRAZAS AND FTO BURCIAGA WERE THE PRIMARY OFFICERS OF THE UNLAWFUL RESTRAINT LESS THAN 17 YEARS OF AGE. CHILD WAS LOCATED UNHARMED WITH DAY, NIGHT, CID AND SURROUNDINGS AREA AGENCY WITH A COUPLE HOURS. TWO OFFENDERS WERE APPREHENDED AND PROVIDED TO CID FOR INTERVIEWS.
- 2025-000873- OFFICER F RUIZ WAS PRIMARY ON THE CALL FOR SERVICE FOR DISTURBANCE OF SHOTS FIRED AROUND 1119 CIELO BONITO. THE EXACT AREA WAS IN THE DESERT AREA BEHIND THE HOMES ON CIELO MAR. OFFICER F RUIZ LOCATED A DARK COLOR SUV IN THE AREA WITH SEVERAL OCCUPANTS DISCHARGING A FIREARM. UPON LOCATING THE VEHICLE AND THE SEVERAL OCCUPANTS OFFICERS LOCATED THE FIREARM WHICH WAS OBSERVED BEING FIRED IN THE VEHICLE. FIVE OFFENDERS WERE APPREHENDED, ONE WAS CHARGED WITH UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM BY FELON, ONE WAS FOR SEVERAL TRAFFIC WARRANTS WITH THE CITY OF SOCORRO, THREE WERE CITED FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT/DISCHARGING OF FIREARM IN A MINICIPALITY.

#### SHIFT D SGT AGUIRRE

- OFFICER A.CERDA HAD AN ARREST FOR POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE POSS CS PG 1/1-B>=1G<4G AND EXECUTION OF CRIMINAL WARRANT (CN:2025-00702). HE HAD AN ADDITIONAL ARREST FOR EXECUTION OF CRIMINAL WARRANT. (CN:2025-000785). HE ALSO WORKED UP A NON-ARREST WARRANT FOR POSS CS PG 1/1-B<1G(CN:2025-000782), WHICH HAS BEEN PRESENTED.
- OFFICER D.GARCIA GARCIA HAD AN ARREST FOR UNAUTHORIZED USE OF VEHICLE (CN:2025-000795). HE WORKED UP A NON-ARREST FOR POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA (CN:2025-00875), WHICH HAS BEEN PRESENTED.
- OFFICER A SIFUENTES HAD A NON-ARREST FOR ASSAULT FAMILY VIOLENCE (CN:2025-000740), WHICH HAS BEEN PRESENTED. HE ALSO WORKED UP A WARRANT FOR EVADING ARREST IN A VEHICLE AND POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA (CN:2025-000798).
- OFFICER A. GONZALEZ WORKED UP A NON-ARREST WARRANT FOR AN ASSAULT FAMILY VIOLENCE WHICH WAS PRESENTED. (CN:2025-000656) HE PRESENTED A WARRANT FOR INTERFERENCE (CN:2025-000867) WITH PUBLIC DUTIES, HE LATER ARRESTED THE OFFENDER. HE ALSO HAD AN ARREST FOR CONTINUOUS VIOLATION AGAINST A FAMILY MEMBER AND FAILED TO IDENTIFY THE FUGITIVE OF JUSTICE (CN:2025-000746).



- OFFICER A. DONOHUE RECOVERED A STOLEN VEHICLE ON 04/22/2025 OUT OF EL PASO PD, DOING AN APARTMENT CHECK AT THE COMPLEX AT 229 N NEVAREZ BLDG 21. (2025-000826). 2013 HYUNDAI ELANTRA. (TX-SYZ0948, IGNITION CONSOLE AREA RIPPED APART, DOUBLE PARKED ON A HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE. RELEASED TO SKYHAWK TOWING. SHE ALSO ARRESTED A SUBJECT FOR A WARRANT OUT OF SO WITH \$32,700 BOND FOR BURGLARY OF HABITATION AND FOR EVADING ON FOOT \$2,500.
- OFFICER D GARCIA SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE IN-PERSON THREE DAY MED TAC COURSE. OFFICER DONOHUE RECOVERED A STOLEN VEHICLE OUT OF EPPD AT THE APARTMENT COMPLEX LOCATED AT 229 N NEVAREZ DURING A GRAVEYARD SHIFT. ALL OFFICERS COMPLETED THE REQUIRED TRAINING SENT BY THE TRAINING COORDINATOR ON TIME.
- OFFICER A. GONZALEZ FINISHED PHASE 3 OF THE FTO PROGRAM.
- SGT L. AGUIRRE ACHIEVED 7 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

#### TRAFFIC & CRIMINAL INTERDICTION UNIT

- OFFICER SOSA FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL HAD A TOTAL OF FIVE CALMING DEVIE WORK ORDERS THAT WERE CREATED BY THE PUBLIC. FIVE TRAFFIC REQUESTS DEALT WITH TRAFFIC SPEED SURVEYS IN ORDER TO ADDRESS REQUESTS FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES TO BE INSTALLED. OFFICER SOSA CLOSED A TOTAL OF THREE TRAFFIC REQUESTS IN THE MONTH OF APRIL. OFFICER SOSA ALSO SECURED A CRIMINAL WARRANT OF ARREST FOR EVADING IN A MOTOR VEHICLE. (2025-000764) MALE SUBJECT BY THE NAME OF CESAR LORENZO LOPEZ 07/15/1999 WAS BOOKED INTO THE EL PASO COUNTY JAIL WITH A 10,000 BOND ON APRIL 17,2025.

#### SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

##### COMMUNICATIONS

- COMMUNICATIONS AND ANIMAL CONTROL CELEBRATED NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATONS AND ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER WEEK, RECEIVING A PROCLAMATION FROM THE CITY OF SOCORRO CITY COUNCIL FOR THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.
- 2 COMMUNICATIONS OPERATORS ATTENDED CAREER DAY AT HILEY ELEMENTARY.
- RADIO SYSTEM UPGRADE WITH ANTENNAS, BASE STATIONS, REPEATERS, AND RADIO PROGRAMMING INSTALLATION.
- 19 DISTRICT ATTORNEY REQUESTS WERE COMPLETED.

##### ANIMAL CONTROL & CODE ENFORCEMENT

- ANIMAL CONTROL PLACED 1 CANINES OUT FOR ADOPTION INTO THE COMMUNITY.
- ANIMAL CONTROL PLACED 12 CANINES AND 0 FELINES INTO FOSTER CARE AND 16 CANINES INTO ANIMAL RESCUE.



- IMPOUND ANIMAL'S TOTALS: CANINES:12-FELINES:0-TRN:15- RETURNED TO OWNER 7- OTHER:0
- ANIMAL CONTROL CONDUCTED A LOW-COST VET CLINIC, ASSISTING THE COMMUNITY WITH 16 VACCINATIONS AND 3 MICROCHIPS.
- CODE ENFORCEMENT CURRENTLY HAS 246 OPEN CASES AND CLOSED 106
- CODE ENFORCEMENT ATTENDED THE MUNICIPAL CODE REWRITE UDC WORKSHOP, THE EL PASO VECTOR CONTROL MEETING, AND THE ABLE CITY UDC MEETING.
- SWEEPS/ENFORCING CODES ON THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS: MELTON RD, CARTER SCOTT PL, SOCORRO RD, VILLA YSLETA DR, HC GILBERT MINJARES DR, BEJAR DR, FLOR SCABIOSA DR, FLOR DEL SOL, PANAHU RD, ERNEST RD, GRAN VILLA PL, F E JACKSON RD, PERLETTE ST, SPC ISAAC TRUJILLO DR,TELOP RD, PHILLIP DR,COTTON VALLEY ESTATES, HUECO JUNCTION SUBDIVISION,YELLOW VALLEY, RED VALLEY, CYN VALLEY,GEM VALLEY, AND BLUE VALLEY.
- SSD ADMINISTRATION HANDLED 207 POLICE DEPARTMENT WALK-IN CUSTOMERS AND FIELDDED 264 PHONE CALLS (187 FOR CODE AND ANIMAL CONTROL.)

## QUALITY CONTROL REVIEWS:

### CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

- ONLY THREE-MONTHLY AUDITS WERE CONDUCTED FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2025 IN THE PROPERTY AND EVIDENCE ROOM. THE GOAL IS TO CONDUCT AT LEAST 4 TO 5 AUDITS PER MONTH.
- CASE 2025-00620- CONTACT WAS MADE WITH THE REPORTER AND CASE WAS REVIEWED. THE REPORTER WAS CONTENT WITH THE OUTCOME OF HER CASE. REPORTER ADVISED DETECTIVE ASSIGNED TO HER CASE (DETECTIVE LOUIS SANTIBANEZ) DID MEET WITH HER IN REFERENCE TO LOCATING HER CHILD WHO SHE REPORTED AS A RUNAWAY. RUNAWAY WAS LOCATED AT HER BOYFRIEND'S APARTMENT. THE REPORTER WAS UPSET THAT DETECTIVE SANTIBANEZ DID NOT ADVISE HER IF SHE COULD FILE ADDITIONAL CHARGES AGAINST THE BOYFRIEND FOR HARBORING A RUNAWAY. REPORTER BELIEVES THAT DETECTIVE SANTIBANEZ DID NOT PROPERLY COMMUNICATE WITH HER.
- CASE#2024-002897- CONTACT WAS MADE WITH VICTIM AND CASE REVIEWED. THE VICTIM WAS CONTENT WITH THE INVESTIGATION AND ADVISED THAT THE DETECTIVE ASSIGNED TO HER CASE (DETECTIVE SAMUEL SOTO) DID MEET WITH HER ALSO LET HER KNOW THE OUTCOME OF THE CASE. CASE WAS PRESENTED AS EXCEPTIONALLY CLEAR/NON-ARREST.
- ISSUES CONTINUE WITH WEBRMS IN REFERENCE TO NIBRS REPORTING TO THE STATE. ISSUE IS HEXAGON. THE RECORDS SECTION WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH EL PASO COUNTY TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE.



## PATROL OPERATIONS DIVISION

- LIEUTENANT RODRIGUEZ
  - LT RODRIGUEZ IS WORKING WITH NEW IN BLUE TO FIX THE ISSUES WITH THE QR CODES NOT SHOWING THE CORRECT INFORMATION THAT WAS CITED BY THE OFFICER. A WORK ORDER HAS BEEN ESCALATED TO A NEW IN BLUE TECH SUPPORT.
  - PATROL HAD ONE FLEET FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL IN UNIT 2308. THE UNIT HAS BEEN FIXED AND IS BACK IN ROTATION.
  - LT RODRIGUEZ ADDRESSED THE ISSUE WITH PATROL REGARDING OFFICERS TAKING PATROL UNITS KEYS HOME AND NOT LEAVING THEM INSIDE THE PATROL BUILDING.
  - PATROL UNIT 2301 AT THE BODY SHOP AND WILL BE OUT OF SERVICE UNTIL IT GETS FIXED.
  - LT RODRIGUEZ CONDUCTED A TOTAL OF FOUR QUALITY CONTROL CHECKS ON THE SERGEANTS BODY CAMERAS, AND IT WAS DOCUMENTED ON BWC APPLICATION.
- SHIFT A – SERGEANT DOMINGUEZ
  - SGT DOMINGUEZ CHECKED A TOTAL OF 8 CONTROL CHECKS WITH BODY WORN CAMERAS.
  - SGT DOMINGUEZ NOTICED A DEFICIENCY IN OFFICERS NOT STAYING IN THEIR DISTRICTS. THEY WERE INSTRUCTED TO STAY IN THEIR ASSIGNED DISTRICTS UNLESS DISPATCHED. HOWEVER, IF AN OFFICER IS DISPATCHED TO ANOTHERS DISTRICT AND THAT OFFICER IS NOT BUSY THEY WILL CANCEL THAT UNIT AND HANDLE THE CALL IN THEIR OWN DISTRICT.
  - SGT DOMINGUEZ NOTICED ON ONE BWC OFFICER RODRIGUEZ CONDUCTED A TRAFFIC STOP. THE BWC CUTS OFF AT 2:19 NIN MARK. I INSTRUCTED HIM TO LEAVE HIS BWC ON UNTIL HE IS FINISHED WITH HIS STOP.
  - OFFICERS WERE TOLD THAT IF THEY HAVE REPORTS PENDING, THEY COULD COME IN ONE AT A TIME TO COMPLETE THEM.
  - OFFICER HINOJOS WAS INSTRUCTED NOT TO "CAMP OUT" AT THE STATION. IF HE IS NOT COMPLETING REPORTS, HE NEEDS TO BE OUT ON THE FIELD.
- SHIFT B – SERGEANT BENAVIDEZ
  - SGT BENAVIDEZ CHECKED A TOTAL OF EIGHT BODY CAMERAS.
  - SHIFT B WAS ATTRIBUTED TO A LATE CALL (HOMICIDE) WHERE SHIFT RESOURCES WERE STRETCHED THIN. IN THE FUTURE SGT BENAVIDEZ WILL UTILIZE PERSONNEL MORE EFFICIENTLY.
- SHIFT C – SERGEANT CASTANDEDA



- Nothing reported
- SHIFT D – SERGEANT AGUIRRE
  - SGT AGUIRRE REVIEWED A TOTAL OF EIGHT BODY WORN CAMERAS RECORDINGS. ALL WERE DOCUMENTED AND ENTERED USING THE BWC AUDIT SYSTEM ON FRONTLINE.
  - SGT AGUIRRE IDENTIFIED THAT D GARCIA BWC TURNED OFF AFTER 4 MINUTES OF RECORDING ON ITS OWN. THE OFFICER WAS ABLE TO RESET IT ON SCENE AND CONTINUE RECORDING BUT THERE WAS A BREAK ON THE TRAFFIC STOP.
  - SGT AGUIRRE- IDENTIFIED THAT OFFICER A GARCIA BWC TURNED OFF AFTER 2 MINUTES OF RECORDING ON ITS OWN. THE ISSUE HAS BEEN REPORTED TO OFFICER FRAUSTO.

## SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

### COMMUNICATIONS

- COMMUNICATIONS SUPERVISORS EVALUATED THE ACCURACY AND COMPLETENESS OF INFORMATION FROM 10 DISPATCH CALLS, AND ASSESSED DISPATCHER NOTES, CALL RECORDINGS, AND INCIDENTS TO ENSURE THAT PERTINENT DETAILS WERE ACCURATELY DOCUMENTED AND COMMUNICATED TO RESPONDING UNITS. (DISPATCH SHIFT PASS-ON WAS IMPLEMENTED, AS IT WAS UNCOVERED, THERE WAS A LACK OF INFORMATION BEING DECIMATED AMONGST THE SHIFTS).
- THE MONTHLY TCIC VALIDATION REPORT WAS CONDUCTED AND REVIEWED 0 MISSING PERSON, 6 WANTED PERSON RECORDS, 5 PROTECTIVE ORDERS, 2 STOLEN WEAPONS, 1 STOLEN LICENSE PLATES, 15 STOLEN VEHICLES, 1 ARTICLES AND INACTIVE RECORDS WERE CLOSED OUT.

### ANIMAL CONTROL & CODE ENFORCEMENT

- NINE BWC AUDITS WERE CONDUCTED ON ANIMAL CONTROL, CODE AND PATROL OFFICERS TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH POLICY AND INTERACTION WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS. THE AUDITS WERE DOCUMENTED IN FRONTLINE.
- A REVIEW OF ALL DAILY LOGS FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT AND ANIMAL CONTROL WERE REVIEWED. WE ASSESSED THE ACCURACY, COMPLETENESS, AND CONSISTENCY OF THE INFORMATION RECORDED IN THESE LOGS AND COMPLIANCE WITH ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES, ISSUES WITH CLARITY, ORGANIZATION, CONSISTENCY IN RECORDING INFORMATION, AND ADHERENCE TO ESTABLISHED FORMATS AND TEMPLATES, WERE ADDRESSED. (USE OF OLD FORMS FOR REPORTING WAS DISCOVERED, INSTRUCTED ON WHICH FORM TO UTILIZE).



#### MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4):

- CODE ENFORCEMENT HANDLED 14 TIRE CASES, 54 PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, AND 11 INOPERABLE VEHICLE CASES PROACTIVELY ASSISTING THE MS4 INITIATIVE.
- RED BEETLE FOLLOW UP CALLS 4.
- CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS COMPLETED THE YEARLY REQUIRED MS4 TRAINING.

**Rudy Cruz, Jr.**  
Mayor

**Ruben Reyes**  
At-Large

**Cesar Nevarez**  
District 1 / Mayor ProTem



**Alejandro Garcia**  
District 2

**Gina Cordero**  
District 3

**Irene Rojas**  
District 4

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT – April 2025

Council Meetings: Regular Council Meeting April 3 2025  
Regular Council Meeting of April 17, 2025

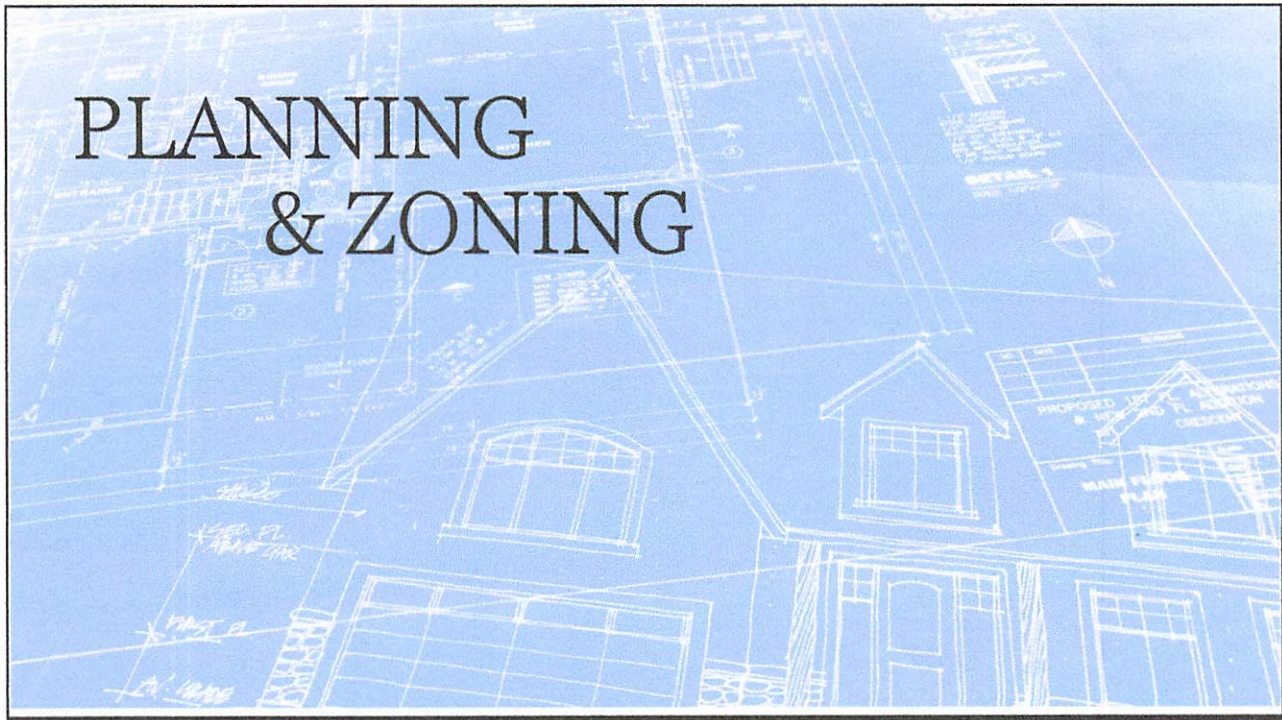
Prepared minutes for: Regular Council Meeting Minutes for April 3, 2025  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2025

Received 61 Open Records Requests

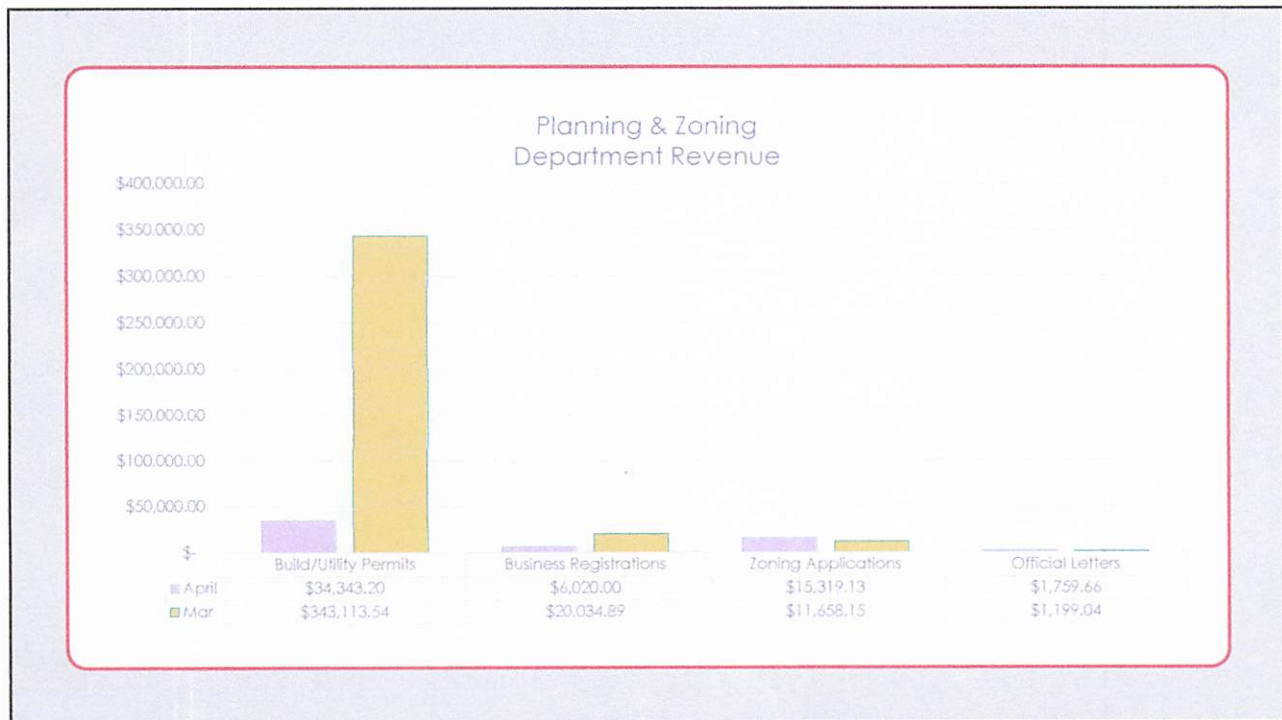
Responded to 52 Open Records requests.

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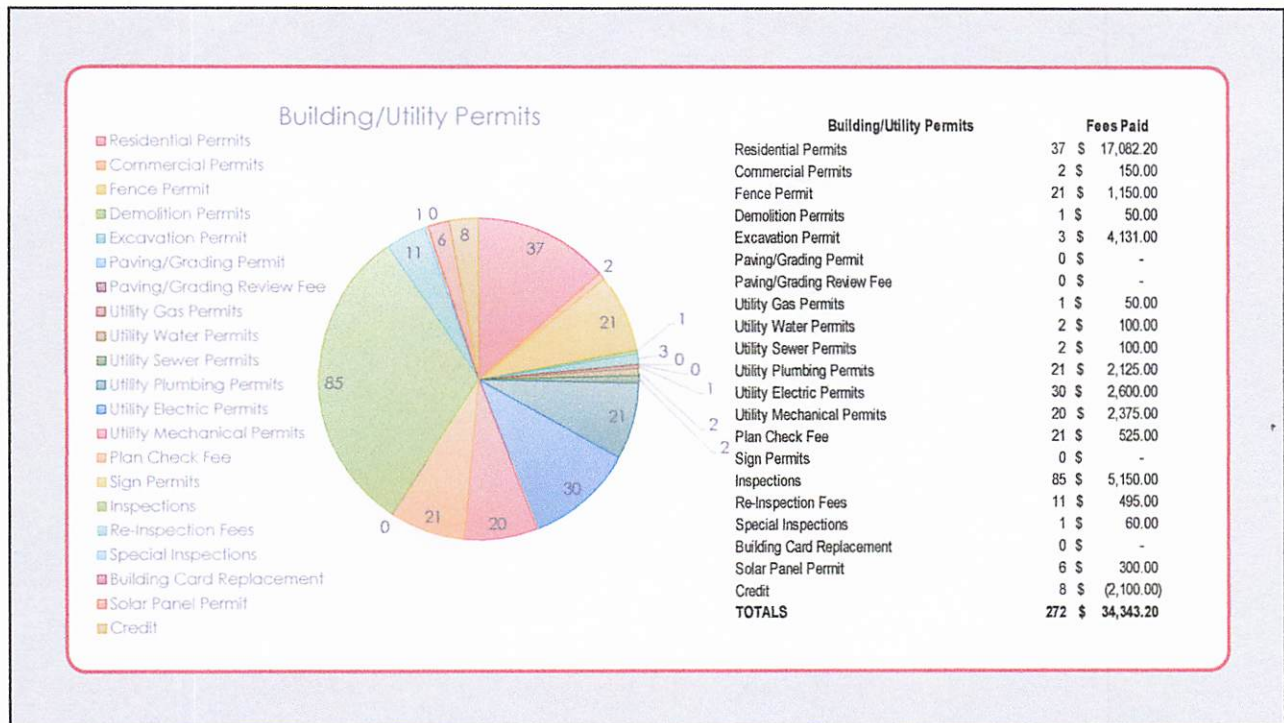




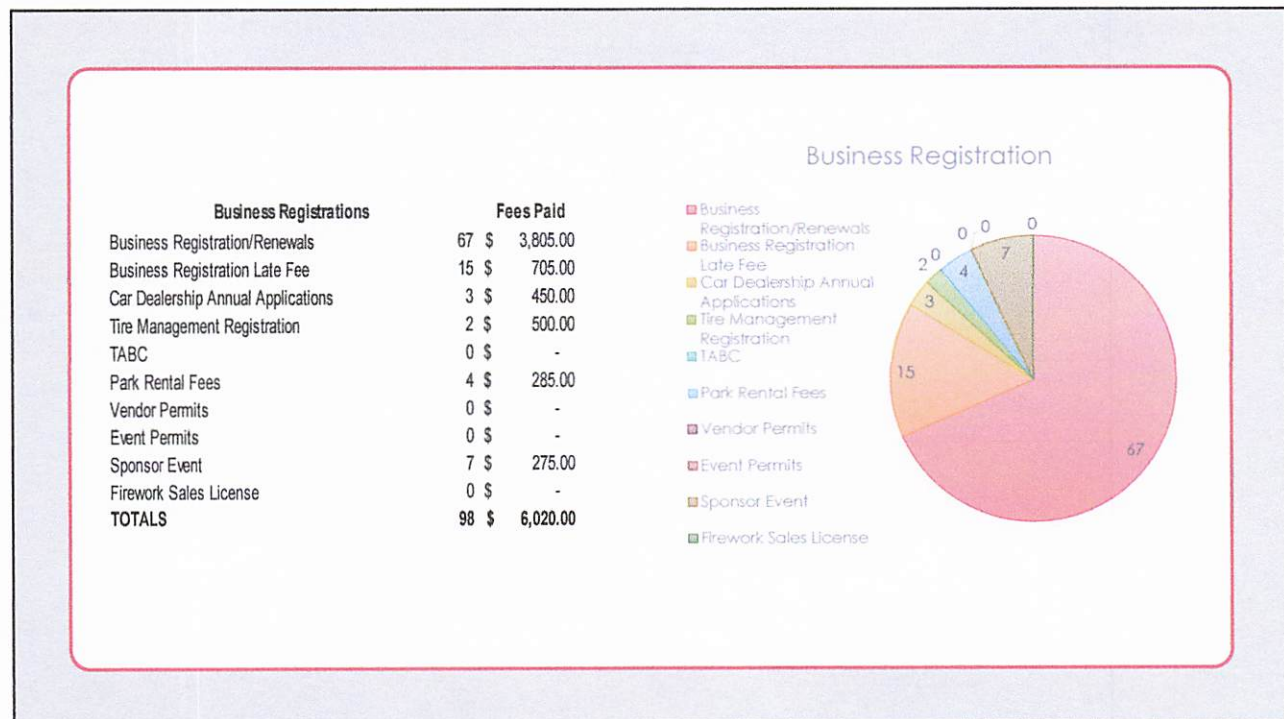
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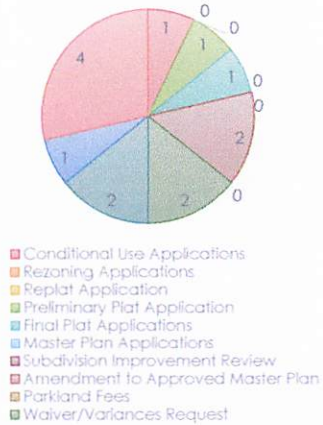
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Zoning Applications



Zoning Applications

Fees Paid

Conditional Use Applications	1	\$ 650.00
Rezoning Applications	0	\$ -
Replat Application	0	\$ -
Preliminary Plat Application	1	\$ 2,013.00
Final Plat Applications	1	\$ 1,902.00
Master Plan Applications	0	\$ -
Subdivision Improvement Review	0	\$ -
Amendment to Approved Master Plan	2	\$ 4,586.00
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Waiver/Variances Request	2	\$ 828.00
BOA Applications	2	\$ 400.00
Engineering Plan Review	1	\$ 4,700.13
Mobile Home Placements	4	\$ 240.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>\$ 15,319.13</b>

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Official Letters

Official Address Changes    Zoning Verification Letter  
 Certificate of Occupancy    Zoning Compliance Letter  
 Admin Fees

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**End of Month Report**  
**4/1/2025 through 4/30/2025**

<b>Building/Utility Permits</b>		<b>Fees Paid</b>
Residential Permits	37	\$ 17,082.20
Commercial Permits	2	\$ 150.00
Fence Permit	21	\$ 1,150.00
Demolition Permits	1	\$ 50.00
Excavation Permit	3	\$ 4,131.00
Paving/Grading Permit	0	\$ -
Paving/Grading Review Fee	0	\$ -
Utility Gas Permits	1	\$ 50.00
Utility Water Permits	2	\$ 100.00
Utility Sewer Permits	2	\$ 100.00
Utility Plumbing Permits	21	\$ 2,125.00
Utility Electric Permits	30	\$ 2,600.00
Utility Mechanical Permits	20	\$ 2,375.00
Plan Check Fee	21	\$ 525.00
Sign Permits	0	\$ -
Inspections	85	\$ 5,150.00
Re-Inspection Fees	11	\$ 495.00
Special Inspections	1	\$ 60.00
Building Card Replacement	0	\$ -
Solar Panel Permit	6	\$ 300.00
Credit	8	\$ (2,100.00)
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>\$ 34,343.20</b>

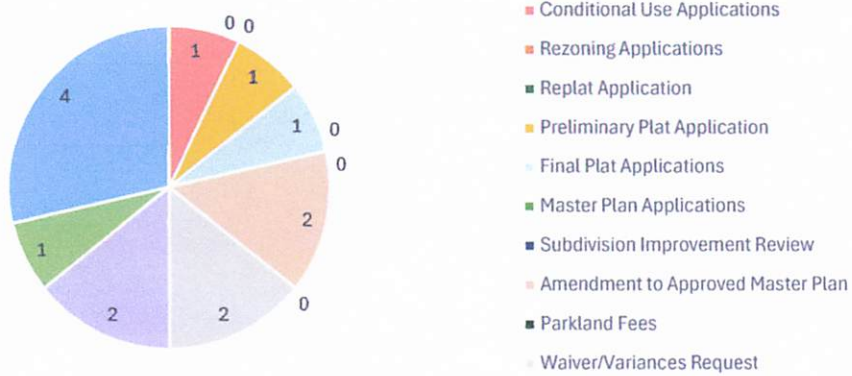
<b>Business Registrations</b>		<b>Fees Paid</b>
Business Registration/Renewals	67	\$ 3,805.00
Business Registration Late Fee	15	\$ 705.00
Car Dealership Annual Applications	3	\$ 450.00
Tire Management Registration	2	\$ 500.00
TABC	0	\$ -
Park Rental Fees	4	\$ 285.00
Vendor Permits	0	\$ -
Event Permits	0	\$ -
Sponsor Event	7	\$ 275.00
Firework Sales License	0	\$ -
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>\$ 6,020.00</b>

<b>Zoning Applications</b>		<b>Fees Paid</b>
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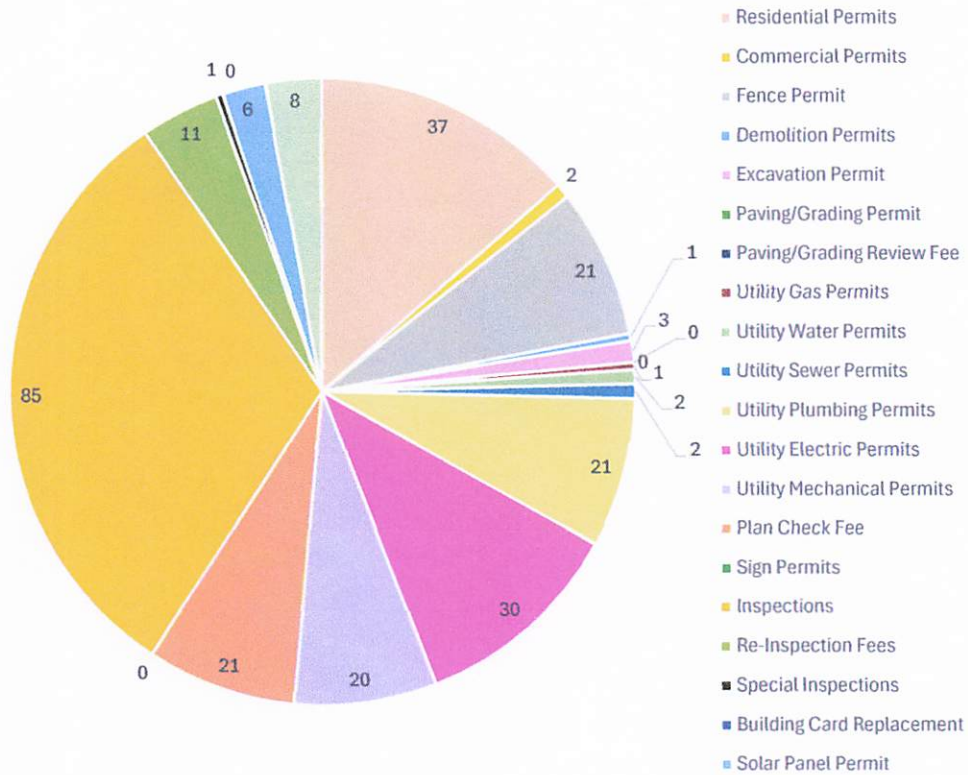
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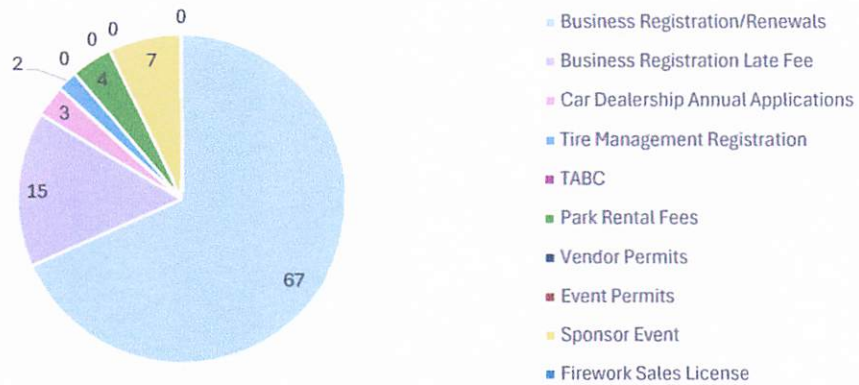
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## Building/Utility Permits



## Business Registration





# Recreation Centers

April 2025  
Monthly Report



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Dear Residents of Socorro,

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April marked a joyful and energetic start to the spring season in the City of Socorro, and we are excited to share the many ways your local government is staying active and engaged. From community-wide celebrations to continued professional development, our month was filled with moments that reflect the heart and momentum of our mission.

We kicked off the season with our beloved Easter Eggstravaganza, welcoming families from across Socorro for a day of fun, laughter, and connection. April also saw the successful hosting of TEDxSocorro: Roots, a milestone event that elevated local voices and brought powerful ideas to center stage right here in our city. In recognition of National Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week, the City issued a proclamation honoring the hard work and dedication of our Animal Control team, who work tirelessly to protect both pets and people in our community.

Behind the scenes, our department continues to invest in staff development, ensuring our team is well-trained and prepared to provide exceptional service across all areas we oversee. We're also hard at work preparing for an exciting summer season, filled with brand-new events and initiatives designed to bring us together, celebrate our culture, and continue improving the quality of life in Socorro.

We are so honored to serve this incredible community and even more excited for what lies ahead. Thank you for your continued trust and support as we work to create memorable experiences and meaningful impact for all Socorro residents.

Sincerely,

*Victor Reta*

Director



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# CITY COMMUNICATIONS

## FUNCTION

- Why does the City have a Communications Division?

We serve as the community's news source of not only the city's business but of everything that happens around community.

- What does the City do with Communication?

The City of Socorro manages and shares information for the public giving it easy access through the City's official website, social media accounts, & campaigns.

- How does the Communication Division help the Community?

Our mission is to maintain all news and communications information up to date for the public's understanding and access throughout the whole year, this allows our residents to stay updated and aware of what is happening in our community.

- Why do we need a Communications Division?

As communicators we ensure that all important information reaches residents in a clear, timely, and accessible manner. This can include emergency alerts, public health messages, city events, partnership announcements, employment opportunities, community updates and so much more!

## ONGOING PROJECTS

- Senior Program Activities gathering (Photos, videos, etc)
- Revamp of PD'S Website
- Clean-up Organize Drop-box
- City Council Vectors (gathering contact information)
- National Police Week Campaign
- TAMIO Presentation
- PAL Photoshoot
- Quoting local bands INDX Opener
- Splash Pad Opening Post
- Police Appreciation Week Campaign
- Pending TEDx footage (email has been sent)
- Back Building organization
- Parks and Public Works Appreciation Week

## COMPLETED PROJECTS

- Posts Scheduling (Animal Control, Dust Storm Advisory, Financial statements Workshop, TXDOT, Easter, Community Outreach)
- iPhone cleanup photos to Dropbox
- Senior Program Activities gathering (Photos, videos, etc)
- Administrative Professional Appreciation post
- Meet the City Manager Vlog
- TxDot (Don't Text and Drive Campaign video with Chief of Police)
- Pecan Shell Drop-offsite (English, Spanish, city updates)
- Hermanas Recap
- Press Releases
- Color Run Eggstravaganza media coverage
- National Public Safety Telecommunications Week Campaign
- Animal Control Appreciation Week Campaign
- 100 Days in Office Video
- TEDx Media Coverage
- Color Run Recap
- 211 Post
- ABC'S Posts scheduling
- Employee of the Month Post



# TRADITIONAL MEDIA

MENTIONS: #195



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# SOCIAL MEDIA

TAGS AND MENTIONS: 17



@city\_of\_socorro

Posts: 130

Followers: 18,154K

New Followers: 322

Visits: 14.8K

Reach: 169.7K

Engagements: 48.6K



@city\_of\_socorro

Posts: 130

Interactions: 8,924K

Profile Visits: 4,258

Followers: 8,602

New Followers: 314

Page Reach: 119,776



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Tweets: 130

Followers: 3,445

Volume: N/A

Views: N/A

Likes: N/A

Retweets: N/A



linkedin.com/company/city-of-socorro-texas

Posts: 0

Followers: 143

Unique Visitors: 16

New Followers: 3

Post Impressions: 118

Search Appearances: 0

Engagement Rate: 9.3%



# DIGITAL MEDIA WORK

## VIDEOGRAPHY

### Videos Produced: 18

- Department: Recreation, The Senior program, Chief of Police.

### Social Media Lives: #8

- Color Run Morning Set-Up
- Color Run Participant interview
- Color Run Vendor Interview
- Color Run Vendor Interview
- Color Run Frijolito Performance
- Color Run Egg Hunt
- Bingo Pan and Cafecito Commissioner Holguin
- TEDx Mayor interview
- TEDx Irene Rojas interview

### Youtube Metrics

- Posts: 6
- Post Views: 383
- Live Broadcasts: 6
- Live Views: 383
- Subscribers: 229

## WEBSITE ANALYTICS

### Recreation:

Total clicks	Total Impressions	Average CTR	Average position
54	1.4K	3.8%	12.3

### Special Events:

Total clicks	Total Impressions	Average CTR	Average position
61	1.46K	4.2%	7.6

### Communications:

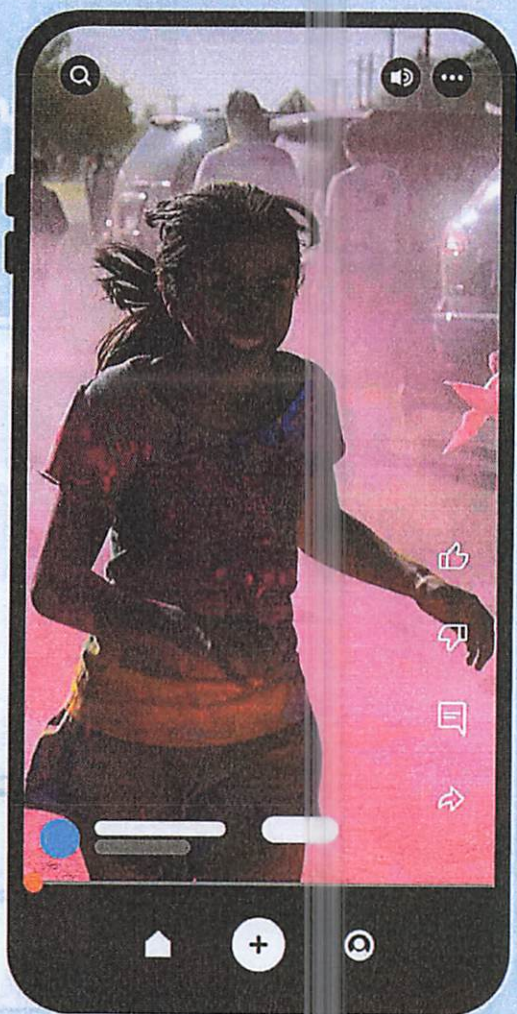
Total clicks	Total Impressions	Average CTR	Average position
6	83	7.2%	14.7

### Website analytics/ historic preservation

Total clicks	Total Impressions	Average CTR	Average position
17	1.54K	1.1%	13.7

## AD ROI

- There was no ad driven content produced in the month of April





# DIGITAL MEDIA WORK

## WEBSITE WORK

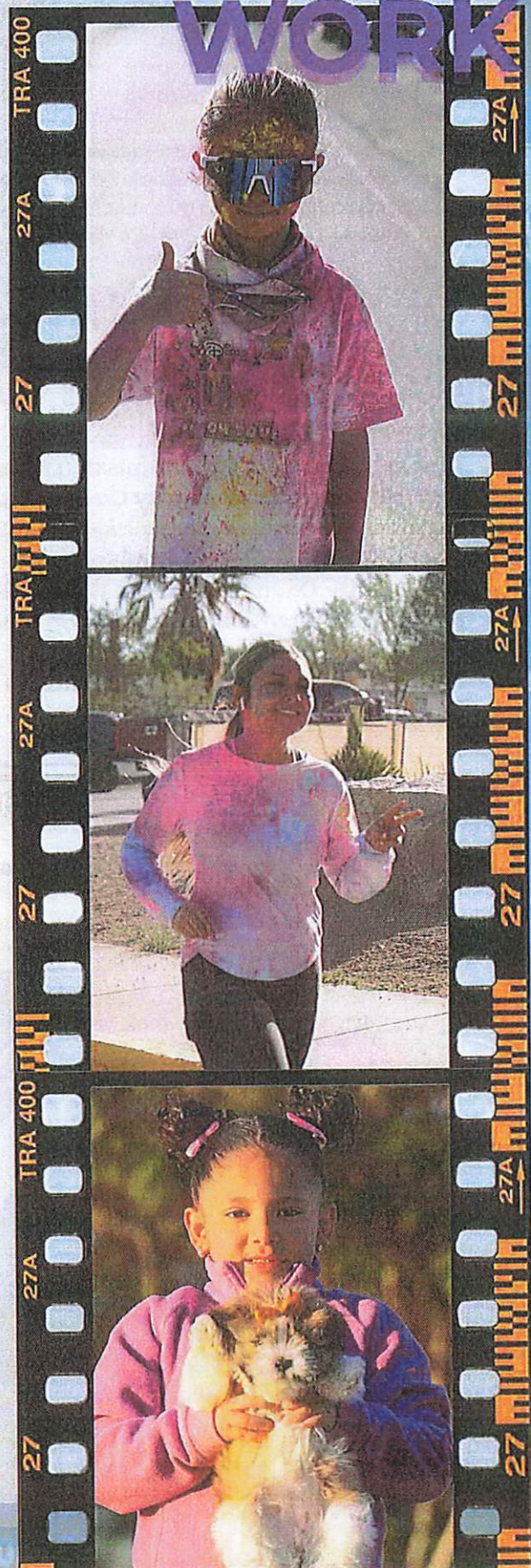
- Special Events
- Color Run Registration Forms
- Color Run Registration Purchase
- Color Run Vendor Form
- 100 Days in Office

## WEBSITE AUDIT

- Recreation
- **Impressions: 1.4K**
- Position: 12.3
- Clicks: 54
- Rio Vista Community Center
- **Impressions: 128**
- Senior citizens
- **Impressions: 31**
- Socorro Events
- **Impressions: 19**
- Communications
- **Impressions: 83**
- Socorro Texas
- **Impressions: 258**

## UPCOMING PROJECTS

- Exit 47 Podcast
- TEDX Socorro 2025
- TAMIO Conference
- Parks and Public Works Appreciation Week Campaign
- TAMIO Video
- PAL Photoshoot
- Memorial Day Post Scheduling
- TEDx individual talks
- INDX Know-before-you-go
- May Birthday's and anniversaries.





## PRESS RELEASES: #6 ENGLISH / #3 SPANISH

- Socorro Police Arrest Suspect Following Gunfire Incident on Nevarez Road: April 9<sup>th</sup> 2025
- Arresto Sospechoso por Disparos a Vehículo en Nevarez Road en Socorro: 9 de Abril
- Socorro Police Arrest Armed Felon Following Drive-By Shooting incident on Dindinger Drive: April 15<sup>th</sup>
- City of Socorro to Host 2025 Color Run and Easter Celebration: April 17<sup>th</sup> 2025
- Socorro Police Investigate Fatal Incident at Petro Truck Stop: April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- Policia de Socorro Investiga Incidente fatal En Parada de Camiones Petro: 20 de Abril, 2025
- TEDx Socorro 2025 invites You to Explore the Power of "Roots"
- City Extends Hours at Northeast Community Clinic to Offer Measles Vaccination on Saturdays: April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- La Ciudad de El Paso extiende el horario de la Clinica Comunitaria del Noreste para Ofrecer Vacunas Contra El Sarampion los Sabados

## PUBLIC MEETING SUPPORT: 5

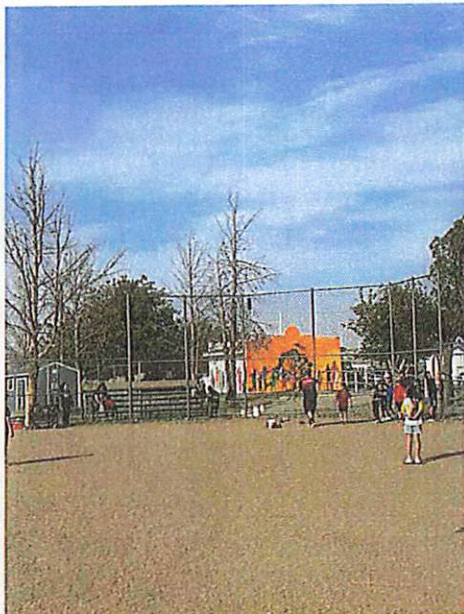
- DATE-MEETING-DURATION
- **Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting April 1, 2025, : 1:10:10**
- **City of Socorro: Special City Council Meeting, 03 April 2025: 1:17:51**
- **Historical Landmark Commission Meeting: April 9, 2025: 23:05**
- **Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting April 15, 2025,: 1:07:19**
- **Special City Council Meeting, 17 April 2025 : 2:00:56**
- **Board of Adjustments Commission Meeting: 24 April 2025: 37:17**
- TOTAL TIME OF ASSISTANCE:
  - **6 hours, 36 minutes, 38 seconds**

## MEET THE TEAM

- In my day to day along with creating posts and assisting the community centers my job also includes providing customer service to the residents of our city. This includes answering phone calls and emails through our media platforms or personally providing information they may need regarding public announcements, special events, fitness classes, courses, Socorro Sundays, public transportation, senior program, etc.
- A multimedia specialist must know how to create and share content that connects with their community. As a public communicator, I prioritize strong customer service and take the time to understand my audience. This helps me create relatable content and explain ideas clearly in a way that's easy for everyone to understand both in English and Spanish.
- Other than being passionate about marketing and branding I am passionate about story-telling and knowing about people's stories, informing and being able to connect with the audience as a digital reporter has also been a passion of mine that I wish I can continue in the future, whether its here in my city or locating somewhere else.
- My work involves being a Community-oriented professional, as a city employee I must represent and serve my city with respect, transparency, and professionalism this allows me to serve with my city's mission and becoming an efficient public communicator.







# RIO VISTA CENTER ANALYTICS



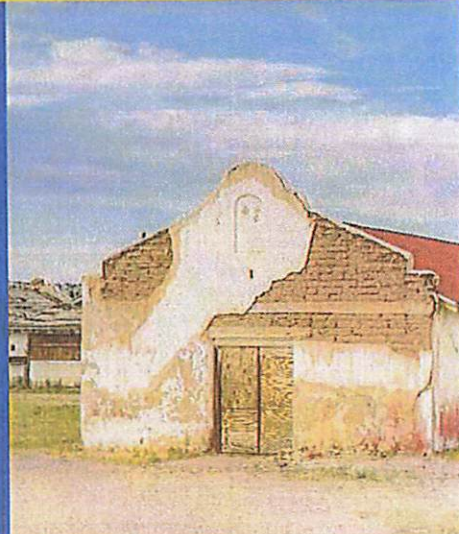
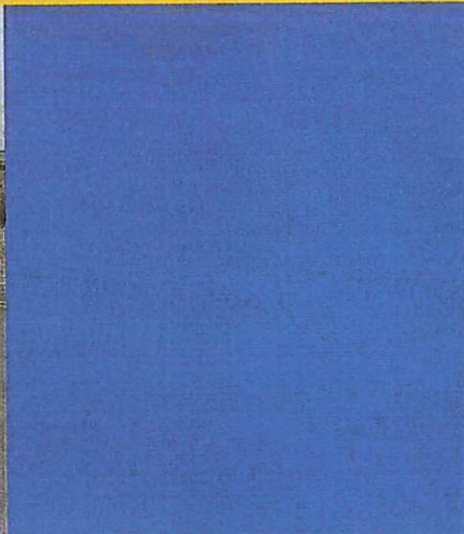
**Rio Vista Community Center**  
**901 N. Rio Vista Rd. Socorro, TX 79927 (915) 860-8615**

Al-ANON: 4  
Fitness: 33  
Citizenship: 19  
GED: 40



Information: 20  
Print/Copies: 3  
Senior Program: 251

**SENIOR CITIZEN PROGRAM-YOGA-ZUMBA-AL ANON**  
**CITIZENSHIP-PRINTING SERVICES-PUBLIC TRANSIT**







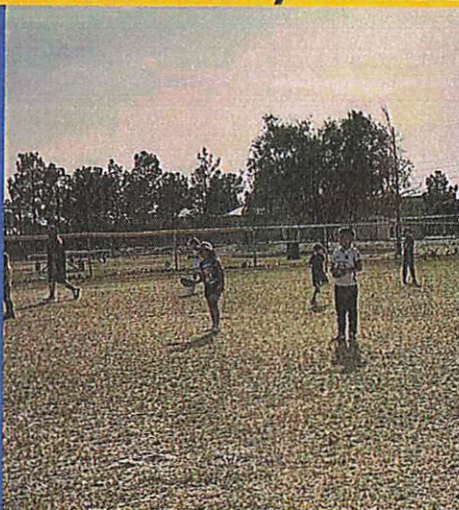
## Facility Request:

- GED
- CITIZENSHIP
- BOOTCAMP
- AI-ANON
- ZUMBA

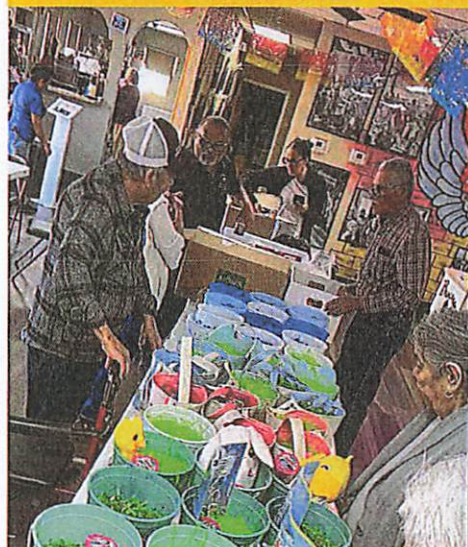


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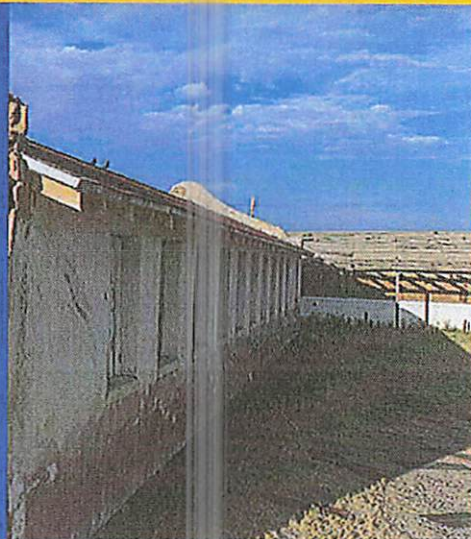
Calls: 127



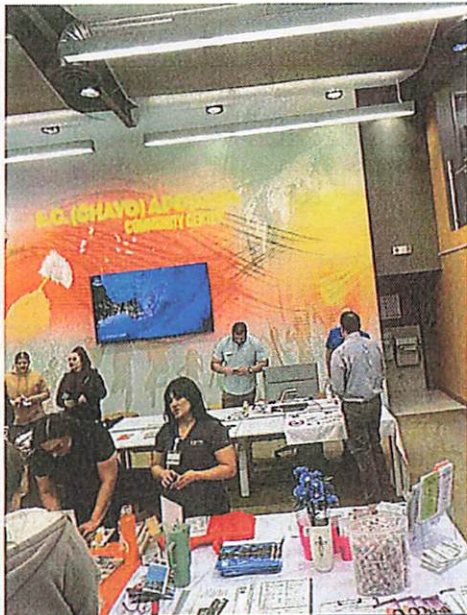
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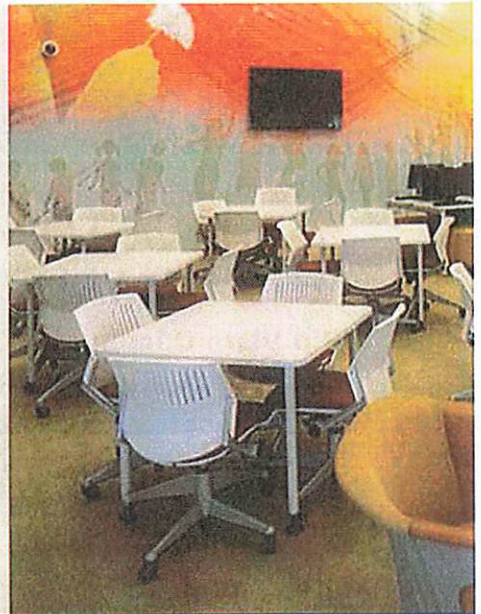
Grand Total: 370  
 Total Days in  
 Operation: 23







# CHAYO APODACA ANALYTICS



**Chayo Apodaca Community Center**  
**341 N. Moon Rd. Socorro, TX 79927 (915) 860-8615**

**Citizenship: 38**  
**Computers: 12**  
**Grand Total: 50**



**Closed for elections**  
**April 21 - May 2** 

**Total Days in**  
**Operation: 15**

**FREE COMPUTERS- FREE PRINTING-FREE WIFI**  
**FREE ARCADE GAMES-FREE MEETING & TRAINING SPACE**



- Daily tasks include, going through our Hello inbox, daily team briefing, assisting with phone calls and arriving guests, closing the center, and completing duties/projects as assigned.
- Some skills this job requires is problem-solving, adaptability, multitasking, creativity, and communication; these skills combine to help me assist the public across a broad range of tasks and provide useful, accurate, and engaging responses.
- As a student-athlete alumni, I bring a strong foundation of sports, fitness and wellness knowledge, developed through years of both academic study and hands-on athletic experience.
- My job helps the city by providing valuable health and well-being resources, promoting community engagement, ensuring access to essential services for all residents, fostering a more informed, connected, and thriving community.

## MEET THE TEAM



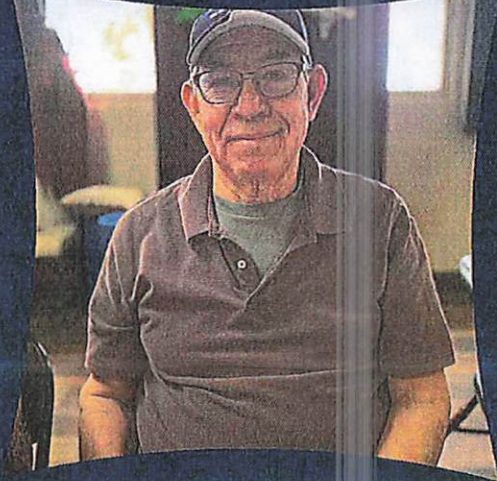
# SUPER SOCORRO SENIORS

## PROGRAM SUMMARY

**Rio Vista Community Center:**  
**901 N. Rio Vista Rd.**  
**Socorro, TX 79927**  
**Monday-Friday 9AM - 1 PM**  
**(915) 860-8615**

### Features:

- **Free** Transportation for Socorro Residents
- One **Free** Meal provided by the County
- **Daily** exercise & wellness activities
- **Fresh** coffee & provisions
- **Quality of Life & Activities of Daily Living** trips to entertainment centers, grocery stores, pharmacies, tradeshows, theaters & more!
- To **qualify** must be 60 years of age or older!
- **No Insurance** needed
- **Daily Loteria & Bingo**
- **Self Service Senior Program** where our loved ones can independently congregate with their peers and enjoy the day free of worry!



## Meet the Team



- I help with various tasks like opening classrooms, answering calls, and signing in people, including seniors. I also assist with the senior program by providing food, activity worksheets, and organizing games like Loteria.
- Some important skills for my job are customer service, communication, and organization. I also need to manage schedules, pay attention to details, and work well with others. I help ensure food safety and respect diversity.
- My work improves access to city services, supports seniors, and enhances the community's well-being.



# SUPER SOCORRO SENIORS

## Monthly Activities:

- (43) Senior Citizens Registered
- (21) Active Nutrition Days
- (420) County Meals Distributed

### Senior Transportation Data

- (135) Senior Pick Ups
- (249) Senior Drop Offs
- (3) Senior Grocery(Group Visits)
- (1) Senior Pharmacy
- (0) Senior Faith-Based
- (8) Senior Medical
- (0) Senior Outings

**Total Senior Transports: (384)**

### Special Celebrations:

- Birthdays & Celebrations
- Commissioner Holguin Visit
- Easter Celebration



## Meet the Team



- My daily task are Open classrooms, answering phone calls, sign IN the public and seniors, assist with the senior program with provisions, activity worksheets, assist with the senior's food and loteria.
- Some of the skills you need to have to perform this task are Customer Service, and communication skills, organizational skills as managing schedules, task management and attention to details. Interpersonal skills, empathy, and patience, teamwork. Technical and Administrative skills, activity Management, Activity preparation. Food Handling and Safety in food distribution and meal assistance, respect for diversity for the seniors and physical stamina.
- My job helps the city to Facilitating access to public services, support senior well-being, improve quality of life, strengthen social services and programs, and contributing to the City's reputation.



# DON'T MESS WITH TEXAS!

## STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)

Presents the definition of municipal separate storm water sewer system (MS4) as taken from federal rules.

"Municipal separate storm sewer system" is specifically defined in the federal rules (Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 122.2 ), but the term is easier to understand if we break it down.

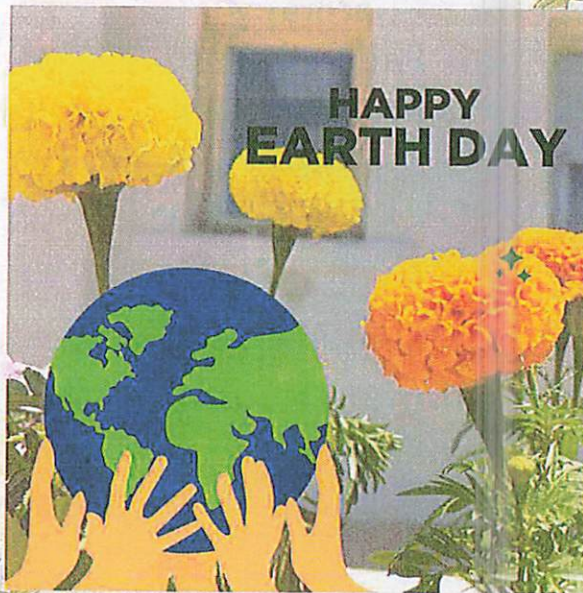
First, "separate storm sewer system" includes ditches, curbs, gutters, storm sewers, and similar means of collecting or conveying runoff that do not connect with a wastewater collection system or treatment plant.

And to be a "municipal separate storm sewer system" (MS4), the system must be owned or operated by a public agency—for example:

- a city or town
- a municipal utility district, flood control district, or other special district
- a county
- a state or federal agency

**The Recreation Department is responsible for informing the public about the importance of Stormwater management.**

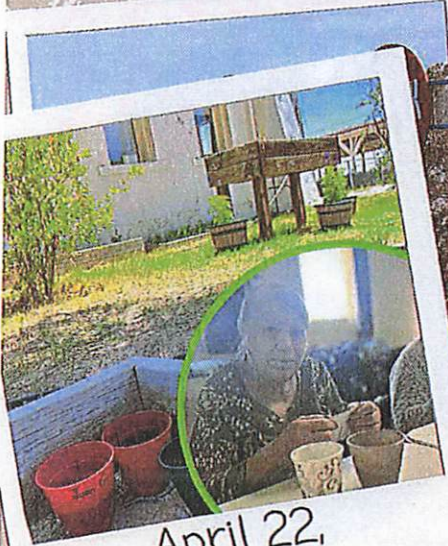
In the month of April, the Recreation department had the Senior Program plant their own flowers to add to the Rio Vista Community Center. How does this help Stormwater Management? -Plants help reduce runoff water, and help by filtering pollutants.



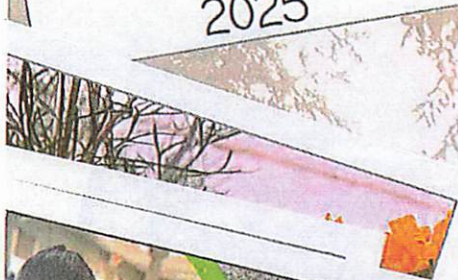
**Call the Stormwater Hotline to report illegal dumping, or pollution of stormwater, canals, or drains.**

**(915)275-1038**

# KEEP SOCORRO BEAUTIFUL



April 22,  
2025



April 22,  
2025

**KEEP SOCORRO  
BEAUTIFUL**



# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Sandbags (0)

FEMA (0)

TXDOT (0)

Safety & Emergency Drills (0)

Activations (0)

89 Days Accident Free

<https://www.txdot.gov/about/districts/el-paso-district.html>

(915) 790-4341

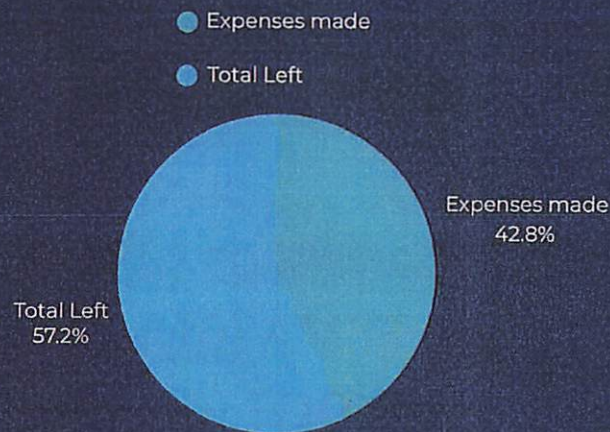
## Meet the Team

- Part of my everyday routine at work includes: opening/closing center, providing provisions for our Senior Program, assisting with phone calls/guests, staying up to date with the department's budget, assist with Senior Program, finish given duties assigned by my director, and work on assigned projects.
- As a Community Liaison, five of the most useful skills needed are having good leadership, problem-solving, adaptability, teamwork, and most importantly great customer service! :)
- My role here helps the City in various ways. Not only do I get to see the City's perspective, but also the publics which helps us know how we are able to help. My role also involves networking with other agencies, and exchange resources in which could help the City grow. We also help the City by distributing information out through all of our social media, as well as in our community centers.





# FISCAL TRANSPARENCY



The Texas Historical Commission is a funding agency dedicated to historic preservation. They have given the City of Socorro a grant to help restore the Rio Vista Farm. It is known as the Rio Vista Farm Rehabilitation.

A grant is a general term for funds that a organization is given and is not expected to be repaid.

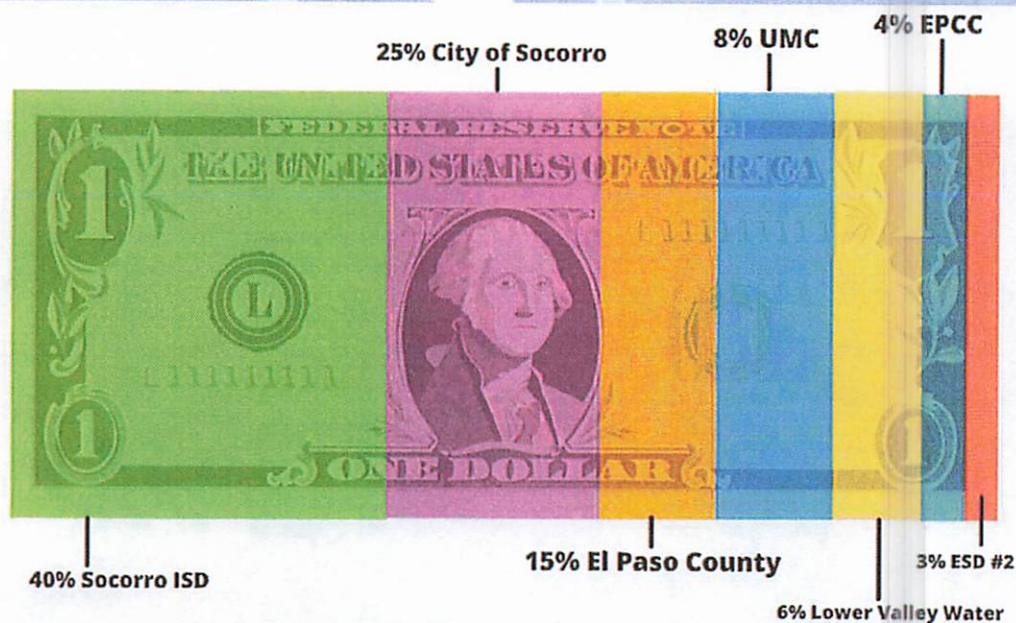
The Rio Vista 5310 Transportation Program is a grant given to the city by The Federal Transit Administration. How will this help the city? The grant allows us to buy a ADA Type 3 vehicle, and hire a Transit Coordinator to engage in mobility management activities in Socorro.

The American Rescue Plan Act or also known as ARPA is a federal law that was passed back in March of 2021 to help our country recover from COVID-19 pandemic. ARPA helped enhance financial stability as well as to fund other community needs.

What does O & M mean? Operation and maintenance provide guidelines for the use and servicing of equipment used in the workplace. This helps us manage our facilities so that they are operating efficiently.

How do these expenses go towards the tax payers?

Taxes are vital in funding essential local services such as public school, road maintenance, and emergency services. The city also offers programs, facility usage, and services such as computers, prints/copies, arcade, etc. for the community to use.





# HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION ACTIVITY:

## Meeting Date:

April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

## Meeting Type:

Regular

## Commissioners

### Appointed:

N/A

## Commission Vacancies:

N/A

## Commissioners Absent:

Maria Angeles

Jesse Montelongo

## Agenda Items:

1

## Items Approved:

N/A

## Items Tabled:

N/A

## Items Denied:

1

## Presentations:

1

## Time in Session:

00:00:21

The city has established the historic landmark commission (HLC). To the extent possible, the city council shall appoint members to the HLC who have a background in architecture, urban design, history, or similar professions, or have an interest in historic preservation. The purpose of the HLC shall be as follows:

(1) To review and approve historical sites as provided in Article XIII of the City Charter;

(2) To ensure the protection, enhancement, preservation and use of historic areas, places, buildings and structures as provided in Chapter 20 of this Code;

(3) To establish policy and direction for the city museum and to work towards the establishment of same through the city, surrounding county, state, and federal governments, the city community, and the general public; and

(4) To collect, preserve, and exhibit objects valuable to the art and history of the city community.

## HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSIONERS:



- Mayoral Appointee 1 - Vice Chair Ricardo Rocha Term Expires February 2026



- Mayoral Appointee 2- Dr. Elizabeth Ponce Lugo Term Expires August 2026



- At-Large Appointee- Al Borrego Term Expires March 2026



- District 1 Appointee- Sgt, Jesse Montelongo Term Expires February 2026



- District 2 Appointee- Rafael Padilla Term Expires April 2026



- District 3 Appointee- Maria Angeles- Term Expires March 2026



- District 4 Appointee- Chair David Estrada Term Expires February 2026





## COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT



**PUBLIC HEALTH**  
CITY OF EL PASO

### Company Name:

**El Paso Department of Public Health**

### Act of Service & Explanation:

The City of El Paso Department of Public Health (DPH) and the City of Socorro collaborate through formal agreements to provide essential public health services to Socorro residents. This partnership ensures that communities like Socorro have access to critical health programs, including disease prevention, immunizations, health education, and emergency preparedness initiatives.

## SPECIAL PROJECTS:

### PLACE MAKING

#### Rio Vista Campus



The rehabilitation of the Rio Vista campus is on schedule and all proper documentation has been submitted to undergo construction. This is one of the largest projects that the City has done considering the time it has taken and the significant importance for the community and region due to the historical, cultural, social, and economic impacts. Construction began February 3rd.

### Key Aspects

#### 1. Preservation of Historical and Cultural Heritage

- Architectural Legacy: The Rio Vista campus likely contains structures or design elements with historical significance. Restoring such features preserves the architectural heritage of the area.
- Cultural Identity: For long-time residents, the campus represents a piece of community history and identity, fostering a sense of pride and continuity.

#### 2. Economic Development

- Job Creation: Rehabilitation projects generate jobs in construction, maintenance, and future staffing for new facilities.
- Tourism: A restored campus with historical and aesthetic value can attract visitors, boosting local businesses.
- Local Investments: By enhancing infrastructure, the area may attract investments and improve property values.

**# of buildings in the project:** 3

**Total Estimate of Rehabilitation:** \$35,000,000

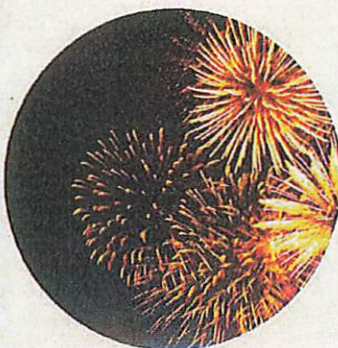
**Current Status:** Construction to begin 2025

**Contractor:** TreanorHL and Skyridge Construction





## SPECIAL PROJECTS:



### 2025 Independence Day Xtravaganza

#### Act of Service & Explanation:

The City of Socorro, Texas, hosts an annual Independence Day Extravaganza to celebrate the Fourth of July. This free, family-friendly event takes place at Cougar Park and features live music performances, entertainment, games, rides, giveaways, and food vendors. The celebration is known for showcasing popular musical acts and ends with a large fireworks display—one of the biggest in El Paso County. Alcohol is available for purchase for adults with valid ID. The event brings the community together for a festive evening of patriotism and fun.



### 2025 Summer Student Internship Program

#### Act of Service & Explanation:

The City of Socorro, Texas, in collaboration with The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) and El Paso Community College (EPCC), offers a student internship program designed to support both educational and professional development for local youth. This program provides hands-on experience in areas such as public service, administration, and community outreach. By connecting academic learning with real-world practice, the initiative helps students build valuable skills, strengthen their resumes, and prepare for future careers, while also promoting civic engagement and workforce development in the region.

## MEET THE TEAM



- My daily functions include the opening and closing of the Rio Vista Center, assisting in signing in guests, providing provisions for our registered seniors, assist in the teams daily briefing, ensuring that the departments assigned tasks are completed as well as my own.
- The skill set required for this position include communication, organization, leadership, collaboration, and most importantly customer service
- I attended the University of Texas at El Paso and received my B.A in Anthropology with a Minor in Biological Sciences. Studying anthropology has given me a high level of cultural awareness. It helps you to empathize with different cultures and understand how to interact with people from different backgrounds. Anthropology also plays a critical role in addressing social and cultural issues
- As a Community Liaison Coordinator, my role fosters communication and collaboration between the city administration, residents, and external stakeholders.



# Legislative Affairs

## TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE ACADEMY

City of Socorro Administration and Staff will soon be completing the 2025 Texas Municipal Academy. The City of Socorro's administration and staff are nearing completion of the 2025 Texas Municipal Academy, a program focused on strengthening municipal leadership and governance. Through this training, participants gain valuable knowledge in areas like public finance, municipal law, and strategic planning. This milestone reflects the city's commitment to effective, transparent leadership and improving services for the community.



**Congresswoman  
Veronica Escobar**



**Congressman  
Tony  
Gonzalez**



**Senator  
Cesar Blanco**



**Texas State  
Representative  
Mary  
Gonzalez**



**County Commissioner  
Iliana Holguin**



**County Judge  
Ricardo Samaniego**



SCAN TO WATCH THIS MONTHS MUNICIPAL MINUTE!



# APRIL

**April 3rd**

MISSION TRAIL ALLIANCE MTG

**April 6th**  
SOCORRO SUNDAY

**April 14th**

NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY  
COMM. WEEK

**April 13th**  
ANIMAL CONTROL  
APPRECIATION WEEK

**April 16th**

COMMISSIONER HOLGUIN VISIT

**April 17th**

EASTER  
RVCC CELEBRATION

**April 19th**

COLOR RUN AND EASTER  
EGGSTRAVAGANZA

**April 22nd**  
EARTH DAY

SOCORRO EVENTS ARE

**BEST!**

**April 26th**

TEDXSOCORRO

**April 25th**  
ANNIVERSARY AND BIRTHDAY  
CELEBRATION



# SOCORRO EVENTS ARE THE **BEST!**

## **Socorro Sunday**

Socorro Sunday is a monthly event hosted by the City of Socorro, Texas, featuring a Farmer's Market on the first Sunday of each month at the Rio Vista Community Center, located at 901 N. Rio Vista Rd. The event runs from 8 AM to 1 PM and offers a variety of local vendors, family-friendly activities, and wellness programs. Attendees are encouraged to enjoy the car-free environment by bringing their running shoes, bikes, skateboards, strollers, and pets.



## **Color Run and Easter Eggstravaganza**

The City of Socorro's 2025 Easter Eggstravaganza took place on Saturday, April 19, at Bulldog Championship Park and brought the community together for a day of fun and celebration. The event kicked off with a lively 3K Color Run, followed by a clown show and a highly anticipated Easter egg hunt with thousands of eggs. Families enjoyed games, food vendors, and photos with the Easter Bunny. The celebration highlighted Socorro's commitment to family-friendly events and strengthening community connections.



## **TEDxSocorro**

TEDxSocorro 2025 was held on Saturday, April 26, at the charming Moonlight Adobe Hall, nestled along Socorro's historic Mission Trail—a location rich with cultural significance and community spirit. The event brought together a diverse group of speakers, attendees, and volunteers for a day of thought-provoking presentations, meaningful dialogue, and local celebration. Centered around the powerful theme of "Roots," the event delved into the concepts of identity, heritage, and the core experiences that influence and define both individuals and communities. Through compelling storytelling and shared wisdom, TEDxSocorro 2025 offered a platform for exploring the personal and collective histories that ground us, inspire growth, and foster a deeper understanding of where we come from and how those roots shape our future.





# SOCORRO EVENTS ARE THE **BEST!**



## **Commissioner Holguin: Rio Vista Visit**

Commissioner Holguin visited the Rio Vista Community Center to celebrate the arrival of a new bingo machine. Her visit included a tour of the facility, interaction with staff and community members, and participation in the bingo activities. The celebration highlighted the importance of recreational programs like bingo in promoting social engagement and enhancing the quality of life for seniors. Commissioner Holguin expressed her support for the center's efforts and acknowledged the positive impact of the new addition on the community.

## **Rio Vista Senior Easter Celebration**

The City of Socorro hosted a lively and heartwarming Easter Day Celebration for the seniors at the Rio Vista Community Center, bringing together members of the community for a day filled with joy, togetherness, and festive cheer. The event featured a variety of engaging activities, including traditional Easter games, music, and delicious refreshments, all designed to create a warm and welcoming atmosphere for the seniors. The celebration not only honored the holiday spirit but also fostered social connection and community bonding, ensuring that every participant felt valued and included.



## **April Anniversaries and Birthdays Celebration**

The City of Socorro, Texas, holds a monthly anniversary and birthday celebration to honor and recognize the dedication of its staff. This event brings together city council members, staff, and employees to celebrate milestones, birthdays, and anniversaries, fostering a sense of community and gratitude among the workforce.





- **Upcoming Special Events**
  - **Independence Day Xtravaganza**
- **Where can I get permits?**
  - **The City of Socorro website**
    - **[www.costx.us/special-events/](http://www.costx.us/special-events/)**
  - **Email**
    - **HELLO@COSTX.US**
  - **Give us a call!**
    - **(915) 860-8615**
- **How can I sign up for special event notices?**
  - **Follow us on all of our social media pages!**



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# STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

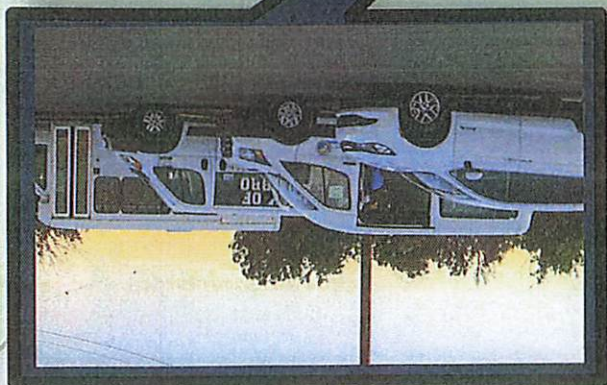


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# FEATURED UPDATES:

## ***Rio Vista Bracero Museum***

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The Socorro Rio Vista Bracero Museum is an upcoming institution dedicated to preserving and honoring the history of the Bracero Program, a bilateral initiative between the United States and Mexico that operated from 1942 to 1964. This program allowed Mexican laborers, known as "braceros," to work temporarily in the U.S. agricultural sector. The museum is being established at the historic Rio Vista Farm in Socorro, Texas, which served as a primary processing center for the Bracero Program. Between 1951 and 1964, over 80,000 braceros annually passed through Rio Vista, undergoing medical examinations, contract signings, and orientation before being dispatched to various agricultural regions across the United States. Construction is set to take place in February.

## ***Socorro Avanzado!***

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The City of Socorro, Texas, has initiated the 'Socorro ¡Avanzando!' Transit Development Plan to enhance local transit services. This plan involves assessing current transit services, identifying areas for improvement, and exploring opportunities to enhance pedestrian and bicycle connectivity. The city is actively seeking input from residents, businesses, and visitors through public meetings, surveys, and online engagement tools. This initiative aligns with Socorro's 2040 Comprehensive Plan, aiming to foster economic growth, environmental stewardship, and a high quality of life for residents and visitors.

3

## ***2025 Summer Student Internship Program***

The City of Socorro, Texas, in collaboration with The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) and El Paso Community College (EPCC), offers a student internship program designed to support both educational and professional development for local youth. This program provides hands-on experience in areas such as public service, administration, and community outreach. By connecting academic learning with real-world practice, the initiative helps students build valuable skills, strengthen their resumes, and prepare for future careers, while also promoting civic engagement and workforce development in the region.

4

## ***Youth Developmental League***

The Youth Developmental League is a recreational program designed to support the physical, social, and emotional growth of children interested in baseball. It provides a structured environment where participants can develop foundational baseball skills while learning important values such as teamwork, discipline, and personal responsibility.

The primary focus of the league is on education and growth rather than just competition. Children are introduced to age-appropriate training and games that gradually increase in complexity as they advance. This ensures they are building both their abilities and confidence at a comfortable pace. The league emphasizes skill development, sportsmanship, and working together as a team, helping young players grow both on and off the field.





## TRANSIT-STAFF



*Every day, I help seniors and individuals with disabilities in Socorro access essential services through the 5310 Transit Program. I coordinate rides, manage schedules, and ensure our vehicles are safe and accessible. I have a commercial license and extensive real-world experience in transportation and logistics, which helps me provide safe and efficient service. I love knowing my work helps people stay connected and live independently in a growing city.*

**- Edward X Rodriguez**

## 5310 Transit Program

The 5310 Transit Program in Socorro, Texas, provides free transportation for seniors and individuals with disabilities, making it easier for them to access essential services like medical appointments, shopping, and community activities. The program is designed to assist people who face mobility challenges and may have difficulty using regular public transit.

Through this program, local transit agencies and non-profit organizations receive funding to offer specialized services, including door-to-door rides and wheelchair-accessible vehicles.

These vehicles are equipped with ramps or lifts to accommodate mobility devices, ensuring that those who need assistance can travel safely and comfortably.

The program is completely free for eligible individuals, typically seniors, people with disabilities, and low-income residents. This means there are no charges for using the service.

The funding for the program comes from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), with additional support from local government or community partners to help cover the costs of providing these services.



## MEET THE RIDERS

- 43 Passengers Registered
  - 12 Male/ 31 Female
  - 15 Mobility Impaired
    - 7 Walkers
    - 7 Canes
    - 0 Wheelchairs
    - 1 No Aid but self-identify
- Age
  - 0 Age < 18
  - 0 Age 19-29
  - 0 Age 30-39
  - 0 Age 40-49
  - 0 Age 50-59
  - 0 Age 60-64
  - 43 Age 65+
- Language
  - 43 Spanish Dominant
  - 0 English Dominant
  - Other
- Ethnicity
  - 0 American Indian or Alaskan Native.
  - 0 Asian / Pacific Islander.
  - 0 Black or African American.
  - 43 Hispanic.
  - 0 White / Caucasian.
  - 0 Multi-Racial
- Benefits
  - 20 Medicare
  - 37 Medicaid
  - 1 Private Insurance
  - 19 SSI
  - 19 Food Stamps
  - 4 None



## RIDER SPOTLIGHT



- *Lupe Norman*
- 87 Years Old
- "I use these services for doctor visits, pharmacy and grocery trips, and to stay socially active."
- "She uses the services because she needs support with daily tasks and enjoys the chance to socialize."
- Socorro Resident
- Senior program member
- "She loves the community and the support it provides."
- "She prefers conversation over music during transportation."





## TRIP OVERVIEW:

- 384 Total Trips for the month
- Trip Purpose:
  - 8 of Medical
  - 1 of Pharmacy
  - 0 of Senior Outings
  - 3 of Grocery Stores (Group Visits)
- Total Passengers
  - 28 Seniors
  - 15 ADA
- Trip Destinations
  - 372 Socorro
  - 9 El Paso
  - 3 San Eli
  - 0 Outside County
- Vehicle Fuel:
  - RC-01 0
  - RC-02 71.01
  - RC-03 0
  - RC-04 43.9
  - RC-05 0
  - RC-06 0
  - RC-07 Electric
  - RC-08 Electric

## MEET THE FLEET:

### RC-01

- 0 Trips
- 0 Passengers
- 12 + 0 Wheel chair Capacity
- 0 Miles
- 1 Maintenance Work Orders

### RC-02

- 140 Trips
- 23 Passengers
- 13 + 2 Wheel Chair Capacity
- 361 Miles
- 0 Maintenance Work Orders

### RC-03

- 14 Trips
- 10 Passengers
- 5 + 1 Wheel Chair Capacity
- 45 Miles
- 0 Maintenance Work Orders

### RC-04

- 124 Trips
- 16 Passengers
- 8 + 2 Wheel Chair Capacity
- 351 Miles
- 1 Maintenance Work Orders

### RC-05

- 7 Trips
- 4 Passengers
- 5 + 0 Wheel Chair Capacity
- 63 Miles
- 0 Maintenance Work Orders

### RC-06

- 26 Trips
- 10 Passengers
- 7 + 1 Wheel Chair Capacity
- 129 Miles
- 0 Maintenance Work Orders

### RC-07 (Electric)

- 35 Trips
- 9 Passengers
- 7 + 2 Wheel Chair Capacity
- 70 Miles
- 0 Maintenance Work Orders

### RC-08 (Electric)

- 38 Trips
- 10 Passengers
- 7 + 2 Wheel Chair Capacity
- 82 Miles
- 0 Maintenance Work Orders



# Visit Us!

Director

**VICTOR  
RETA**

Community  
Liaison Coord.

**ISABELA  
PEREZ**

Wellness  
Coord.

**LAURA  
ARREDONDO**

Transit  
Coord

**EDWARD  
RODRIGUEZ**

MMS

**NORMA  
ALVAREZ**

Community  
Liaison

**DANIELA  
COBOS**

Community  
Liaison

**ELIZABETH  
BORJON**

Community  
Liaison

**LINDA  
GONZALEZ**

## Department Office:

901 N. Rio Vista Rd. Socorro, TX 79927  
(915) 860-8615 Hello@costx.us  
8AM - 8PM



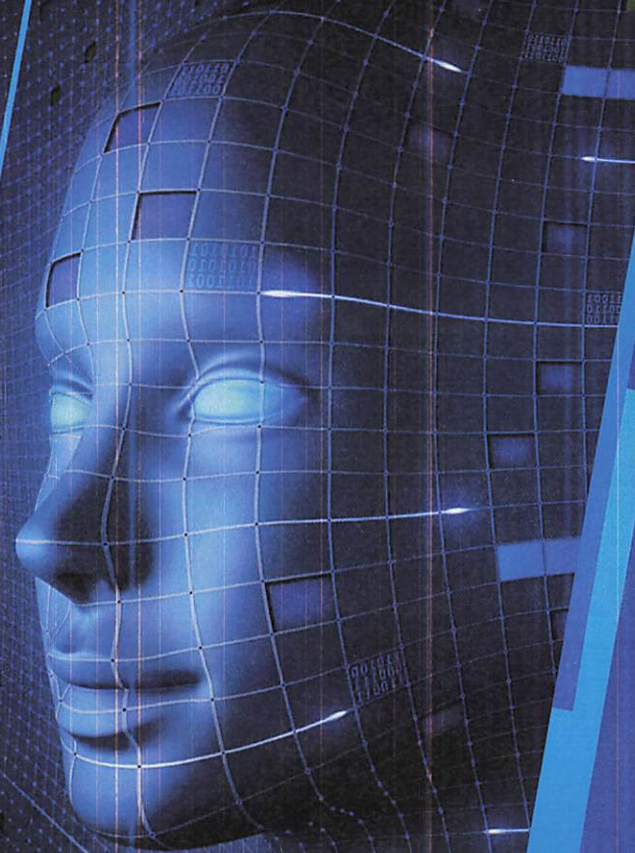


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# DEPARTMENT DUTIES

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- Added, Deactivation, and Maintained New & Expired Employees in Time clock and Network Access
- Updated and maintained the city website and City Source app
- Updated and maintained workstations and Domain networks
- Work order issues for all departments
- Running live stream equipment and software for City Council & Board and commission meetings
- Review all Network, Email, & User Cyber Security Breach attempts, incidents & Critical incidents reported
- Review all Network Switch configurations
- Review, Update & Maintain All City Network Security Cameras
- Review, Update & Maintain All Access Points and Issue or Remove Privileges to Secure Areas.

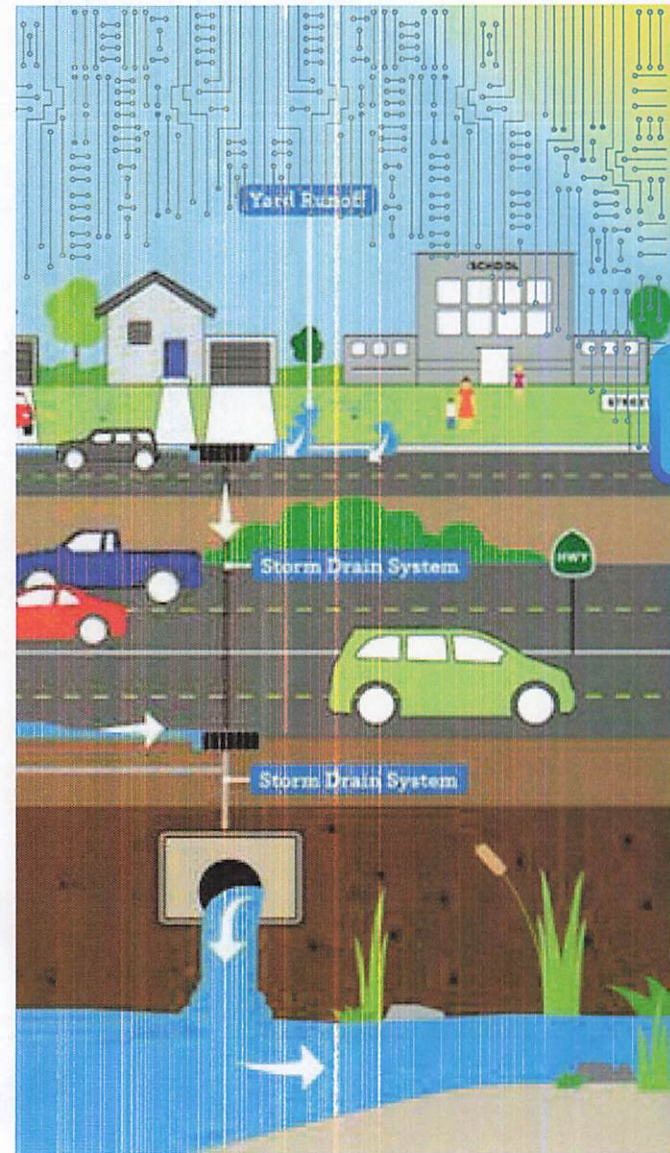




# MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) UpdaTES

## Departmental Best

- Conducted Inspection of City Vehicle Parking Area For Spills or Leaks
- Insure Vehicle washing is done at the proper location following city MS4 guidelines
- Inspect the Spill Kit Periodically
- Maintain MS4 Content Website Page
- Updated MS4 Request Content on City App
- Check for MS4 Hotline Voicemail
- Monitor MS4 analytics on the Website & City App



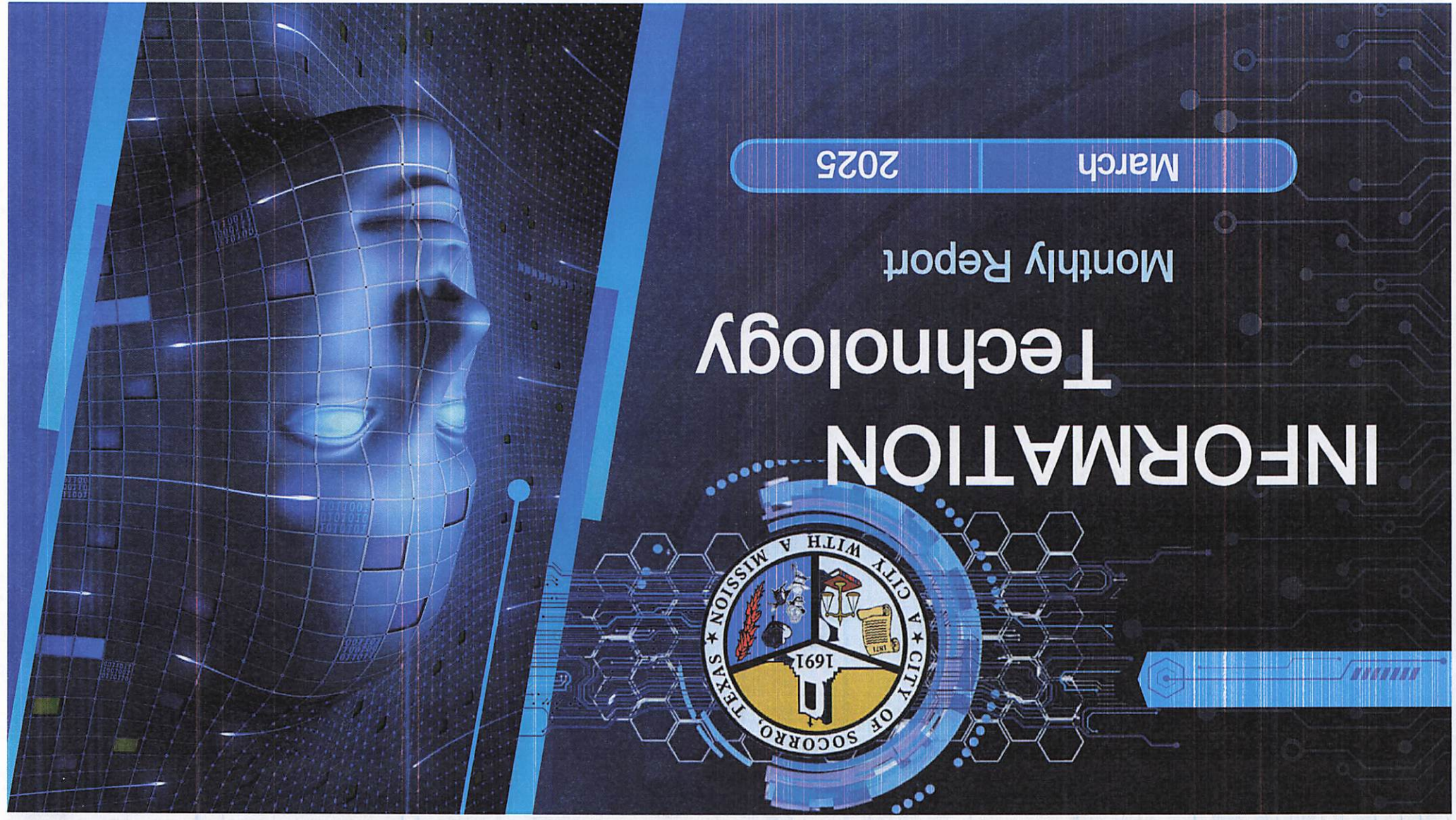
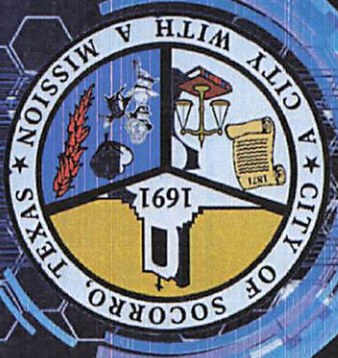


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error_a
operation
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mirror_mod.us
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mirror_mod.use_x = False
mirror_mod.use_y = False
mirror_mod.use_z = True

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error_ob.select = 0
bpy.context.selected_ob
data.objects[one.name].se

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NODE 05
OPERATOR CLASSE
NODE 06

ses.ope
add
mirror to the selecte
mirror mirror x"
```



# MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER S (MS4) UpdaTES April 2025

## City Website Analytics: Stormwater Page

**PAGE**

costx.us/stormwater -  
management/

**CLICKS**

4

**IMPRESSION**

116

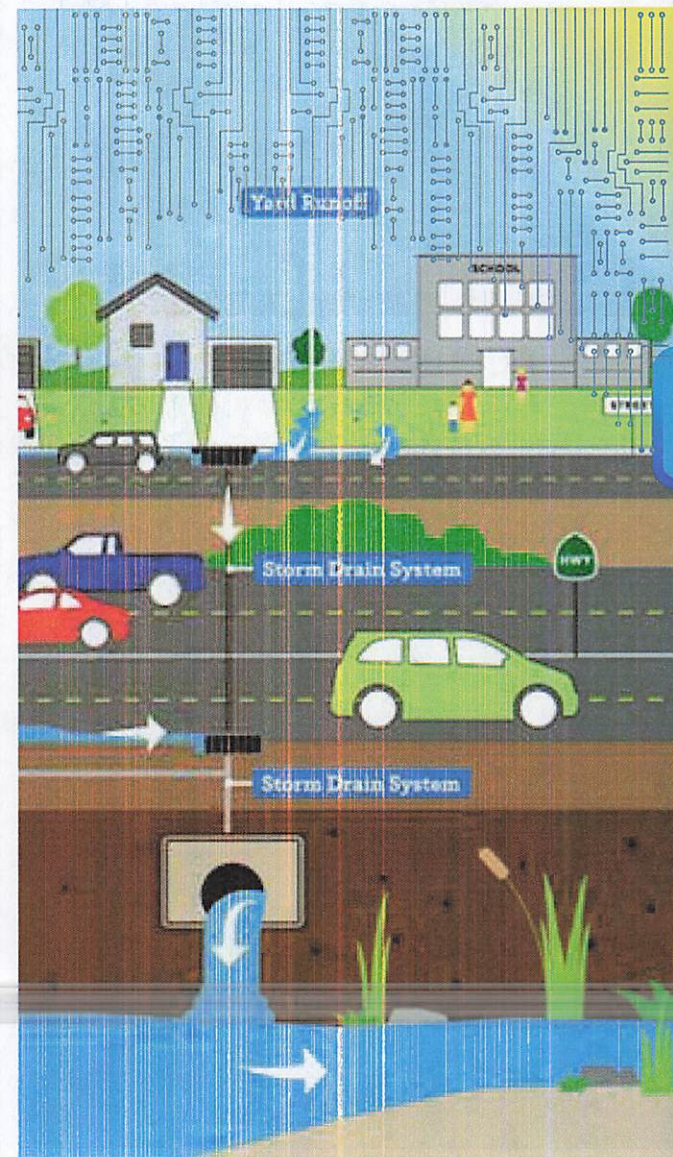




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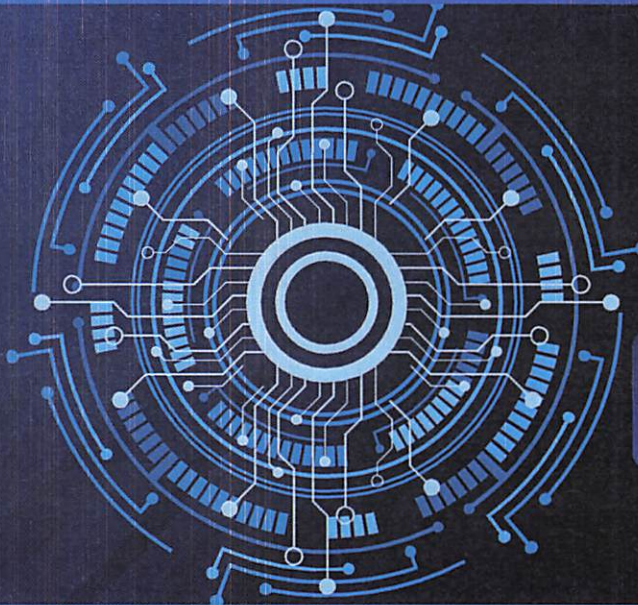




# MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER S (MS4) UpdaTES April 2025

Website  
Submissions, City  
Source App  
Analytics:  
Total Reports  
Created

0



Stormwater  
Hotline  
analytics:

915-275-1038

0





# CURRENT PROJECTS & GO

## Replacement of Display Board in P&Z

- *Planning for Replacement of Display Digital Board In P&Z Front Office.*

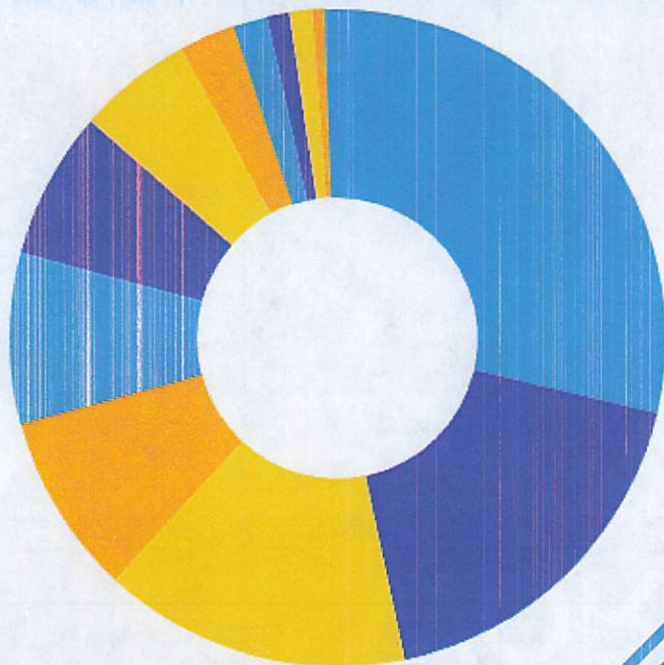
## Prepared for Budget workshop

- *Planning IT Budget revision*
- *Planning for next year's Project*
- *Planning for Unforeseen Projects*



# WORK ORDER SYSTEM, CITY SOURCE A

## Requests by Type



- 28.7% IT Work Order
- 18.0% Code Enforcement
- 15.2% Street Issues
- 9.0% Public Works
- 8.4% Maintenance Work Order
- 7.3% Traffic / Street Sign
- 5.6% Street Light
- 2.8% Traffic Calming Device
- 1.7% Parks
- 1.1% Other
- 1.1% Animal Services
- 0.6% Police Non- Emergency
- 0.6% Ponding Areas



# WORK ORDER SYSTEM

## CITY SOURCE APP ANALYTICS

Average Time  
to Close

3.57 Days

Most Common  
Request Type

IT Work Order

Fastest Closed  
Request Type

IT Work Order  
(0.00 Days)

Least Common  
Request Type

Police Non  
Emergency

Slowest Closed  
Request Type

Street Light  
(33.80 Days)



# WORK ORDER SYSTEM

## CITY SOURCE APP ANALYTICS

Total Reports  
Created

178

Average Reports  
Created per Day

5.74

Total Reports  
Open

22

Average Reports  
Closed per Day

5.00

Total Reports  
Closed

156



# COMPLETED Projects in April

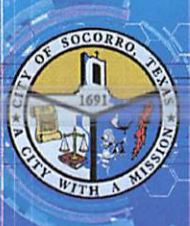
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## Attend Part One of TML leadership Academy

- *The IT director attended the event*
- *Communicated with staff on Knowledge accused during training*

## MS4 Website Report Submission form

- *Create a stormwater webpage submission form*
- *Route all responses to the Proper department*
- *Ensure analytics recording*





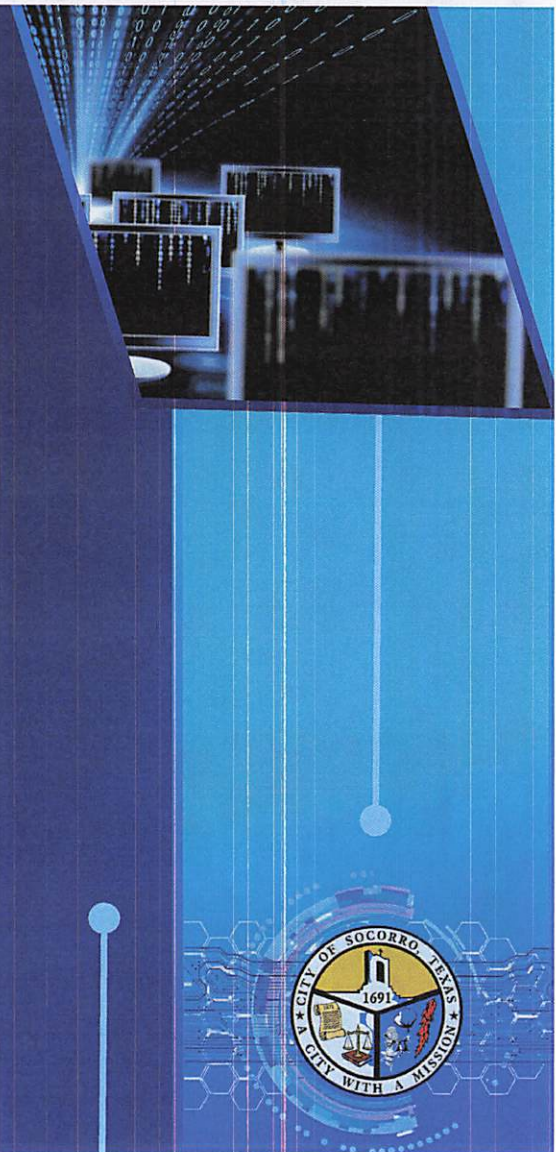
# COMPLETED Projects in April

## Drone footage of Park Projects

- *Capture before and after stills and video*
- *Moon Park*
- *Vertans Park Project*
- *Amistad Park*
- *Montreal park*

## City Ted Talk Event

- *Set up and tear down of stage lighting*
- *Set up and tear down of sound system*
- *Live recording of event and guess speakers*
- *Assist with event set up and tear down*





# COMPLETED Projects in April

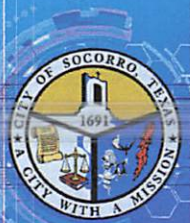
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## Mounted Speacker in Chamber

- *Installed flush - mounted speakers inside of Chambers .*

## Easter Event and Color run

- *Drone Photography for the race and event.*
- *Set up of the Sound System*
- *Photos and Filming of the Event*
- *Cooking for Event staff*



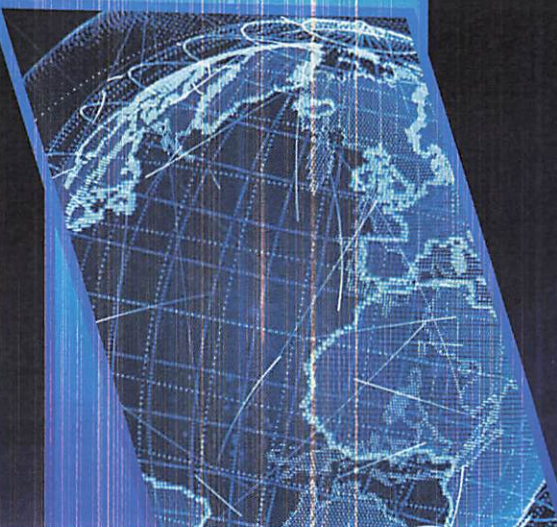




# CURRENT PROJECTS & GO

## Build a New Local Business Directory Page

- *Redesign and layout of the local directory*
- *Migrate existing data to the new page*
- *Create a new business interface for future additions to directory*







# CURRENT PROJECTS & GO

## Build a Mobile Live Stream Studio for City Podcasting Project

- *Stall and equipment in a compact rolling case*
- *Ensure cable management*
- *Set up for rapid deployment of hardware and software setup*

## New Camera Install Project

- *Prepare equipment and layout for the New Verkade Camera project*
  - *Cougar Park*
  - *Poona Ambulance Building*
  - *Vinyard Ambulance Building*
  - *Rio Vista Farm*





# CURRENT PROJECTS & GO

## Veterans Memorial Park Build

- Plan for the start of construction

## Network Switch Upgrade

- Configure and Replacement Cisco with Fortinet switches

## End of Desktop Project

- *Replacement of Window 10 end-of-Life devices per department*





# CURRENT PROJECTS & GO

## Drone footage of Completed Park Projects

- Capture stills and video
  - Moon Park
  - Vertans Park Project
  - Amistad Park
  - Montreal Park

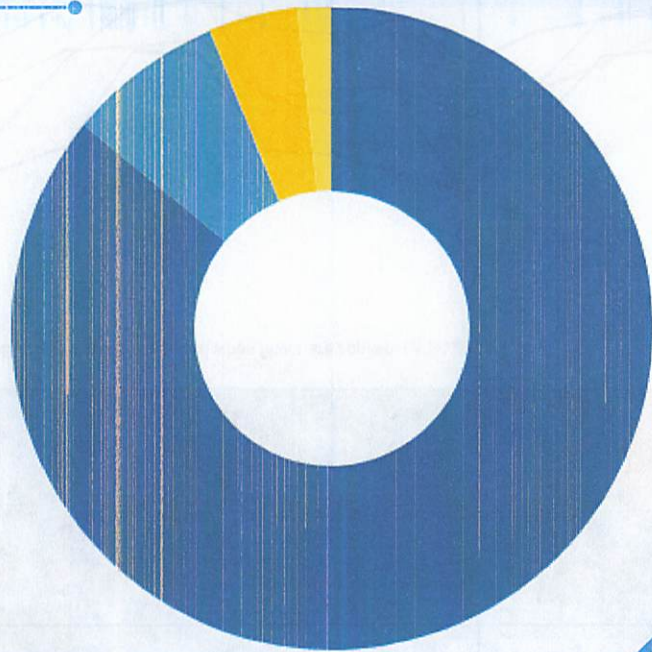
## Prepare for Part Two of TML leadership Academy

- The IT Director will be attending the event



# WORK ORDER SYSTEM, CITY SOURCE A

## Requests by Status



- 86.0% Completed
- 7.9% Received
- 4.5% In Process
- 1.7% Could not Verify



# WEBSITE ANALYTICS

☒ Total clicks

4.74K

☒ Total impressions


228K

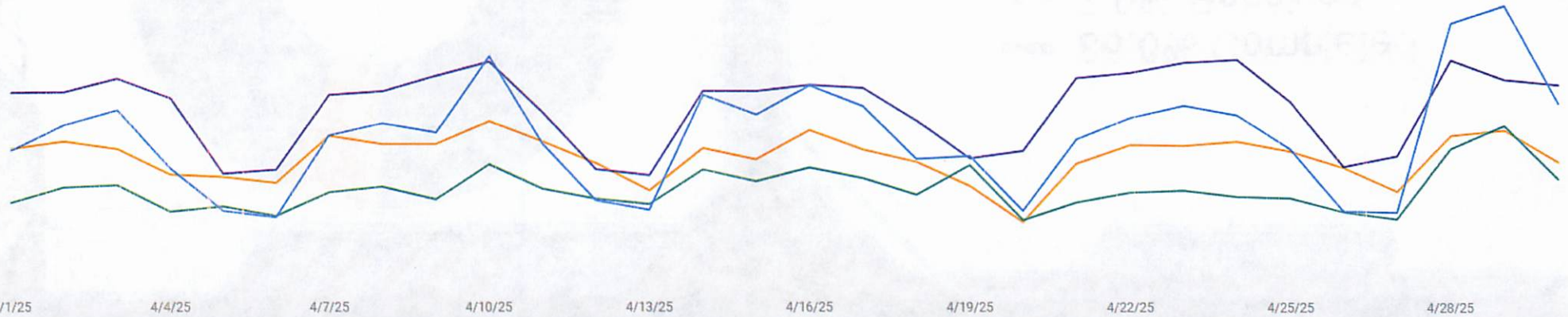
☒ Average CTR

2.1%

☒ Average position

12.8

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# WEBSITE ANALYTICS

## TOP QUERIES

## CLICKS

## IMPRESSIONS

CITY OF SOCORRO

317

3,335

SOCORRO POLICE  
DEPARTMENT

247

5,972

CITY OF SOCORRO JOBS

224

859

CITY OF SOCORRO TX

104

945



# WEBSITE ANALYTICS

## TOP PAGES

## CLICKS

## IMPRESSIONS

COSTX.US/

533

13,277

COSTX.US/HUMAN -  
RESOURCES/

499

7,590

POLICE.COSTX.US/

447

7,917

COSTX.US/MUNICIPAL -  
COURT/

280

8,381



# WEBSITE ANALYTICS

COUNTRY

CLICKS

IMPRESSIONS

UNITED STATES

1,784

84,927

MEXICO

13

1,699

CANADA

6

516

PHILIPPINES

3

349



# WEBSITE ANALYTICS

DEVICE

CLICKS

IMPRESSIONS

MOBILE

1,221

61,502

DESKTOP

584

41,634

TABLET

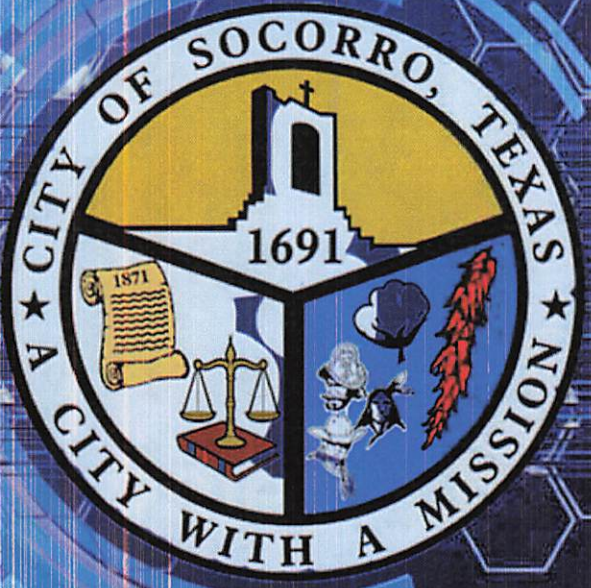
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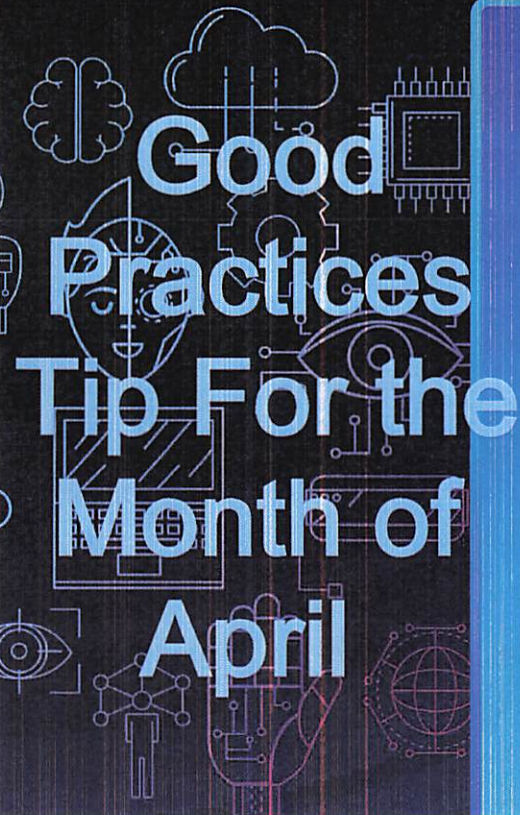


## Safety tips: Using A.I. Assistance Tools

### Understand AI's Limitations:

AI can assist, but it's not infallible. It lacks real - world experience, emotions, and independent judgment. Use it as a tool, not a decision - maker.

Example: AI can suggest legal advice, but only a qualified lawyer can give you accurate legal counsel.







City of Socorro, Texas  
Grants & Special Projects Department

## April 2025 Monthly Report

[April 1, 2024 - April 30, 2024]

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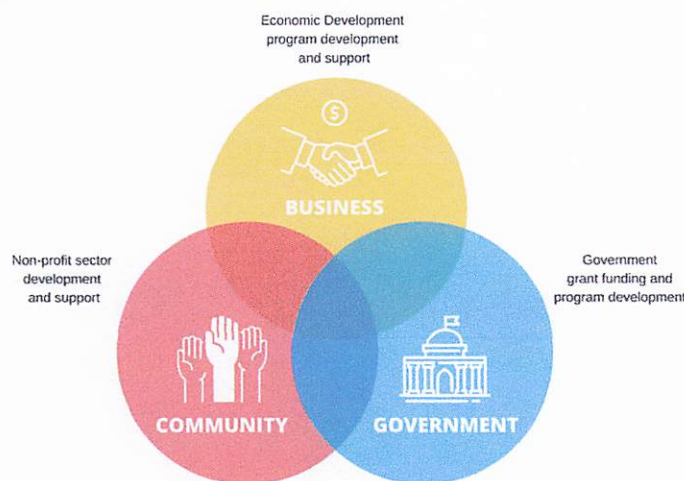


## Executive Summary

The primary function of the Grants & Special Projects Department (GSPD) is to assist City Departments and the City's non-profit partner organization in meeting our City's Mission and Vision to better serve the residents of Socorro, Texas. To this end, the GSPD has identified the following department goals:

- **Local Government grant funding and program development**
- **Non-profit sector development and support**
- **Economic Development program development and support**

**Figure 1 – The GSPD fosters and supports development and collaboration between the Government, Community and Business Sectors in Socorro, Texas**



The GSPD, which is composed of the City Development Director, one (1) Grants Financial Analyst, one (1) Grants Compliance Officer, and one (1) Economic Recovery Coordinator, spearheads new grant projects and special projects across various City departments, the City's nonprofit partner organization, and small business community.

**Department Highlights** during this reporting period (April 1, 2024 to April 30, 2024) include:

- **Grants Activities –**
  - **Auditing** – Responded to the auditor's requests as needed for completion of the FY 2024 Audit.
  - Continued administrative support for twenty-two (22) active grant projects across various City departments totaling **\$28,160,617.47** as of the month of April 2025.



- **CSCI Nonprofit –**
  - **\$70,000 Grant Award** from the Latinos in Heritage Conservation Grant Program to the CSCI Non-profit Organization for the "Rio Vista Quonset Hut Rehabilitation Project". The Grants Department prepared and submitted the grant application for this project and is currently assisting the CSCI non-profit with grant writing support.
- **ARPA –**
  - Preparation and final submittal of ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) Annual Report on 4/30/2025. **Reported \$5,768,290.78 in Total Expenditures and \$8,524,819.00 in Total Obligations across 27 ARPA projects.**
- **Economic Recovery**
  - Coordinated Financial Statements Breakfast Workshop on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (Attendees: 10).
  - Coordinated SOCO Breakfast on April 24, 2025 (Attendees: 54).
  - Continued coordination on a prospective manufacturing project in Socorro.
- **Capital Projects**
  - Continued administrative support for TxDOT Transportation projects totaling \$30,855,923.40 in funding.
  - Continued administrative support for Texas Water Development Board-funded Sparks Arroyo Drainage Improvement Project totaling \$11,097,281.00 in funding.
- **Stormwater Management**
  - Coordinated and held MS4 Quarterly Meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025, with City Department Heads to track implementation of the City's Stormwater Management Plan per TCEQ's MS4 Phase II Stormwater Permit.

As always, it is the goal of the GSPD to continue to meet the funding needs and priorities of each department in order to enhance our capacity to serve the residents of Socorro.

## New Grant Awards

The following grant was awarded to the CSCI Non-Profit Organization. The Grants & Special Projects Department prepared and submitted the grant application for this project and is currently providing grant writing support to the non-profit. This grant award is not reflected in the Active Grants Funding graph below as it was awarded to the nonprofit.



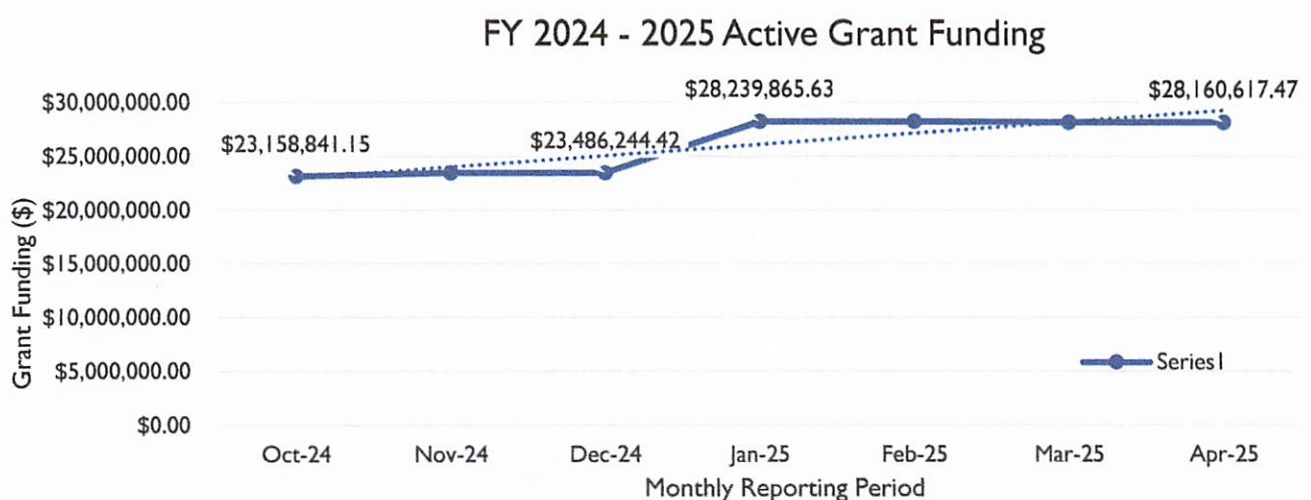
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## Closed Out Grant Projects

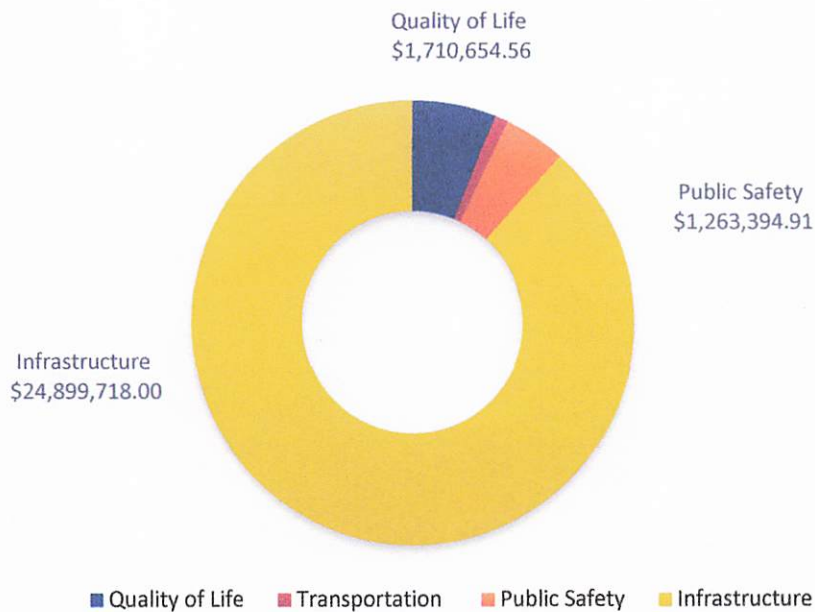
No grant projects were closed out during this reporting period.

## Financial Overview

The following is a general overview of the grant funding available to City Departments since the start of the new 2024-2025 fiscal year on October 1st, 2024. The Active Grants Funding table below represents the **net amount** of grant funding available to active grant projects since the start of the new 2024-2025 fiscal year. There was no increase or decrease in Active Grants Funding during this reporting period. As of this reporting period, active grant funding awards total **\$28,160,617.47**. **Please note** that this active grant total does not include funding awards to the CSCI nonprofit and does not include transportation project funding received for Arterial 1, Nuevo Hueco Tanks Road, or Bovee and Rio Vista Rd. Bridge Replacement Projects.







**Graph 1.** The total amount of grant funding awarded to City Departments as of April 2025 is \$28,160,617.47. The largest public service categories receiving grant funding are Infrastructure (88%), and Quality of Life (6%). **Please note: transportation projects not funded through competitive grants are not reported in this section**

## Active Grants

Projects that have been awarded grant funds are listed in Table 1 below. Currently, the GSPD assists City departments with the administration of twenty-two (22) grant projects across various departments totaling **\$28,160,617.47** in federal, state, or foundation dollars.



Table 1. Summary of FY 2024 – 2025 Grant Funded Projects

#	City Department	Funding Agency	Grant Program	Financial Information			Project Information		
				Assistance Listing	Contract No.	Funding Awarded	Project Information	Project Start Date	Project End Date
1	Police Department	USDOJ - COPS Office	COPS Office Community Policing Development (CPD) Program	16.710	15JCOPS-21-GG-02315-SPPS	\$ 204,000.00	SPD Crisis Intervention Team - mental health professionals	9/1/21	12/31/24
2	Police Department	Homeland Security Grant Program (HGSP)	EP 2022 OPSG	97.067	3007208	\$ 271,036.74	OTH for officers supporting the border initiative and M&A	3/1/23	1/31/25
3	Police Department	Homeland Security Grant Program (HGSP)	EP 2023 OPSG	97.067	3007209	\$ 80,840.00	OTH for officers supporting the border initiative and M&A	3/1/24	2/28/25
4	Police Department	Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP)	High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Program - FY23	95.001	G23SW0018A	\$ 83,996.00	West Texas HIDTA Anti-Gang Task Force initiative	1/1/23	3/31/25
5	Public Works	Texas A&M Forest Service	Community Forestry Grants	10.664	23-DG-11083148-430	\$ 14,375.56	Socorro Tree Planting Project	6/1/24	5/31/25
6	Police Department	HS-Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)	FY23 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) - Regular Projects	97.067	4797301	\$ 131,605.42	Socorro Police Department Communications	9/1/23	8/31/25
7	Police Department	Office of the Governor (OOG) Homeland Security Grants Division	FY 2025 Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant Program	State	5030601	\$ 32,899.53	Funding for Bullet Resistant Shields for the SPD	9/1/24	8/31/25
8	Police Department	Office of the Governor (OOG) Homeland Security Grants Division	FY24 Local Border Security Program (LBSP)	State	3000910	\$ 85,000.00	Overtime for officers and dispatchers supporting the border initiative	9/1/24	8/31/25
9	Recreation Centers	Texas Historical Commission	FY 2023 Certified Local Government Grant	15.904	TX-23-005	\$ 30,000.00	Rio Vista Farm Rehabilitation - Library	2/1/23	9/30/25



10	Police Department	Office of the Governor (OOG) - Criminal Justice Division (CJD)	FY 2025 Juvenile Justice & Truancy Prevention Grant Program	State	5029401	\$ 17,094.21	Socorro Police Athletics League (PAL)	10/1/24	9/30/25
11	Police Department	Office of the Governor (OOG) - Criminal Justice Division (CJD)	FY 2023 DJ-Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program	16.738	5029201	\$ 50,020.00	Hiring of a Crime Analyst under the Socorro Police Department	10/1/24	9/30/25
12	Police Department	E.O. - Office of National Drug Control Policy - West Texas HIDTA	High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program (HIDTA)	95.001	G24SW0018	\$ 80,573.00	West Texas HIDTA Anti-Gang Task Force Initiative	1/1/24	12/31/25
13	Police Department	USDOJ - COPS Office	FY24 Supporting Law Enforcement Agencies Seeking Accreditation Grant	16.710	15JCOPS-24-GG-03180-PPSE	\$ 187,278.00	Hiring of Accreditation Manager for the SPD	10/1/24	9/30/26
14	Police Department	Office of the Governor (OOG) - Criminal Justice Division (CJD)	FY 2024 Victim Assistance, General Victim Assistance Direct Services Program	16.575	4487803	\$ 39,052.01	Support for crime victims advocacy program	10/1/24	9/30/26
15	Recreation Centers	Federal Transit Administration	FTA Section 5310 Program - EPMPO (FY 2023)	20.513	5310	\$ 143,425.00	Rio Vista Transportation Program	9/25/23	9/30/27
16	Recreation Centers	Federal Transit Administration	FTA Section 5310 Program - EPMPO (FY 2024)	20.513	5310	\$ 143,425.00	Rio Vista Transportation Program	3/12/24	9/30/28
17	Planning & Zoning	US. Department of Housing and Urban Development	FY24 Community Projects Funding (CPF) - Consolidated Appropriations Act	14.251	8-24-CP-TX-2096	\$ 1,666,279.00	Rio Vista Rehabilitation Project	10/1/24	8/31/32
18	Planning & Zoning	Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) via pass-through to EPMPO	Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA)	20.205	0924-06-604	\$ 605,425.00	Passmore Shared-Use Path	7/16/20	TBD
19	Planning & Zoning	Texas Water Development Board	Flood Infrastructure Fund	State	G10040186	\$ 3,433,281.00	Sparks Arroyo Drainage Project	8/26/22	TBD
20	Planning & Zoning	Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) via pass-through to TxDOT	FY23 Statewide Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Program	20.205	0002-14-048	\$ 16,174,505.00	Paso del Norte Trail	6/1/24	TBD
21	Planning & Zoning	USDOT Federal Highway Administration - EPMPO (pass-through)	FY 2026-2028 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside	20.205	CAPITAL	\$ 2,957,556.00	Socorro Safe Routes to Schools Project; Design and construction of approx. 8 miles of ADA-accessible SRTS	TBD	TBD



			(TA) Program Call for Projects (EPMPO)				sidewalks and safety improvements to public schools		
22	Planning & Zoning	US Department of Transportation	FY 2025 RAISE Grant Program	20.933	CAPITAL	\$ 1,728,951.00	Moon Road Complete Streets Planning Project	TBD	TBD
Total Grant Funded Projects*						\$ 28,160,617.47			

\* Please note: transportation projects not funded through competitive grants are not reported in this table



## Special Projects

### TxDOT Transportation Projects

The GSPD assists with securing funding and administering funding for TxDOT Transportation Projects listed below. Currently, the GSPD assists with six (6) projects totaling \$30,855,923.40.

			Financial Information			
#	Project Title	CSJ	Federal	State	Local	Project Total
1	Rio Vista Rd. Bridge Replacement	0924-06-423	\$1,383,564.00	\$0.00	\$322,266.00	\$1,705,830.00
2	Bovee Rd. Bridge Replacement	0924-06-424	\$1,241,373.00	\$0.00	\$116,307.00	\$1,357,680.00
3	Nuevo Hueco Tanks Rd. Extension	0924-06-607	\$2,828,000.00	\$602,949.00	\$262,251.00	\$3,693,200.00
4	Passmore Shared Use Path*	0924-06-604	\$605,425.00	\$29,745.00	\$151,357.00	\$786,527.00
5	Arterial 1 (1682 Blvd)	0924-06-563	\$4,205,450.93	\$907,888.15	\$1,406,601.32	\$6,519,940.40
6	Paso del Norte Trail	0002-14-048	\$16,174,505.00	\$618,241.00	\$0.00	\$16,792,746.00
Total in Transportation Project Funding as per existing Advance Funding Agreements (AFA)					\$30,855,923.40	

### American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

- Preparation and Final Submittal of ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) Annual Report for the reporting period 4/1/2024 to 3/31/2025. Activities include review of backup documentation and reconciliation of expenditures and obligations under the City of Socorro's ARPA Spending Framework in preparation for the reporting deadline of 4/30/2025.
  - **121 staff hours were logged** for Administration of the ARPA Program and Reporting during the month of April 2025.

### CSCI Support

- \$70,000 Grant Award from the Latinos in Heritage Conservation Grant Program to the CSCI Non-profit Organization for the "Rio Vista Quonset Hut Rehabilitation Project". This



project is in partnership with the City of Socorro and will assist the City and the nonprofit in expanding the Rio Vista Bracero Museum to include the Quonset Hut as part of an immersive museum exhibit.

The Grants Department prepared and submitted the grant application for this project and is currently assisting the CSCI non-profit with grant writing support.

### **MS4 Stormwater Management Program**

- Coordinated and led Quarterly MS4 Meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup> with City Department Heads to track the progress of implementation of the City's Stormwater Management Plan
- Met with Parks & Public Works Department on 4/3/2025 and 4/24/2025 to provide feedback and support on MS4 implementation targets for 2025
- Met with Planning & Zoning Department on 4/8/2025 and 4/22/2025 to provide feedback and support on MS4 implementation targets for 2025
- A total of **19 staff hours were logged** on MS4 Stormwater Management Program administration during the month of April 2025.

### **Economic Recovery**

- Small Business Support Activities
  - Coordinated Financial Statements Breakfast Workshop April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (Attendees: 10).
  - Coordinated SOCO Breakfast on April 24, 2025 (Attendees: 54).
  - Coordinated with Project Vida to bring "Comenzando mi Emprendimiento" workshop on April 16<sup>th</sup> (Attendees: 10).
  - Socorro Business Hub:
    - New users: 1
  - Deployment of Socorro Small Business Resources Newsletter:
    - Email Campaigns: 17
    - Subscribers: 834
    - Average rate of opens: 14.0%
    - Average rate of clicks: 0.6%
  - Small Business Resources shared: 84



- Partnership and Support Network Development:
  - Coordinated with resource partners, Project Vida, and with sponsors, Junior Achievement, Borderplex Community Capital, Maersk, Carbonell Law, Maersk, and T&T Staffing, to provide small business resources and networking events.
- Small Business Assistance Services
  - Small Business Support Center Visitors:
    - 32 visits logged receiving small business support services at E.G. Chayo Apodaca Community Center during the month of April 2025.
- Foreign-Trade Zone Activities
  - Currently in contact with two (2) FTZ prospect companies. A letter of interest is pending for the City to submit an application for designation of their site.
  - The FTZ application for magnet site(s) is still being coordinated with interested property owners and prospective businesses. The proposed magnet sites are Socorro Logistics Center and Eastwind Logistics Center. We are awaiting business owners' letters.
- Business Attraction Activities
  - Presented draft agreement to the City Council on a manufacturing economic development project opportunity on April 17, 2025.
  - Preparing a revamp of the City of Socorro's Chapter 380 Economic Development Incentives Policy to be presented for City Council feedback and approval in May 2025.



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District 4

**Adriana Rodarte**  
City Manager

**DATE:** May 8, 2025

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**CC:** Adriana Rodarte, City Manager

**FROM:** Lorraine Quimiro, City Planner Development Director

**SUBJECT: Public Hearing and second Reading and Adoption for the Proposed Amendment to Chapter 46 – Zoning, Article V Supplemental Regulations For All Districts 46-636 Alcoholic Beverages to revise the alcohol sales setbacks from certain institutional uses and add clarify exemption for business with food and beverage certificate**

### **SUMMARY**

The proposed amendment seeks to revise regulations regarding alcohol sales setbacks from certain institutional uses and clarify exemptions for businesses holding a Food and Beverage Certificate issued by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC). The existing ordinance establishes restrictions on the location of alcohol sales concerning churches, schools, hospitals, but does not include child-care facilities.

### **BACKGROUND**

The current zoning ordinance restricts alcohol sales within 300 feet of churches, public or private schools, and public hospitals, with a possible 1,000-foot separation from public and private schools if requested by the school board. Presently excludes day-care and child-care facilities. The ordinance does not explicitly exempt businesses with a Food and Beverage Certificate, which are primarily restaurants and dining establishments where alcohol sales are secondary to food service.

### **STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE**

Adding setback limitations for the sale of alcohol sales within 300 feet of day-care and child-care facilities. Clarify exemptions for businesses with a Food and Beverage Certificate – This change



ensures that restaurants meeting the TABC's Food and Beverage Certificate criteria are not subject to the same distance restrictions as bars or liquor stores.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

None

**ALTERNATIVE**

Denial

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Approval



*Rudy Cruz Jr.*  
Mayor

*Ruben Reyes*  
At Large

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City Manager

## ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 46 – ZONING, ARTICLE V SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS FOR ALL DISTRICTS 46-636 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO REVISE THE ALCOHOL SALES SETBACKS FROM CERTAIN INSTITUTIONAL USES AND ADD CLARIFY EXEMPTION FOR BUSINESS WITH FOOD AND BEVERAGE CERTIFICATE.**

**WHEREAS Chapter 46 - Zoning of the City of Socorro Code of Ordinances was adopted to promote the health, safety, morals and general welfare of the community; and**

**WHEREAS, the Socorro City Council has determined that this amendment is in the best interest of the public and will promote the public health, safety and welfare of the City**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS:**

**This ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication of the caption, as required by law.**

### CHAPTER 46 ZONING

#### **Sec. 46-636. Alcoholic beverages.**

- (a) *Requirements.* The sale, storage or handling of alcoholic beverages for the purpose of sale is permitted only where the use is authorized by and complies with all applicable provisions of this chapter and the state Alcoholic Beverage Code, as same may be amended or replaced.
- (1) The sale, storage or handling of alcoholic beverages for the purpose of sale is permitted only where licensed in accordance with the state Alcoholic Beverage Code and the provisions hereof.
  - (2) The sale, storage or handling of alcoholic beverages for the purpose of sale is permitted only in approved locations within the interior of buildings or structures that have a valid certificate of occupancy allowing such use.
  - (3) The sale, storage or handling of alcoholic beverages for the purpose of sale is permitted in any commercial or manufacturing district provided it is not otherwise prohibited by any other law or ordinance.
  - (4) The sale, storage or handling of alcoholic beverages for the purpose of sale within a residential district is prohibited.



- (5) Subject to the provisions of the state Alcoholic Beverage Code § 11.38, there shall be levied and collected by the city from every licensee or permittee issued any license or permit by the state or its authorized agents, and from which licensee or permittee the city is given the power by the state Alcoholic Beverage Code to levy and collect a fee, an annual fee for a city license or permit equal to one-half of the annual fee levied and collected by the state from such licensee or permittee. The city license or permit shall correspond to the same class of license or permit issued such licensee or permittee by the state and shall be paid in the same manner and for the same period of time as the state license or permit issued such licensee or permittee so that same will correspond to the period covered by the state license or permit, and will terminate at the same time as the state license or permit.

(b) *Restrictions.*

- (1) The sale, storage or handling of alcoholic beverages for the purpose of sale is not permitted in any zoning district where the place of business is located within 300 feet of a church, public or private school, or public hospital, and the permit or license holder does not hold a food and beverage certificate issued by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission unless expressly granted an exception pursuant to the requirements of this section.
- (2) A 1,000-foot separation may be required from a public school if city council receives a request from the board of trustees of the school district under Education Code § 38.007. A 1,000-foot separation may also be required from a private school if city council receives a request from the governing body of the private school.
- (3) The sale, storage or handling of alcoholic beverages for the purpose of sale is not permitted in any zoning district where the place of business is located within three hundred feet of a day-care center or a child-care facility as defined in the Texas Human Resources Code § 42.002 and the permit or license holder does not hold a food and beverage certificate issued by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission
- (4) The measurement of the distance between the place of business where alcoholic beverages are sold and the church, public or private school, or public hospital shall be as follows:
- The measurement of the distance between the place of business where alcoholic beverages are sold and the church or public hospital shall be along the property lines of the street fronts and from front door to front door, and in direct line across intersections; and
  - The measurement of the distance between the place of business where alcoholic beverages are sold and the public or private school shall be in a direct line from the property line of the public or private school to the property line of the place of business, and in a direct line across intersections.
- (5) The city council may grant an exception from prohibition of the sale of alcoholic beverages within 300 feet of a church, public hospital and public or private school after notice and public hearing if the city council determines that the enforcement of the prohibition in a particular instance:
- Is not in the best interest of the public;
  - Constitutes waste or inefficient use of land or other resources;
  - Creates an undue hardship on an applicant;
  - Does not serve its intended purpose;
  - Is not effective or necessary; or
  - For any other reason the city council, after consideration of the health, safety and welfare of the public and the equities of the situation, determines is in the best interest of the city.



- (c) *Violations and penalties.* Any person, firm, corporation or agent who shall violate a provision of this chapter, or fail to comply therewith, or with any of the requirements thereof, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and punished by a fine not to exceed \$2,000.00. Each such person shall be deemed guilty of a separate offense for each and every day or portion thereof during which any violation of any of the provisions of this chapter is committed or continued.

(Ord. No. 76, § 11, 5-1-1989; Ord. of 11-7-2002, § 11; Ord. No. 437, § 3, 3-15-2018)

**READ, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rudy Cruz Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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James A. Martinez  
Socorro City Attorney

Introduction and First Reading: May 15, 2025  
Second Reading and Adoption: June 5, 2025





## CITY OF SOCORRO CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**DATE: MAY 29, 2025**

### REZONING REQUEST STAFF REPORT

**SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE REQUEST FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 1, BLOCK 9, ALAMEDA ESTATES REPLAT SUBDIVISION, LOCATED AT 340 ESCALANTE DR., SOCORRO, TX, FROM R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW FOR TWO DUPLEXES.**

<b>NAME:</b>	340 ESCALANTE DR. REZONING
<b>PROPERTY ADDRESS:</b>	340 ESCALANTE DR.
<b>PROPERTY LEGAL DESCRIPTION:</b>	LOT 1, BLOCK 9, ALAMEDA ESTATES REPLAT
<b>PROPERTY OWNER:</b>	EVA DEVELOPMENT, LLC.
<b>REPRESENTATIVE:</b>	ENRIQUE AYALA
<b>PROPERTY AREA:</b>	12,414.16 S.F.
<b>CURRENT ZONING:</b>	R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL)
<b>CURRENT LAND USE:</b>	VACANT
<b>FUTURE LAND USE:</b>	SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL (SR)
<b>FLOOD MAP:</b>	According to the Flood Insurance Rate Maps, the referenced property lies within Zone X; (Community Panel # 480212 0250-B/ FEMA, September 4, 1991).
<b>SUMMARY OF REQUEST:</b>	Request is for approval of a rezoning of a property from R-1 to R-2 to allow for two duplexes.
<b>STAFF RECOMMENDATION:</b>	Staff recommend <b>APPROVAL</b> of the rezoning request.
<b>P&amp;Z RECOMMENDATION:</b>	Commissioners voted for <b>APPROVAL</b> (4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain) of the rezoning request with the condition that it me limited to one duplex at their May 6, 2025 meeting.



**Rudy Cruz, Jr.**  
Mayor

**Ruben Reyes**  
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## ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REZONING OF LOT 1, BLOCK 9, ALAMEDA ESTATES REPLAT, LOCATED AT 340 ESCALANTE DR., SOCORRO, TX, FROM R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) WITH THE CONDITION THAT IT BE LIMITED TO ONE DUPLEX.**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO:**

That pursuant to Chapter 46 of the Codification of Ordinances of the City of Socorro, Texas, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Socorro, that the property Lot 1, Block 9, Alameda Estates Replat, Located at 340 Escalante Dr., Socorro, TX, From R-1 (Single-Family Residential) To R-2 (Medium Density Residential) with the condition that it be limited to one duplex.

**READ, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rudy Cruz Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

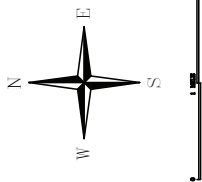
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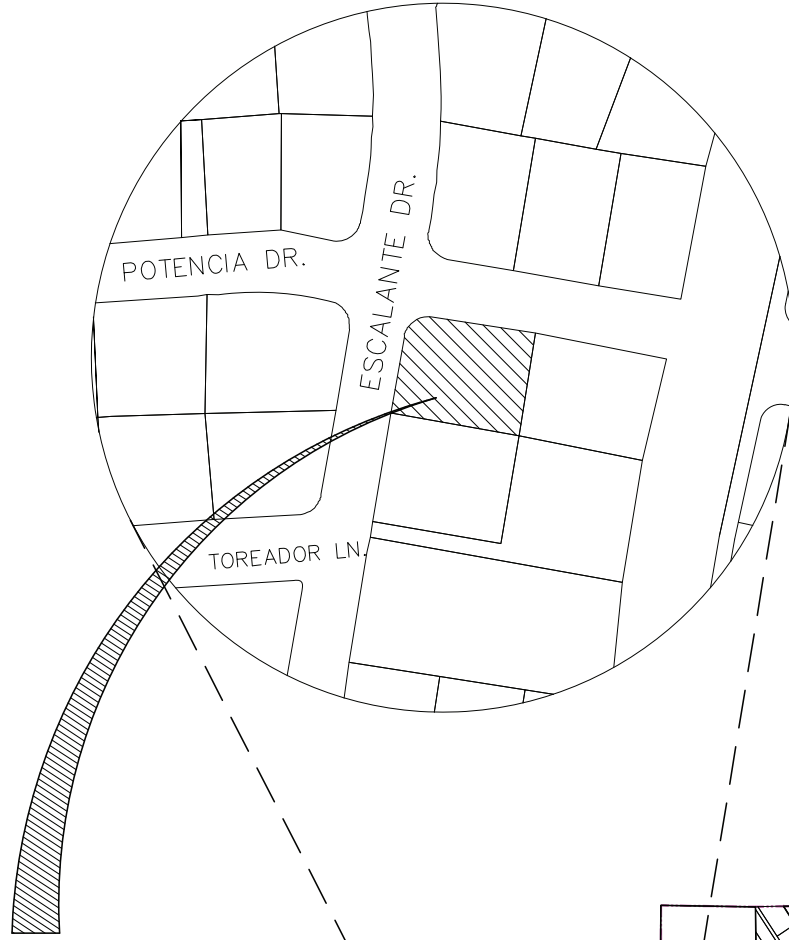
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Socorro City Attorney

Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing: May 15, 2025  
Second Reading and Adoption: June 5, 2025

# LOCATION MAP



PROJECT SITE;  
340 Escalante Dr.  
Lot-1, Block-9  
Alameda Estates Replat



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LOCATION MAP

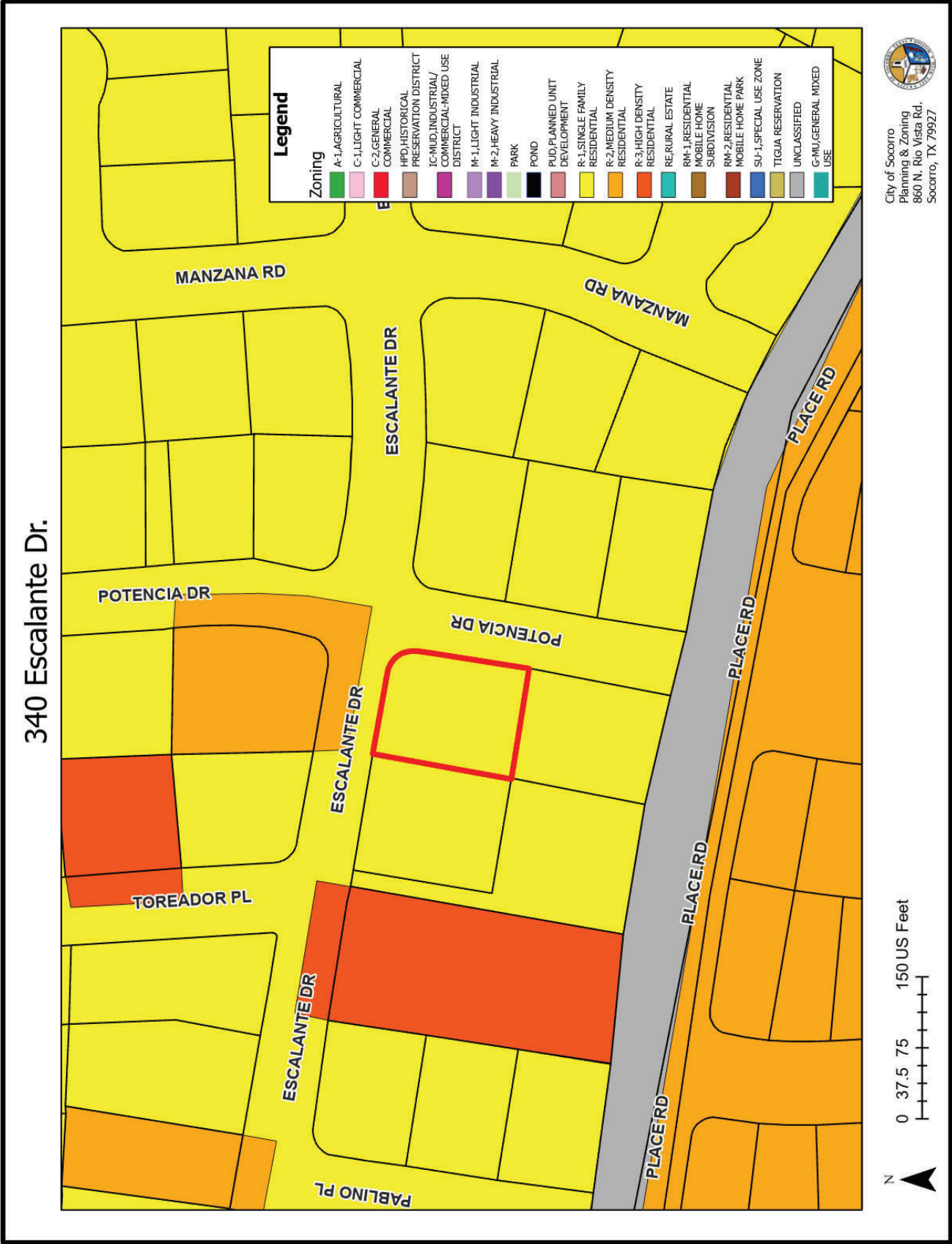
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# ZONING MAP



# SITE PICTURES



View of property from Escalante Dr. (Top) and Potencia Dr. (Bottom)





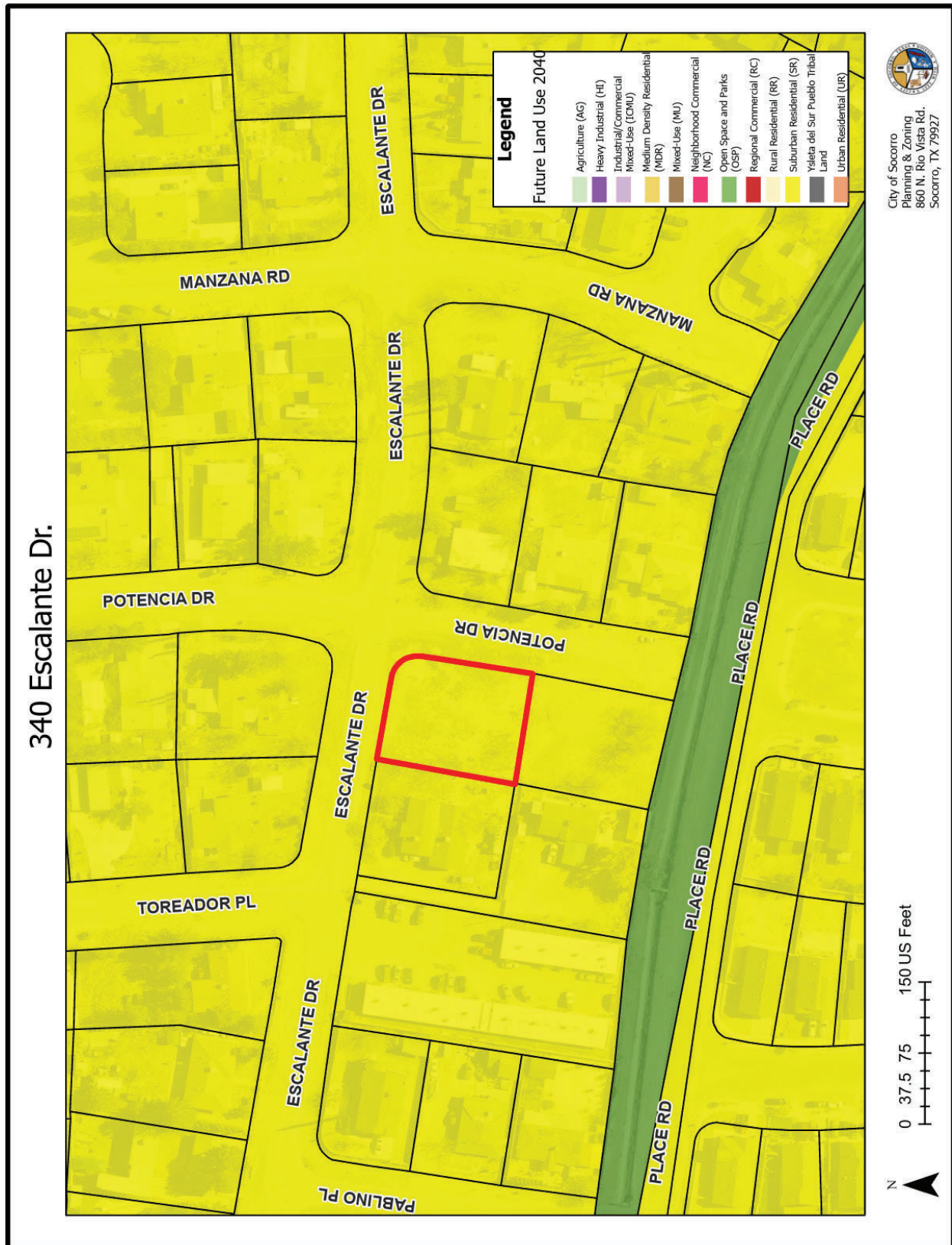
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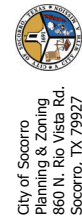
# FUTURE LAND USE MAP

## CITY OF SOCORRO'S 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN





Subdivision Information: R-1 Lots: 168 R-2 Lots: 5 R-3 Lots: 3

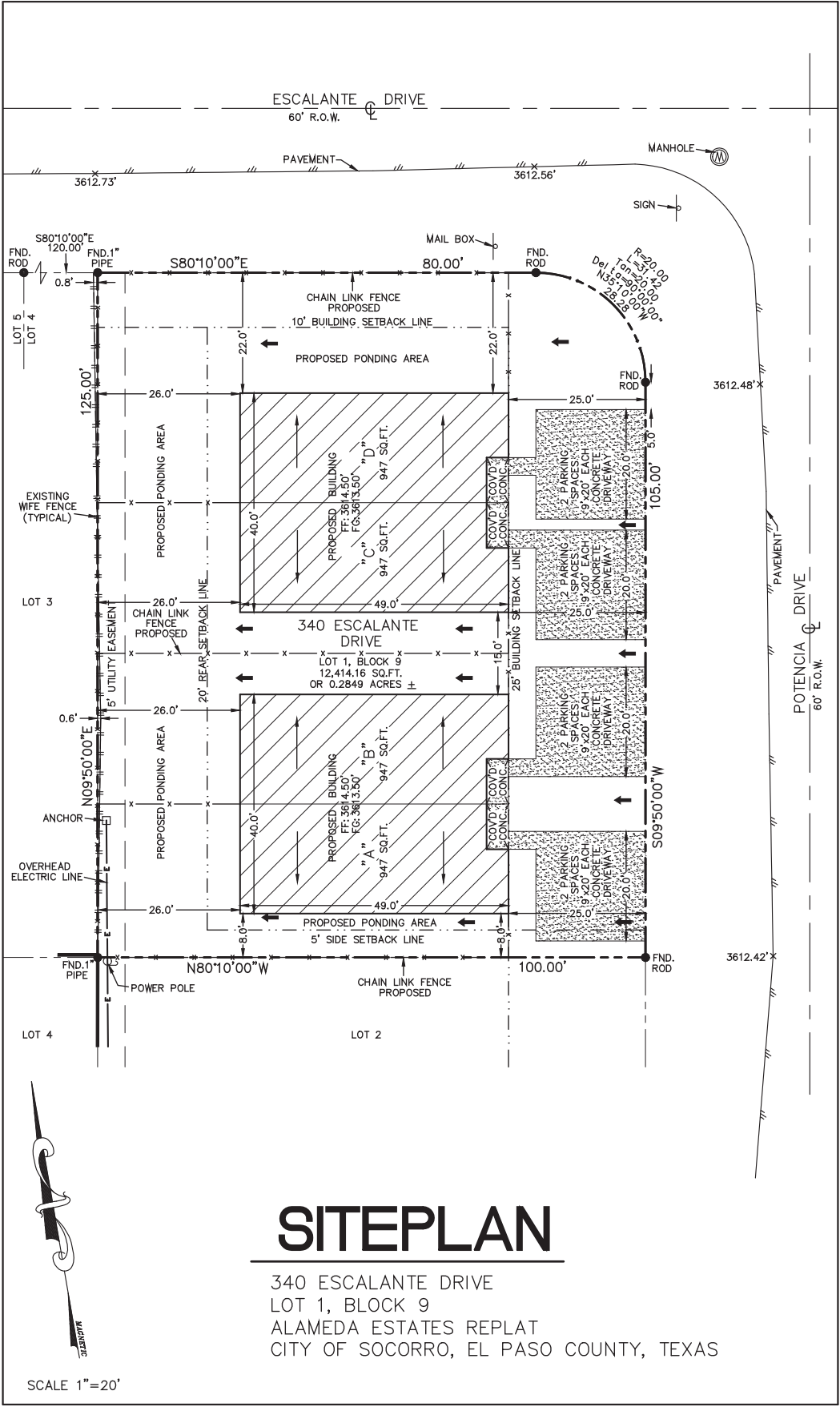


# PUBLIC NOTICE





# SITE PLAN





## CITY OF SOCORRO CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**DATE: MAY 29, 2025**

### CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REQUEST STAFF REPORT

**SUBJECT:**

**PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING AND ADOPTION F AN ORDINANCE REQUEST FOR THE PROPOSED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND VARIANCE REQUEST FROM SEC. 46-237. - CONDITIONAL USES (REQUIRES PERMIT) SUB-SECTION 5-C, TO ALLOW CONCRETE PAVERS INSTEAD OF THE CONCRETE SLAB REQUIRE-MENT TO ALLOW FOR COMMERCIAL TRUCK PARKING IN AN R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONING DISTRICT, ON TRACT 4-E , BLOCK 28, SOCORRO GRANT, LOCATED AT 11541 DINDINGER RD., SOCORRO, TX.**

**NAME:** 11541 DINDINGER RD. C.U.P.

**PROPERTY ADDRESS:** 11541 DINDINGER RD.

**PROPERTY LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** TRACT 4-E, BLOCK 28, SOCORRO GRANT

**PROPERTY OWNER:** ENRIQUE LOPEZ/TESTAMENTARY TRUST OF AARON LOPEZ

**REPRESENTATIVE:** LUIS CARLOS LOPEZ

**PROPERTY AREA:** 0.503 ACRES

**CURRENT ZONING:** R-1 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL

**CURRENT LAND USE:** RESIDENTIAL

**FLOOD MAP:** According to the Flood Insurance Rate Maps, the referenced property lies within Zone X; (Community Panel # 480212 0300-B/ FEMA, September 4, 1991).

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST:** Request is for approval of a Conditional Use Permit and variance request from Sec. 46-237. - Conditional Uses (Requires Permit) Subsection 5-C, to allow concrete pavers instead of the concrete slab requirement to allow for commercial truck parking in an R-1 Single-Family Residential Zoning District.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends **APPROVAL** of the Conditional Use Permit and recommends **DENIAL** of the Variance Request.

**P&Z RECOMMENDATION:** Commissioners voted for APPROVAL of the Conditional Use Permit and for **DENIAL** of the variance request(4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain) at their May 6, 2025 meeting.



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City Manager

**ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR COMMERCIAL TRUCK PARKING IN AN R-1 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT, ON TRACT 4-E, BLOCK 28, SOCORRO GRANT LOCATED AT 11541 DINDINGER RD., SOCORRO, TX.**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO:**

That pursuant to Chapter 46 of the Codification of Ordinances of the City of Socorro, Texas, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Socorro, grants the Conditional Use Permit to allow for Commercial Truck Parking in an R-1 Single-Family Residential Zoning District, on Tract 4-E, Block 28, Socorro Grant located at 11541 Dindinger Rd., Socorro, TX.

**READ, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025

CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rudy Cruz Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

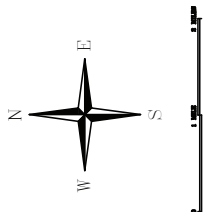
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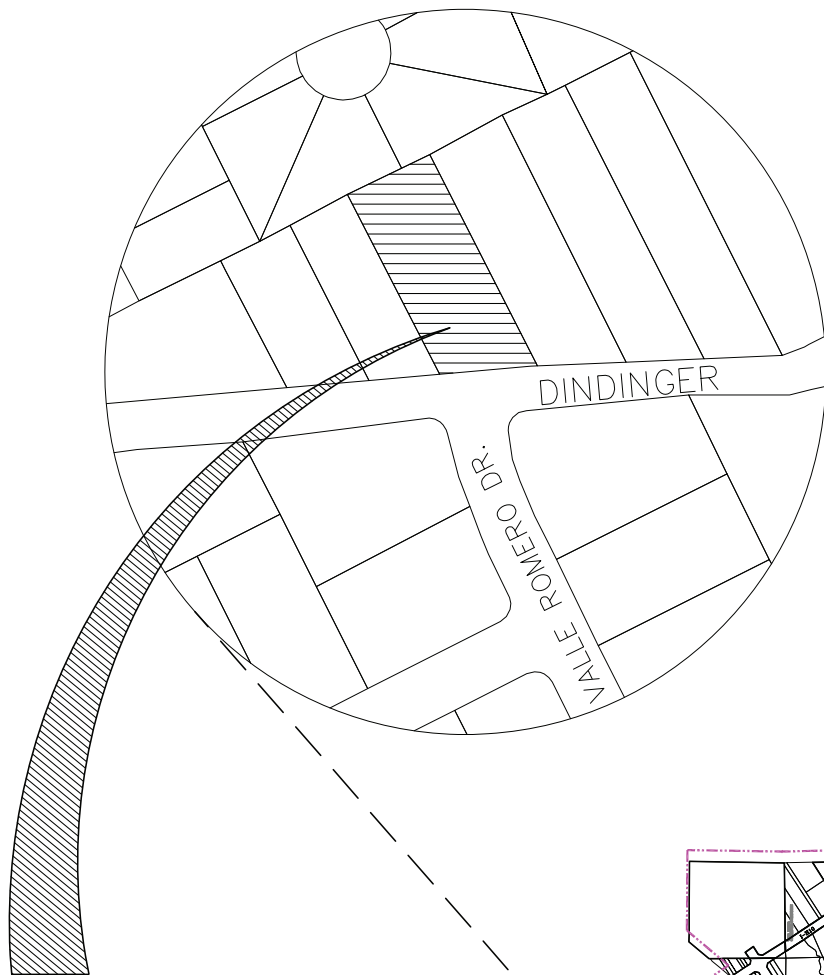
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# LOCATION MAP



PROJECT SITE;  
11541 Dindinger  
Tract-4E, Block-28  
Socorro Grant



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## LOCATION MAP

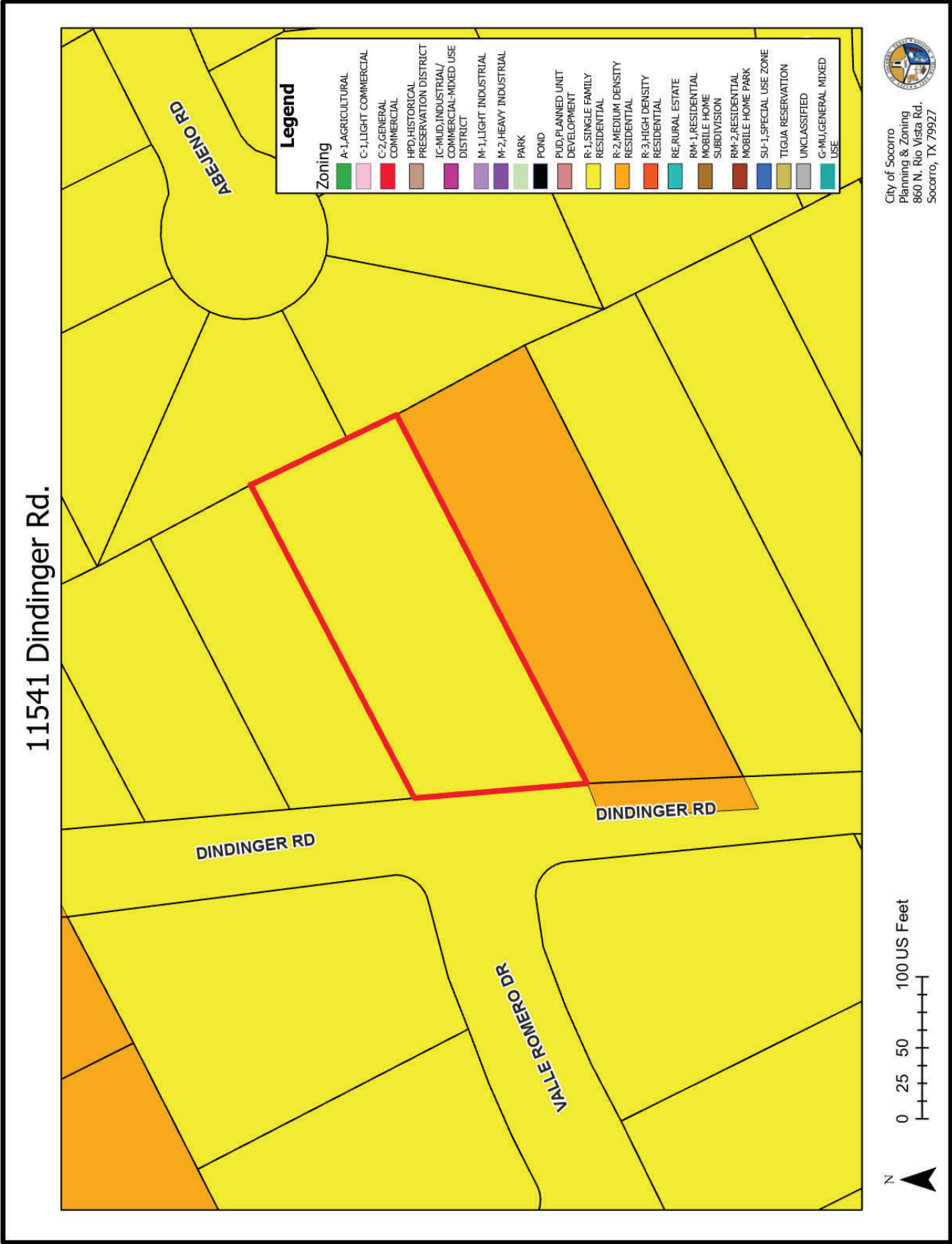
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# ZONING MAP





# SITE PICTURES



View of property from Dindinger Rd.



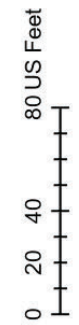


# AERIAL IMAGE

11541 Dindinger Rd.



City of Socorro  
Planning & Zoning  
860 N. Rio Vista Rd.  
Socorro, TX 79927

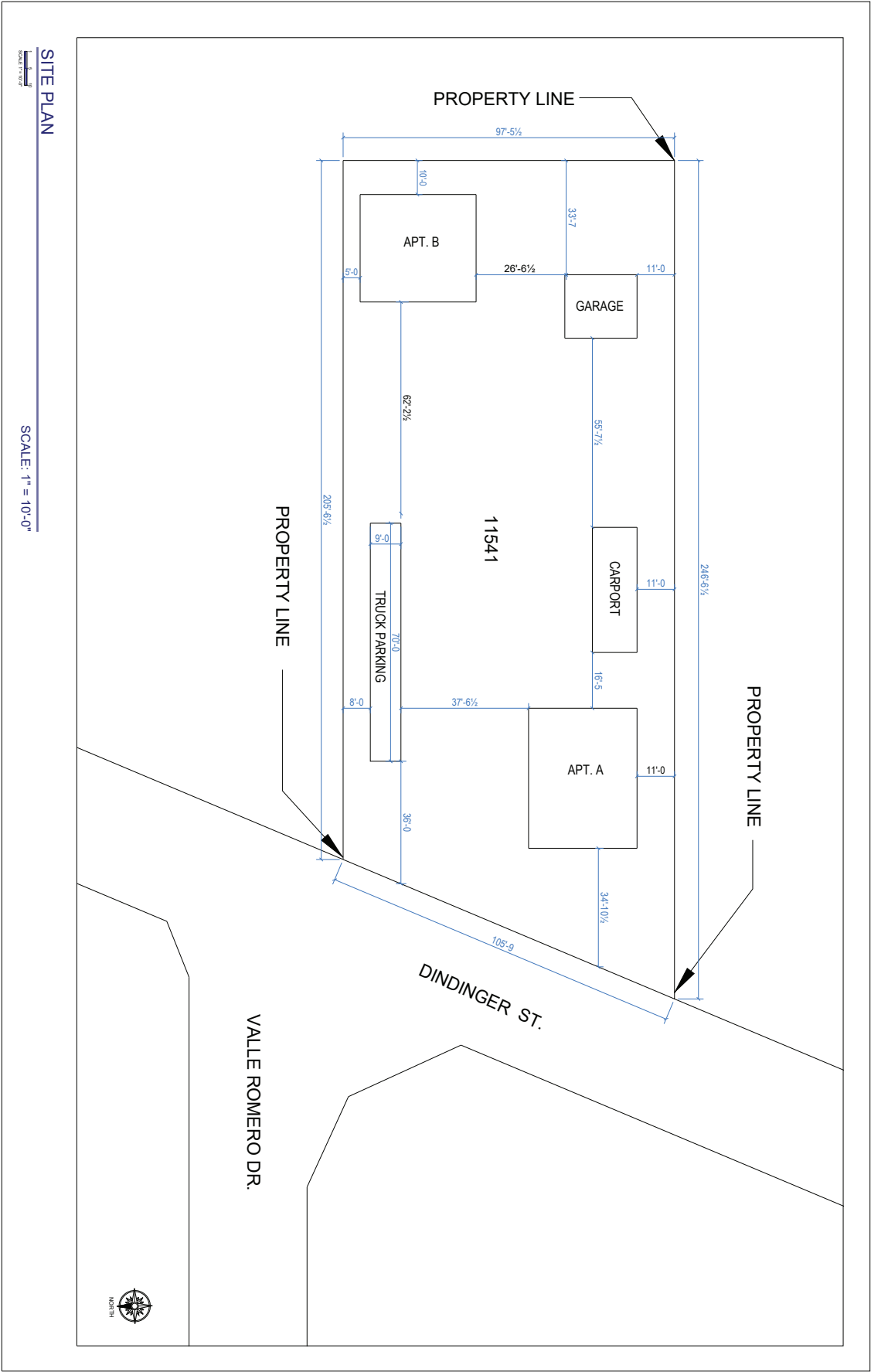


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## 200' Around 11541 Dindinger



# SITE PLAN





**CITY OF SOCORRO**  
**PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION**  
**MEETING DATE: MAY 29, 2025**  
**WAIVER REQUEST**  
**STAFF REPORT**

**SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON A WAIVER REQUEST FROM *SECTION 38-8.2. - PRELIMINARY PLAT -- PLANS AND DATA (SUBSECTION C. ENGINEERING REPORTS)* TO WAIVE THE STORM DRAINAGE PLAN REQUIREMENT FOR THE CAMPOYA SUBDIVISION, BEING TRACT 17, BLOCK 15, SOCORRO GRANT, AND LOCATED ON MELENDEZ DR., SOCORRO, TX.**

**NAME:** CAMPOYA SUBDIVISION

**PROPERTY ADDRESS:** MELENDEZ DR.

**PROPERTY LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** TRACT 17, BLOCK 15, SOCORRO GRANT, SOCORRO, TX.

**PROPERTY OWNER:** ERIC A. CAMPOYA & ZAGNITTEE ANELY CASTORENA

**REPRESENTATIVE:** ERIC CAMPOYA

**PROPERTY AREA:** 1.265 ACRES

**CURRENT ZONING:** R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL)

**CURRENT LAND USE:** VACANT

**FLOOD MAP:** According to the Flood Insurance Rate Maps, the referenced property lies within Zone X; (Community Panel # 480212 0250-B / FEMA, September 4, 1991).

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST:** Request is for approval of a waiver request for the Campoya Subdivision.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends **APPROVAL** of the Waiver Request from Section 38-8.2. - Preliminary Plat -- Plans and Data (Subsection C. - Engineering Reports) to waive the Storm Drainage Plan requirement for the Campoya Subdivision as the applicant states a financial hardship.

**P&Z RECOMMENDATION:** Commissioners voted for APPROVAL (4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain) of the waiver request at their May 6, 2025 meeting.



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## ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE WAIVER REQUEST FROM SECTION 38-8.2.  
- PRELIMINARY PLAT -- PLANS AND DATA (SUBSECTION C. ENGINEERING  
REPORTS) TO WAIVE THE STORM DRAINAGE PLAN REQUIREMENT FOR THE  
CAMPOYA SUBDIVISION, BEING TRACT 17, BLOCK 15, SOCORRO GRANT, AND  
LOCATED ON MELENDEZ DR., SOCORRO, TX.**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF SOCORRO:**

That the Campoya Subdivision, Being Tract 17, Block 15, Socorro Grant, and located at Melendez Dr., Socorro, TX., has been granted the waiver request from section 38-8.2. - Preliminary Plat -- Plans and Data (Subsection C. Engineering Reports) to waive the storm drainage plan requirement as per the Subdivision Ordinance of the City of Socorro, Texas.

**READ, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rudy Cruz, Mayor

ATTEST:

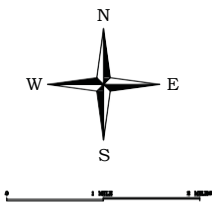
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Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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James A. Martinez  
Socorro City Attorney

Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing: May 15, 2025  
Second Reading and Adoption: June 5, 2025

# LOCATION MAP



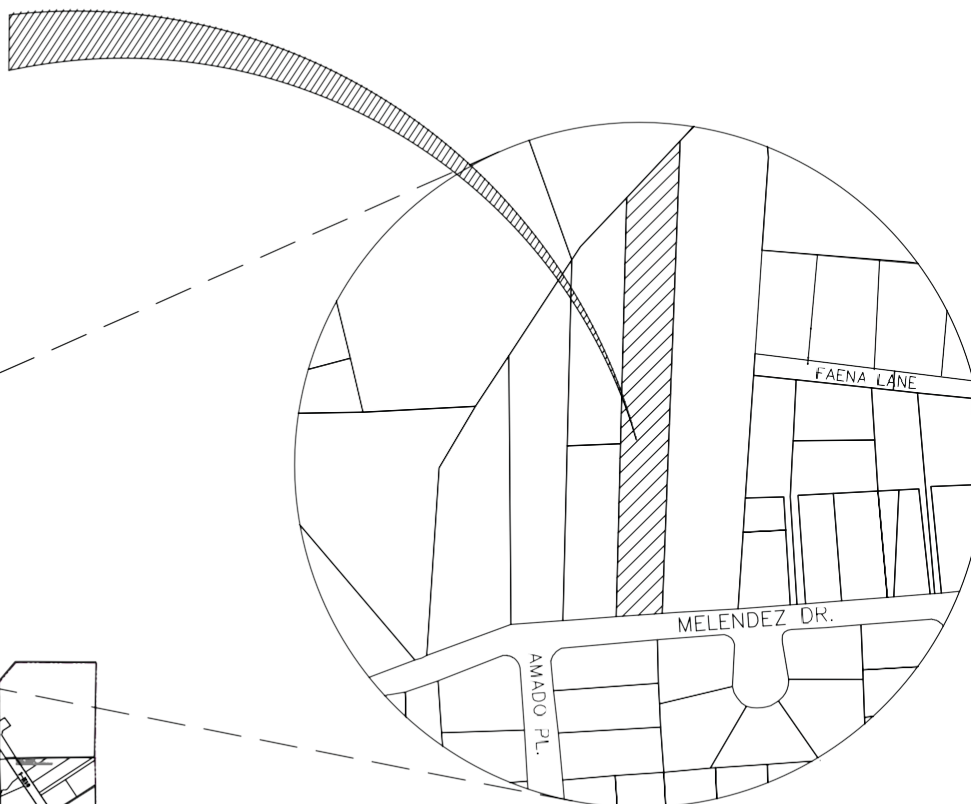
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Campoya Subdivision  
Tract-17, Block-15  
Socorro Grant



CITY OF SOCORRO

## LOCATION MAP

Scale: AS SHOWN

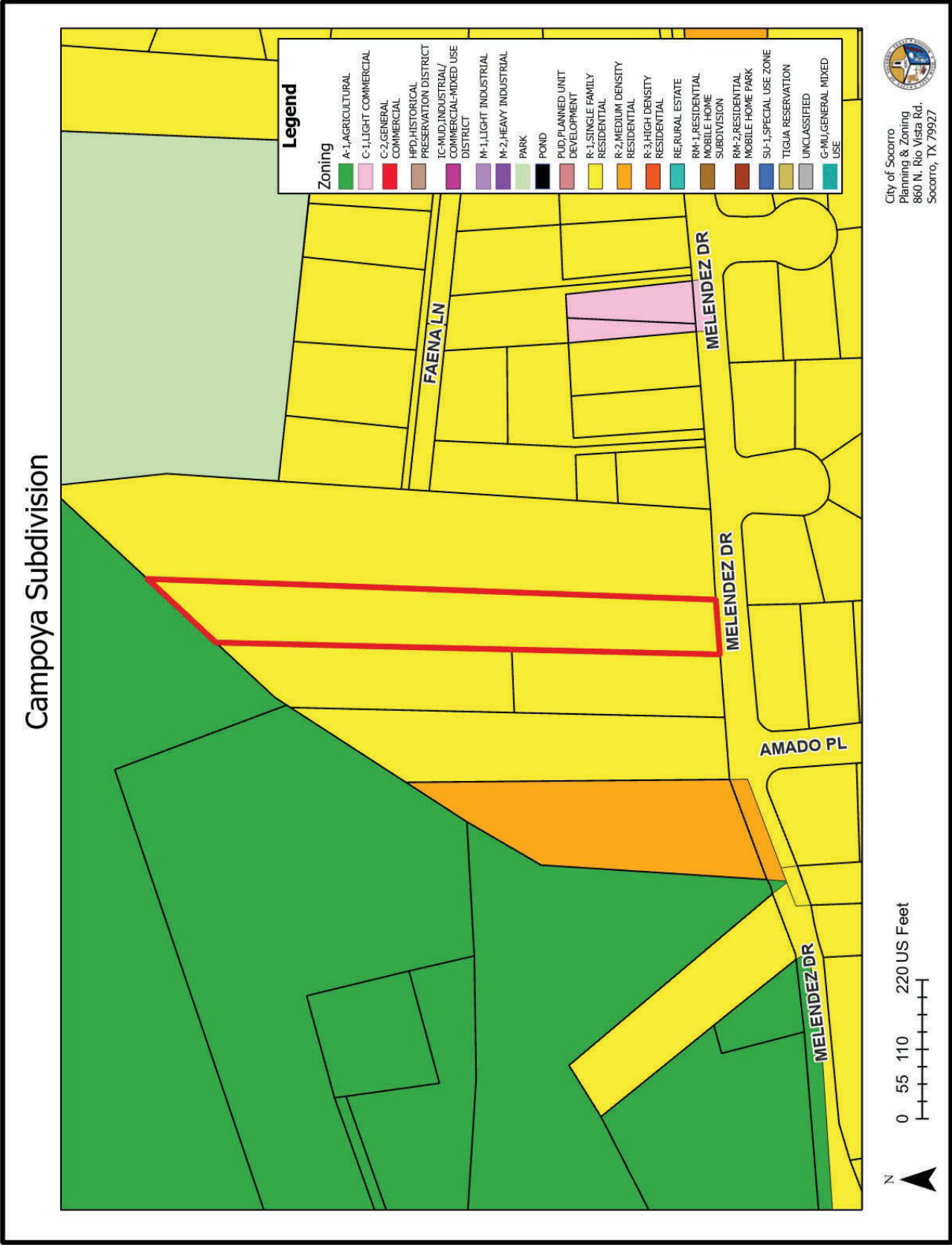


**Planning and Zoning Department**

860 N. Rio Vista Socorro, Texas 79927 Tel. (915) 872-8531 Fax (915) 872-8673



# ZONING MAP



# SITE PICTURES

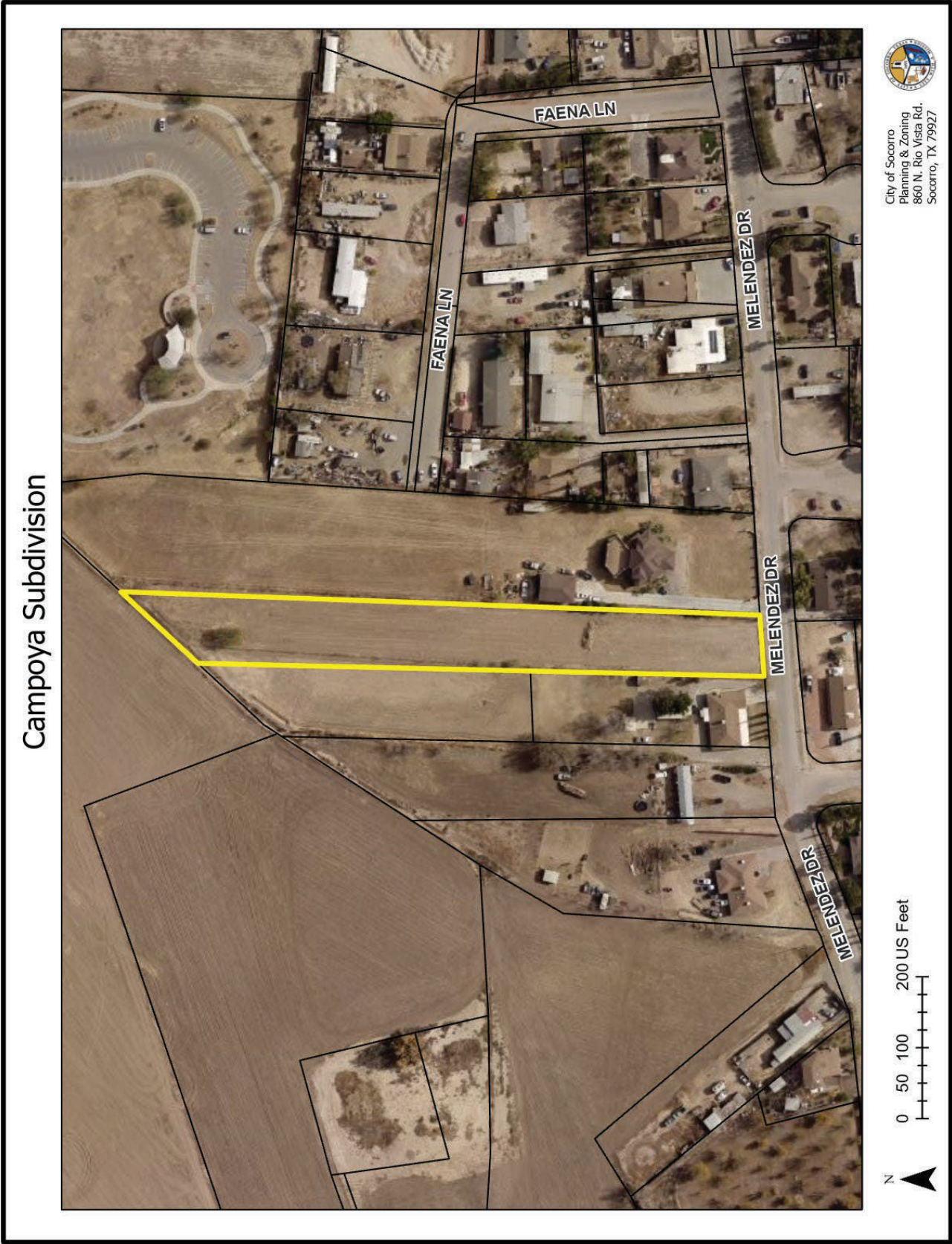


View of property from Melendez Dr.

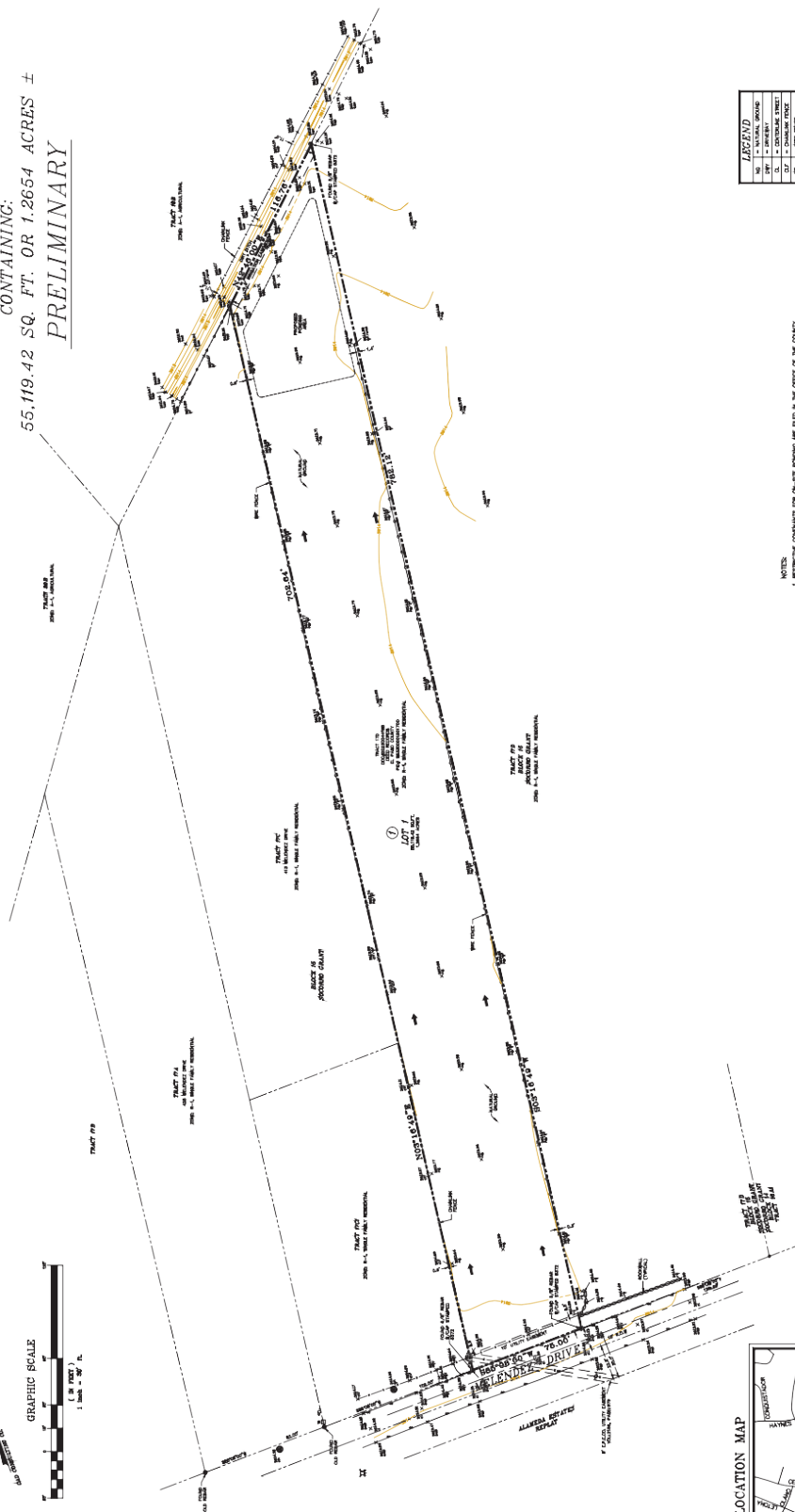
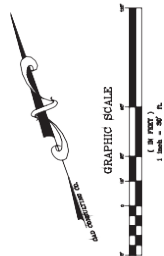




# AERIAL IMAGE



# PRELIMINARY



LEGEND	
NO	= NATURAL GROUND
SW	= SWAMP
CL	= CORKLEANE STREET
CLF	= CHAIN-LINK FENCE
WF	= WIRE FENCE
CONC	= CONCRETE
EDP	= EDGE OF PAVEMENT
PO	= POWER POLE
ST	= THE STREET
STW	= SIX-TEE METERS
WP	= WOODPILE
TEL	= TEL. WIRE
EL	= OVERHEAD ELECTRIC
ROCK	= ROCKWALL
CLF	= CHAIN-LINK FENCE
WF	= WIRE FENCE

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- RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS FOR ON-SITE POISSING ARE FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY

LINE, DEED AND RECORD SECTION.

TAX CERTIFICATE FOR THIS SUBPOENA WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK.

320 AND RECORD SECTION.

457864307 No. \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL DELIVERY SERVICE WITH SUBSCRIPTION WILL BE BY NEIGHBORHOOD DELIVERY EVERY 1/2 HOURS AT ALL BOUNDARY COMPANIES UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

NO COLLECTION BOX UNITS.  
THIS PROPERTY IS IN ZONE "C" AS DETERMINED BY F.E.M.A. IN PAGO CITY, TEXAS.

QUALITY PANEL NO. 480212-COSO-B, DATED SEPTEMBER 4, 1991.

THIS PROPERTY LIES WITHIN THE SOCOMBO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT. WATER SUPPLY AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL IS BEING PROVIDED BY THE LOWER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT.

IN-SITE PAVING DESIGN SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL PRIOR TO ANY NEW CONSTRUCTION OR BUILDING PERMITS BEING ISSUED.

WRAPPING AND DRAINAGE PLANS AND SOILS REPORT WILL BE REQUIRED AT THE TIME OF NEW

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**CD CONSULTING COMPANY**  
1790 LBS TREYBOND DRIVE SUITE 309  
EL PASO, TEXAS 79906  
TEL (915) 603-6422 FAX (915) 603-6404

**OWNER/DEVELOPER:**  
SERGIO CAMPOYA  
1798 LONDA LANE  
EL PASO, TEXAS 79928  
PHONE: (915) 244-7067

**SURVEYOR:**  
CAD CONSULTING CO.  
CARLOS M. JIMENEZ  
1790 N. LEE TREVINO  
EL PASO, TEXAS 79916  
PHONE: (915) 633-6432

DATE OF PREPARATION: 02/14/2025





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EL PASO, TEXAS 79928  
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RPLS: 1792 LOANDA LANE



# WAIVER REQUEST



## WAIVER REQUEST FORM

Applicant's Name: Eric Campoya

Applicant's Address: 1792 Loanda Ln

City: El Paso State: Texas Zip: 79928

Address of Proposed Waiver: Campoya Subdivision


Reason for request and circumstance causing conflict: \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Hardship. Land was purchased with intent to be used for Agricultural Purposes, etc.

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Applicant's Signature

04/29/25  
Date

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**DATE:** May 15, 2025

**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members

**FROM:** Carol Candelaria -HR Director

**SUBJECT:** Discussion and action on approving the Civil Service Commission 2024 Annual Report

**SUMMARY**

This action is to recap the activity of the Civil Service Committee for the calendar year of 2024.

**STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE**

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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**Account Code (GF/GL/Dept): 100 / 05101 /0005**

**Funding Source: (Code 9201)**

**Amount: (Includes salary only no Fringe Benefits – PT position)**

**Quotes (Name/Commodity/Price) N/A**

**Co-op Agreement (Name/Contract#) N/A**

**ALTERNATIVE**

N/A

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**Human Resources is recommending approval**



**REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION**

1. City Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
2. Finance Director \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
3. Attorney \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



**City of Socorro  
Civil Service Commission  
Annual Report – Calendar Year 2024**

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Overview

The Civil Service Commission held a total of **six meetings** during the 2024 calendar year:

- **Five** meetings were held (four special, one regular)
- **Three** meetings were cancelled
- **One** meeting was not held due to a holiday

Throughout the year, the Commission addressed multiple key issues, including ordinance revisions, grievance hearings, policy updates, and the selection of Commission officers.

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**Meeting Summaries**

**Special Hearing – January 17, 2024**

**Members Present:** Albert Ortiz, Claudia Olmos, Casandra Muro, Alex Miranda, Andres Chavez  
**Members Absent:** Carlos Ortiz

- Approved revision to **Ordinance 186 Amendment No. 5**, Section XV, Letter K, allowing the City Manager to extend temporary promotions.
- Authorized the City Manager to rescind a resignation notice and reinstate the employee.
- Scheduled grievance hearing for **R. Norte** on **February 29, 2024**.
- Approved changes to **Policy 506A Overtime Uniformed Employee Policy**, adopting an 84-hour biweekly schedule for 12-hour shifts.
- **Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.**

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**Regular Meeting – February 29, 2024**

**Members Present:** Albert Ortiz, Carlos Ortiz, Alex Miranda, Claudia Olmos, Casandra Muro  
**Members Absent:** Andres Chavez

- Scheduled grievance hearing for **Oscar Gallegos** on **March 18, 2024**.
- Denied grievance and upheld the termination of **Ricky Norte** (Vote: 4 Yes, 1 Abstention).
- **Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.**



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### **Special Meeting – March 18, 2024**

**Members Present:** Albert Ortiz, Carlos Ortiz, Alex Miranda, Claudia Olmos, Casandra Muro

**Members Absent:** Andres Chavez

- Elected 2024 Commission Officers:
  - **Chair:** Alex Miranda
  - **Vice Chair:** Claudia Olmos
  - **Secretary:** Olivia Navarro
- Denied grievance of **Oscar Gallegos**; termination upheld by unanimous vote.
- **Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.**

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### **Regular Meeting – March 25, 2024**

**Meeting Cancelled**

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### **Special Meeting – April 22, 2024**

**Members Present:** Albert Ortiz, Carlos Ortiz, Alex Miranda, Claudia Olmos, Casandra Muro

**Members Absent:** Andres Chavez

- Denied request for reconsideration/rehearing for **Oscar Gallegos**.
- Scheduled grievance hearing for **DeAndre Cameron** for **May 20, 2024**.
- **Meeting adjourned.**

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### **Special Meeting – May 20, 2024**

- **DeAndre Cameron** withdrew his grievance schedule for today.
- No additional items were scheduled for this meeting
- **Meeting Cancelled**

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**May 27, 2024**

**No Meeting Held (Holiday)**

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**June 24, 2024**

**Meeting Cancelled**

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**July 15, 2024**

**Meeting Cancelled**

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**August 26, 2024**

**Meeting Cancelled**

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**Regular Meeting – November 13, 2024**

**Members Present:** Albert Ortiz, Carlos Ortiz, Alex Miranda, Claudia Olmos

**Members Absent:** Andres Chavez, Casandra Muro

- Ratified **Policy 506A Overtime Uniformed Employee Policy** with an effective date of **December 7, 2023**.
- **Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.**

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**Summary of Commission Activity (2024)**

- **Total Meetings Held: 5**
- **Meetings Cancelled: 4**
- **Grievances Heard: 2**
  - **Ricky Norte:** Termination upheld
  - **Oscar Gallegos:** Termination upheld (including denial of rehearing)
- **Policy/Ordinance Actions:**
  - Approved amendment to Ordinance 186
  - Updated Policy 506A – Overtime for uniformed employees
  - Ratified Policy 506A with effective date of December 7, 2023
- **Commission Officers Appointed:**
  - Chair: Alex Miranda
  - Vice Chair: Claudia Olmos
  - Secretary: Olivia Navarro

**Submitted by:**

**Carol Candelaria**

Human Resource Director City of  
Socorro

124 S. Horizon Boulevard

Socorro, TX 79927

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City Manager

May 30, 2025

**TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**FROM: Alejandra Valadez, City Development Director**

**SUBJECT:**

Discussion and action to authorize Resolution 818 recognizing The Dusty Tap, located at 10297 Socorro Rd, Socorro, TX 79927, as Socorro Small Business of the Quarter in the Food & Café Category.

**SUMMARY**

To help promote our local businesses and support our growing small business sector, the City of Socorro's Economic Recovery Office (ERO) has created a quarterly recognition for small businesses in Socorro. This resolution recognizes The Dusty Tap in the food and café category for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2025.

**STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE**

The City of Socorro is home to many enterprising and innovative small businesses. To promote our small businesses and encourage the public to Shop Local, the Small Business of the Quarter Initiative will highlight one local business each quarter in the following categories:

- Food & Café Category
- All Other Business Category

The Dusty Tap, located at 10297 Socorro Rd, Socorro, TX 79927, opened their doors in May 2022, and has since provided a family-friendly relaxing atmosphere for residents and tourists along the Historic Mission Trail.

For these reasons, **The Dusty Tap has been selected by majority nominations as the Socorro Small Business of the Quarter in the Food & Café Category for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2025.**

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

**Account Code (GF/GL/Dept):** N/A

**Funding Source:** N/A

**Amount:** N/A

**Quotes (Name/Commodity/Price):** N/A

**Co-op Agreement (Name/Contract#):** N/A

### **ALTERNATIVE**

Not approve – City Council will NOT authorize a Resolution recognizing The Dusty Tap, located at 10297 Socorro Rd, Socorro, TX 79927, as Socorro Small Business of the Quarter in the Food & Café Category.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**APPROVE** – City Council **WILL** authorize a Resolution recognizing The Dusty Tap, located at 10297 Socorro Rd, Socorro, TX 79927, as Socorro Small Business of the Quarter in the Food & Café Category.

### **REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION**

1. City Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
2. CFO \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
3. Attorney \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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## **RESOLUTION 818**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Socorro celebrates and recognizes THE DUSTY TAP, located in Socorro, Texas, as the SOCORRO SMALL BUSINESS OF THE QUARTER, for Quarter 1 in 2025 in the Food and Café Category; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Socorro recognizes the spirit of entrepreneurship and celebrates the success of THE DUSTY TAP and its invaluable contributions to our local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Socorro believes it is important to celebrate our local small businesses and entrepreneurs and the contributions they make to the fabric of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Socorro recognizes the leadership, innovation, community service, and expansion of business investments in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Socorro recognizes the contributions to this community by honoring THE DUSTY TAP on June 5, 2025.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS:**

Section I. That City Council, and on behalf of the Administration and citizens of Socorro, Texas, hereby recognize THE DUSTY TAP as Socorro Small Business of the Quarter for Quarter 1 in 2025.

Section II. That this resolution shall be entered upon the permanent record of the City of Socorro, and a certified copy thereof shall be presented to Mike & Celina Carrillo, owners of THE DUSTY TAP.

Section III. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

**PASSED AND APPROVED on this 5th day of June 2025.**

CITY OF SOCORRO

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rudy Cruz, Jr.  
Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Olivia Navarro  
City Clerk

# Small Business of the Quarter

An Entrepreneurial Program to Support Socorro Small Businesses



**SHOP LOCAL**

Support Local.



# Small Business of the Quarter Program

## Introduction

- The Small Business of the Quarter is a spinoff initiative from the City's Economic Recovery Strategic Plan, completed in 2024. The plan called for strategies to support current and future businesses
- In early 2025, the program was started as a quarterly recognition initiative.
- The initiative involved obtaining input from businesses including Socorro's Mentor Panel in shaping the nomination form
- Nominations were taken during the three months of the first quarter through: Mailchimp Campaigns, the small business fórum, Soco Breakfast, entrepreneurial workshops and word of mouth.

# Small Business of the Quarter Program

First Quarter (Jan.-Mar.) 2025

- Two categories were recommended for this initial year:
  - Food & Cafes
  - All Other Business
- Next month, we will start again to accept nomination forms from residents and businesses
- Later this year, the program will be evaluated for improvements to gain support and raise awareness.



# Small Business of the Quarter, Jan.-Mar. 2025

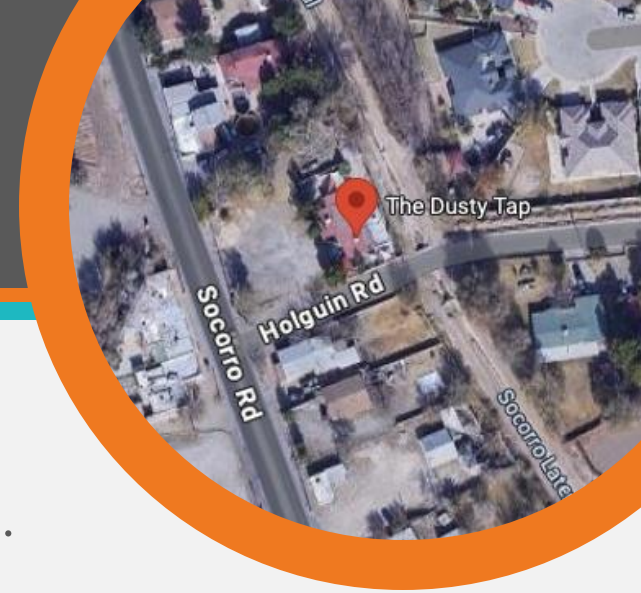
Food & Café Category





# The Dusty Tap

- Started in May 2022. They are located at 10297 Socorro Rd.
- The Dusty Tap is an outdoor patio bar & grill on the historic mission trail.
- It offers outdoor seating, live music and karaoke.





# The Dusty Tap

Congrats to the Dusty Tap –  
Small Business of the Quarter



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May 30, 2025

**TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**FROM: Alejandra Valadez, City Development Director**

**SUBJECT:**

Discussion and action to authorize Resolution 819 recognizing LITS Shoe Repair & Boots, located at 10089 North Loop Rd., Socorro, TX 79927, as Socorro Small Business of the Quarter in the All Other Business Category.

**SUMMARY**

To help promote our local businesses and support our growing small business sector, the City of Socorro's Economic Recovery Office (ERO) has created a quarterly recognition for small businesses in Socorro. This resolution recognizes LITS Shoe Repair & Boots in the All Other Business Category for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2025.

**STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE**

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LITS Shoe Repair & Boots, located at 10089 North Loop Rd., Socorro, TX 79927, opened their doors in February 2023, and have provided excellence in shoe repair services and high-quality handmade boots, belts, wallets, and accessories.

For these reasons, **LITS Shoe Repair & Boots has been selected by majority nominations as the Socorro Small Business of the Quarter in the All Other Business Category for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2025.**



### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

**Account Code (GF/GL/Dept):** N/A

**Funding Source:** N/A

**Amount:** N/A

**Quotes (Name/Commodity/Price):** N/A

**Co-op Agreement (Name/Contract#):** N/A

### **ALTERNATIVE**

Not approve – City Council will NOT authorize a Resolution recognizing LITS Shoe Repair & Boots, located at 10089 North Loop Rd., Socorro, TX 79927, as Socorro Small Business of the Quarter in the All Other Business Category.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**APPROVE** – City Council **WILL** authorize a Resolution recognizing LITS Shoe Repair & Boots, located at 10089 North Loop Rd., Socorro, TX 79927, as Socorro Small Business of the Quarter in the All Other Business Category.

### **REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION**

1. City Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
2. CFO \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS:**

Section I. That City Council, and on behalf of the Administration and citizens of Socorro, Texas, hereby recognize LITS SHOE REPAIR & BOOTS as Socorro Small Business of the Quarter for Quarter 1 in 2025.

Section II. That this resolution shall be entered upon the permanent record of the City of Socorro, and a certified copy thereof shall be presented to Sergio Mora & Yuridia Terrazas, owners of LITS SHOE REPAIR & BOOTS.

Section III. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

**PASSED AND APPROVED on this 5th day of June 2025.**

CITY OF SOCORRO

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rudy Cruz, Jr.  
Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Olivia Navarro  
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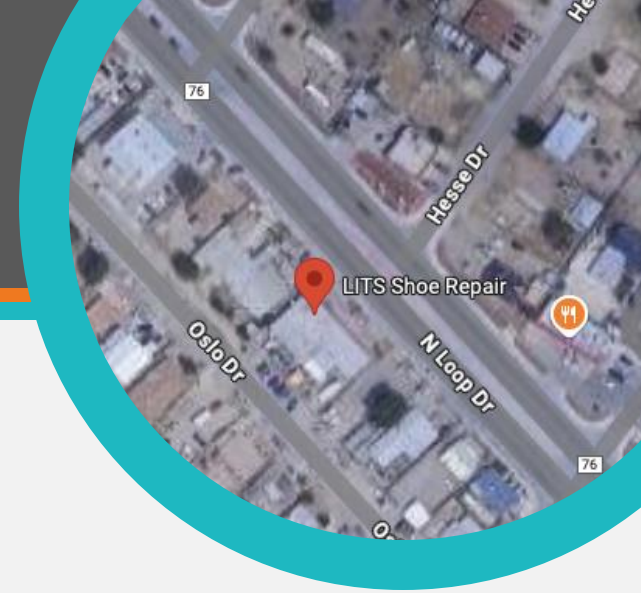
All Other Business Category





# LITS Shoe Repair & Boots

- LITS opened in Feb. 2023. They are located at 10089 North Loop Rd.
- LITS offers shoe and boot repair.
- They also offer handmade boots, belts, wallets and accessories.



# LITS Shoe Repair & Boots

Congrats to LITS Shoe Repair & Boots – Small Business of the Quarter – All Other Category





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May 30, 2025

**TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**FROM: Alejandra Valadez, City Development Director**

**SUBJECT:**

Discussion and action to update Resolution 820 authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Office of the Governor (OOG), Criminal Justice Division (CJD) FY 2025 General Victim Assistance Program for the Socorro Police Department and designate City Manager, Adriana Rodarte as the authorized official.

**SUMMARY**

The Office of the Governors has requested an update to Resolution 789 approved by City Council on March 7, 2024 to designate the City Manager as the grantee's authorized official for this grant.

**STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE**

The City of Socorro has submitted a grant application to the OOG General Victim Assistance Program and was awarded \$48,815.01 for the funding of overtime hours, contractual and professional services, and travel and training for the Socorro Police Department to aid victims of crime in the region.

City Council approved the Resolution 789 on March 7, 2024, however, the Office of the Governors has requested the change to City Manager as the grantee's authorized official in the resolution.

As discussed during the March 7, 2024 City Council meeting, the Criminal Justice Division (CJD) solicited grant applications under the General Victim Assistance Program during state fiscal year 2025.

The Socorro Police Department has received funding for The General Victim Assistance Program since FY 2024. This is a continuation of that project.

The General Victims Assistance Program provides services and assistance directly to victims of crime to speed their recovery and help them through the criminal justice process.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

**Account Code (GF/GL/Dept):** N/A

**Funding Source:** N/A

**Amount:** N/A

**Quotes (Name/Commodity/Price):** N/A

**Co-op Agreement (Name/Contract#):** N/A

### **ALTERNATIVE**

Not approve – City Council will **NOT** approve an updated resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Office of the Governor (OOG), Criminal Justice Division (CJD) FY 2025 General Victims Assistance Program grant for the Socorro Police Department and designate City Manager, Adriana Rodarte as the authorized official.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**APPROVE** – City Council will approve an updated resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Office of the Governor (OOG), Criminal Justice Division (CJD) FY 2025 General Victim Assistance Program grant for the Socorro Police Department and designate City Manager, Adriana Rodarte as the authorized official.

### **REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION**

1. City Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
2. CFO \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
3. Attorney \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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City Manager

## RESOLUTION 820

WHEREAS, The CITY OF SOCORRO finds it in the best interest of the citizens of SOCORRO, TEXAS that the General Victim Assistance Program be operated in Socorro, Texas for the 2024-2025 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the CITY OF SOCORRO agrees to provide applicable matching funds for the said project as required by the General Victim Assistance Program grant application; and

WHEREAS, the CITY OF SOCORRO agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, CITY OF SOCORRO assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full; and

WHEREAS, the CITY OF SOCORRO will request funding from the General Victim Assistance Program via Grant No. 4487803; and

WHEREAS, the CITY OF SOCORRO designates the City Manager as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the CITY OF SOCORRO approves submission of the grant application for the General Victim Assistance Program to the Office of the Governor.

Passed and Approved this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.

CITY OF SOCORRO

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rudy Cruz, Jr.  
Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Olivia Navarro  
City Clerk

Grant Number: 4487803

**Rudy Cruz Jr.**  
Mayor

**Ruben Reyes**  
At Large

**Cesar Nevarez**  
District 1 / Mayor Pro Tem



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District 4

**Adriana Rodarte**  
City Manager

May 30, 2025

**TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**FROM: Alejandra Valadez, City Development Director**

**SUBJECT:**

Discussion and action to update Resolution 821 authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Office of the Governor (OOG), Criminal Justice Division (CJD) FY 2025 Criminal Justice Program for the Socorro Police Department and designate City Manager, Adriana Rodarte as the authorized official.

**SUMMARY**

The Office of the Governors has requested an update to Resolution 777 approved by City Council on January 25, 2024 to designate the City Manager as the grantee's authorized official for this grant.

**STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE**

The City of Socorro has submitted a grant application to the OOG Criminal Justice Program and was awarded \$50,020.00 for hiring of a Crime Analyst in the Socorro Police Department.

City Council approved Resolution 777 on January 25, 2024. However, the Office of the Governor has requested the change to the City Manager as the grantee's authorized official in the resolution.

As discussed during the January 25, 2024, City Council meeting, the Criminal Justice Division (CJD) solicited grant applications under the Criminal Justice Program during state fiscal year 2025.

The Socorro Police Department has received funding for Criminal Justice Program for various criminal justice initiatives in the past. The Criminal Justice Program provides



funding to support for criminal justice initiatives carried out by law enforcement entities throughout the state.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

**Account Code (GF/GL/Dept):** N/A

**Funding Source:** N/A

**Amount:** N/A

**Quotes (Name/Commodity/Price):** N/A

**Co-op Agreement (Name/Contract#):** N/A

### **ALTERNATIVE**

Not approve – City Council will **NOT** update a resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Office of the Governor (OOG), Criminal Justice Division (CJD) FY 2025 Criminal Justice Program grant for the Socorro Police Department and designate City Manager, Adriana Rodarte as the authorized official.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**APPROVE** – City Council will approve an updated resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Office of the Governor (OOG), Criminal Justice Division (CJD) FY 2025 Criminal Justice Program grant for the Socorro Police Department and designate City Manager, Adriana Rodarte as the authorized official.

### **REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION**

1. City Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
2. CFO \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
3. Attorney \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Rudy Cruz Jr.**  
Mayor

**Ruben Reyes**  
At Large

**Cesar Nevarez**  
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District 4

**Adriana Rodarte**  
City Manager

## RESOLUTION 821

**WHEREAS**, the CITY OF SOCORRO finds it in the best interest of the citizens of SOCORRO, TEXAS that the Criminal Justice Program be operated in Socorro, Texas, for the 2024-2025 fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, the CITY OF SOCORRO agrees to provide applicable matching funds for the said project as required by the Criminal Justice Program grant application; and

**WHEREAS**, the CITY OF SOCORRO agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, CITY OF SOCORRO assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full; and

**WHEREAS**, the CITY OF SOCORRO will request funding from the Criminal Justice Program via Grant No. 5029201; and

**WHEREAS**, the CITY OF SOCORRO designates the City Manager as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the CITY OF SOCORRO approves submission of the grant application for the Criminal Justice Program to the Office of the Governor.

Passed and Approved this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025

CITY OF SOCORRO

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rudy Cruz, Jr.  
Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Olivia Navarro  
City Clerk  
Grant Number: 5029201



**Rudy Cruz Jr.**  
Mayor

**Ruben Reyes**  
At Large

**Cesar Nevarez**  
District 1 / Mayor Pro Tem



**Alejandro Garcia**  
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**Irene Rojas**  
District 4

**Adriana Rodarte**  
City Manager

May 30, 2025

**TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**FROM: Alejandra Valadez, City Development Director**

**SUBJECT:**

Discussion and action to update Resolution 822 authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Office of the Governor (OOG), Criminal Justice Division (CJD) FY 2025 Juvenile Justice & Truancy Prevention Grant Program for the Socorro Police Department and designate City Manager, Adriana Rodarte as the authorized official.

**SUMMARY**

The Office of the Governors has requested an update to Resolution 778, approved by the City Council on January 25, 2024, to designate the City Manager as the grantee's authorized official for this grant.

**STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE**

The City of Socorro has submitted a grant application to the OOG Juvenile Justice & Truancy Prevention Grant Program and was awarded \$17,094.21 for the funding of overtime hours and program supplies for the Police Athletics League (PAL), an afterschool police-youth mentorship sports program.

City Council approved Resolution 778 on January 25, 2024. However, the Office of the Governor has requested the change to the City Manager as the grantee's authorized official in the resolution.

As discussed during the January 25, 2024, City Council meeting, the Criminal Justice Division (CJD) solicited grant applications under the Juvenile Justice & Truancy Prevention Grant Program during state fiscal year 2025. The Socorro Police Department has received funding through the Juvenile Justice & Truancy prevention program in the past, which helped to kickstart the PAL program in Socorro. This project will assist in expanding the program to benefit more Socorro youth.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

**Account Code (GF/GL/Dept):** N/A

**Funding Source:** N/A

**Amount:** N/A

**Quotes (Name/Commodity/Price):** N/A

**Co-op Agreement (Name/Contract#):** N/A

### **ALTERNATIVE**

Not approve – City Council will **NOT** approve an updated resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Office of the Governor (OOG), Criminal Justice Division (CJD) FY 2025 Juvenile Justice & Truancy Prevention Grant Program for the Socorro Police Department and designate City Manager, Adriana Rodarte as the authorized official.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**APPROVE** – City Council **will** approve an updated resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Office of the Governor (OOG), Criminal Justice Division (CJD) FY 2025 Juvenile Justice & Truancy Prevention Grant Program for the Socorro Police Department and designate City Manager, Adriana Rodarte as the authorized official.

### **REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION**

1. City Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
2. CFO \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
3. Attorney \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



**Rudy Cruz Jr.**  
Mayor

**Ruben Reyes**  
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District 4

**Adriana Rodarte**  
City Manager

## RESOLUTION 822

**WHEREAS**, the CITY OF SOCORRO finds it in the best interest of the citizens of SOCORRO, TEXAS that the Juvenile Justice & Truancy Prevention Grant Program be operated in Socorro, Texas for the 2024-2025 fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, the CITY OF SOCORRO agrees to provide applicable matching funds for the said project as required by the Juvenile Justice & Truancy Prevention Grant Program grant application; and

**WHEREAS**, the CITY OF SOCORRO agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, CITY OF SOCORRO assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full; and

**WHEREAS**, the CITY OF SOCORRO will request funding from the Juvenile Justice & Truancy Prevention Grant Program via Grant No. 5029401; and

**WHEREAS**, the CITY OF SOCORRO designates the City Manager as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the CITY OF SOCORRO approves submission of the grant application for the Juvenile Justice & Truancy Prevention Grant Program to the Office of the Governor.

Passed and Approved this 5th day of June, 2025.

CITY OF SOCORRO

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rudy Cruz, Jr.  
Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Olivia Navarro  
City Clerk  
Grant Number: 5029401

**Rudy Cruz Jr.**  
Mayor

**Ruben Reyes**  
At Large

**Cesar Nevarez**  
District 1 / Mayor Pro Tem



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District 4

**Adriana Rodarte**  
City Manager

May 30, 2025

**TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**FROM: Alejandra Valadez, City Development Director**

**SUBJECT:**

Discussion and action to update Resolution 823 authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Office of the Governor (OOG), Criminal Justice Division (CJD) FY 2025 Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant Program for the Socorro Police Department and designate City Manager, Adriana Rodarte as the authorized official.

**SUMMARY**

The Office of the Governor has requested an update to Resolution 779, approved by the City Council on January 25, 2024, to designate the City Manager as the grantee's authorized official for this grant.

**STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE**

The City of Socorro submitted a grant application to the OOG Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant Program and was awarded \$32,899.53 to procure 47 bullet-resistant shields to protect Socorro Police officers in the line of duty.

City Council approved Resolution 779 on January 25, 2024. However, the Office of the Governor has requested the change to City Manager as the grantee's authorized official in the resolution.

As discussed during the January 25, 2024 City Council meeting, the Criminal Justice Division (CJD) solicited grant applications under the Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant Program during state fiscal year 2025. The Socorro Police Department has received funding through this grant program in the past. This project will allow the Socorro Police Department to ensure its officers have the protective equipment necessary while ensuring the safety of the public.



### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

**Account Code (GF/GL/Dept):** N/A

**Funding Source:** N/A

**Amount:** N/A

**Quotes (Name/Commodity/Price):** N/A

**Co-op Agreement (Name/Contract#):** N/A

### **ALTERNATIVE**

Not approve – City Council will **NOT** approve an updated resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Office of the Governor (OOG), Criminal Justice Division (CJD) FY 2025 Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant Program for the Socorro Police Department and designate City Manager, Adriana Rodarte as the authorized official.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**APPROVE** – City Council will approve an updated resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Office of the Governor (OOG), Criminal Justice Division (CJD) FY 2025 Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant Program for the Socorro Police Department and designate City Manager, Adriana Rodarte as the authorized official.

### **REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION**

1. City Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
2. CFO \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
3. Attorney \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Rudy Cruz Jr.**  
Mayor

**Ruben Reyes**  
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District 4

**Adriana Rodarte**  
City Manager

## RESOLUTION 823

**WHEREAS**, the CITY OF SOCORRO finds it in the best interest of the citizens of SOCORRO, TEXAS that the Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant Program be operated in Socorro, Texas for the 2024-2025 fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, the CITY OF SOCORRO agrees to provide applicable matching funds for the said project as required by the Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant Program grant application; and

**WHEREAS**, the CITY OF SOCORRO agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, CITY OF SOCORRO assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full; and

**WHEREAS**, the CITY OF SOCORRO will request funding from the Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant Program via Grant No. 5030601; and

**WHEREAS**, the CITY OF SOCORRO designates the City Manager as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the CITY OF SOCORRO approves submission of the grant application for the Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant Program to the Office of the Governor.

Passed and Approved this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.

CITY OF SOCORRO

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rudy Cruz, Jr.  
Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Olivia Navarro  
City Clerk  
Grant Number: 5030601



**Rudy Cruz Jr.**  
Mayor

**Ruben Reyes**  
At Large

**Cesar Nevarez**  
District 1 / Mayor Pro Tem



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District 4

**Adriana Rodarte**  
City Manager

June 2, 2025

**TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**FROM: Alejandra Valadez, City Development Director**

**SUBJECT:**

Discussion and action to authorize Resolution 824 supporting two (2) grant applications to the Texas Department of Transportation's 2025 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) Call for Projects for the "Rio Vista Complete Streets Feasibility Study" and the "Socorro Active Transportation Plan" projects. Socorro's 20% match requirement is eligible to be covered by Transportation Development Credits.

**SUMMARY**

City Council will consider approving a Resolution supporting the submission of two (2) grant applications to TxDOT's 2025 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) Call for Projects. Socorro's 20% match requirement is eligible to be covered by Transportation Development Credits.

**STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE**

The Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects provides funding to plan for and construct a variety of alternative transportation projects that improve safety and mobility for non-motorized travelers and mitigate congestion by providing safe alternatives to motor vehicle transport. Through this call for projects, TxDOT receives applications from communities across the state and provides recommendations for funding to the Texas Transportation Commission.

The City of Socorro will submit two (2) grant applications as follows:

- **Project Title:** "Rio Vista Complete Streets Feasibility Study"
  - **Scope of Work:** The Rio Vista Road Complete Streets Feasibility Study project involves complete streets and universal design planning and 30% PS&E activities for a 3.15-mile corridor along Rio Vista Road and Buford Road in Socorro, Texas. This complete streets planning project will

provide critical connectivity for vulnerable roadway users in Socorro, including pedestrians, bicyclists, ADA travelers, seniors, and schoolchildren. This project will improve mobility and connectivity to K-12 public schools, a community center, City Municipal Courts, the historic Mission Trail District, and a National Historic Landmark site. Planning activities will include feasibility study, community engagement, benefit-cost analysis and 30% PS&E in order to secure future construction funding.

- **Funding Requested:** \$2,445,005.00
- **Match Requirement:** \$0.00 (20% Match to be covered by TDCs)
- **Project Title:** “Socorro Active Transportation Plan”
  - **Scope of Work:** The Socorro Active Transportation Plan project will result in a comprehensive strategic city-wide active transportation plan for the City of Socorro, Texas. This project aims to improve pedestrian and bicyclist transportation options and remove ADA-accessibility barriers while providing a safe, accessible, equitable, and connected active transportation network for our community. This project will deliver a city-wide plan to improve the pedestrian, bicyclist, and ADA network in Socorro, as well as 30% PS&E documents for high-priority network connecting projects as identified through this plan.
  - **Funding Requested:** \$453,825.00
  - **Match Requirement:** \$0.00 (20% Match to be covered by TDCs)

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

**Account Code (GF/GL/Dept):** N/A

**Funding Source:** N/A

**Amount:** \$0.00

**Quotes (Name/Commodity/Price):** N/A

**Co-op Agreement (Name/Contract#):** N/A

## **ALTERNATIVE**

Not approve – City Council will NOT authorize a Resolution supporting two (2) grant applications to the Texas Department of Transportation’s 2025 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) Call for Projects for the “Rio Vista Complete Streets Feasibility Study” and the “Socorro Active Transportation Plan” projects. Socorro’s 20% match requirement is eligible to be covered by Transportation Development Credits.



### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**APPROVE** – City Council **WILL** authorize a Resolution supporting two (2) grant applications to the Texas Department of Transportation’s 2025 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) Call for Projects for the “Rio Vista Complete Streets Feasibility Study” and the “Socorro Active Transportation Plan” projects. Socorro’s 20% match requirement is eligible to be covered by Transportation Development Credits.

### **REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION**

1. City Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
2. CFO \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
3. Attorney \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Rudy Cruz Jr.**  
Mayor

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City Manager

## **RESOLUTION 824**

### **A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S APPLICATIONS TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S 2025 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE (TA) CALL FOR PROJECTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Department of Transportation issued a call for projects in January 2025 for communities to apply for funding assistance through the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the TA funds may be used for development of planning documents to assist communities of any size in developing non-motorized transportation networks. The TA funds require a local match, comprised of cash or Transportation Development Credits (TDCs), if eligible. The CITY OF SOCORRO would be responsible for all non-reimbursable costs and 100% of overruns, if any, for TA funds; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF SOCORRO THAT:**

The CITY OF SOCORRO supports funding these projects as described in the 2025 TA Detailed Applications (including the planning activities, the department's direct state cost for oversight, and the required local match, if any) and is willing to commit to the projects' development, financing, management, adoption and implementation of completed planning documents. The CITY OF SOCORRO is willing and able to enter into an agreement with the department by resolution or ordinance, should these projects be selected for funding.

**DULY PASSED by majority vote of all members of the CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF SOCORRO on the 5th day of June, 2025.**

CITY OF SOCORRO

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rudy Cruz, Jr.  
Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Olivia Navarro , City Clerk



**Rudy Cruz Jr.**  
Mayor

**Ruben Reyes**  
At Large

**Cesar Nevarez**  
District 1 / Mayor Pro Tem



**ITEM 27** **Alejandro Garcia**  
District 2

**Gina Cordero**  
District 3

**Irene Rojas**  
District 4

**Adriana Rodarte**  
City Manager

**May 8, 2025**

**To: City Council Members**

**From: Rober C. Rojas, Chief of Police**

**Subject: Discussion and action requesting an Interlocal agreement between  
Emergency Health Network and the City of Socorro Police  
Department.**

**SUMMARY:**

Chief of Police Robert C. Rojas is requesting discussion and action on approving an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Socorro Police Department and the Emergence Health Network. This agreement is intended to strengthen collaboration and improve response coordination between law enforcement and emergency health services, particularly during mental health crises, people in crisis, and other public safety situations. Emergence Health will assign one certified Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) specialist to work alongside patrol officers in the field as part of the agreement. These positions will be funded through grant resources (4487803), supporting the department's efforts to enhance community safety, expand access to care, and improve overall emergency response effectiveness.

**STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:**

The agreement would allow certified Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) specialists from Emergence Health to assist patrol officers, enhancing field support and crisis response capabilities. These positions would be funded through grant allocations. Approval of this agreement is necessary to formalize the partnership and ensure the integration of mental health expertise into daily police operations.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

**Account Code (GF/GL/Dept): N/A**

**Funding Source: Grant # 4487803 (\$30,821.25)**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval of the proposed agreement and services to the community.

**ALTERNATIVE:**

**N/A**

**REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION**

1. City Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
2. CFO \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
3. Attorney \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



**REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION:**

4. City Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
5. CFO \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
6. Attorney \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOCORRO AND EL PASO  
MHMR D/B/A EMERGENCE HEALTH NETWORK FOR THE OPERATION OF A CRISIS  
INTERVENTION TEAM

This Interlocal Agreement is entered into as of April 21, 2025 (“Effective Date”), by and between the City of Socorro and El Paso MHMR d/b/a Emergence Health Network ( EHN ) for the purpose of implementing and operating a Crisis Intervention Team ( CIT ) in the City of Socorro (“City”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791, Texas Government Code is to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of local governments by authorizing them to contract, to the greatest possible extent, with one another and with agencies of the state; and

WHEREAS, EHN was established as the Local Mental Health Authority („LMHA,”) pursuant to Chapter 533 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, and provides a comprehensive array of mental health services in the City of Socorro; and

WHEREAS, EHN and City desire to explore options for providing safer and more effective responses to dynamic law-enforcement incidents involving persons in suspected mental health crisis and situations involving persons with a diagnosed or suspected mental illness and/or intellectual disability; and

WHEREAS, EHN and City agree that the CIT model is an effective method in responding to law enforcement situations involving persons in suspected mental health crisis and situations involving persons with a diagnosed or suspected mental illness and/or intellectual disability; and

WHEREAS, EHN and City desire to enter into this Agreement to implement the CIT model within the City of Socorro, Texas, and increase the number of persons diverted from incarceration when allowed by statutes;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, the Parties hereto do mutually agree as follows:

1. PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement establishes the procedures and responsibilities of the parties in deploying CIT to assist persons in mental health crisis and persons with a diagnosed or suspected mental illness and/or intellectual disability, and for providing the necessary transportation, equipment, and supplies for joint operation of the CIT and the sharing of information.

2. ASSIGNMENT OF PERSONNEL BY THE SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT

- A. The Chief of Police will select and assign no less than one (1) sergeant officer and no less than one (1) law enforcement officers to the CIT. The officers will be partnered with EHN mental health professionals and shall be deployed to examine, investigate, and handle persons believed to be in a mental health crisis, or persons with a diagnosed or suspected mental illness and/or intellectual disability.



- B. Assigned SPD officers shall:
1. Assist with and/or respond to any patrol request involving a call concerning individuals who may have mental health issues;
  2. Assist EHN case workers with individuals with mental illness and respond to mental health crisis calls from the community;
  3. At least annually, coordinate and/or participate in training for Socorro Police Department ("SPD") and EHN personnel related to mental health. The training must address, at minimum, the following components:
    - a. recognize signs and symptoms of mental illness, substance abuse, and co- occurring mental illness; and
    - b. crisis intervention and de-escalation;
  4. Act as a community liaison between other law enforcement agencies and EHN;
  5. Transport consumers meeting Emergency Detention Order ("EDO") requirements to a facility deemed appropriate by EHN; and
  6. Certify officers as mental health officers pursuant to Texas Commission on Law Enforcement requirements.

3. ASSIGNMENT OF PERSONNEL BY EHN

- A. EHN shall assign no less than one (1) fulltime mental health clinicians to be partnered with Socorro Police Department officer within CIT. The program clinicians shall all be licensed/certified, as per all regulations, to provide services in the State of Texas. Upon request, EHN shall provide the Socorro Police Department with copies of all licensing and certifications for EHN mental health clinicians assigned to the CIT.
- B. Mental health clinicians will work with officers in the field and may be scheduled to work various times, days, and holidays throughout the life of this Agreement. In addition, EHN must provide access to a licensed mental health clinician 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including holidays, for those events where a CIT unit is not available for Crisis Negotiations Team ( CNT ) and/or Special Weapons and Tactics („SWAT-") Team call outs. The clinician must be on scene within one (1) hour of notification of a CNT/SWAT call out.
- C. CIT units shall provide services in the City of Socorro. EHN mental health clinicians shall provide a variety of clinical services for individuals with a diagnosed or suspected mental illness and/or intellectual disability, and assist these individuals, their personal support system, law enforcement, community members, and other social service agencies in understanding and finding solutions to problems that lead to and result from mental illness and severe emotional disorders. EHN personnel shall pass a comprehensive background investigation, as deemed appropriate and provided by the Socorro Police Department.
- D. EHN personnel shall:
1. Subject to Article H of this Interlocal Agreement, EHN personnel shall, to the extent permissible, cooperate, and when necessary, provide statements and/or testimony for criminal, civil and administrative investigations, hearings, and testify in criminal, and civil proceedings.

2. Assist SPD officers in responding to mental health crisis calls and patrol requests concerning individuals who may have mental health issues within the community.
3. Twice annually coordinate and/or conduct training for SPD Officers related to mental health. The training must address, at least, the following components:
  - a. Recognizing signs and symptoms of mental illness, substance abuse, and occurring mental illness; and
  - b. Crisis intervention and de-escalation; and
  - c. Alternatives to incarceration or in-patient hospitalization available in the community for individuals with mental illness.
4. Act as a central source of information on mental health incident reports (other than ILEADS reports).
5. Act as a community liaison between law enforcement and local mental health providers, advocates, and consumers.
6. Upon written agreement by the parties, fulfill any additional responsibilities related to the Program.
7. Provide SPD officers training on the current alternatives to incarceration or in-patient hospitalization available in the community for individuals with mental illness.
8. Enhance communication and coordination between EHN, the SPD, local hospitals, and local courts of jurisdiction through quarterly meetings with these and other local entities that work with individuals with mental illnesses.
9. Coordinate transportation for individuals with mental illness to appropriate facilities where the mental health consumer can receive necessary services, e.g. psychiatric hospitals, crisis respite facilities, etc.
10. Assist officers with obtaining Emergency Detention Orders for individuals requiring an in-patient level of care.
11. Provide encounter data and analysis outcomes to influence and integrate into strategic planning for field operations and smart scheduling based on historical observations.
12. As subject matter experts serve as the lead in the development of presentations, workshops, and or seminars as it relates to mental health, clinical crisis interventions and approaches, crisis-de-escalation, and crisis stabilization for external conferences and community outreach.
13. Ensure that there is a clinical administrator assigned to every shift for clinical staffing and disposition approval.
14. Submit to SPD community welfare checks and follows up for emergent mental health cases of individual and public health concern determined by the local mental health authority.

#### 4. REPORTING

For each CIT unit, the CIT officer shall complete a Daily Activity Report at the end of each shift and will be responsible for completing any other required Socorro Police Department reports. The CIT clinician shall complete all necessary EHN forms for each clients chart. Data compilation and reporting processes will be coordinated between the parties.



## 5. SUPERVISION

A. The SPD will be the lead agency on all law enforcement issues pertaining to CIT operations and structure. EHN will be the lead agency on all mental health oriented non-criminal issues involving assessment and disposition. CIT unit patrols will be supervised through the SPD command structure. EHN will provide a licensed clinician to supervise EHN personnel. EHN administrators will maintain all administrative oversight for EHN staff.

B. The parties will establish a Supervisor Working Group. The purpose of this working group is to provide an established forum wherein issues related to the interaction of the parties can be addressed on an informal basis. The Supervisor Working Group will allow for input from both parties for strategic planning, shift scheduling, and to work toward a leadership consensus on how some issues can be addressed at the operations level. The Supervisor Working Group shall not be considered a governing body under this Agreement, and it shall not have authority to make a binding decision on behalf of the CIT.

C. The Chief of Police and the Chief Executive Officer of EHN, or their designees, may establish informal working groups to facilitate a productive and organized working environment to discuss issues of common interest. No informal working group shall have authority to make a binding decision on behalf of the CIT.

## 6. CONFIDENTIALITY AND SHARING OF INFORMATION

A. All personnel assigned to the CIT shall be knowledgeable and responsible for abiding with the provisions of law pertaining to confidentiality of information related to an individual's mental history and other medical records, and shall comply with all state and federal laws, rules, and regulations in both areas of privacy and security of protected health information.

B. All personnel assigned to the CIT shall be knowledgeable and responsible for abiding with the provisions of law pertaining to confidentiality of information related to the handling of criminal and administrative investigations and law enforcement reports, and other records, and shall comply with all relevant federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations, including, but not limited to, Criminal Justice Information Services ( CJIS ) requirements, as well as Socorro Police Department policies and procedures.

C. The criminal history of an individual will be accessed only by sworn Socorro Police Department personnel and will be made available to EHN personnel only as necessary and appropriate, within the limits allowed by federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations, and in compliance with Socorro Police Department policies and procedures.

D. The mental health history of an individual will be accessed only by EHN clinicians and will be made available to officers assigned to the CIT only as necessary and appropriate and within the limits allowed under state and federal patient privacy laws.

E. EHN clinicians will disclose mental health history information or any other protected mental health information to other personnel within the Socorro Police Department in the following circumstances:

1. In response to a court order, warrant, subpoena, summons, or other process issued by a court.
2. If the clinician believes that the client presents a serious present or imminent danger of violence to self or another person.

F. In accordance with 42 CFR Part 2, EHN clinicians may disclose mental health history information or any other protected mental health information to medical personnel in response to an emergency involving the individual if such disclosure is necessary based upon the clinician's exercise of his or her professional judgement.

G. Unless otherwise provided for by law or separate agreement, any information shared in connection with the CIT by any of the parties may not be further disseminated without the express consent of the party from which the information originated.

H. Each individual party remains responsible for processing any external requests for information related to the CIT that is directed to it, whether such requests are pursuant to federal or state open records laws, discovery in the context of legal proceedings, or otherwise. To the extent such requests encompass information that originated from the other party, the party processing the request shall consult with the party from which the information originated prior to releasing the information. The Chief of Police and CEO of EHN, or their designees, shall be notified of all information requests related to the CIT that are received by either party.

I. The Chief of Police shall designate a specific individual to serve as the primary media point of contact for the CIT. Any statements or releases of information to the media, or responses to media inquiries, on behalf of the CIT shall be made exclusively by the designated point of contact. The parties, however, may independently make a statement or release of information to the media or respond to media inquiries with respect to any activities of the respective agency that relate to the CIT. The Chief of Police will be advised when such a release is to be made by EHN.

## 7. RESPONSIBILITY OF DISPATCHING OF CIT UNITS

A. The CIT units will receive calls directly from Socorro Police Department dispatch when the situation requires. If available, the CIT units will respond to requests from Patrol units when assistance is needed in handling a person suspected of having a mental illness or intellectual disability. Additionally, and as necessary, the CIT units will receive requests from EHN staff. Such requests from EHN will be communicated to a Socorro Police Department CIT supervisor and Socorro Police Department dispatch according to current policy and procedure.

B. While the priority of the CIT units will be to respond to individuals in mental health crisis, there may be situations, as time allows, where CIT units may also receive referral or follow-up requests for CIT units to proactively engage homeless mentally ill persons and attempt to direct them to proper services.

## 8. BARRICADED SUSPECT OR HOSTAGE SITUATIONS

CIT units may be dispatched or called out to a location where a barricaded suspect or hostage situation is involved. The role of CIT units in a barricaded suspect or hostage situation is to provide on-scene mental health history of the individual involved and to act as a resource to the incident commander.



9. TRAINING

Training of CIT personnel shall be a collaborative effort amongst the Socorro Police Department and EHN. Socorro Police Department and EHN management will determine together the curriculum, schedule, and personnel to be trained.

10. COMPENSATION

A. The City shall pay to EHN an amount not to exceed Thirty Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-One and 25/100 Dollars (\$30,821.25) for one (1) mental health clinician for the duration of the Agreement.

B. When an EHN mental health clinician is absent from an assignment for more than ten (10) consecutive workdays, the City will cease being billed for that clinician's salary and benefits beginning on the eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) day of the clinician's absence, unless EHN, at its discretion, assigns another mental health professional to fulfill the duties of the program manager or clinician during the program manager's or clinician's absence. Billing will not resume until the program manager or clinician returns to regular duty.

C. Payments made under paragraphs A and B shall be made to EHN on a monthly basis and shall be due on the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day after receipt of an invoice for services under this Agreement.

D. City will provide primary office space for EHN use at the Socorro Police Department Headquarters or one or more of the various Socorro Police Department Patrol Stations. EHN shall be responsible for any additional office space deemed necessary by EHN. Such additional office space must be compliant with all applicable CJIS requirements.

E. With the exception of cell phones, tactical go-bags, and bulletproof vests, City shall provide all equipment and supplies deemed necessary by the Socorro Police Department for the use of the CIT. EHN shall be responsible for any equipment and supplies needed for any additional office space locations deemed necessary by EHN. Such additional equipment and supplies must be compliant with all applicable CJIS requirements.

F. City shall reimburse EHN for monthly cell phone service used by assigned EHN personnel to perform the duties of the CIT. City shall also reimburse EHN for the necessary purchase of tactical gobags and bulletproof vests.

G. Within seven (7) working days of the execution of this Agreement, liaisons from both parties shall establish formal procedures for the purchase of equipment and/or reimbursement processes.

H. Subject to the payments and reimbursements referenced above, City and EHN agree to assume all personnel costs for their CIT representatives, including salaries, overtime payments, and fringe benefits consistent with their respective agency policies.

I. This Agreement may be subject to the annual appropriation of funds by the City and any external grant funding available to the City. Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, if funds are not appropriated for this Agreement, then the City shall be entitled to immediately terminate this Agreement,

without penalty or liability. City will be responsible for payment of all monies due up through the date of such termination.

J. The parties shall undertake reasonable efforts to identify and obtain sustainable funding, including private and public grants, for future services. The parties agree to share information and/or data to help with the applications for grants. Should either party use the other party for matching funds, the parties agree to ensure that the funds are mutually used to the best benefit of the CIT, subject to the rules or conditions applicable to that grant award.

## 11. TERM AND TERMINATION

A. This Agreement is valid upon the City's receipt of grant funding, and shall commence on the Effective Date of this agreement and terminate on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2025, regardless of the date of execution of this Agreement.

B. This Agreement may be terminated early, with or without cause or for convenience, by either party giving written notice of its intention to so terminate to the other party sixty (60) days before the effective date of termination. City will be responsible for payment of all monies due up through the date of such termination.

C. In the event the parties identify and obtain sustainable funding, including private and public grants, for the coverage of the services provided herein, the parties may either amend this Agreement or terminate this Agreement immediately upon the effective date of a new agreement utilizing said funding.

## 12. PROGRAM AUDIT

This Agreement and its requirements are subject to audit by the parties, and it is their responsibility to conduct an audit whenever they deem it necessary. Such audit shall be at the individual party's expense. Parties shall share information with each other for the purposes of compiling statistics on an annual basis to ascertain the effectiveness and reduced jail rates achieved by the program. The Socorro Police Department agrees to maintain all records relating to the operation of the CIT consistent with Socorro Police Department policies on record retention. EHN client records shall be housed for a period of seven years after contact with the client is terminated.

## 13. QUALITY ASSURANCE

A. EHN shall develop and implement written policies and procedures to evaluate the performance of the terms and conditions of this Agreement and measure client and local stakeholder satisfaction.

B. City will engage in monitoring activities to evaluate the quality of various aspects of service delivery. Some of these activities include but are not limited to the following: a) site visits to evaluate and document various administrative and programmatic requirements; b) review of data reports to evaluate programmatic outcomes; and c) review of general administrative compliance documents. EHN will be required to participate in all monitoring and evaluation activities.



#### 14. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Notices. Unless otherwise provided here in, all notices or other communications required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered personally in hand or sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid and addressed to the appropriate party at the following address or to any other person at any other address as may be designated in writing by the Parties. Notices are effective upon receipt. Parties may change their notice information in the same manner.

CITY	Robert Rojas Chief of Police Socorro Police Department 124 Horizon Blvd. Socorro, Texas 79927
cc:	Adriana Rodarte City Manager City of Socorro, Texas 124 Horizon Blvd. Socorro, Texas 79927
EHN	Kristen Daugherty Chief Executive Officer El Paso MHMR d/b/a Emergence Health Network 201 E. Main Street, Suite 600 El Paso, Texas 79901
cc:	EHN Legal Unit El Paso MHMR d/b/a Emergence Health Network 201 E. Main Street, Suite 600 El Paso, Texas 79901

B. Governing Law. For the purpose of determining the place of agreement and the law governing same, this Agreement, including this Addendum, is entered into in the County of El Paso, State of Texas and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas. The laws of the State of Texas shall govern in determining any evidentiary privileges claimed by the parties. Venue for all causes of action arising from or in connection with this Agreement, including this Addendum, shall be in El Paso County, Texas. The parties agree that the statute of limitations as prescribed under Texas law, including but not limited to Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code chapter 16 (herein, the "Statute of Limitations"), shall govern. Any language prescribing a period less than the Statute of Limitations shall be of no effect.

C. Independent Contractors. The relationship between the parties shall be that of an independent contractor. It is agreed that neither the parties nor any of their personnel shall be considered an employee, agent, partner, joint venture, ostensible or apparent agent, servant or borrowed servant of any other party to this Agreement. Each party remains liable for the acts and omissions of its officers, employees, agents, and representatives and shall also be responsible for any compensation or benefits owed or accruing to its officers, employees, agents, or representatives.

No Private Right Created. This is a cooperative government agreement among the parties and is not intended to confer any right or benefit to a private person or party.

D. No Waiver of Immunity. No Party waives or relinquishes any immunity or defense on behalf of itself, trustees, officers, employees (paid or volunteer), and agents as a result of the execution of this Agreement or as a result of the performance of the functions or obligations described herein.

E. Entire Agreement; Amendment. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties. This Agreement shall not be modified or changed unless the same is in writing and signed by the respective Parties hereto or as permitted by Subsection G, below. All prior negotiations, agreements, and understandings with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement are superseded hereby.

F. Addendums; Memorandums of Understanding. EHN and the City may add addendums or memorandums of understanding („clarifying documents,„) to this Agreement to further clarify this Agreement without further approval of each party s governing board; provided, however, that such clarifying documents must be consistent with this Agreement and may not have any fiscal impact or cost beyond the scope of this Agreement. In the event of any discrepancy between any such clarifying documents and this Agreement, this Agreement shall govern. An official with general authority to approve policies or procedures of that entity shall execute any such clarifying documents.

G. Waiver of Breach. The waiver by either party of a breach or violation of any provision of this Agreement shall not operate as, or be construed to be, a waiver of any subsequent breach of the same or other provision hereof.

H. Severability. In the event any provision of this Agreement is held to be unenforceable for any reason, the unenforceability thereof shall not affect the remainder of the Agreement, which shall remain in full force and effect and enforceable in accordance with its terms.

I. Force Majeure. Neither party shall be held responsible for any delay or failure in performance to the extent that such delay or failure is caused by fire, flood, explosion, war, strike, embargo, government regulation, civil or military authority, acts of God, acts or omissions of carriers, or other similar causes beyond their control.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement in their official capacities, with legal authority to do so.

The City of Socorro

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rudy Cruz, Jr.

Mayor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



AGREED:

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Robert Rojas  
Chief of Police

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

El Paso MHMR d/b/a Emergence Health Network

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Kristen Daugherty  
Chief Executive Officer

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Agency Name:** Socorro, City of**Grant/App:** 4487803 **Start Date:** 10/1/2024 **End Date:** 9/30/2025**Project Title:** FY25 Victim Assistance Program**Status:** Active Grant**Budget Details Information****Budget Information by Budget Line Item:**

CATEGORY	SUB CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL	UNIT/%
Personnel	Advocate	OVERTIME for Crime Victims Advocate-Lorenza Elias. Duties include: intervening in crisis situations to provide a victim needs assessment and analysis, interviewing victims from various socio-economic, cultural, and cognitive functioning levels to provide appropriate referrals and educate victims about the criminal justice process, providing initial support and advocacy, initiating victim compensation applications, and safety plans, provide transportation to victims as needed to appointments, referral services, provide referrals to other victim services available, plan and participate in community relations activities to include Victims' Rights Week, create PSA brochures and materials to educate the general public about victims rights. Overtime requested is \$1,814.49 plus \$186.80 fringe benefits total overtime plus fringe is \$2,001.29	\$1,601.03	\$400.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,001.29	100
Contractual and Professional Services	Non-Substance Abuse-Related Case Management, Forensic Interviews,	Crisis Intervention Team costs, including the provision of a qualified mental health professional to provide victim crisis services on-site and referral services such as mental health professional therapy/ counseling, for victims of crime in Socorro, Texas, via an interlocal	\$34,351.78	\$8,587.94	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$42,939.72	0



**Rudy Cruz, Jr.**  
Mayor

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At Large

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**Alejandro Garcia**  
District 2

**Gina Cordero**  
District 3 / m

**Irene Rojas**  
District 4

**Adriana Rodarte**  
City Manager

**DATE:** May 30, 2025

**TO:** Mayor And City Council Members

**FROM:** Robert C. Rojas, Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:** Discussion and Action: Authorization for Participation in the Texas LESO Program and Approval for the Chief of Police and Mayor to Execute the FY2025 State Plan of Operation

**SUMMARY:**

The Socorro Police Department seeks authorization from the City Council to continue participation in the Texas Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) Program for Fiscal Year 2025. This program, administered by the Texas Department of Public Safety under the U.S. Department of Defense, provides excess military equipment to law enforcement agencies for official use in support of public safety and emergency preparedness.

**STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:**

To remain in compliance with federal guidelines under 10 USC § 2576a, law enforcement agencies must annually submit a signed State Plan of Operation (SPO) between the Chief Law Enforcement Official (CLEO) and the Civilian Governing Body (CGB). This agreement authorizes continued access to the LESO Program and affirms the City's support and oversight. Without formal authorization and the signed SPO, the Socorro Police Department would become ineligible to receive or retain LESO property.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

There is no direct cost to participate in the LESO Program. All equipment is provided at no cost; however, the City is responsible for any associated shipping, maintenance, insurance, training, and compliance costs. These expenditures are managed within the department's existing budget. Participation in the LESO Program results in substantial savings on critical equipment.

**ALTERNATIVE:**

The alternative would be to decline participation in the LESO Program. This would forfeit the department's eligibility to receive cost-free equipment that enhances operational readiness and emergency response capabilities. The department would then need to pursue alternative funding sources or direct purchases to meet equipment needs, resulting in higher costs.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the attached Texas LESO Program application and authorize the Chief of Police and the Mayor, as the Civilian Governing Body Official, to execute the FY2025 State Plan of Operation on behalf of the City of Socorro.

**REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION**

1. City Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
2. CFO \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
3. Attorney \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_





DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY  
DISPOSITION SERVICES  
74 WASHINGTON AVENUE NORTH  
BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN 49037-3092

Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO)  
Application for Participation / Authorized Screeners Letter

(This form is for State/Local Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA) only)

\*Indicates Required Fields

SECTION 1:

\*Agency Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Originating Agency Identifier (ORI) #: (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
\*Agency Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_ \*City: \_\_\_\_\_  
\*State: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ \*NCIC P.O. Box or Address (if different than above i.e., terminal location) \_\_\_\_\_  
\*Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Note: Email is needed for automated system notifications.

Agency MUST have at least 1 full-time officer to participate in the program. Indicate the number of compensated officers with arrest and apprehension authority. Part-time field MUST be filled in: N/A, 0 or - is acceptable. \*Full-time: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Part-time: \_\_\_\_\_

RTD Screener - RTD Screeners MUST be employed by the aforementioned LEA. Individuals identified below may request access to act as an authorized "RTD Screener" on behalf of this Law Enforcement Agency. **Agency MUST have at least 1 RTD Screener.** Enter "XXXXX" or "N/A" into all screener fields not used.

*#1	*Official Title / Rank	*First Name	*Last Name	*Email	*Phone Number	POC (Aircraft/Small Arms/Vehicle)
#2	*Official Title / Rank	*First Name	*Last Name	*Email	*Phone Number	POC (Aircraft/Small Arms/Vehicle)
#3	*Official Title / Rank	*First Name	*Last Name	*Email	*Phone Number	POC (Aircraft/Small Arms/Vehicle)
#4	*Official Title / Rank	*First Name	*Last Name	*Email	*Phone Number	POC (Aircraft/Small Arms/Vehicle)
#5	*Official Title / Rank	*First Name	*Last Name	*Email	*Phone Number	POC (Aircraft/Small Arms/Vehicle)
#6	*Official Title / Rank	*First Name	*Last Name	*Email	*Phone Number	POC (Aircraft/Small Arms/Vehicle)
#7	*Official Title / Rank	*First Name	*Last Name	*Email	*Phone Number	POC (Aircraft/Small Arms/Vehicle)

**SECTION 2:****RESERVED FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY USE ONLY**

**Law Enforcement Agency/Activity** - The LESO Program defines this as a Governmental agency/activity whose primary function is the enforcement of applicable Federal, State and Local laws and whose compensated Law Enforcement officers have the powers of arrest and apprehension.

I certify that my agency meets the definition of a "Law Enforcement Agency/Activity" as described above. I certify that all information contained in this application is valid and accurate. I understand that I must provide my State Coordinator an application to update my agency participant information if the following information changes: a) Chief Law Enforcement Official (CLEO) changes, b) Agency physical address changes, c) RTD Screener additions/deletions, d) that my agency is abiding by the current version of the LESO approved State Plan of Operation (SPO) and any SPO Addendum(s) and e) that my agency has a signed copy of the SPO and any SPO Addendum(s) on file.

I am signing this document as the CLEO of this law enforcement agency.

\*(Check only one): In my official position or as Acting/Interim, I am authorized to sign documents on behalf of the CLEO for this agency. If checked, please provide appropriate documentation (i.e., current department policy, agency memorandum or other suitable documentation that provides such signature authority to the individual holding that official position).

**By signing this application, I certify that my Agency will comply with U.S. Code 2576a for all controlled property, which states; With the authorization of the relevant local governing body or authority, that my agency has adopted publically available protocols for the appropriate use of controlled property, the supervision of such use, and the evaluation of the effectiveness of such use, including auditing and accountability policies; and that it provides annual training to relevant personnel on the maintenance, sustainment, and appropriate use of controlled property. I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Making a false statement may result in judicial actions or prosecution under 18 USC § 1001.**

\*TITLE

\*PRINTED FIRST NAME:

\*PRINTED LAST NAME:

\*EMAIL

\*SIGNATURE

\*DATE

**SECTION 3:****RESERVED FOR STATE COORDINATORS OFFICE USE ONLY**

By signing this application, I certify that as the State Coordinator/State Point of Contact, I have determined that: a) the agency meets the definition of a "Law Enforcement Agency/Activity" as described in Section 2, b) that all information contained in this application is valid and accurate, c) that the LEA is abiding by the current version of the LESO approved State Plan of Operation (SPO) and any SPO Addendum(s) and d) that the LEA has a signed copy of the SPO and any SPO Addendum(s) on file.

\*PRINTED NAME FIRST & LAST

\*SIGNATURE

\*DATE

**SECTION 4:****RESERVED FOR LESO USE ONLY**

**NOTICE FOR DLA DISPOSITION SERVICES PERSONNEL:** Regulatory guidance outlining Screener Identification and Authorization must be accomplished in accordance with DOD 4160.21-M, Volume 3, Enclosure 5, Section 3 (k). In accordance with the aforementioned reference, the LESO Program authorizes the individuals identified in Section 1 of this form to screen excess property at your facilities as authorized participants in the LESO Program. This authorized screener letter supersedes all previously issued screener letters for this Law Enforcement Agency/Activity and is valid only on or after the date signed by authorized LESO signatory. Only two individuals authorized to screen per visit; however, additional personnel may assist receiving material previously screened and approved for transfer.

\*This agency is authorized to screen items via the LESO Program under authorized Agency DODAAC:

LESO Notes:

\*Screener letter is valid one year from this date. Note: After one year from the LESO signatory date, the screener letter is no longer valid. LEAs may request a new screener letter through their SC/SPOC.

\*SIGNATURE



## State Plan of Operation (SPO) between:

### The State of TEXAS and the

*(State/United States Territory)*

*Law Enforcement Agency (LEA)*

**1) PURPOSE** This State Plan of Operation (SPO) is entered into between the State/United States (U.S.) Territory and Law Enforcement Agency (as identified above), to set forth the terms and conditions which will be binding on the parties with respect to Department of Defense (DoD) excess personal property conditionally transferred pursuant to 10 USC § 2576a, in order to promote the efficient, expeditious transfer of property and to ensure accountability of the same.

**2) AUTHORITY** The Secretary of Defense (SECDEF) is authorized by 10 USC § 2576a to transfer to Federal and State Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs), personal property that is excess to the needs of the DoD, including small arms and ammunition, that the Secretary determines is suitable to be used by such agencies in law enforcement activities, with preferences for counter-drug/counter-terrorism, disaster-related emergency preparedness or border security activities, under such terms prescribed by the Secretary. The SECDEF has delegated program management authority to the DLA. The DLA Disp Svcs LESO administers the program in accordance with (IAW) 10 USC § 2576a, 10 USC § 280, DoDM 4160.21 and DLAI 4140.11. The DLA defines “law enforcement activities” as activities performed by governmental agencies whose primary function is the enforcement of applicable federal, State, and local laws and whose compensated law enforcement officers have powers of arrest and apprehension.

**3) GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS** “DoD excess personal property” also known as “items”, “equipment”, “program property”, or “property”. “DLA Disposition Services Law Enforcement Support Office” also known as “1033 Program”, “LESO Program”, “the program”, or “LESO”. “State or U.S. Territory” also known as “the State”, “State Coordinator (SC)”, “State Point of Contact (SPOC)”, or “SC/SPOC”. “Law Enforcement Activities” also known as “agencies in law enforcement activities”, “Law Enforcement Agency (LEA)”, “program participant”, or “State/LEA”.

a) Property made available under this agreement is not for personal use and is for the use of authorized program participants only. All requests for property shall be based on bona fide law enforcement requirements. Authorized participants who receive property from the program will not loan, donate, or otherwise provide property to other groups or entities (i.e., public works, county garage, schools, etc.) that are not otherwise authorized to participate in the program. Property will not be obtained by program participants for the purpose of sale, lease, loan, personal use, rent, exchange, barter, transfer, or to secure a loan. To receive such property, on an annual basis the LEA shall certify that they have:

i) Obtained authorization of the relevant local governing body authority (i.e., city council, mayor, etc.).

ii) Adopted publicly available protocols for the appropriate use of controlled property, the supervision, and the evaluation of the effectiveness of such use, including auditing and accountability policies.

iii) Annual training in place and provides it to relevant personnel on the maintenance, sustainment, and appropriate use of controlled property, including respect for the rights of citizens under the Constitution of the U.S. and de-escalation of force.

b) All costs associated with the transportation, turn-in, transfer, repair, maintenance, insurance, disposal, repossession or other expenses related to property are the sole responsibility of the State/LEA. The State/LEA shall also be responsible to reimburse the U.S Government (USG) for costs incurred in retrieving and/or repossessing property impermissibly transferred by the State/LEA to unauthorized participants.

- c) The State/LEA will maintain and enforce regulations designed to impose adequate security and accountability measures for controlled property to mitigate the risk of loss or theft of property. Program participants shall implement controls to ensure property made available under this agreement is used for official law enforcement use only. The State/LEA shall take appropriate administrative and/or disciplinary action against individuals that violate provisions of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Federal Government and the State/U.S. Territory and/or this SPO, including unauthorized use of property.
- d) All property transferred to the State/LEA via the program is on an as-is, where-is basis.
- e) LESO reserves the right to recall property issued to a State/LEA at any time.
- f) General use of definitions/terms:
  - i) Demilitarization (DEMIL code)-a code assigned to DoD property that indicates the degree of required physical destruction, identifies items requiring specialized capabilities or procedures, and identifies items which do not require DEMIL but may require Trade Security Controls (TSC). Program participants are not authorized to conduct physical demilitarization of property.
  - ii) "Controlled property"-items with a DEMIL code of B, C, D, E, F, G, and Q (with an Integrity Code of "3". Title and ownership of controlled property remains with the DoD in perpetuity and will not be relinquished to the State/LEA. When a State/LEA no longer has a legitimate law enforcement use for controlled property, they shall notify the LESO, and the property will be transferred to another program participating State/LEA (via standard transfer process) or returned to DLA Disp Svcs for disposition.
  - iii) "Non-controlled" property"-items with a DEMIL code of A or Q (with an Integrity Code of "6"). These items are conditionally transferred to the State/LEA and will remain on State/LEA accountable inventory for one year from the ship date. However, after one year from the ship date, DLA will relinquish ownership and title for the property to the State/LEA without issuance of further documentation. During this one year period, the State/LEA remains responsible for the accountability and physical control of the property and the LESO retains the right to recall the property. Participants should return any property in this one year period that becomes excess to their needs or they otherwise determine is not serviceable.
    - (1) The LEA receives title and ownership of DEMIL "A" and "Q6" property as governmental entities. Title and ownership of this property does not pass from DoD to any private individual or State/LEA official in their private capacity. Such property shall be maintained and ultimately disposed of IAW provisions in State and local laws that govern public property.
    - (2) Sales/gifting of DEMIL "A" and "Q6" property after one year from the ship date inconsistent with State/local law may constitute grounds to deny future participation in the program.
    - (3) After one year from ship date, DEMIL "A" and "Q6" property may be transferred, cannibalized for usable parts, sold, donated, or scrapped.
    - (4) Once the property is no longer on the LEA accountable inventory, the property is no longer subject to the annual physical inventory requirements and will not be inventoried during a LESO Program Compliance Review (PCR).
- g) All physical transfers of property require LESO approval. Program participants will not physically transfer property until the LESO approval process is complete. Program participants may request their SC/SPOC approval to temporarily conditionally loan property to another program participant (if mission requires). If the SC/SPOC approves the temporary conditional loan, it shall be done using an acceptable Equipment Custody Receipt (ECR). At the end of the temporary conditional loan, the item (s) shall be returned to the original LEA for accountability. All requests for conditional loans will be based on bona fide law enforcement requirements.



h) The program may authorize digital signatures on required program documentation.

i) The State/LEA is not required to maintain insurance on controlled property, aircraft or other property with special handling requirements that remain titled to DoD. However, the State/LEA will be advised that if they elect to carry insurance and the insured property is on the program inventory at the time of loss or damage, the recipient will submit a check made payable to DLA for insurance proceeds received in excess of their actual costs of acquiring and rehabilitating the property prior to its loss, damage, or destruction.

**4) STATE PLAN OF OPERATION** The State shall:

a) Assist in training LEAs with enrollment, property requests, transfers, turn-ins, and disposal procedures.

b) Adhere to the requirements outlined in the MOA between the Federal Government and the State/U.S. Territory and ensure MOA amendments or modifications are incorporated into this SPO and program participants are notified and acknowledge responsibility to comply with changes.

c) Submit a SPO to LESO that shall address procedures for determining LEA eligibility, allocation, equitable distribution of property, accountability, inventory, training, and education, State-level internal PCRs, export control requirements, procedures for turn-in, transfer, and disposal and other responsibilities concerning property.

d) Enter into written agreement with each LEA, via the LESO-approved SPO, to ensure program participants acknowledge the terms, conditions, and limitations applicable to property. This SPO must be signed by the current Chief Law Enforcement Official (CLEO) (or designee) and the current SC/SPOC.

e) Provide program participants the following information:

i) The LESO Program State POCs:

State Coordinator (SC):

Rolando Ayala

State Point of Contact (SPOC):

John Riddick III

State Point of Contact (SPOC):

Patricia Deaver

State Point of Contact (SPOC):

N/A

ii) SC/SPOC Facility Information:

Physical Mailing Address:

5805 N. Lamar Blvd

Email:

TXLESOPROGRAM@DPS.TEXAS.GOV

Phone Number:

(512) 424-7590

Website:

<https://www.dps.texas.gov/section/texas-leso-program/texas-leso-program>

Hours of Operation:

7:30 AM to 5:00 PM CST

iii) Funding to administer the LESO Program at the State-level is provided via:

iv) The Governor of the State of Texas has appointed the Texas Department of Public Safety to conduct management and oversight of this program. All funding and staffing will be provided by the Texas Department of Public Safety

**5) PROPERTY ACCOUNTING SYSTEM** The State will maintain access to Federal Excess Property Management Information System (FEPMIS) (or current property accounting system), to ensure LEAs maintain property books, to include, but not limited to, transfers, turn-ins, and disposal requests from an LEA or to generate these requests at the State-level and forward all approvals to the LESO for action. The State will:

- a) Conduct quarterly reconciliations of State property records.
- b) Ensure at least one person per LEA maintains access to the property accounting system. Users may be “active” or “inactive” in the system, so long as they are registered. Ensure registered users are employees of the State/LEA.
- c) Ensure LEAs receive and account for property in the property accounting system within 30 days.

**6) LESO WEBSITE** The State shall access the LESO website for timely and accurate guidance, information, and links concerning the program and ensure that all relevant information is passed to the program participants.

**7) ANNUAL TRAINING** 10 USC § 280 provides that the SECDEF, in cooperation with the U.S. Attorney General, shall conduct an annual briefing of law enforcement personnel of each State (including law enforcement personnel of the political subdivisions of each State). Individuals who wish to attend are responsible for funding their own travel expenses. The briefing will include information on training, technical support, equipment, and facilities that are available to civilian law enforcement personnel from the DoD. The state shall provide program participants training material as discussed during the annual LESO training which includes information on property management best practices to include (but not limited to) searching for property, accounting for property on inventory, transfer and turn-in of property when it is no longer needed or serviceable.

**8) ENROLLMENT** The LESO shall establish and implement program eligibility criteria IAW 10 USC § 2576a, DLA Instructions and Manuals and this SPO and retains final approval/disapproval authority for application packages forwarded by the State. Non-governmental law enforcement entities such as private railroad police, private security, private academies, correctional departments, prisons, or security police at private schools/colleges are not eligible to participate. Fire departments (by definition) are not eligible to participate and should be referred to the DLA Fire Fighter program administered by USDA. Law enforcement agencies requesting program participation shall have at least one full-time law enforcement officer. Program property may only be issued to full-time/part-time law enforcement officers. Non-compensated reserve officers are not authorized to receive property. State law enforcement training facilities/ academies may be authorized to participate in the program given their primary function is the training of bona fide State/local law enforcement officers. Law enforcement training facilities/academies will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. The State shall:

- a) Validate the authenticity of state/LEAs that are applying for program participation. Only submit to the LESO those application packages that the SC/SPOC recommends/certifies are government agencies whose primary function is the enforcement of applicable federal, State, and local laws and whose compensated officers have the powers of arrest and apprehension. If the State forwards an unauthorized participant application package, this may result in a formal suspension of the State.
- b) Have sole discretion to disapprove state/LEA application packages in their State. The SC/SPOC should provide notification to the LESO when application packages are disapproved at the State-level.
- c) Ensure that screeners listed in the application package are employees of the LEA. A screener may only screen property for two LEAs. Contractors may not conduct screening on behalf of a LEA.
- d) Make recommendation on what constitutes a “full-time” or “part-time” law enforcement officer.



e) Ensure LEAs update their account information annually, or as needed. This may require the LEA to submit an updated application package. An updated application package shall be submitted for (but is not limited to) the following: a change in CLEO, the addition or removal of a screener, a change in the LEA physical address or contact information, etc.

f) Provide the LEA a comprehensive program overview once approved by the LESO for enrollment. The overview will be done within 90-days of a LEA being approved to participate.

## 9) PROPERTY ALLOCATION

### a) The LESO shall:

i) Upon receipt of a SC/SPOC validated request for property through the RTD website, will review and give preference to requisitions indicating that the requested property will be used in the counter-drug, counter-terrorism, disaster-related emergency preparedness, or border security activities of the requesting LEA. Program participants that request vehicles used for disaster-related emergency preparedness, such as high-water rescue vehicles, should receive the highest preference.

ii) Require additional justification for small arms, aircraft, ammunition, and vehicles and to the greatest extent possible, ensure fair and equitable distribution of property based on current LEA inventory and justification for property.

iii) Reserve the right to determine and/or adjust allocation limits, to include the type, quantity and location of property allocated to the State/LEA. Generally, no more than one item (per part-time/full-time officer) will be allocated. Quantity exceptions may be granted by the LESO on a case-by-case basis based on the justification provided by the LEA. Currently, the following allocation limits apply:

(1) Robots: one (of each type) for every ten officers (full-time/part-time).

(2) High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV)/Up-Armored HMMWV (UAH): one vehicle for every three officers (full-time/part-time).

(3) Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) / Armored Vehicles: two vehicles per LEA.

(4) Small arms: one (of each type) per officer (full-time/part-time).

(a) LESO may authorize over allocations of small arms in preparation for inevitable scenarios, i.e., training, equipment downtime (damage, routine maintenance, inspections) or other law enforcement needs. The chart below is the standard for small arms acceptable over-allocations:

Small Arms Acceptable Over-Allocations	
# of Officers	# by type
1-10	2 or less
11-25	3 or less
26-100	5 or less
101-299	8 or less
300 or more	10 or less

(b) In instances where small arm allocation amounts exceed the “acceptable over-allocation” levels, the LESO will coordinate with States to verify accuracy of the officer count. If small arm allocation is still beyond acceptable levels, LESO may authorize one of the following:

1) an exception to policy, 2) a transfer, or 3) a turn-in.

b) The State shall:

i) Assist the LEA in the use of electronic screening of property via the RTD website and shall access the RTD website a minimum of once daily (Monday-Friday) to review and process LEA requests for property. Property justifications shall be validated to ensure they meet the intent of 10 USC § 2576a as suitable for use by agencies in law enforcement activities. Prior to approving a request or transfer, review the LEAs property allocation report to prevent over allocation.

ii) Upon receipt of a valid LEA request for property, provide a recommendation to the LESO on the preference to be given to those requisitions for property that will be used in counter-drug, counter-terrorism, disaster-related emergency preparedness or border security activities of the recipient agency. Requests for vehicles used for disaster-related emergency preparedness, such as high-water rescue vehicles, should receive the highest preference. The State shall consider the fair and equitable distribution of property based on current LEA inventory and LEA justifications for property. The State shall ensure the type and quantity of property being requested by LEAs is reasonable and justifiable given the number of officers (full-time/part-time) and prior requisitions for similar items they have received (both controlled and non-controlled property). Generally, no more than one of any item per officer (full- time/part-time) will be allocated.

**10) PROPERTY MANAGEMENT** Certain controlled equipment shall have a documented chain of custody (i.e., an acceptable ECR), including a signature of the recipient. Controlled property requiring an ECR: small arms (including parts and accessories), aircraft, vehicles, optics, and robots. It is encouraged to utilize ECRs for all controlled property. LEAs may request cannibalization on aircraft or vehicles. Cannibalization requests shall be submitted to the State for review. Cannibalization must be approved by the LESO prior to any cannibalization actions. The cannibalized end item shall be returned to DLA Disp Svcs within the timeframes determined by the LESO.

a) Aircraft-Aircraft will not be obtained by LEAs for the purpose of sale, lease, loan, personal use, rent, exchange, barter, transfer, or to secure a loan and shall be reported to the LESO at the end of their useful life. All aircraft are considered controlled property, regardless of DEMIL code. Aircraft that are no longer needed or serviceable shall be reported to the General Services Administration (GSA) for final disposition by the LESO Program Aircraft Specialist.

b) Vehicles-Program participants that request vehicles used for disaster-related emergency preparedness, such as high-water rescue vehicles, should receive the highest preference. Vehicles will not be obtained by LEAs for the purpose of sale, lease, loan, personal use, rent, exchange, barter, transfer, or to secure a loan and vehicles that are considered controlled property will be returned to DLA Disp Svcs at the end of their useful life. DLA Disp Svcs Field Activity/Site will identify qualifying DEMIL A or Q6 vehicles and may issue (upon LEA request) a Standard Form (SF) SF-97 to the LEA upon physical transfer of the vehicle. The LEA may modify the vehicle during the one year conditional transfer period.

c) Ammunition-LESO will support the U.S. Army (USA), in allocating ammunition to program participants. Ammunition obtained via the program will be for training use only. At the time of request, the LEA will certify in writing that the ammunition will be used for training use/purposes only. The USA will issue approved transfers directly to the State/LEA. The State/LEA is responsible for funding all packing, crating, handling, and shipping costs for ammunition. The LEA will make reimbursements directly to the USA. Ammunition will not be obtained by LEAs for the purpose of sale, lease, loan, personal use, rent, exchange, barter, transfer, or to secure a loan. Ammunition obtained via the program shall not be sold. Ammunition will be treated as a consumable item and not tracked in any DLA inventory system or inspected during PCRs. LESO shall track and maintain necessary records of ammunition that has been transferred to LEAs and will post all requests, approvals, and denials on the LESO public website.



d) Small arms:

i) Small arms will not be obtained by LEAs for the purpose of sale, lease, loan, personal use, rent, exchange, barter, transfer, or to secure a loan and shall be returned to DLA Disp Svcs at the end of their useful life. Cannibalization of small arms is not authorized.

ii) Temporary modifications to small arms are authorized; permanent modifications to small arms are not authorized (i.e., drilling holes in the lower receiver of a small arm). In cases of temporary modifications, all parts are to be retained and accounted for in a secured location under the original serial number for the small arm until final disposition is determined. If the modified small arm is transferred to another LEA, all parts will accompany the small arm to the receiving LEA.

iii) Small arms will be issued utilizing an acceptable ECR which obtains certain information about the property being issued to include (but is not limited to) the signature of the law enforcement officer who is accepting responsibility for the small arm(s), the serial number of the small arm, the date in which the law enforcement officer took possession of the small arm, etc.

iv) Small arms that are not carried on an officer's person or in the officer's immediate physical vicinity will be secured using "two levels of physical security". Two levels of physical security meaning two distinct lockable barriers, each specifically designed to render a small arm inaccessible and unusable to unauthorized persons. Lockable barriers meeting this description may be either manual or electronic.

v) Program participants no longer requiring program small arm(s) shall request authorization to transfer the small arm to another participating LEA or request authorization to turn-in/return the small arm. Transfers and turn-in requests shall receive final approval from the LESO; small arms will not physically move until the LESO provides official notification that the approval process is complete. When turning-in small arms to Anniston Army Depot, the LEA shall follow LESO turn-in guidance.

vi) Local destruction (DEMIL) of small arms is not authorized.

vii) Lost, Stolen or Destroyed (LSD) small arms:

(1) Program participants with multiple instances of LSD small arms in a five-year window will be assessed by DLA Disp Svcs to determine if a systemic problem exists IAW DLAI 4140.11.

(2) DLA OIG investigations may be initiated if small arms are improperly disposed of or become LSD while in program inventory. The State/LEA may be required to reimburse DLA the fair market value of the small arms when negligence, willful misconduct, or a violation of the MOA between the Federal Government and the State/U.S. Territory and/or this SPO is confirmed at the conclusion of the Financial Liability Investigation of Property Loss (FLIPL).

(a) Reimbursement will be within 60-days of the completion of the FLIPL.

(b) Title will never transfer to the recipient regardless of the status of the small arm.

(c) Payments due to DLA Disp Svcs, based upon the findings of the FLIPL, may be paid by one of three methods: 1) credit card via pay.gov, 2) cashier/ business check, or 3) wire transfer.

(3) In instances of LSD small arm recovery, DoD retains title in perpetuity and the small arm shall be immediately relinquished/surrendered back to the program.

## 11) PROGRAM COMPLIANCE REVIEWS (PCR)

### a) The LESO shall:

- i) Conduct PCRs to ensure that the SC/SPOC, and all LEAs within a State are compliant with the terms and conditions of the program as required by 10 USC § 2576a, the MOA between the Federal Government and the State/U.S. Territory and/or this SPO and any DLA Instructions and manuals regarding the program. PCRs are conducted to ensure property accountability, program compliance, and program eligibility.
- ii) Conduct PCRs for participating States every 2 years, providing training to the State/LEA as needed.
- iii) Reserve the right to conduct no notice PCRs, or require an annual review, or similar inspection, on a more frequent basis for any State/LEA.
- iv) Intend to physically inventory 100% of property selected for review at each LEA during a PCR. The use of ECRs in lieu of physical inspection is discouraged during PCRs. Extensive use of the ECR (without prior coordination with LESO) may result in a non-compliance finding during the PCR.
- v) Intend to review as much property as possible during a PCR.
  - (1) The goal is to review 20% of a State's overall small arms inventory.
  - (2) The goal for inventory selections (at LEAs selected for review) is 15% of an LEAs general property to include non-controlled property (DEMIL code A and Q6).
- vi) Select LEAs not visited during the last three regularly scheduled PCR cycles (as applicable).
- vii) Recommend corrective actions (which may include suspending a State/LEA from program participation) for findings of non-compliance identified during a PCR.
  - (1) The LESO shall issue corrective actions (with suspense dates) to the State, which will identify what is needed to rectify the identified deficiencies within the State/LEA.
  - (2) If the State/LEA fails to correct identified deficiencies within the LESO suspense dates, the LESO may move to restrict, suspend, or terminate the State/LEA from program participation.
  - (3) States found non-compliant for a PCR will be suspended for a minimum of 60-days and will not be reinstated until the State successfully passes a LESO-conducted PCR.
- viii) Ensure the State/LEA understand that property shall be transferred to a participating agency with SC/SPOC and LESO approval or returned to DLA Disp Svcs when no longer needed or serviceable.

### b) The State shall:

- i) Assist the LESO as required, prior to, during and upon completion of the PCR.
- ii) Assist in the coordination of the PCR daily schedule of events and forward the schedule to LEAs that have been selected for review.
- iii) Contact LEAs that have been selected for the PCR via phone, email or in person to ensure they are aware of the schedule and are prepared for the PCR.



iv) Receive inventory selections from the LESO and forward them to the selected LEAs. The State shall ensure the LEA physically gathers the selected property in a central location (to the greatest extent possible) which will allow the LESO to physically inventory the property efficiently during the PCR.

v) Coordinate the use of any ECR with the LESO prior to the PCR.

vi) Ensure LEAs understand property shall be transferred to a participating agency with SC and LESO approval or returned to DLA Disp Svcs when deemed no longer needed or serviceable.

vii) Conduct State-level (internal) PCRs of participating LEAs to ensure property accountability, program compliance and program eligibility utilizing a PCR checklist provided by the LESO, or equivalent (for uniformity purposes).

(1) Ensure a State-level (internal) PCR of at least 8% of LEAs with program inventory is completed annually (3% of which will be focused on program participants with no controlled property). Results of the State-level (internal) PCR will be kept on-file with the State. Documentation shall be provided to the LESO for each LEA that received a State-level PCR.

(2) The State-level (internal) PCR will include, at minimum:

(a) A review of the dually-signed SPO, ensuring it is uploaded to the property accounting system.

(b) A review of the LEA application package to confirm authenticity and eligibility of the LEA.

(c) An inventory of property selected for review at each LEA.

(d) A review of each selected LEA files for any of the following which may include turn- in/transfer DD Form 1348-1A, ECR, small arm documentation, FLIPL documents, exception to policy letters, approved cannibalization requests, or other pertinent documentation as required.

(3) Request that the LESO restrict, suspend, or terminate an LEA based on findings during State- level internal PCR or due to non-compliance with terms of the MOA between the Federal Government and the State/U.S. Territory and/or this SPO, DLA Instruction/Manual or any statute or regulation regarding the program.

(4) Notify the LESO and initiate an investigation into any questionable activity or action involving property issued to a LEA that comes to the attention of the State and is otherwise within the authority of the Governor/State to investigate. Upon conclusion of any such investigation, take appropriate action and/or make appropriate recommendations on restriction, suspension, or termination of the State/LEA to the LESO. The SC may suspend or terminate a State/LEA participation in the program at any time for non-compliance.

**12) ANNUAL PHYSICAL INVENTORY** Each State/LEA is required to conduct an annual physical inventory of all property on the active property book and provide certification in the property accounting system. DEMIL "A" and "Q6" property records will not be closed during the annual physical inventory period.

In the State of TEXAS, the annual physical inventory and certification in the property accounting system process starts on July 1<sup>st</sup> and must be completed by August 31. The State shall:

a) Provide training to LEAs to properly conduct the annual physical inventory and complete the certification of property in the property accounting system.

b) Ensure an approved and current SPO is uploaded in the property accounting system for each LEA.

c) Validate the annual physical inventory certifications submitted by LEAs.

- d) Adhere to annual physical inventory certification requirements as identified by the LESO. Physical inventories and certification statements will be maintained on file IAW the DLA records schedule.
- e) Annually certify property is utilized and is within allocation limits IAW the MOA between the Federal Government and the State/U.S. Territory and this SPO .
- f) Recommend suspension of program participants who fail to complete or submit the certified annual physical inventory.

**13) REPORTING LOST, STOLEN, OR DESTROYED (LSD) PROPERTY** Any property identified as LSD on a LEA current inventory, shall be reported to the State/LESO. A FLIPL (aka the DD Form 200) shall be submitted to the State/LESO for LSD property. Program participants agree to cooperate with investigations into LSD property by any federal, state, or local investigative body and, when requested, assist with recovery of LSD property.

- a) LSD controlled property shall be reported to the State/LESO within 24-hours. Program participants may be required to provide their SC/SPOC additional documentation which may include (but is not limited to):
  - 1) Comprehensive police report, 2) NCIC report/entry, and 3) Contact information for the Civilian Governing Body (CGB) over the LEA involved, to include: Title, Name, Email, and mailing address.
- b) LSD property with a DEMIL code of “A” and “Q6” shall be reported to the State/LESO within 7-days.

**14) RESTRICTION, SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION** Program participants are required to abide by the terms and conditions of the MOA between the Federal Government and the State/U.S. Territory and this SPO in order to maintain active program participation status. If a State/LEA fails to comply with any term or condition of the MOA, SPO, DLA Instruction or Manual, federal statute or regulation, the State/LEA may be suspended, terminated, or placed on restricted status. Restriction, suspension, or termination notifications will be in writing and will identify remedial measures required for reinstatement (if applicable). Suspension-A specified period in which an entire State/LEA is prohibited from requesting or receiving additional property through the program. Additional requirements may be implemented, to include the State/LEA requirement to return specifically identified controlled property. Suspensions will be for a minimum of 60-days. Termination-The removal of a State/LEA from program participation. The terminated State/LEA shall transfer or turn-in all controlled property previously received through the program at the expense of the State/LEA involved. Restricted Status-A specified period in which a State/LEA is restricted from receiving an item or commodity due to isolated issues with the identified item or commodity. Restricted status may also include restricting a State/LEA from all controlled property.

- a) State termination-The SC/SPOC will coordinate with LESO to identify a realistic timeframe to complete the transfer or turn-in of all property. The LESO retains final authority to determine timeframe requirements.
- b) LEA termination-The SC/SPOC will coordinate with LESO to identify a realistic timeframe to complete the transfer or turn-in of all property. The LESO retains final authority to determine timeframe requirements.
- c) In the event of a termination, the State/LEA will make every attempt to transfer the property of the terminated State/LEA to an authorized State/LEA, as applicable, prior to requesting a turn-in of the property to DLA Disp Svcs. In cases that require a repossession or turn-in of property, the State/LEA will bear all expenses related to the repossession, turn-in or transfer of property to DLA Disp Svcs.
- d) The State shall:
  - i) Suspend LEAs for a minimum of 60-days in all situations relating to the suspected or actual abuse of property or requirements and/or repeated non-compliance related to the terms and conditions of this SPO. Suspension may lead to termination. The State shall also issue corrective action guidance to the LEA with



suspense dates to rectify issues and/or discrepancies that caused the restriction, suspension, or termination. The State shall require the LEA to submit results on completed police investigations and/or reports on LSD property to include the LEA CAP. The LESO retains final discretion on reinstatement requests. Reinstatement to full participation from a restriction, suspension or termination is not automatic.

ii) Initiate corrective action to rectify suspensions or terminations of the LEA for non-compliance to the terms and conditions of the program. The State shall also make contact (until resolved) with suspended LEAs to ensure corrective actions are rectified within required timeframes provided by the LESO.

iii) Require the LEA to complete and submit results on completed police investigations or reports regarding LSD property. The State will submit all documentation to LESO upon receipt.

iv) Provide documentation to LESO when actionable items are rectified for the State/LEA.

v) Request that the LESO suspend or terminate an LEA based upon their findings during State-level internal PCR or due to non-compliance with any term of this SPO, DLA Instruction/Manual or any statute or regulation regarding the program.

vi) Notify the LESO and initiate an investigation into any questionable activity or action involving property issued to an LEA that comes to the attention of the State and is otherwise within the authority of the Governor/State to investigate. Upon conclusion of any such investigation, take appropriate action and/or make appropriate recommendations on restriction, suspension, or termination of the LEA to the LESO. The SC may revoke or terminate concurrence for LEA participation in the program at any time.

vii) Provide written request to the LESO for reinstatement of an LEA for full participation status at the conclusion of a restriction or suspension period. Written verification shall be provided that the SC/SPOC has validated the LEA CAP.

**15) RECORDS MANAGEMENT** The LESO, SC/SPOC, and LEAs participating in the program will maintain program records IAW the DLA records schedule. Records for property acquired through the program have retention controls based on the DEMIL code. Property records will be filed, retained, and destroyed IAW DLA records schedule. Records may include but are not limited to: DD Form 1348-1A for transfers, turn-ins, requisitions, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (BATFE) Forms 5 and 10.

#### **16) TRADE SECURITY CONTROL (TSC) and COMPLIANCE WITH EXPORT CONTROL**

**REGULATIONS** Items transferred to program participants, including DEMIL A and Q (with an Integrity Code of 6) property, may be subject to export control restrictions. Program participants shall comply with U.S. export control laws and regulations if they contemplate further transfers of any property. Once title transfers, LEAs should consult with the Department of State (DoS) and Department of Commerce (DoC) export control regulators about the type of export controls that may apply to items, regardless of DEMIL code. Program participants may request a formal Commodity Classification from the DoC, Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS), or submit a general correspondence request to the DoS, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls. Information on managing exports of CCL items can be found at the U.S. DoC Bureau of Industry and Security website. Program participants shall notify all subsequent purchasers or transferees, in writing, of their responsibility to comply with U.S. export control laws and regulations.

**17) NOTICES** Any notices, communications, or correspondence related to this SPO shall be provided by email, the U.S. Postal Service (USPS), express service, or facsimile to the appropriate DLA office. The LESO may (from time to time) make unilateral modifications or amendments to the provisions of the MOA between the Federal Government and the State/U.S. Territory and/or this SPO. Notice of these changes will be provided to the State in writing. Unless the State takes immediate action to terminate the MOA between the Federal Government and the State/U.S. Territory and/or this SPO, such modifications or amendments will become binding. In such cases, reasonable opportunity will (insofar as practicable) be afforded the State/LEA to conform to changes affecting their operations.

**18) ANTI-DISCRIMINATION** By signing or accepting property, the State/LEA pledges agreement to comply with provisions of the national policies prohibiting discrimination: 1) On the basis of race, color, or national origin, in Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d et seq.) as implemented by DoD regulations 32 CR Part 195, 2) On the basis of age, in the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 USC 6101, et seq) as implemented by Department of Health and Human Services regulations in 45 CFR Part 90 and 3) On the basis of handicap, in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, P.L. 93-112, as amended by the Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1974, P.L. 93-516 (29 USC 794), as implemented by Department of Justice (DoJ) regulations in 28 CFR Part 41 and DoD regulations at 32 CFR Part 56. These elements are the minimum essential ingredients for establishment of a satisfactory business agreement between the State and the DoD.

**19) INDEMNIFICATION CLAUSE** The State/LEA is required to maintain adequate liability insurance to cover damages or injuries to persons or property relating to the use of property issued under the program. Self-insurance by the State/LEA is considered acceptable. The USG assumes no liability for damages or injuries to any person(s) or property arising from the use of property issued under the program. It is recognized that State and local law generally limit or preclude the State/LEA from agreeing to open ended indemnity provisions. However, to the extent permitted by State and local laws, the State/LEA shall indemnify and hold the USG harmless from any and all actions, claims, debts, demands, judgments, liabilities, cost, and attorney's fees arising out of, claimed on account of, or in any manner predicated upon loss of, or damage to property and injuries, illness or disabilities to, or death of any and all persons whatsoever, including members of the general public, or to the property of any legal or political entity including States, local and interstate bodies, in any manner caused by or contributed to by the State/LEA, its agents, servants, employees, or any person subject to its control while the property is in the possession of, used by, or subject to the control of the State/LEA, its agents, servants, or employees after the property has been removed from USG control.

**20) TERMINATION** This SPO may be terminated by either party, provided the other party receives a thirty (30) day notice (in writing) or as otherwise stipulated by Public Law. The undersigned SC hereby agrees to comply with all provisions set forth herein and acknowledges that any violation of the terms and conditions of this SPO may be grounds for immediate termination and possible legal consequences, to include pursuit of criminal prosecution if so warranted.

**21) AGREEMENT OF PARTIES** The parties below agree to enter this agreement as of the last date below:

Governor-appointed SC/SPOC, State of: **TEXAS**

Full Name (Print): **Rolando Ayala**

Signature (Sign):  Date (MM/DD/YYYY): **09/09/2024**

Chief Law Enforcement Official (CLEO) (or designee):

Title (Print):

Full Name (Print):

Signature (Sign): Date (MM/DD/YYYY):

Civilian Governing Body Official (CGB) (or designee):

Title (Print):

Full Name (Print):

Signature (Sign): Date (MM/DD/YYYY):



**AN ORDER SCHEDULING AN ELECTION TO BE HELD IN  
THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, ON TUESDAY, THE 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY  
OF NOVEMBER, 2025, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THE CITY OF  
SOCORRO DISTRICT 1 CITY REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 2 CITY  
REPRESENTATIVE, AND DISTRICT 3 CITY REPRESENTATIVE**

BE IT ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS:

**SECTION 1.  
ELECTION ORDERED.**

In compliance with the Charter of the City of Socorro and in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, the City Council hereby orders that a general election be held on November 4, 2025, as authorized by section 41.001 of the Texas Election Code, at which qualified voters residing within the City of Socorro may vote for the purpose of electing the City of Socorro District 1 City Representative, District 2 City Representative, and District 3 City Representative.

The general election shall be conducted by contract with the El Paso County Elections Department. The City Manager is authorized to approve and accept any agreements with the El Paso County Elections Department and to do all other things required for conduct of this Election.

**SECTION 2.  
CANDIDATES**

Candidates may file an application for a place on the election ballot with the City Secretary or designee commencing on July 19, 2025, in the Socorro City Hall, located at 124 S. Horizon Blvd., Socorro, Texas 79927 during regular office hours on regular business days. The filing deadline is 5:00 p.m. on August 18, 2025, pursuant to section 143.007 of the Texas Election Code.

**SECTION 3.  
BALLOT.**

The Socorro City Secretary/City Clerk shall coordinate procedures with the El Paso County Elections Department to ensure that ballots are prepared to be used in said election, on which ballots shall be printed the names of the candidates for the positions of City of Socorro District 1 City Representative, District 2 City Representative, and District 3 City Representative. The ballots, and such other materials as may be required by Chapter 272 of the Texas Election Code, shall be printed in English and in Spanish for use in said general election.

#### **SECTION 4.**

##### **DRAWING FOR PLACES ON THE BALLOT.**

In the event there are two or more candidates for the indicated positions, the order in which the names of such candidates are to be printed on the ballot shall be determined by a drawing to be conducted by the City Secretary. At least 72 hours prior to the date and time on which the drawing is to be held, the City Secretary shall post a notice in the City Hall of the time and place of the drawing which shall remain posted continuously until after the drawing, and shall also give notice to any candidate who makes written request therefor and furnishes to the City Secretary a self-addressed stamped envelope such written notice, or via telephone, if a telephone number is provided on the candidate's application for a place on the ballot, or e-mail, if an e-mail address is provided on the candidate's application for a place on the ballot, pursuant to Section 52.094 of the Texas Election Code. Each candidate involved in the drawing or a representative designated by him or her shall have a right to be present and observe the drawing, pursuant to section 52.094 of the Texas Election Code.

#### **SECTION 5.**

##### **EARLY VOTING CLERKS.**

- (a) The El Paso County Elections Administrator shall serve as the Early Voting Clerk. The official mailing address is:  
500 E. San Antonio Ave., Suite #314  
El Paso, Texas 79901  
Facsimile No.: (915) 546-2220  
E-mail: [ballotrequests@epcounty.com](mailto:ballotrequests@epcounty.com)  
Website: [www.epcountyvotes.com](http://www.epcountyvotes.com)
- (b) The City Secretary of the City of Socorro shall serve as Chief Deputy Early Voting Clerk.
- (c) Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to the Early Voting Clerk at the address, facsimile number, or e-mail address set out in subsection (a) above. The electronic transmission of a scanned application must contain an original signature.
- (d) Applications for ballot by mail must be received, not postmarked, no later than the close of business on October 24, 2025, pursuant to section 84.007 of the Texas Election Code, except as otherwise provided by law. The date of submission of a scanned and e-mailed application for ballot by mail is determined by the date and time the e-mail was sent by the applicant. If an application for ballot by mail is faxed or emailed, the original hardcopy must be received by the Early Voting Clerk no later than the fourth business day after receiving the email or fax for the application for ballot by mail. Late ballot voting shall be conducted pursuant to chapters 102 and 103 of the Texas Election Code.



## **SECTION 6.**

### **EARLY POLLING LOCATIONS.**

Early voting shall be conducted at the locations and on the dates and times set forth in Exhibit “A,” attached hereto and made a part hereof, during the period commencing on Monday, October 20, 2025, and ending on Friday, October 31, 2025.

The early voting locations and times are subject to change, and will be conducted at such early voting polling places, on such date and during the hours, as may be maintained by the El Paso County Elections Administrator.

## **SECTION 7.**

### **ELECTION DAY POLLING LOCATIONS.**

Voting on Election Day shall be conducted at the polling locations set forth in Exhibit “B,” attached hereto and made a part hereof. The Election Day polling locations shall be kept open on November 4, 2025, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Election Day polling locations will be at those maintained by the El Paso County Elections Administrator.

## **SECTION 8.**

### **VOTING SYSTEM.**

- (a) An electronic voting system, as defined in Chapter 121 of the Texas Election Code, shall be used for voting at the polling places at said election and for counting the ballots and the tabulation of the results. The conduct of the election and the use of the electronic voting system shall be in accordance with the Texas Election Code. The voting system shall be accessible to disabled voters, pursuant to Chapter 61 of the Texas Election Code.
- (b) The El Paso County Elections Department, 500 E. San Antonio Ave., Suite #314, El Paso, Texas 79901, is hereby established as the Central Counting Station for the ballots cast in said election.
- (c) An individual having knowledge and experience in the conduct of elections with the electronic voting system for which the Central Counting Station is established shall be appointed by the El Paso County Elections Department as the Manager of the Central Counting Station. The Manager shall be in charge of overall administration of the Central Counting Station and the general supervision of the personnel working at the Station.

- (d) An individual, trained in the operation of the automatic tabulating equipment installed at the Central Counting Station, shall be appointed by El Paso County Elections Department as Tabulation Supervisor. The Tabulation Supervisor shall be in charge of the operation of the automatic tabulating equipment.
- (e) An individual shall be appointed by the El Paso County Elections Department as Assistant to the Tabulation Supervisor. Such assistant shall assist the Tabulation Supervisor in the operation of the automatic tabulating equipment as directed by the Tabulation Supervisor.
- (f) An individual shall be appointed by the El Paso County Elections Department as Presiding Judge of the Central Counting Station. Said individual shall maintain order at the Central Counting Station and shall have such authority as may be prescribed by the Texas Election Code.
- (g) Due returns shall be made to the City Council showing the number of votes cast for each candidate for each office.

**SECTION 9.**  
**ELECTION BY MAJORITY.**

The candidate receiving the majority of votes cast for the office for which he or she is a candidate shall be elected to such office. If no candidate for an office receives a majority of the votes cast for that office, the City Council will order a runoff election for such office, between the two persons receiving the highest number of votes for that office, in accordance with Tex. Const. Art. 11, Sec. 11, and Subchapter B of Chapter 2 of the Texas Election Code.

**SECTION 10.**  
**PROCLAMATION.**

This order shall constitute the proclamation, call, notice and ordinance calling and ordering said election.

**SECTION 11.**  
**PUBLICATION.**

Notice of said election shall be given by publishing a Notice of Election, in English and in Spanish, not earlier than the 30<sup>th</sup> day or later than the 10<sup>th</sup> day before Election Day in a newspaper of general circulation in said City, pursuant to section 4.003(a)(1) of the Texas Election Code.

A copy of this order shall be posted on the City's board used for posting notices of the meeting of the Socorro City Council not later than the 21<sup>st</sup> day before Election Day, and shall remain posted continuously through Election Day, pursuant to section 4.003(b) of the Texas Election Code.



Notice of this election shall be delivered to the County Clerk of El Paso County and the El Paso County Elections Administrator not later than the 60<sup>th</sup> day before Election Day, pursuant to the section 4.008 of the Texas Election Code.

Notice of this election shall also be posted on the City of Socorro Internet website.

**SECTION 12.**  
NOTICE.

That the way and manner of holding said election, the notice to be given therefor, the polling places, the personnel and the officers who are to hold same, and all details connected with the holding of the election shall be provided for and arranged by the City Secretary; that the proper notice and publication of this notice, proclamation, call and ordinance shall be only cumulative of and in addition to the statutory notice of said election as herein provided; and that any omission or irregularity in this notice or in the publication or posting of this notice, proclamation, call and ordinance, or in the signing of same, shall not in any way affect or invalidate such election.

**SECTION 13.**  
CONTROLLING LAW.

That in all respects, said election shall be conducted in accordance with the Texas Constitution, Texas Election Code, the City Charter of the City of Socorro and applicable City of Socorro Ordinances.

**SECTION 14.**  
OPEN MEETING COMPLIANCE.

That it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this order was adopted and said election was called was open to the public and public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

**SECTION 15.**  
EFFECTIVE DATE.

That this election order, proclamation, call and notice shall take effect upon adoption.

CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rudy Cruz, Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_  
James A. Martinez, City Attorney

ADOPTED and EFFECTIVE: \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.



## **EXHIBIT “A”**

### **CITY OF SOCORRO NOVEMBER 4, 2025 ELECTION EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE DAYS AND HOURS**

**Early Voting.** Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted on the attached dates and times and at the following locations, but may be subject to change. The early voting locations will be conducted at such early voting polling places, on such date and during the hours, as may be maintained by the El Paso County Elections Administrator.

## **EXHIBIT “B”**

CITY OF SOCORRO NOVEMBER 4, 2025 ELECTION

**Election Day Voting.** Voting on Election Day shall be conducted at the attached time and locations, but may be subject to change, but will be conducted at such polling places as may be maintained by the El Paso County Elections Administrator.



**Rudy Cruz Jr.**  
Mayor

**Ruben Reyes**  
Representative  
At Large

**Cesar Nevarez**  
District 1/Mayor Pro Tem



**Alejandro Garcia**  
District 2

**Gina Cordero**  
District 3

**Irene Rojas**  
District 4

**Adriana Rodarte**  
City Manager

**DATE:** May 29, 2025

**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members

**TO:** Adriana Rodarte, City Manager

**FROM:** Lorraine Quimiro, City Planner Development Director

**SUBJECT:** Discussion and action to adopt Socorro jAvanzando!, the 2025 - 2028 Transit Development Plan for the City of Socorro.

**SUMMARY:**

The City of Socorro seeks to adopt the Socorro jAvanzando! 2025 - 2028 Transit Development Plan (TDP), outlining strategic transit initiatives through 2028. These initiatives include the continuation of existing programs and the introduction of a new microtransit service.

**BACKGROUND:**

After choosing not to participate in the El Paso Area Transportation Services (EPATS), Local Government Corporation, City Council directed staff to proceed with a study to determine the transit needs for the City of Socorro. With the discontinuation of Sun Metro Route 84, in December of 2024 and the announced discontinuation of EPATS services within Socorro city limits after June 30, 2025, Socorro sought alternatives to maintain public transit access for residents. The Socorro jAvanzando! 2025 - 2028 TDP, prepared in partnership with The Goodman Corporation and Consor, outlines the community's need for quality transit services and a plan for how to implement and operate the recommended transit services.

**STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:**

To enhance mobility and transit service for residents and visitors, the City of Socorro must formalize access to transit funding and implement strategic transit initiatives.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

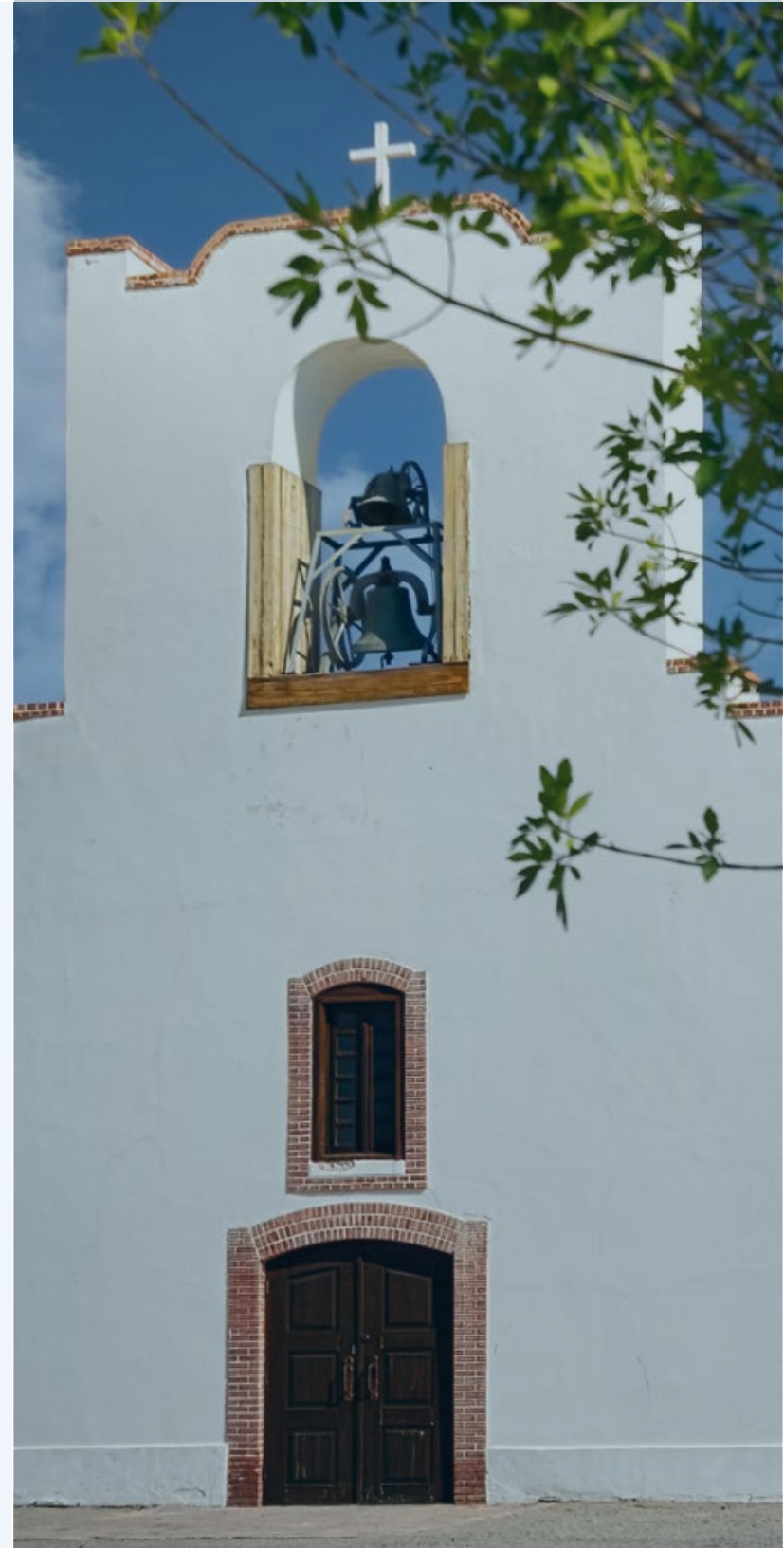
- FY 2025: -\$21k local funds (zero federal)
- FY 2026: -\$109-184k local funds  
(Note: the lower amount if federal funds begin by midway through FY 2026 or the higher amount if either federal funds do not begin until FY 2027 or if Section 5310 Rio Vista grant funds are reduced by the El Paso MPO for FY 2026)
- FY 2027: -\$190k local funds (+ -\$386k federal for capital/operating expenses)
- FY 2028: -\$192k local funds (+ -\$386k federal for capital/operating expenses)

# 2025-2028 TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN



Socorro  
**¡avan>ando!**

**MAY 2025**





# Acknowledgements

## MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

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**Ruben Reyes**, At-Large Representative

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**Alejandro Garcia**, District 2 Representative

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**Irene Rojas**, District 4 Representative

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**Lorraine Quimiro**, City Planner

**Alejandra Valadez**, City Development Director

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**Edward Rodriquez**, Transit Coordinator

**...and everyone else involved in transit and engagement activities!**

## THE CONSULTANT PROJECT TEAM

The City of Socorro hired The Goodman Corporation (TGC) and Consor Engineers through a competitive procurement. The consultant project team provided technical assistance to the City of Socorro for the creation of the Socorro ¡Avanzando! Transit Development Plan and is responsible for the accuracy of the information contained in the plan.



**TGC** has 44-years of history as a Texas-based, transit- and multimodal-focused planning and engineering firm. TGC led the project overall, conducted all quantitative analysis, and created the TDP document.



**Consor** also has 44-years of history and is a national water and transportation infrastructure engineering firm with local community engagement experts in El Paso. Consor led stakeholder and community engagement.

## PHOTOS AND GRAPHICS

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## 2025-2028 TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Socorro ¡Avanzando! Transit Development Plan (TDP) charts the City of Socorro's path for transit through 2028. The TDP project team recommends the City of Socorro (City):

- **Continue** the Rio Vista Transportation Program for older adults and people with disabilities,
- **Support** residents to utilize the county's Vamonos Vanpool for regional commutes, and
- **Establish** a microtransit service – with connections to El Paso Community College (EPCC) Mission del Paso Campus and into Sun Metro's Mission Valley Transit Center (MVTC).

Implementing the recommendations will ensure Socorro has high-quality transit for the next 3+ years, at a sustainable level of local investment leveraging new urban transit federal funding.

### TDP Vision & Objectives

The City of Socorro believes transit is a key element for the community to achieve its vision of fostering economic growth, being a good steward of the environment, and providing a high quality of life for residents and visitors.

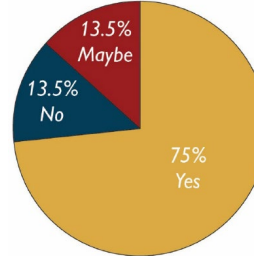
The TDP is the City's independent study of transit potential in Socorro. The project team created the plan so the City could understand how best to improve transit and efficiently utilize limited public resources. The plan prepares the City to provide residents with higher quality transit service than the infrequent fixed routes by El Paso Area Transportation Services (EPATS) – slated for discontinuation after June 30, 2025.

**The TDP completes a key implementation action in the Socorro 2040 Comprehensive Plan.**

### TDP Planning Process

The TDP envisions what transit can and should be by combining a three step analytical process with two rounds of proactive community engagement.

**Do you see yourself or someone in your family using the transit services?**



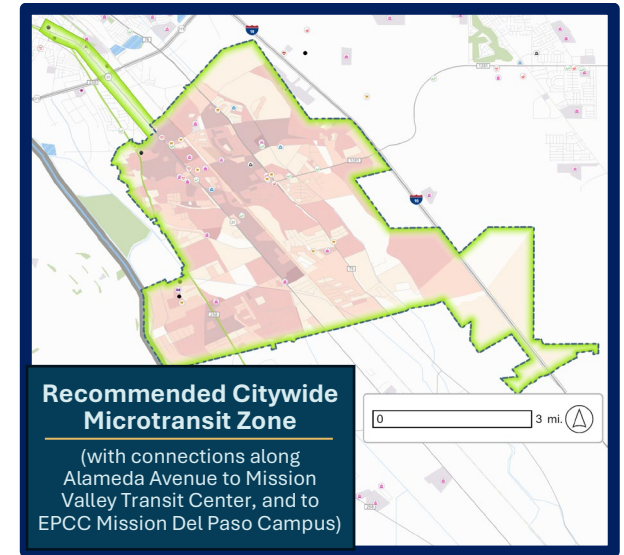
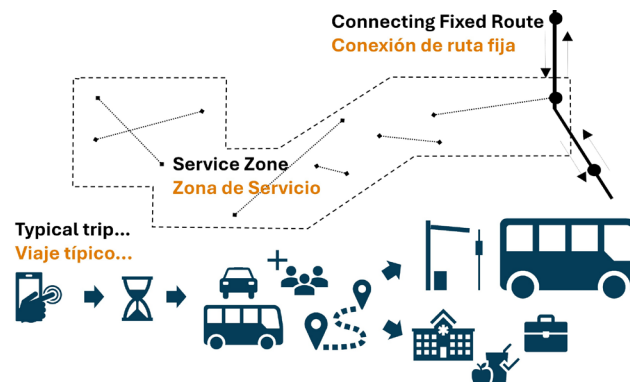
### Recommended Transit Service

The TDP's central recommendation is for the City to establish a new microtransit service on or before July 1, 2025, by directly operating the service using the City's existing vehicle fleet and TripMaster software:

- Monday to Friday (except major holidays)
- 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- **ZERO FARE** (until necessary due to demand)
- Same day trips (limited advance reservations)
- Target of <30 minute wait time for 100% of riders

The City may adapt the service periodically to balance to ridership demand and resources. The TDP also discusses long-term opportunities for the City to consider a (1) premium fare service to connect residents to major regional locations or (2) establishing a fixed route spine + microtransit model if funds prove sufficient.

**Microtransit provides riders with a higher-quality experience over an infrequent, difficult to access fixed route (visualized below).**



### Cost & City Funds Requirement

**The project team conducted detailed modeling to understand the likely cost and performance for the new microtransit service:**

- ~15k riders a year eventually
- ~2 vehicles in service
- ~\$40-45 per vehicle revenue hour
- ~\$250k per year total cost (variable)

**The City's local match requirement:**

- FY 2025: ~\$21k local funds (zero federal)
- FY 2026: ~\$109-184k local funds (lower amount if federal funds begin during FY 2026)
- FY 2027: ~\$190k local funds (+ ~\$386k federal)
- FY 2028: ~\$192k local funds (+ ~\$386k federal)

### TDP Implementation

The TDP contains information on the requisite steps and requirements for the City to implement the recommendations. The two most important steps are to form a Service Expansion Policy (SEP) Agreement with Sun Metro for federal urban transit funding and to become a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Direct Recipient for grant funds.





# Section 1. Introduction

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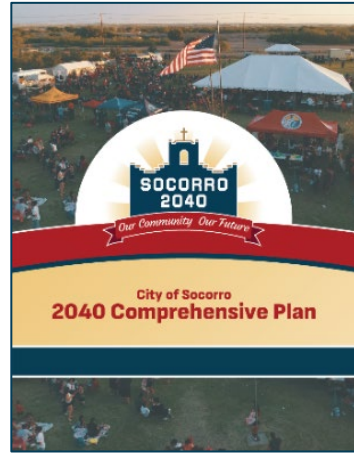
**The City of Socorro created a Transit Development Plan (TDP) to determine the best transit approach to meet the needs of residents, businesses, and visitors, now and into the future.**

Section 1.1 discusses the underlying framework for the TDP, including establishing the TDP vision, objectives, and approach taken for plan development. The section includes a discussion about how this plan relates to the City's *Socorro 2040: Our Community Our Future* comprehensive plan.

Section 1.2 provides a transit-focused community profile, discusses the variety of transit modes potentially relevant in Socorro, and explores existing services and current stakeholder plans for transit.

# 1.1 TDP Framework

The City of Socorro recently completed **Socorro 2040: Our Community Our Future** comprehensive plan. Members of the City Council and the Mayor approved the plan on July 18, 2024.



The City of Socorro believes transit is a key element for the community to achieve its vision of fostering economic growth, being a good steward of the environment, and providing a high quality of life for residents and visitors. The development of a Transit Development Plan (TDP) began work on *Socorro 2040* implementation action #30, “Develop a transit development plan to improve and expand public transportation services.” The City branded the TDP initiative as “**Socorro ¡Avanzando!**.”

The TDP is the City’s independent study of transit potential in Socorro, as a matter of due diligence. The project team created the plan so the City could understand how best to improve transit and efficiently utilize limited public resources. The TDP boldly answers, “What could, and should, transit be in Socorro.” The TDP was also necessary because the existing services, operated by El Paso Area Transportation Services (EPATS) Local Government Corporation, are planned to cease operation by June 30, 2025. The City’s TDP process set out to understand, regardless of operator, how transit can most efficiently and effectively serve Socorro residents’ needs in the future.

## Vision

### **Socorro 2040: Our Community Our Future Vision**

*Socorro is a welcoming community that celebrates diversity, preserves its rich culture and history, and fosters economic growth, environmental stewardship, and a high quality of life for residents and visitors alike. It stands as a symbol of unity and prosperity for future generations.<sup>1</sup>*

### **Developing a TDP Specific Vision**

The Socorro ¡Avanzando! TDP envisions what transit can and should be for Socorro residents, visitors, and businesses by combining robust public engagement with technical analysis. The process followed a logical order of steps and provided educated everyone involved.

The most urgent goal for the TDP process was to understand how the City can support the same level of transit access as operated up to June 30, 2025, by other local governments. The second highest priority goal was growth, meaning to increase the quality of transit to attract and serve more riders by providing a desirable, reliable travel option.

The Socorro ¡Avanzando! Transit Development Plan equips the City and public with a feasible, community-supported course of action to improve public transit. The resulting transit services will provide existing and future riders with a reliable, safe, and dignified travel option within Socorro, to key destinations and the broader transit network in the region. The Socorro ¡Avanzando! TDP also identifies key opportunities to contribute to the City’s progress on many interrelated priorities, such as accessible sidewalks, bikeways, and trails.

<sup>1</sup> <https://costx.us/socorro2040/>



# Objectives

## TDP Specific Objectives

The TDP process had four specific objectives:

### 1. Engage

- 1.1 Proactively engage current riders at their stops to understand their travel options and ideas for how to practically improve transit
- 1.2 Proactively engage community leaders and stakeholders; ascertain their vision for transit in Socorro
- 1.3 Meet the general public at community events and at hosted meetings to provide information, actively listen, and report back

### 2. Educate

- 2.1 Compile lay term information and graphics about the potential transit modes relevant to Socorro
- 2.2 Create intuitive information about existing services: their role within Socorro and in connecting people to the broader region
- 2.3 Evaluate existing services performance compared to peers and identify opportunities for improvement to share with the public

### 3. Envision

- 3.1 Explore in detail the various markets for transit services in Socorro (e.g., people, jobs, key destinations, travel patterns)
- 3.2 Identify potential new or altered fixed routes, on-demand microtransit zones, and other specialized services
- 3.3 Create an evaluation framework and apply it to the transit alternatives to identify potential priorities to review with the public

### 4. Enact

- 4.1 Recommend a spectrum of complementary transit services for Socorro, balanced to available resources in low/medium/high scenarios, and focused on providing all-purpose transit riders with a reliable, dignified mobility option
- 4.2 Identify service delivery options available to the City of Socorro and partners, including implementation steps and monitoring benchmarks and service standards
- 4.3 Create a final Socorro ¡Avanzando! Transit Development Plan to document the entire process and to act as a playbook for improving transit into the future

## TDP Objectives and Socorro 2040

The *Socorro 2040* plan contains goals and policies in six topical areas:

- Growth & Development
- Quality of Life
- Mobility
- Public Services & Infrastructure
- Community Resilience
- Administration & Implementation

The Socorro ¡Avanzando! TDP contributes to the City's progress on many interrelated *Socorro 2040* priorities and goals. **Figure 1**, on the next page, highlights how *Socorro 2040* addresses transit as a means to improve the community.

Mobility Goals & Policies Directly Related to Transit	All Other Goals & Policies Indirectly Related to Transit (i.e., transit improves the thing, or improving the thing improves transit too)
<p><b>“Incentivize the development of multimodal transit hubs in key neighborhood locations.”</b> (Policy MOB-1.a)</p> <p><b>“Enhance and expand public transit services, including buses and shuttles.”</b> (Policy MOB-1.e)</p> <p><b>“Upgrade transit stop infrastructure and integrate technology to improve the user experience and service efficiency.”</b> (Policy MOB-4.b)</p> <p><b>“Bus stops throughout the City are appropriately located to serve the community and have amenities, including shading and seating, to provide safety and comfort for users.”</b> (Goal MOB-8)</p> <p><b>“Approve an annual amount to be dedicated to the planning, design, and construction of bus stops with shading and seating throughout the bus route system.”</b> (Policy MOB-8.a)</p>	<p><b>Housing</b>  <p>“Promote pedestrian and vehicular mobility by designing connections to adjacent uses” (Policy GD-6.c)</p> <p>“Create a Transit-Oriented Development district to encourage mixed-use opportunities around local transit lines” (Policy GD-7.b)</p> <p><b>Economic Development</b>  <p>“Prioritize growth in areas with existing infrastructure or areas where infrastructure can be expanded in a fiscally sound manner.” (Policy GD-10.b)</p> <p><b>Quality of Life</b>  <p>“Parks are well-connected and safe for pedestrians through a cohesive and established pedestrian and bicycle trail network” (Policy QOL-11)</p> <p><b>Mobility</b>  <p>“Establish a citywide network of safety-enhanced multiuse trails... providing access to transit...” (Policy MOB-1.b)</p> <p>“Allocate funds to revitalize existing sidewalk infrastructure, prioritizing high-density neighborhoods.” (Policy MOB-2.a)</p> <p>“Mobility improvements are cost-shared with TxDOT and other potential partners...to facilitate Transit-oriented Developments (TODs)...” (Goal MOB-3)</p> <p>“Redefine roadway infrastructure to accommodate multiple transportation modes, emphasizing a pedestrian-first approach.” (Policy MOB-5.a)</p> <p>“Coordinate with local civic organizations to seek donations or funding, such as dedication of names or organizations on seating, toward the overall costs involved with bus stop amenities.” (Policy MOB-8.c)</p> <p><b>Public Services</b>  <p>“Consider approval of annual funding to be dedicated for the planning, design, and construction of ADA-approved sidewalks and bike paths that can be built in phases until completed throughout the city.” (Policy PSI-9.c)</p> </p> </p></p></p></p>

**Figure 1. Transit-related Goals in Socorro 2040**

The City’s TDP process and the final plan contribute to realizing *Socorro 2040*’s vision to **celebrate** diversity, **preserve** culture and history, **foster** economic growth and environmental stewardship, and **improve** quality of life for everyone – to ultimately **ensure** the City is a symbol of unity and prosperity.

## Celebrate

Transit riders come from all walks of life and ride for various reasons. The TDP process engaged existing riders to identify how they use transit today and their vision for how to improve services in the future. The information was combined with technical analysis about mobility equity so as to celebrate the utility of the existing services for individual riders in Socorro, while also identifying a future where transit better supports individuals with diverse mobility needs and requirements (e.g., age, disability, income, etc.).

## Preserve

The TDP assessed the quality and utility of the existing transit network, which is primarily comprised of fixed routes with some accompanying specialized transit services (e.g., vanpool). The TDP process identified the most successful elements to attempt to preserve in the future. The engagement process included stakeholder interviews and two rounds of proactive community engagement. The engagement also explored Socorro’s current cultural views pertaining to the role of transit. The information directly informed the recommended mix of transit services in the TDP.

## Foster

Transportation is the ultimate shared interest – impacting every person, household, and business. Transportation is also, for most of us, primarily a means to an end (i.e., simply the connection between locations). For a sizable portion of any community the public transit network is an invaluable resource for affordable, independent mobility.



Transit is generally the primary affordable travel mode capable of connecting users over long distances. Many people do walk, roll (i.e., utilize mobility devices), or bike for some local travel. An effective transit network greatly expands an individual's independent reach in their community and region. The City's acceptance and implementation of the TDP will foster economic growth by creating transit services supporting Socorro residents' physical reach by means other than driving or being driven in a personal vehicle. Travel by transit is also generally more environmentally friendly than driving or being driven. Additionally, the TDP explored how the City might leverage various funding sources to implement improvements. Several of the most likely funding sources specifically seek to support transit services fostering economic opportunity and alleviating local congestion.

### Improve

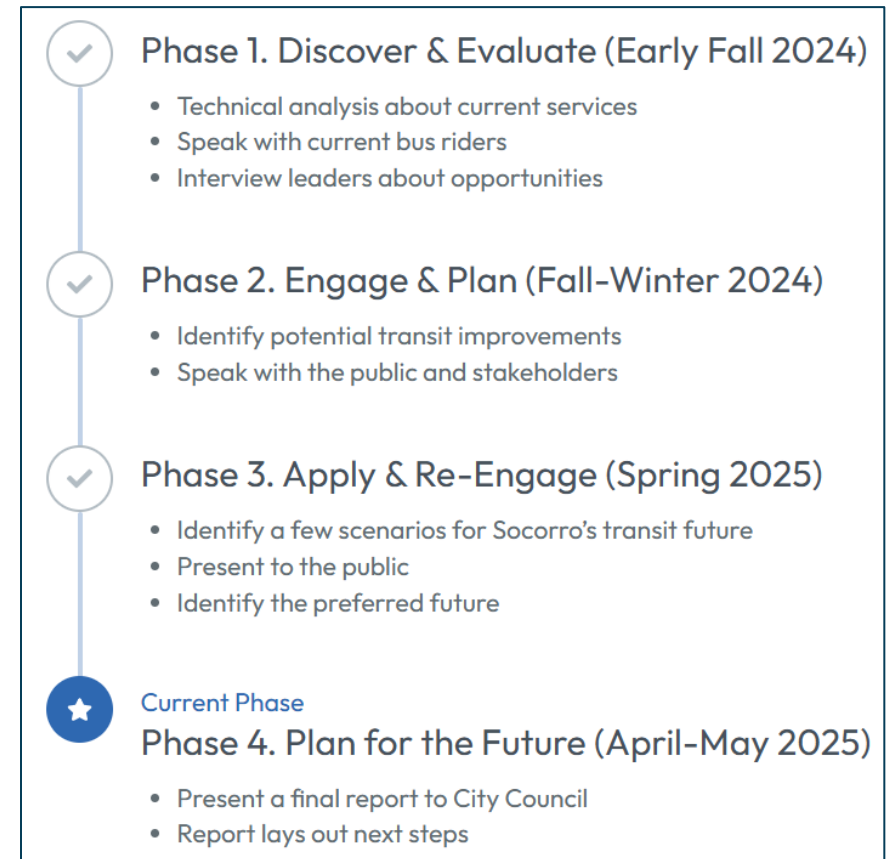
TDP implementation will improve the quality of life in Socorro as the City and partners implement new or improved transit services over the next three plus years. Better transit services will connect more residents and visitors to opportunities in Socorro and the region. Similarly, the City's incremental improvements to sidewalks, bikeways, and trails will provide existing and future transit riders with more safe, comfortable, and dignified access to the community.

### Ensure

The TDP ensures the potential positive impacts of the limited resources available for transit, and multimodal transportation generally, will be leverage as much federal funding as is feasible. The City of Socorro is supporting greater unity and prosperity by creating a transit network better suited to connecting people to the places they want to reach.

## TDP Approach

The project team developed the Socorro ¡Avanzando! TDP by following four project phases (see **Figure 2**). The process included repeated opportunities to hear directly from transit riders, residents, visitors, and organizational stakeholders about their needs and expectations.



**Figure 2.** TDP Project Timeline

This final TDP documents the entire planning process. The TDP provides the City of Socorro and the public with a complete understanding of the basis for the project team's recommendations, including qualitative data engagement data and quantitative technical analysis.

# 1.2 Socorro: Now and Future

**Socorro is growing and changing. To keep moving forward, it is important for the City and partners to better understand the unique challenges and opportunities facing our community when it comes to ensuring high quality transit services. The following profile and key trends in Socorro provide context for the transit recommendations found later in the TDP.**

## Socorro Community Profile

The City of Socorro is home to about 34,000 residents, a 7% increase from 2010 to 2020.<sup>2</sup> The city spans about 22 square miles.

### Is Socorro Rural or Urban?

**Mostly Urban.** The vast majority, 98%, of the City's population resides within the El Paso Urbanized Area (El Paso UZA). The U.S. Census Bureau redefines the boundaries of UZAs every 10 years as part of the decennial census and a region must have 50,000+ residents to be urban. UZAs are important for transit because the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and the State of Texas (State), provide transit funding principally based on a UZA's characteristics and the amount of transit operated within the UZA compared to other UZAs.

While 98% of Socorro residents live in the El Paso UZA, only about 16 of 22 square miles of land area are urbanized – 72% of the land area. So, while Socorro is primarily urbanized, open land and extremely low

density development still exists – leaving room for additional horizontal development (in addition to the option to increase density).

### Do Any Socorro Residents Need Transit?

**Yes.** The following are noteworthy individual and household characteristics that become relevant when discussing transit's future:<sup>3</sup>

- 99.5% of residents are people of color, and 96% of people are of Hispanic/Latino(a) ethnicity
- 57% of the population is employed (63% statewide)
- 15% of the population has a disability (13% statewide); 36% of households have 1+ member with a disability (27% statewide)
- 12% of residents are aged 65 years and older (14% statewide)
- 12% of households are Single Parent Female Headed Households with Own Children Under Age 18 (10% statewide)
- About 3.59 people make up a household (3.26 statewide) and about 26% of the population are under age 18 (25% statewide)
- 10% of population 25 years and older have a bachelor's degree or higher (34% statewide); K-12 school enrollment is on par with statewide rates
- \$47,600 is the median household income (37% lower than \$75,800 statewide)
- 24% of households live in poverty (14% statewide)
- 4.1% of households have no vehicle available (5.5% statewide)
- 28% of people are without health insurance (16% statewide)
- 93% of housing units, of all types, were occupied in 2020
- 80% of households own their home, meaning either outright or have a mortgage (63% statewide)
- \$956 is the median gross rent (32% lower than \$1,413 statewide)

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020 Decennial Censuses, City of Socorro Population

<sup>3</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, City of Socorro profile based on primarily 2020 Decennial Census and 2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, accessed via: [https://data.census.gov/profile/Socorro\\_city\\_Texas?g=160XX00US4868636](https://data.census.gov/profile/Socorro_city_Texas?g=160XX00US4868636)



## How do Socorro Residents Commute Now?

**Mostly Driving.** Most residents of Socorro reach their employment primarily by driving, similar to travel behavior across Texas. However, some residents report they commute by some means other than driving alone. Indeed, the portion of employees commuting by means other than driving alone modestly increased from 2010 to 2020:

### Socorro Residents Commuting in 2010

- 82% driving alone
- 14% carpool
- 2.2% worked at home
- 1.0% of workers commuting by transit
- ~0.9% walk
- ~0.1% bike

### Socorro Residents Commuting in 2022

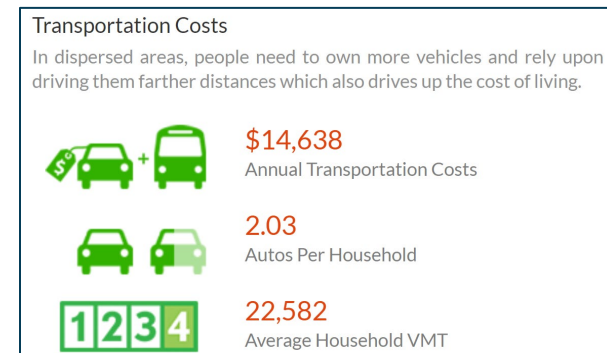
- 78% driving alone
- 15.5% carpool
- 5.6% worked at home
- ~1.1% of workers commuting by transit
- ~0.1% walk
- <0.1% bike

## Are Socorro Residents Cost-Burdened?

**Yes.** Housing and transportation are fundamental household needs and consume a substantial portion of household income in any community. The common housing affordability guideline is if a household spends less than 30% of gross income on housing then their housing is affordable. A similar guideline exists for transportation expenses. Spending less than 15% of income on transportation is considered affordable. Spending more on either expense is considered a burden on a household. Per the Center for Neighborhood Technology's [Housing+Transportation](#) (H+T) Index, the average Socorro household is indeed cost burdened:<sup>4</sup>

- Socorro households spend an average of 26% of income on housing (25% or less considered affordable)
- Socorro households **spend an average 31% of income on transportation** (15% or less considered affordable)

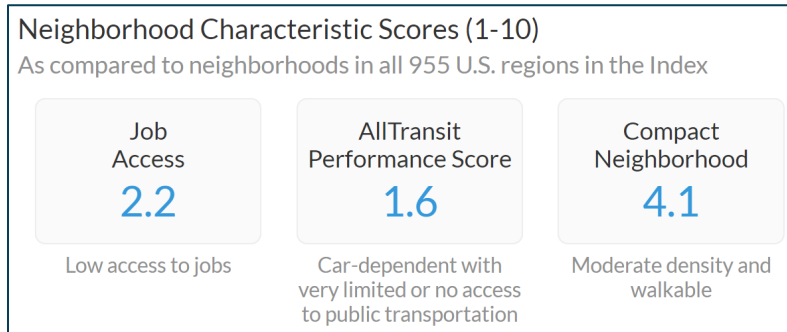
Socorro households spend about 57% of their income on Housing+Transportation, the cost-burden primarily coming from transportation. **Figure 3** summarizes how the average household in Socorro spends \$14,600 on transportation, has ~2 vehicles, and drives ~22,600 miles a year.



**Figure 3.** Socorro Households' Transportation Expenses – 2022 estimate

<sup>4</sup> Center for Neighborhood Technology: H+T Fact Sheet. Accessed via: <https://htaindex.cnt.org/factsheets/?lat=31.654713&lng=-106.30352&focus=place&gid=25651#fs>

As **Figure 4** suggests, there are a few potential reasons why Socorro households may feel pressure to drive so much. The community has moderate density and some walkability but relatively few local jobs. Additionally, time limited and infrequent existing fixed bus routes may inhibit a household's ability to reduce transportation expenses by choosing not to drive.

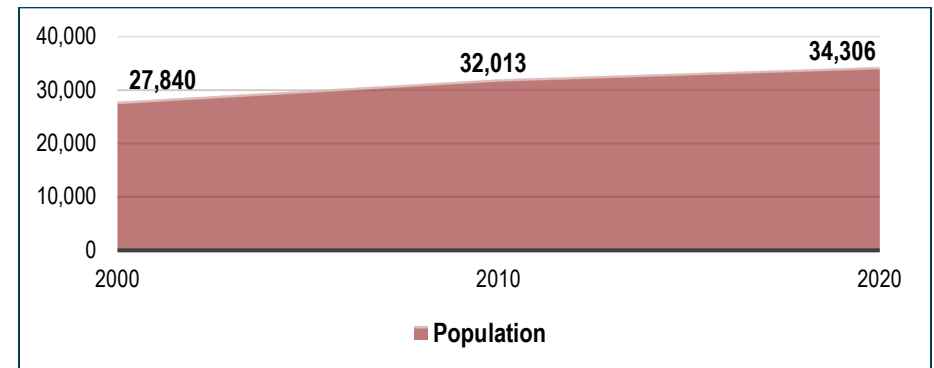


**Figure 4.** Factors Contributing to Socorro Travel Behavior<sup>5</sup>

## Socorro Trends

### Is Socorro Growing in Population?

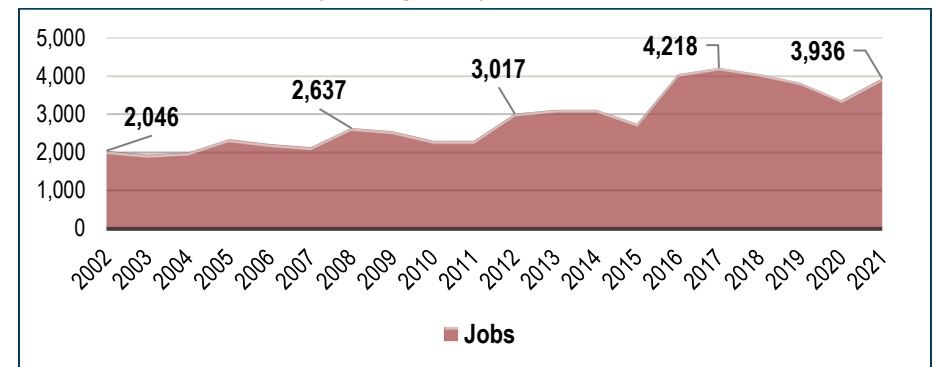
**Yes.** Socorro experienced 23% population increase in the 20-year period from 2000 to 2020 (see **Figure 5**).<sup>6</sup>



**Figure 5.** Population Growth 2000 to 2020

### Is Job Growth Occurring in Socorro?

**Yes.** The number of jobs within Socorro fluctuated but overall increased 92% from 2002 to 2021 (see **Figure 6**).<sup>7</sup>



**Figure 6.** Job Growth 2002 to 2021

<sup>5</sup> Center for Neighborhood Technology: H+T Fact Sheet, City of Socorro. Accessed via: <https://htaindex.cnt.org/fact-sheets/?lat=31.654713&lng=-106.30352&focus=place&gid=25651#fs>

<sup>6</sup> U.S. Census Bureau: 2000, 2010, and 2020 Decennial Censuses

<sup>7</sup> U.S. Census Bureau: Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics



## Where do Socorro Residents Work?

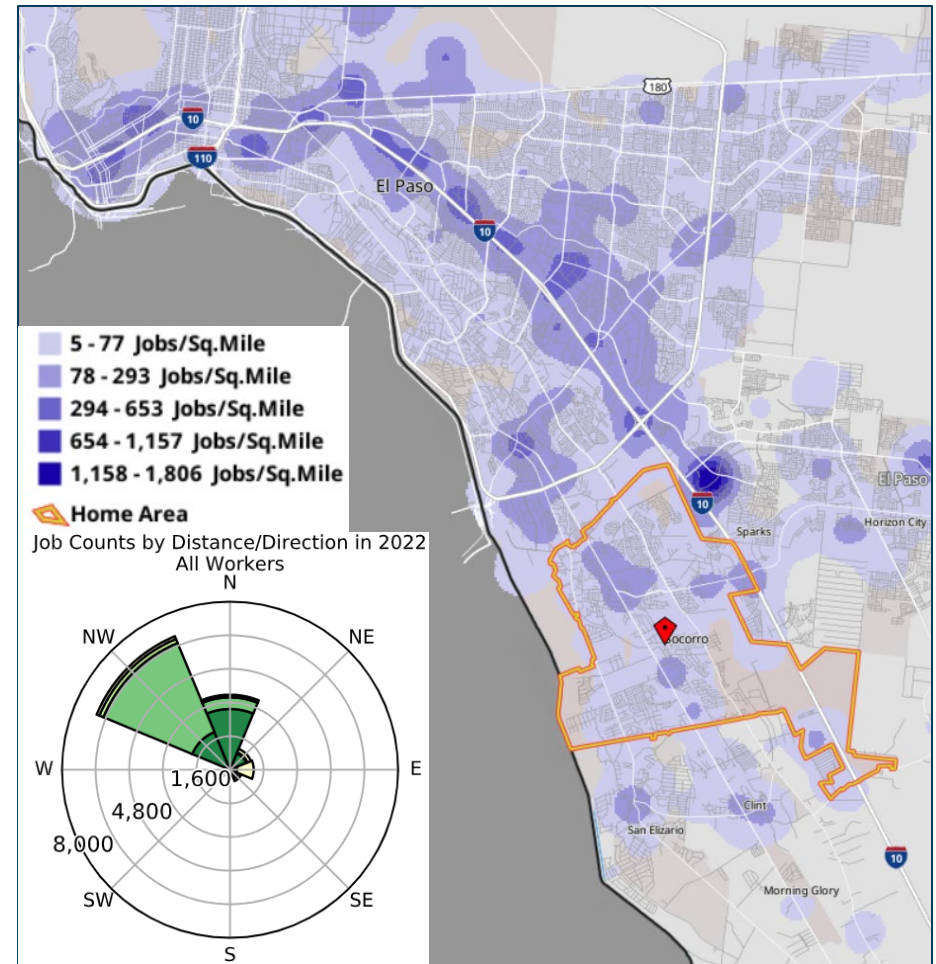
**Mostly Elsewhere.** Only about 5% of Socorro residents live and work in the community; the other 95% of residents work in nearby communities to the north (see **Figure 7**). This trend held true from 2010 to 2022.

### Employment Relative to Socorro in 2010<sup>8</sup>

- 2,700 jobs within Socorro
  - 2,300 of employees came into Socorro from elsewhere
  - 65% male, 35% female employees
  - 33% of jobs pay \$1,250 per month or less
  - Primary industries: Retail trade, transportation & warehousing, construction, wholesale trade
- 11,600 jobs held by residents of Socorro
  - 400 residents lived/worked in Socorro
  - 11,200 residents worked outside Socorro

### Employment Relative to Socorro in 2022

- 5,100 jobs within Socorro
  - 4,400 of employees came into Socorro from elsewhere
  - 57% male, 43% female employees
  - 27% of jobs pay \$1,250 per month or less
  - Primary industries: Retail trade, transportation & warehousing, construction, accommodation & food services
- 13,700 jobs held by residents of Socorro
  - 700 residents lived/worked in Socorro
  - 12,400 residents worked outside Socorro



**Figure 7.** 2022 Work Locations of Socorro Residents<sup>7</sup>

<sup>8</sup> U.S. Census Bureau: Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics. Accessed via: <https://onthemap.ces.census.gov/>



## Section 2. Potential Services & Current Plans

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**This section describes the types of transit services potentially relevant in Socorro, documents the nature and performance of recent services to peers, and discusses existing plans for transit improvements.**

The project team assembled information on recent services and current plans to assist the City to understand how to improve transit for existing riders. The information suggests important characteristics to consider for any new or enhanced transit services in Socorro. The TDP project team reviewed existing plans to improve transit to ensure the TDP planning process explored potential service coordination.



## 2.1 Potential Transit Services

### Transit Modes “Menu”

Transit services can take many forms – called modes. No single transit mode can serve all types of rider demand. Each transit mode has strengths and weaknesses. The following list introduces the primary transit modes considered potentially relevant for Socorro.

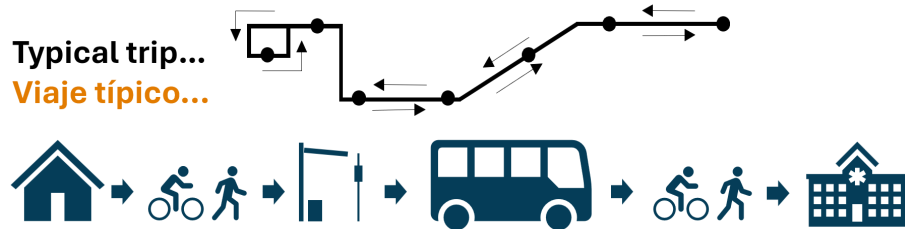
- **Local & Commuter Fixed Routes** follow set routes and schedules and generally serve permanent, planned stops.
  - **Local Routes** focus on connections within communities and generally serve closely spaced stops. Sun Metro operates local bus fixed routes.
  - **Commuter Routes** focus on connections between communities or major activity centers, sometimes with a focus on weekdays at peak hours. El Paso Area Transportation Services (EPATS) has historically reported its fixed routes as commuter bus.
- **Paratransit** is required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) policy to complement local fixed route services. Paratransit offers a curb-to-curb trip for people who live within three quarters-of-a-mile of fixed routes they cannot utilize due to a temporary or permanent disability. Sun Metro’s LIFT is a complementary paratransit service and has been in operation for many years. EPATS established ADA “dial-a-ride” paratransit in Fall 2024.
- **Kiss- & Park-and-Ride Transit** services follow a set schedule connecting parking/drop-off sites (thus the “kiss” name) to a limited set of stops within major activity centers in a region. These services focus almost exclusively on weekdays at peak hours in peak travel directions.
- **On-demand Microtransit** is a curb-to-curb service for the general public for trips within a defined zone; riders make requests via a mobile app or phone call. Microtransit zones can take many forms and be operated in a variety of ways, from cutaway buses to minivans to Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) like Uber, Lyft, Ryde, etc.<sup>9</sup>
- **Specialized Transit Modes** take many forms. The two primary specialized services in Socorro and the broader region are:
  - The City of Socorro’s FTA Section 5310 funded **Rio Vista Transportation Program** for older adults or people with a disability is an example.
  - **Vamonos Vanpool** for groups of employees, sometimes students, willing to coordinate a consistent shared trip using a provided van.

**The following subsections dive a little deeper into each transit mode’s key elements and provide clues for potential application in Socorro.**

<sup>9</sup> Note: Federal and state law require all publicly funded transit services to offer a wheelchair accessible alternative during the same hours and service area as fixed route services. TNC-based microtransit initiatives receiving public funds must include accommodations. This is typically

achieved by a TNC partner working with a subcontractor with accessible vehicles to ensure riders with a disability have equal opportunities.

## Local & Commuter Bus Fixed Routes



Transit following a set route and schedule serving discrete bus stops spaced conveniently along local streets; generally at 60-, 30-, or 15-minute frequency. Local bus service ideally operates 14+ hours per day, seven days a week.

- Most riders walk, roll, or bike to/from fixed route stops – making safe infrastructure for such modes a strong prerequisite.
- Generally, about half of local bus trips involve a transfer to a second bus route to travel in a different direction.
- A modest fare is typically paid.
- Riders make a wide variety of trips, including multistep trips reaching several destinations.
- Transit agencies will occasionally operate fixed routes at frequencies, known as headway, longer than an hour; infrequent routes create long waits for riders and therefore generally perform poorly compared to more frequent routes.

Local bus service succeeds where demand exists, and the built environment is conducive:

- **Demand** is a combination of density (people, jobs, destinations) and varies by community and household. Local bus riders most often are from households with one-or-fewer vehicles or low-moderate income. Most bus riders are employed, many riders

are students, and many riders have a long history of using transit.

- **A conducive built environment** looks like accessible sidewalks along the corridor and, ideally, along cross streets and may also include bikeways. Infrequent signalized intersections, especially along 35+ mph multi-lane streets present significant risk to bus riders who often need to cross streets to make trip connections.

### Important Note: Types of Transit Riders

Transit riders may be thought of in terms of three common patterns of transit use: occasional riders, commuters, and all-purpose riders. All-purpose riders make up the majority of local and paratransit bus ridership. Service frequency and travel time are critical to riders, as is service reliability (being on-time). The *Who's Onboard 2016* report by TransitCenter explains how transit modes and service quality influence riders' choices (*emphasis added*):

*We find three common patterns of transit use: **occasional riders** who take transit once in a while, **commuters** who take transit regularly but only for work, and **all-purpose riders** who take transit regularly for multiple purposes.*

*There is significant demographic diversity within each group... Greater transit access and quality leads to more all-purpose ridership.*

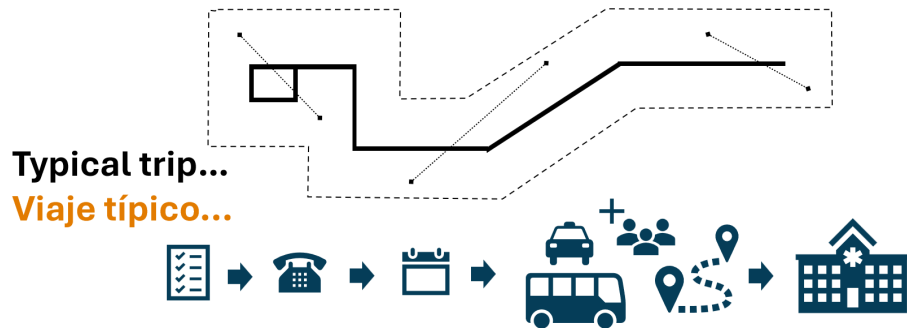
*These categories prove far more illuminating in the real world of transit use than transit-industry dogma that divides people into "choice riders" and "captive riders." **The idea that people without cars are "captive" and will use transit regardless of quality is severely overstated.** It often stands as an implicit excuse for poor service in denser neighborhoods that would use transit the most, lack of market orientation, and over-commitment of resources to chasing "choice" riders...*

*All-purpose ridership is stronger where it's **easy to walk** to transit and where transit itself is **frequent** and provides **access to many destinations**.*

*...The two most important factors driving satisfaction with transit are **service frequency and travel time**. Riders also value station and stop conditions, real-time information, and service reliability.*



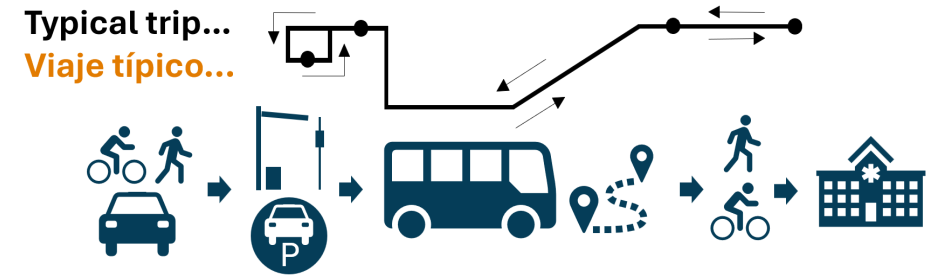
## ADA Paratransit



Paratransit is required by the ADA and FTA policy to complement local fixed route services. Paratransit offers a curb-to-curb trip for people who live within three quarters-of-a-mile of fixed routes but who cannot utilize the fixed service due to a temporary or permanent disability.

- Riders generally schedule trips at least 24-hours in advance and pay a fare.
- Some transit agencies choose to offer paratransit services in an expanded area as a courtesy.
- Paratransit trips are generally the highest cost per trip for transit agencies.
- Paratransit provides an essential form of mobility to eligible, interested people with a disability.

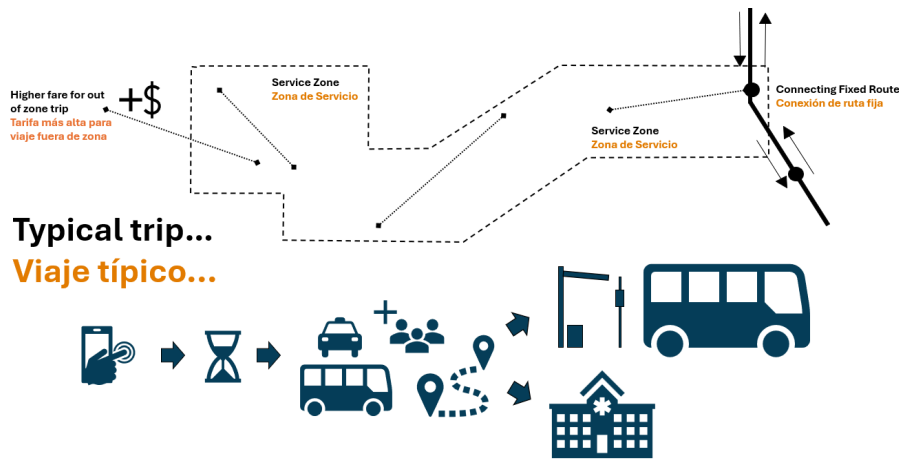
## Kiss- & Park-and-Ride



As the name denotes, **park-and-ride routes are limited stop services focused on connecting riders to concentrated destinations.** While many riders do indeed park and then ride, some riders access the routes via being dropped-off (often called kiss-and-ride), carpooling, or even walking or biking. Riders often pay a zone fare wherein longer distance riders pay a higher fare than closer-in zone riders.

- Park-and-ride riders tend to be people going to/from employment or college destinations at peak travel times on weekdays (typically 6:00 AM to 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM).
- Park-and-ride services naturally limit destinations as the services offer limited origins with stops in only major activity centers.
- Demand for park-and-ride depends on many factors, such as the availability and cost of parking at the destination(s) and congested driving conditions causing long or erratic travel times in the travel corridor.

## On-Demand Microtransit



The “microtransit” term is an umbrella under which many types of zone-based services exist. Microtransit services operate in pre-defined zones. Microtransit riders request trips via a mobile app or by phone. Riders then meet the vehicle at either a defined anchor point the vehicle frequents or at a desired nearby curb location. Once onboard the microtransit vehicle the rider is taken to their destination within the zone, which sometimes is to meet a local bus or park-and-ride bus route at a transfer point.

- The most common terms for this type of service are “on-demand” or lately “microtransit.”
- The service is increasingly common in suburban, small city, and rural environments where density is lower and the built environment less conducive for walking to/from stops.
- The mode capture of a robust microtransit service is generally between 0.2% and 0.90% of all trips occurring on all travel modes in a service zone.
- Microtransit vehicles are often small cut-away buses or accessible vans and rides may be shared by multiple riders.

- Microtransit can operate with hub stops frequented on a schedule or may be purely responsive to demand.
- Technology connecting riders and the operator is essential.

## Specialized Transit Modes

### Section 5310 (e.g., Rio Vista Transportation Program)



FTA funded transit agencies and local governments with Section 5310 funding support services and infrastructure improvements for older adults age 65+ and for people with disabilities.

Section 5310 funded services take a plethora of forms. The City of Socorro has successfully operated the Rio Vista Transportation Program for several years.

- The service offers an accessible ride for point-to-point rides for individuals or groups.
- Section 5310-funded services most often have no fare.
- Trips are generally arranged days in advance by phone, and more recently through a mobile application.
- The services are not necessarily restricted to any particular geographic area or type of destination.
- The local government or non-profit operating the service reports data to a regional entity if in an urbanized area, or to the state department of transportation if in a rural area.



## Vanpool (e.g., Vamonos Vanpool)



**Vanpool is a commuter ridesharing service. Small groups of people traveling to similar places are matched and together form a vanpool.**

- Each vanpool is provided with a leased vehicle matching group size, each rider pays a monthly fee, and one participant is the group's driver (and usually pays less per month as a result).
- The service is designed to ensure riders whose trips cannot be served by bus services efficiently still have a shared ride alternative to owning and operating a personal vehicle.
- Vanpool services often use a variety of vehicles, based on group size and cost preference.
- The distance from origin to destination varies but generally a vanpool's commute is on the longer side.
- It is common for transit agencies to offer a "guaranteed ride home program" to reassure riders they can reach home in an emergency; the guaranteed ride home generally involves providing riders with a taxi or TNC voucher to accommodate unexpected midday or late evening trips – so no riders become stranded.

The image on the right shows some typical Vamonos Vanpool vehicles.



Photo Credit: David Crowder, El Paso Inc.<sup>10</sup>

<sup>10</sup> Image accessed via [https://www.elpasoinc.com/news/local\\_news/new-agreement-with-txdot-keeps-vanpool-rolling/article\\_bd8e8508-47ee-11e4-bf33-001a4bcf6878.html](https://www.elpasoinc.com/news/local_news/new-agreement-with-txdot-keeps-vanpool-rolling/article_bd8e8508-47ee-11e4-bf33-001a4bcf6878.html)

# Recent / Existing Fixed Routes

The City of Socorro is principally served by fixed routes operated by EPATS under the brand name El Paso Transportation Authority (ETA). This section highlights how the existing routes connect riders to opportunity and ETA system performance compared to peers.

## Routes Currently In or Near Socorro

Four fixed routes make up the transit network directly serving the City of Socorro (see **Figure 8** to **Figure 11**). EPATS directly operates three ETA routes – 30, 40, and 50 – and contracted with Sun Metro for Route 84 up until December 31, 2024. EPATS also operates ETA Route 31 near the northern boundary of the City of Socorro. The analysis focuses on ETA Routes 30, 40, 50, and 84.

### Typical Day in 2024 (along entirety of routes)

(Monday-Saturday 4 of 4 routes; Sunday 3 of 4 routes)

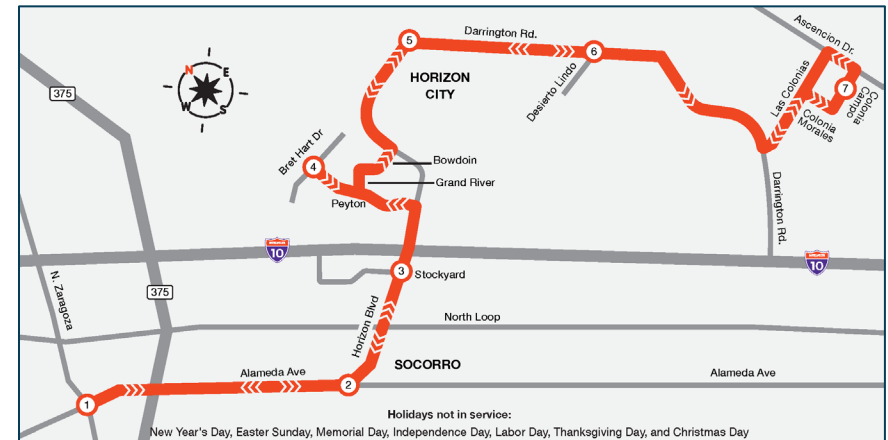
- Service begins at about 6:53 AM and ends at 6:32 PM
- Routes average nine bus trips at frequency of ~79 minutes
- Buses travel ~1,270 revenue miles over ~62 revenue hours
- Services see ~270 riders paying an average fare of \$1.23
- Costs were ~\$4.70 per revenue mile, ~\$104.11 per revenue hour
- Service performance:
  - Operating expense per unlinked passenger trip: \$24.55 (from \$10.38 on Route 84 up to \$140.22 on Route 50)
  - Unlinked passenger trips per revenue hour: 4.24 (from 10.03 on Route 84 down to 0.74 on Route 50)

### EPATS' two-week ridership count in April 2024 determined 55% of passenger trips were related to Socorro:

- 5.7% of system trips from other communities to Socorro
- 15.1% of system trips within Socorro
- 34.5% of system trips from Socorro to MVTC or Super Walmart

Ridership on the entirety of the four routes generates about \$110,000 in fare revenue annually; whereas the routes require approximately \$2.2

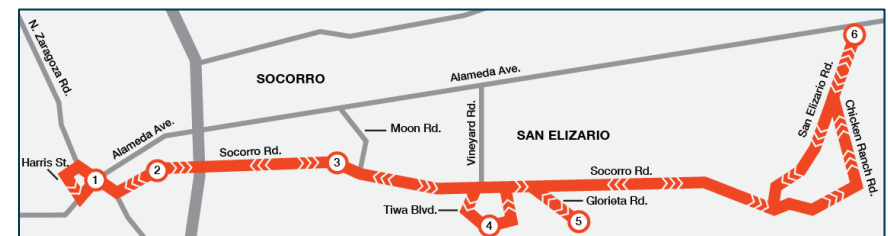
million to operate, not including capital costs for vehicles or stop improvements.



**Figure 8. ETA Route 30**

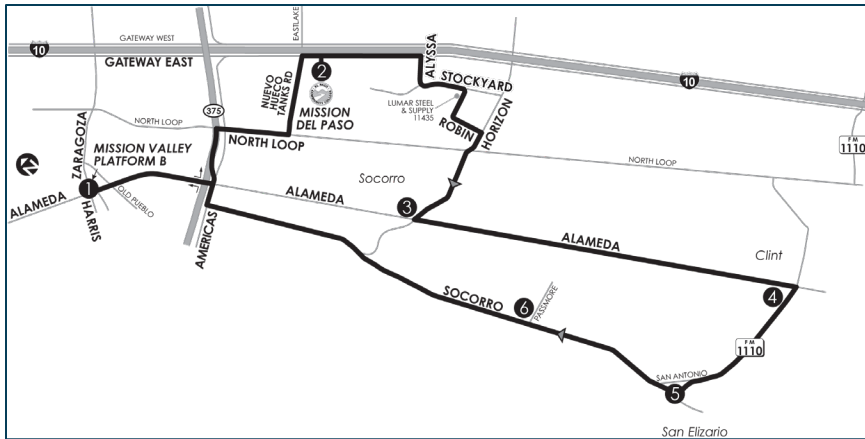


**Figure 9. ETA Route 40 (effective 12/27/2024)**



**Figure 10. ETA Route 50 (effective 12/27/2024)**

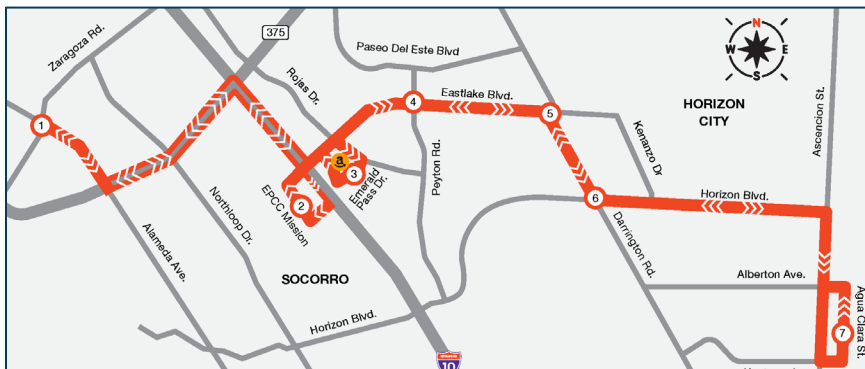




**Figure 11.** Sun Metro Route 84 (ended operation on 12/31/2024)

**Route 84 Elimination.** EPATS contracted with Sun Metro to operate Route 84 for many years. Route 84 operated as a one-way loop at about 90 minute frequency, whereas the EPATS ETA branded routes near Socorro provide access in both directions at generally equal or better service frequency. Route 84’s last day in operation was December 31, 2024.

EPATS chose to end Route 84 and instead extend the daily hours and vehicle trips on ETA Routes 40 and 50 to more closely match Route 84 and continue to operate both Route 30 and 31. Additionally, ETA Route 50 was extended to connect to San Elizario and Clint. The service change took effect December 27, 2024. The four routes collectively cover nearly the entire alignment of the former Route 84, though some riders of the former route must now transfer to complete the same trip. The transfers between routes principally occur at the Mission Valley Transit Center in nearby El Paso. All riders transferring between EPATS and Sun Metro pay both agencies’ fares; whereas before Route 84 riders initially paid Sun Metro and thus could continue into the broader transit system in El Paso for no additional fare.<sup>11</sup>



**Figure 12.** ETA Route 31

### **Route 31 Important Connection to El Paso Community College.**

EPATS also operates ETA Route 31 near the northern boundary of the City of Socorro. Route 31’s primary utility for Socorro residents is the connection to the El Paso Community College (EPCC) Mission Del Paso Campus via a transfer at MVTC in El Paso (see **Figure 12**).

<sup>11</sup> Note: Riders appreciate bidirectional service because trips to/from a destination are more direct, whereas a loop requires riding in a different direction to complete the loop to return to an origin.

# Fixed Route Performance Compared to TX & NM Peers

**Table 1** compares the performance of EPATS' existing services to peers across Texas and New Mexico. The pool of peers includes all 49 agencies with either commuter bus or motor bus (i.e., local bus). The four whisker plots contain each peer agencies' combined fixed route performance.<sup>12</sup>

**Table 1. Peer Performance Comparison – Agency & Route**

CATEGORY	SERVICE EFFICIENCY		SERVICE EFFECTIVENESS		
Performance Measure (directionality)	2023 Operating Expense per Vehicle Revenue Hour (lower is better)	2023 Operating Expense per Unlinked Passenger Trip (lower is better)	2023 Unlinked Passenger Trips per Vehicle Revenue Hour (higher is better)	2023 Unlinked Passenger Trips per Vehicle Revenue Mile (higher is better)	
<div>(whisker plots show the range of performance; the gray box contains 50% of values)</div> <div>Texas &amp; New Mexico Peers</div>					
	\$128.43	\$15.45	10.9	0.8	
	Sun Metro (systemwide)	\$130.35	\$9.10	14.3	1.0
	EPATS ETA (systemwide)	\$101.27	\$29.54	3.4	0.2
DISCUSSION	Sun Metro performs better than most peers.		Sun Metro performs better as well as or better than many peers.	Sun Metro performs better than most peers.	
	Sun Metro and EPATS generally perform services efficiently, with operating expenses per vehicle revenue hour in line with peers.		EPATS' operating expenses per unlinked passenger trip approach double the peer average.	EPATS carries about 1/3 of the riders per hour compared to peers.	
	Route 84 is the highest performing individual route; still lower than peers.		EPATS carries about 1/3 of the riders per hour compared to peers.	EPATS carries about 1/5 of the riders per mile compared to peers.	
	Route 84 is the highest performing individual route; still lower than peers.		Route 84 is the highest performing individual route and nearly achieves parity with peers.	Route 84 is the highest performing individual route; still lower than peers	
ETA Route 30		\$24.03	4.3	0.18	
ETA Route 40	Not applicable	\$29.70	3.5	0.11	
ETA Route 50	(generally similar cost between routes)	\$140.22	0.7	0.06	
Sun Metro Route 84		\$10.38	10.0	0.55	

Note: Routes 30 to 84 values are estimates for a typical day in 2024 based on U.S. Department of Labor: Produce Price Index inflation adjustments to El Paso County Transit District's 2023 NTD values (12-month period June-to-June saw 2.80% increase nationally) and 2024 ridership data by route from EPATS for ETA routes, as presented in the September 2024 board meeting for the EPATS Local Government Corporation.

<sup>12</sup> Outlier values beyond three standard deviations are excluded. The data is from FTA's urban National Transit Databases (NTD). Sun Metro and EPATs values are not included in the whisker plots.



# Existing Specialized Transit

## Rio Vista Transportation Program

**FREE**, on-demand, curbside, ADA-accessible transportation program

for seniors, people with disabilities, and people with mobility issues residing in Socorro, Texas



The City of Socorro's **Rio Vista Transportation Program** (Rio Vista) is a successful service focused on connecting older adults and people with disabilities to a variety of destinations, most notably congregant meals at a community center. The City receives FTA Section 5310 funding through the El Paso MPO to support a portion of the service's cost.

### A Typical Week in 2024...

- Service available Monday to Saturday, 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM
  - (expanding soon to 6:00 AM)
- About 30 unlinked passenger trips each week
- Most trips are within Socorro but a portion of riders connect to Horizon City, San Elizario, El Paso, etc.
- Common destinations support daily living, such as parks, churches, banks, medical establishments, and social outings.

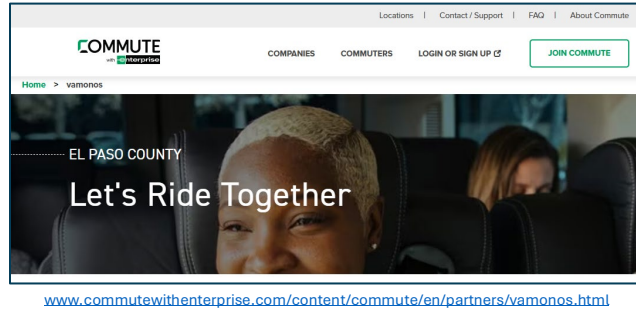


The TDP project team understands that the City intends to support the program long-term. The City recently took delivery of additional vehicles for the program. The City's grant applications to the El Paso MPO note the goal to increase Rio Vista's year-over-year ridership by 15% from 2024 to 2026.<sup>13</sup> The City is also in the process of receiving grant funds to support two additional transit-focused staff and is implementing TripMaster software for the program.

***The TDP focuses on additional transit services, such as fixed routes or microtransit, but the project team also recommends sustaining the Rio Vista 5310-funded program.***

<sup>13</sup> Presentation by City of Socorro to the West Texas El Paso Regional Transportation Coordination Committee (WTPEC) on August 8, 2024

## Vamonos Vanpool



El Paso County offers residents county-wide the opportunity to use Vamonos Vanpool to commute. The purpose of the Vamonos Vanpool program is, *“to reduce the number of single occupant vehicles on the highway during rush hour and provide an alternative means of commuting to and from work. ... The Vanpool Program will provide for trips that have their origin or destination within the jurisdictional boundaries of El Paso County.”*<sup>14</sup>

EPC contracts for the Vamonos vanpool service with Enterprise (known as EAN Holdings, LLC in the formal contract). The original contract became effective on January 1, 2021, and was active through January 1, 2024. The contract allowed for two one-year extensions. EPC has exercised the option to extend the service through at least January 1, 2025. It was unclear at the time of this report whether EPC extended the contract again to January 1, 2026.

Pertinent contract details for current and potential riders:

- Vanpool vehicles typically have 7 to 15 seats (incl. driver)
- Individuals making inquiries to create a new vanpool or to join an existing vanpool should have a ride-matching response from Enterprise within 48 hours.

- Vanpool riders are to have an “Emergency Ride Home Benefit”; meaning that if a rider unexpectedly must leave work to travel home then an accommodation on another mode of transit (often a taxi, Uber, or Lyft) is provided.

Figure 13 is a website clip about the benefits of vanpooling.

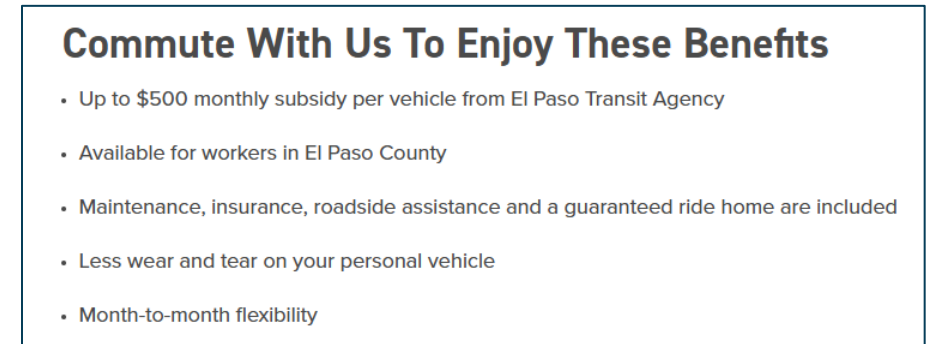


Figure 13. Vamonos Vanpool - Website Clip on Vanpool Benefits<sup>15</sup>

The County’s contract with Enterprise details the type of information to be reported monthly, including the following for each vanpool:

- Vehicle type/capacity
- Operating days
- Daily commute miles
- Origin address
- Stop locations
- Destination address

The City of Socorro will periodically update the TDP, at least every three years, and will again seek additional information from EPC for specifics about actual vanpool travel patterns. If provided in the future, the information will enable the Socorro ¡Avanzando! TDP to explore additional opportunities to leverage Vamonos Vanpool for connections to major activity centers or large employers in remote areas.

<sup>14</sup> Services agreement contract between EPC and EAN Holdings, LLC. Page 2.

<sup>15</sup> Vamonos Vanpool website:  
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## 2.2 Current Plans for Transit

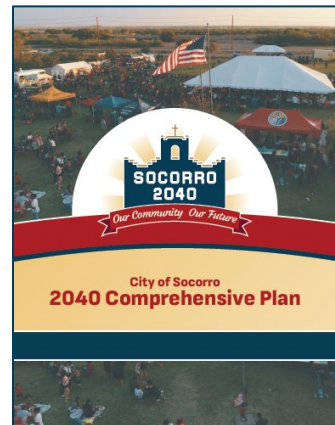
Section 2.2 highlights key elements of current plans by the City, El Paso County, Sun Metro, and the Far West Texas / El Paso Regional Transportation Coordination Committee.

### City of Socorro

#### 2040 Comprehensive Plan

The earlier [TDP Objectives and Socorro 2040](#) section of the plan documented how the Socorro ¡Avanzando! TDP relates to the City's *Socorro 2040* plan. The TDP's four objectives – to Engage, Educate, Envision, and Enact – specifically align the transit planning process with the 2040 plan's vision and goals (refer back to **Figure 1**). The TDP ultimately identifies how and where the City should improve transit, including through capital infrastructure, vehicles, and transit operations.

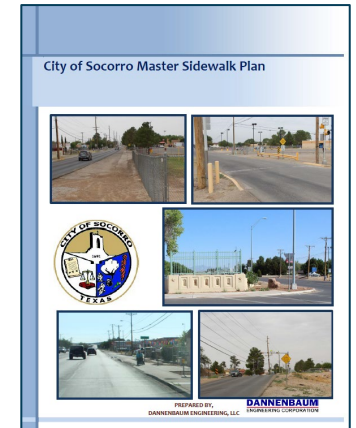
A common challenge for transit riders, and transit planners, is the first- and last-mile connections. The City of Socorro's other multimodal initiatives – for sidewalks, bikeways, and trails – will also substantially improve conditions for transit riders long-term.



### Other Relevant Plans

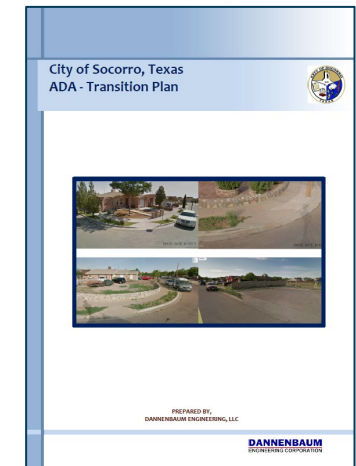
#### 2019 Sidewalk Master Plan

The *2019 Sidewalk Master Plan* inventoried pedestrian infrastructure, evaluated deficiencies, and evaluated how to make improvements. The plan was the City of Socorro's first major step into improving multimodal access by proactively identifying barriers to walking and bicycling within the City of Socorro. Staff identified concerns about access to/from bus routes and at bus stops – many stops were found not to be ADA compliant.



#### 2019 ADA Transition Plan

The City's *2019 ADA Transition Plan* followed shortly after the *Sidewalk Master Plan*. The City tasked engineers to systematically document information on accessibility barriers. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 calls for local governments to self-evaluate facilities, including pedestrian elements in public rights-of-way.



The City's *ADA Transition Plan* considered five aims:

1. Identify physical obstacles limiting facility accessibility
2. Describe the methods to be used to make facilities accessible
3. Provide a schedule for modifications
4. Identify the public officials responsible for implementation
5. Audit the City's bus routes and stops; evaluate the sidewalks and curb ramps for ADA compliance

The *ADA Transition Plan* wisely noted, "A bus stop can be ADA compliant but not accessible (no sidewalks, curb cuts, etc.), conversely, a bus stop may not be ADA compliant but could be accessible."

Per the Federal Highway Administration...

*Without curb ramps, sidewalk travel in urban areas can be dangerous, difficult, or even impossible for people who use wheelchairs, scooters, and other mobility devices. Curb ramps allow people with mobility disabilities to gain access to the sidewalks and to pass through center islands in streets.*

*Otherwise, these individuals are forced to travel in streets and roadways and are put in danger or are prevented from reaching their destination; some people with disabilities may simply choose not to take this risk and will not venture out of their homes or communities.*<sup>16</sup>

## El Paso County / El Paso Area Transportation Service

The State of Texas designated El Paso County (EPC) as the official Rural Transit District for the non-urbanized areas of the county (i.e., rural area). EPC operated El Paso County Transit independently for many years. EPC then led the effort to form EPATS, which now operates routes as ETA. The City of Socorro historically provided a small amount of local dollars to EPC each year. The funds were primarily for EPC to contract with Sun Metro to ensure Route 84 could connect to the Mission Valley Transit Center (MVTCT) nearby in El Paso.

A gradual change process began in 2016 and continues to this day. EPC partnered with small municipalities to form a local government corporation (LGC) – El Paso Area Transportation Services. The EPATS LGC has assumed primary responsibility for the county's transit services, although EPC continues to be the most principal LGC member based on votes and funding support. EPATS' municipal members include Horizon City, San Elizario, Vinton, Clint, and Anthony – but does not include the City of Socorro.

EPATS has developed a multi-phased plan to improve transit services in member government jurisdictions and is also presently in the process to procure their turnkey contract operator. A turnkey contract means the private sector partner owns the vehicles and maintenance facilities and employs the operations staff. EPATS is also presently engaged in standing up an ADA paratransit service to complement the existing ETA branded fixed routes and bring the agency into compliance with state and federal policy. EPATS is also investing in a capital program to gradually improve bus stops, such as by adding shelters or seating.

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<sup>16</sup> [https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/civilrights/programs/doj\\_fhwa\\_ta.cfm](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/civilrights/programs/doj_fhwa_ta.cfm)



The EPATS Board voted on September 18, 2024, to explore reducing or eliminating transit services in Socorro by June 30, 2025; via the following motion language:

*A motion to direct staff to explore the implementation of the recommended service reduction option of one and two as presented by [Texas A&M Transportation Institute], which means it will be a hybrid model, and staff will provide an update at the next meeting, and to authorize the transit director to engage and communicate with any and all relevant stakeholders as part of this process.*

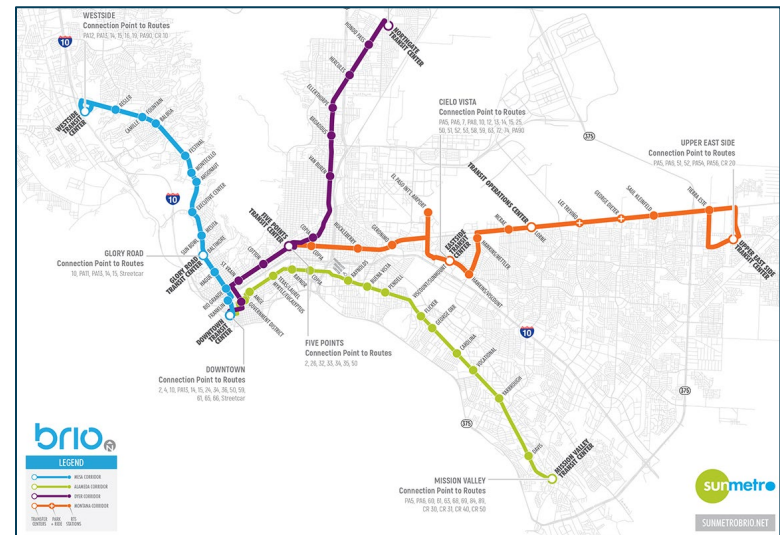
EPATS staff acted upon the direction from the September 18<sup>th</sup> motion and prepared implementation details for routes changes to accommodate current riders of Sun Metro Route 84 on ETA Routes 30, 31, 40, and 50 beginning December 27, 2024. As a reminder, Route 84 concluded service on December 31, 2024. Item H on EPATS' November 20, 2024, agenda included a staff briefing and general discussion about the matter. In brief, EPATS planned to continue ETA Routes 30 and 31 as they exist today and ETA Routes 40 and 50 were to both have more vehicle trips and operate longer hours and consistently on weekends – to account for trips no longer happening on Route 84 after December 31, 2024. At the time the TDP was completed in May 2025, EPATS had affirmed the agency's plans to end all transit services within the City of Socorro after June 30, 2025. The following notes capture key elements of the November 20, 2024, meeting discussion related to Socorro and services ceasing:

- EPATS is interested and has spoken with Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo representatives about partnership opportunities.
- EPATS board members discussed the need to coordinate with each other and with TxDOT about the possibility to relocate stop infrastructure at stops no longer served.
- EPATS board discussion indicated intent is not to elect to offer ADA service within Socorro long-term (and not to recruit or deem eligible any requests from Socorro residents).

## City of El Paso – Sun Metro

The principal transit agency in the broader region is Sun Metro. The City of El Paso operates Sun Metro. Sun Metro's direct service area is limited to jurisdictions providing a half percent of local sales tax revenue to the agency. Socorro is within the El Paso Urbanized Area (UZA) but not within Sun Metro's jurisdiction. However, many Socorro residents commute to work, education, and shopping destinations in El Paso. As of EPATS' two-week sample of ridership from April 2024, two principle destinations for transit riders on ETA bus routes were the Super Walmart and Sun Metro's Mission Valley Transit Center (MVTC).

Sun Metro presently is focused on implementing additional Brio routes. Brio is a form of bus-based rapid transit (i.e., a frequent, limited stop service). The agency envisions the service to eventually have four corridors (see **Figure 14**). The Brio alignment along the Alameda Corridor will end at the MVTC. Socorro residents riding transit in the future will have an even faster option to transfer onto to reach deeper into El Paso.



**Figure 14.** Sun Metro's Brio Corridors

Source: City of El Paso: Sun Metro. Accessed via: [www.sunmetrobrionet/about.html](http://www.sunmetrobrionet/about.html)

The July 2022 *Sun Metro Rising: State of the System Report* (SM Rising) details the Brio initiative but also provides in-depth information on goals related to local bus routes. The following were the key goals for SM Rising:

- Analyze evolving ridership and travel patterns
- Improve connectivity between local routes and Brio
- Redesign service to meet current and future needs
- Engage riders, stakeholders, and staff
- Maximize the potential of the El Paso Streetcar
- Identify new funding opportunities and partnerships

**Figure 15** is from SM Rising and depicts Route 84 ridership hot spots and notes the routes strengths and opportunities. Sun Metro noted moderate to high ridership at several destinations despite the long, one-way loop route structure.



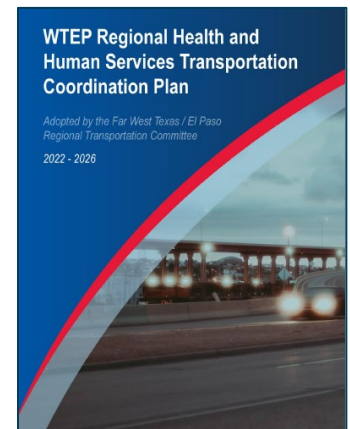
**Figure 15.** SM Rising - Route 84<sup>17</sup>

Source: Sun Metro (Note: Route 84 ended service on 12/31/2024)

## Far West Texas / El Paso Regional Transportation Coordination Committee

The Far West Texas / El Paso Regional Transportation Coordination Committee (WTEP) maintains a plan focused on improving health and human services related transportation. The current plan is titled *WTEP Regional Health and Human Service Transportation Coordination Plan, 2022-2026*. Project Amistad is the lead agency for WTEP.

The plan inventories existing services, identifies gaps, and plans for comprehensive, integrated services. The City of Socorro is represented on the committee and was actively involved in the development of the most recent plan.



<sup>17</sup> City of El Paso: Sun Metro. Accessed via: <https://sunmetro.net/assets/documents/smrising.pdf>





## Section 3. Socorro's Transit Markets

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**The project team examined community characteristics and noted potential ridership markets for transit services within Socorro and to key regional destinations.**

TDP analysis examined transit supportive densities (i.e., fixed route viability vs. other types of transit), growth trends (i.e., future viable densities), and where equitable mobility should be a priority (i.e., demographic demand, likely higher transit use). The project team's maps highlight key rider destinations, including major employers, shopping anchors, educational institutions, family support (i.e., daycare, senior centers), healthcare, border crossings, and intercity bus hubs. The project team combined the information to highlight key travel patterns and key potential corridors or zones for transit.

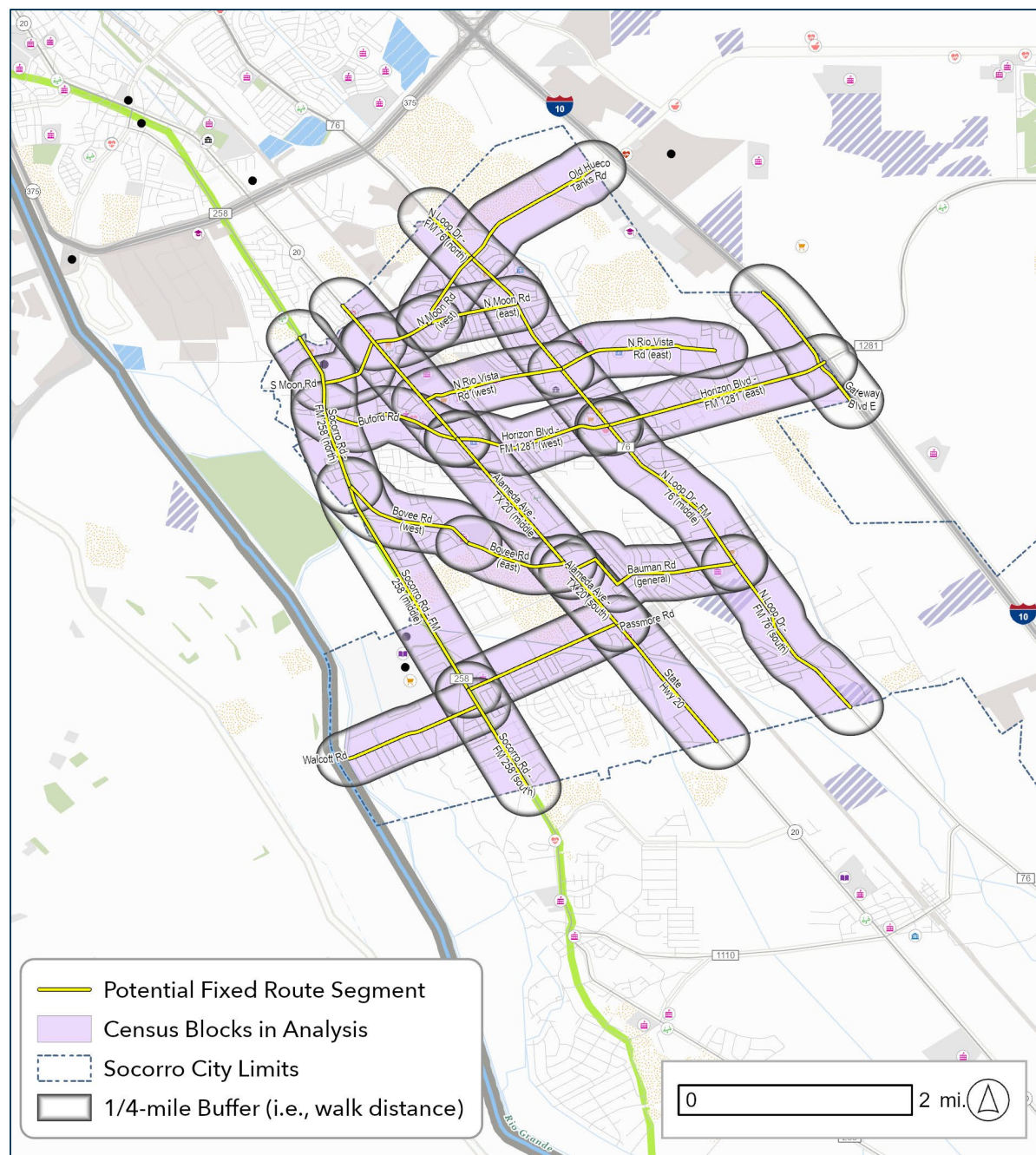
### 3.1 Transit Supportive Density

**Transit exists to connect people to opportunity. As such, transit requires some level of density – people, housing, and jobs – to function properly.**

The City of Socorro has 25 principal local street segments as potential candidates for fixed route bus service (see **Figure 16**). This section explores the potential for each segment individually and as compared to each other – to identify the one or two most key corridors for potential fixed route transit service. The TDP project team evaluated areas of Socorro determined not to warrant fixed route transit for zone-based microtransit services.

### ***Important Note***

*The density information and other quantitative data in this section complement the rider, stakeholder, and public opinion data acquired through the project team's proactive and repeated community and stakeholder engagement.*



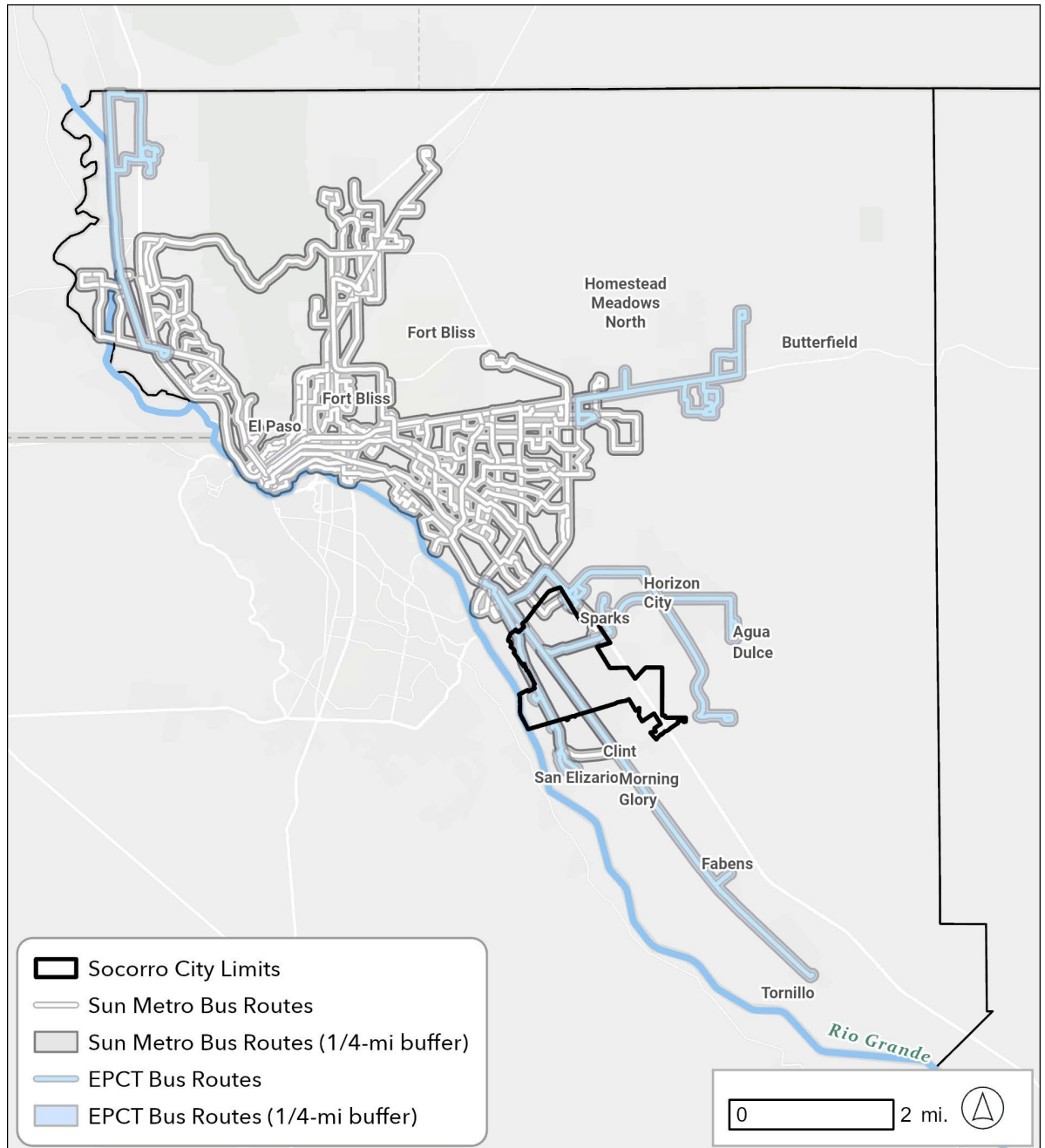
**Figure 16. Socorro – Potential Street Segments for Fixed Route Transit**



**Figure 17** illustrates all of the recently operated fixed routes across El Paso County, meaning as of December 2024. Sun Metro operated most of the routes, marked with white lines on a gray ¼-mile walk buffer. EPATS operated the ETA fixed routes lined in light blue, also marked with a ¼-mile buffer.

The following subsections generally highlight how each corridor within the City of Socorro compared to locations where transit is already operated in the region. Readers will note such a comparison includes a few corridors within Socorro where fixed route bus service existed (e.g., Alameda Ave, Socorro Rd, Horizon Blvd.) at the time the TDP was developed. The project team found that fixed route transit in Socorro might perform best along only particular corridors. The most appropriate corridors have sufficient people and jobs to potentially support fixed routes when resources became available for such services.

The technical analysis complemented the interests of stakeholder organizations and existing, past, and potential future riders (also stakeholders). **The TDP synthesized both technical and engagement data in a three step process to narrow down the recommended services in this plan.**



**Figure 17.** Existing Fixed Routes in El Paso County

Chapter Three of the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of *TCRP Report 165: Transit Capacity and Quality of Service Manual* (TCQSM) discusses the relationship between density and transit ridership.

**Density has a double effect on transit demand:**

- **People are more likely to use transit when they live in dense areas**
- **There are more people near transit service as density increases**

In other words, one area with density of 3,000 will have demand X while another area with density of 6,000 will have demand 4X due to the combined effect of (a) density increasing propensity to ride transit and (b) double the people in walk, roll, or bicycling distance to the transit service.

*Read more by accessing the full TCQSM:*  
<https://www.trb.org/Main/Blurbs/169437.aspx>.

## Measures of Density

The City of Socorro contains select areas of sufficient density for fixed route transit, and some other areas more suitable for other types of transit. The project team made this determination based on general measures of density (in this subsection) and an evaluation of densities as compared to locations in the El Paso region where transit is currently operating (in the next subsection).

The three principal measures of density were:

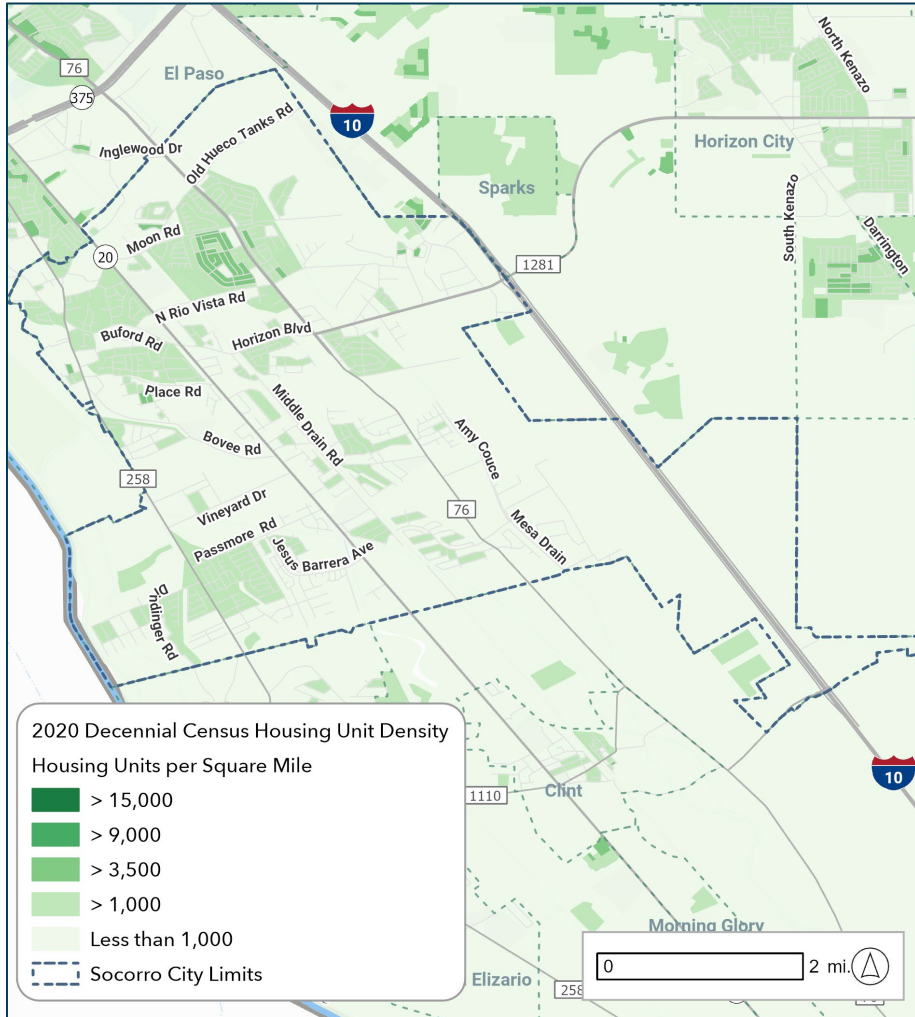
- 2020 housing unit density
- 2021 job density
- 2020 population density

The information in all of these figures was used to identify viable local street corridors (collector and arterial functional class streets) in Socorro where local bus or on-demand microtransit may be feasible. The summary by street corridor is in the following subsection.



## Housing Unit Density

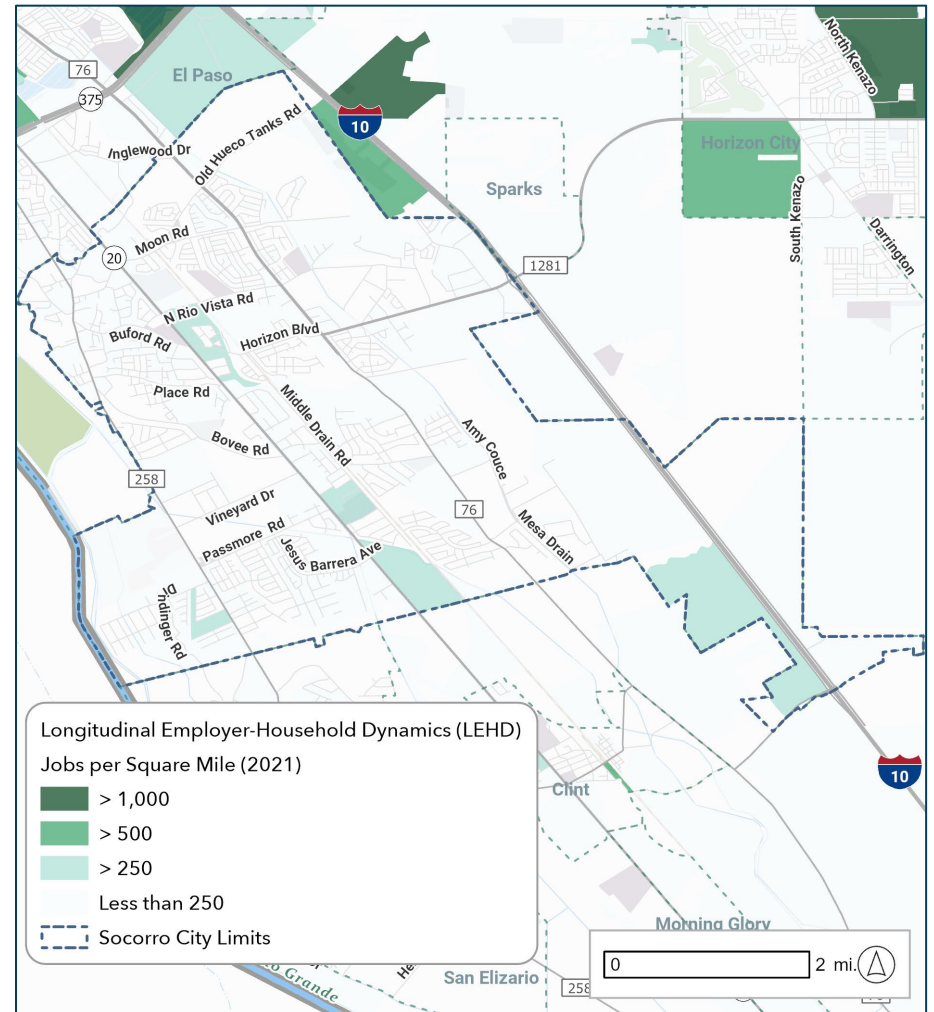
**Figure 18** depicts 2020 housing unit density within and near Socorro by Census Block. Housing unit density helps to reveal clusters of multifamily housing and generally more concentrated demand for transit service than revealed by general population density alone.



**Figure 18.** 2020 Housing Unit Density by Census Block

## Job Density

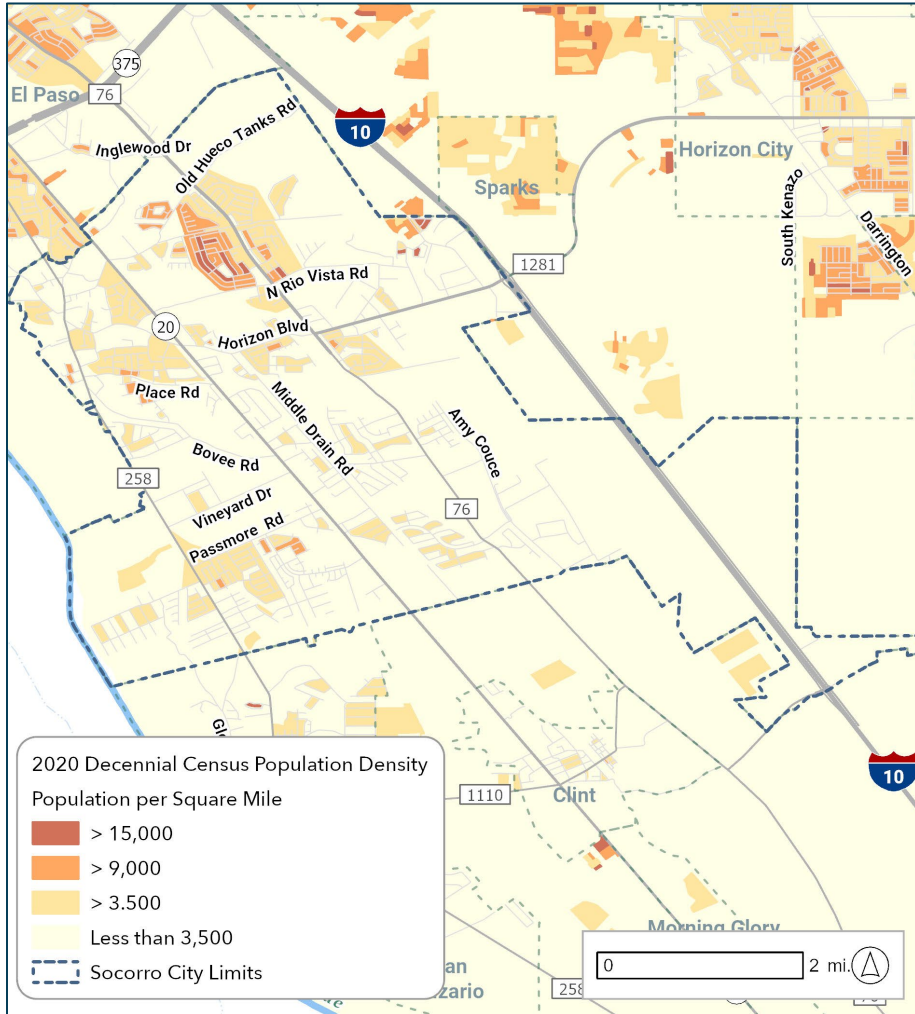
**Figure 19** depicts 2021 job density for all jobs within and near Socorro by Census Block. Jobs are an essential destination and a majority of adults, and many youths, hold one or several jobs. Socorro's many commercial corridors do not generally reflect sufficient density to justify intensive transit services based on job density alone.



**Figure 19.** 2021 Job Density by Census Block

## Population Density

**Figure 20** displays 2020 population density by Census Block. The map reveals the relatively low density in Socorro and nearby communities. Socorro's population is generally low, with concentrations along segments of a few major street corridors.



**Figure 20.** 2020 Population Density by Census Block

## Density Near Existing Transit

This subsection compares density along Socorro's principal local street corridors to the density of other El Paso region corridors where fixed route transit existed as of December 2024. The corridors with existing service include both Sun Metro and EPATS ETA routes. Portions of some routes serve particular corridors in Socorro. **Figure 21**, on the next page, documents the relative density across every fixed route in the region, split out by service frequency and operating agency. The comparison enabled the City's project team to answer questions like:

- Should the City consider fixed route service in [corridor name] based on in-region peer comparison?
- If so, generally how frequent might the service be based on this measure of density along?

The TDP project team explored three density measures – housing units, jobs, and population – to identify the relative potential for fixed route service. **The consultant team then used the information in the figures to identify high priority, viable corridors for longer term consideration for fixed route bus service. The project team also used the information to ascertain where to consider focusing on-demand microtransit services. The analysis informed the second round of public engagement in April 2025.**

## Housing Density & Fixed Route Potential

**Figure 21** plots housing unit density averaged along the entirety of each and every fixed route by Sun Metro and EPATS. **These actual housing unit density values identified contexts in which Sun Metro and EPATS were currently providing transit.** The threshold for bus routes was ¼-mile because it is a common walk-to-stop distance for riders.

**Figure 22** is a map showing census blocks where the housing unit density is above three units per acre. The map legend lists a threshold of 4+ jobs per acre but the map is absent such blocks as no blocks



currently meet the threshold. These two target minimum densities came from the Transit Cooperative Research Program (TCRP) Transit Capacity and Quality of Service Manual, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition. The thresholds represent merely an initial look at potential justification for fixed route transit.

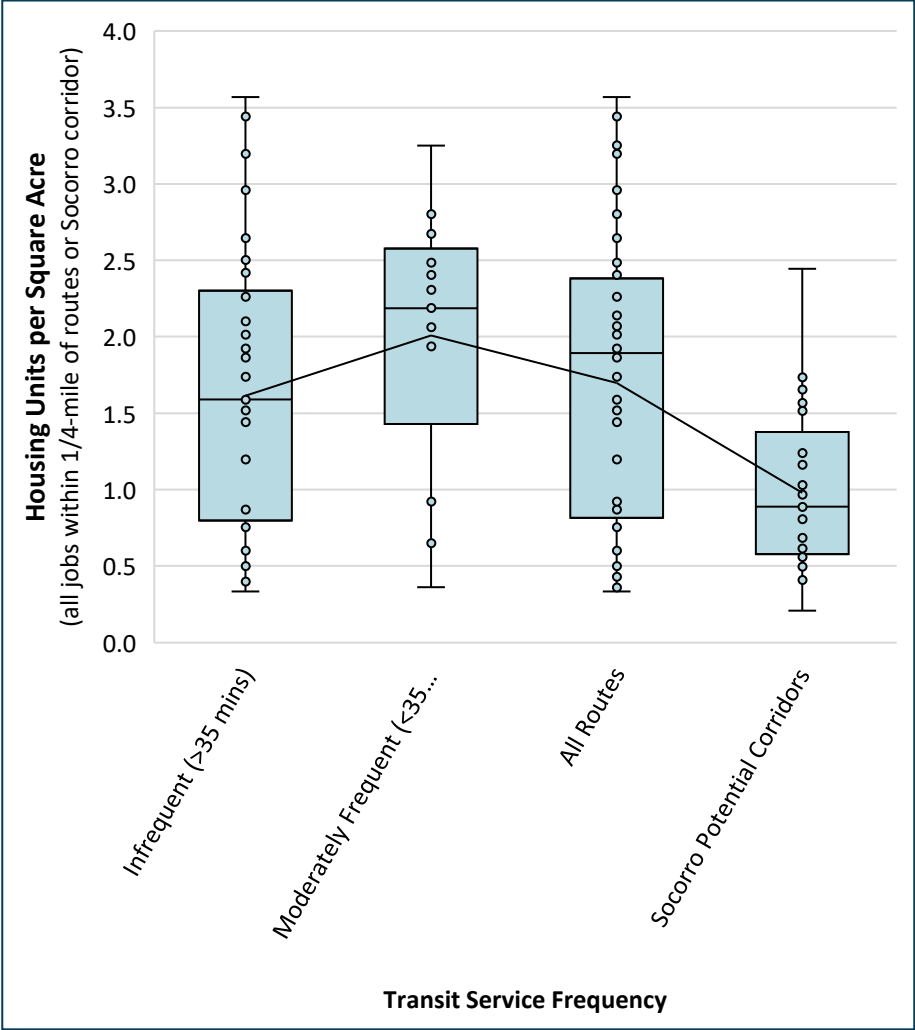


Figure 21. Housing Unit Density by Transit Frequency (Sun Metro & EPCT)

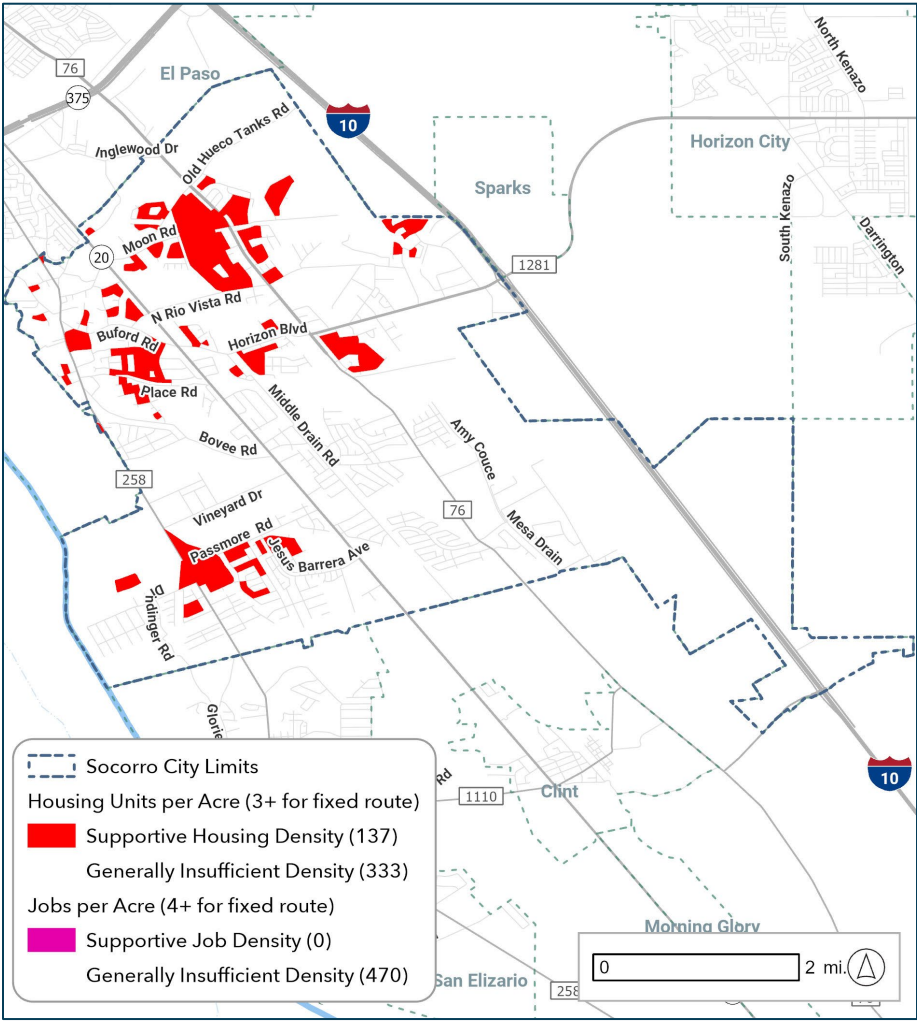


Figure 22. Fixed Route Transit Supportive Density by Census Block

# Job Density & Fixed Route Potential

Figure 23 highlights how Socorro’s job density is relatively low. However, as shown in Figure 24, a few portions of Socorro corridors may warrant low frequency fixed route transit based on job density alone.

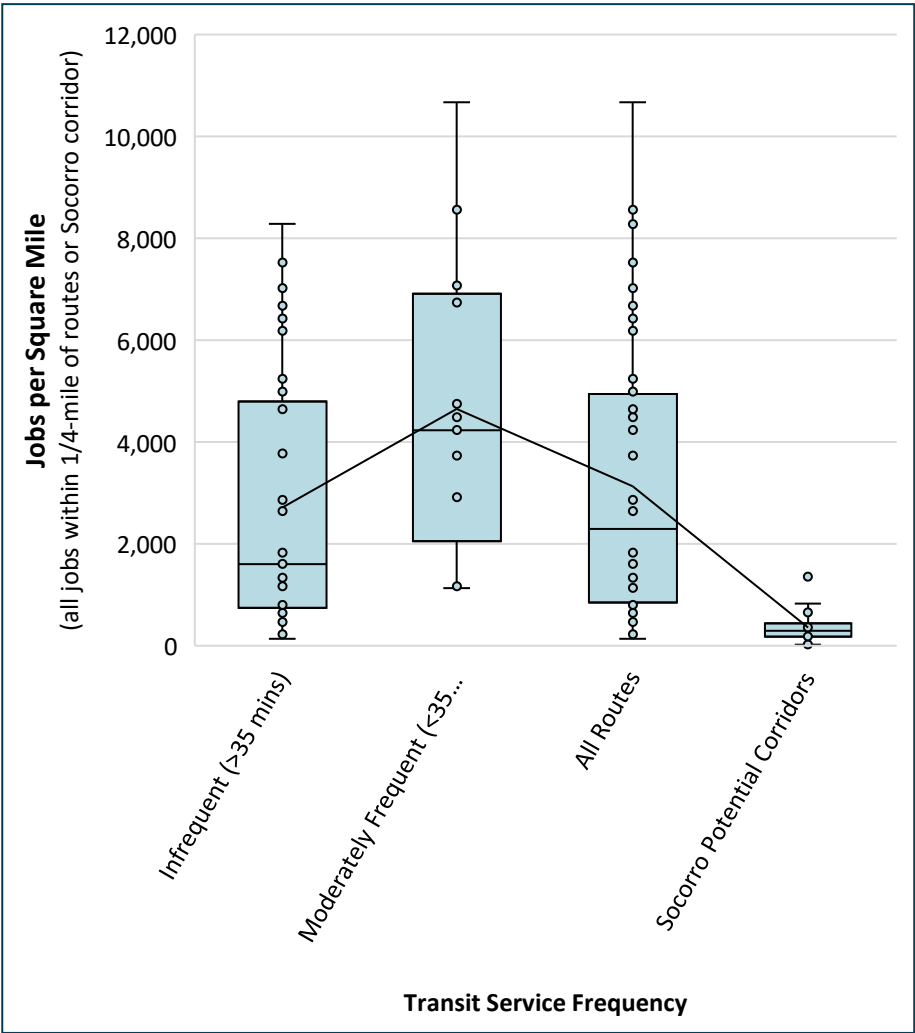


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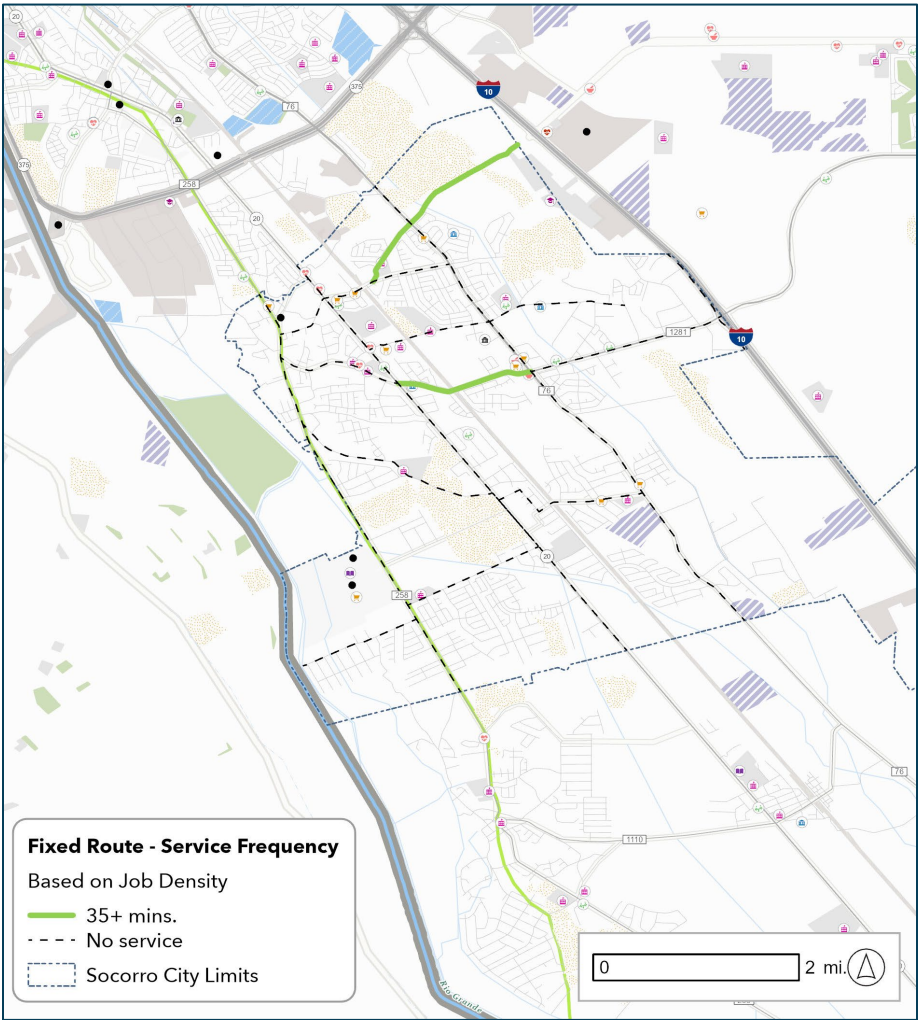


Figure 24. Fixed Route Frequency Based on Job Density



# Population Density & Fixed Route Potential

Figure 25 highlights how Socorro’s population density is comparable to many other locations in the region. Figure 26 shows a few corridors potentially warranting fixed route in the future.

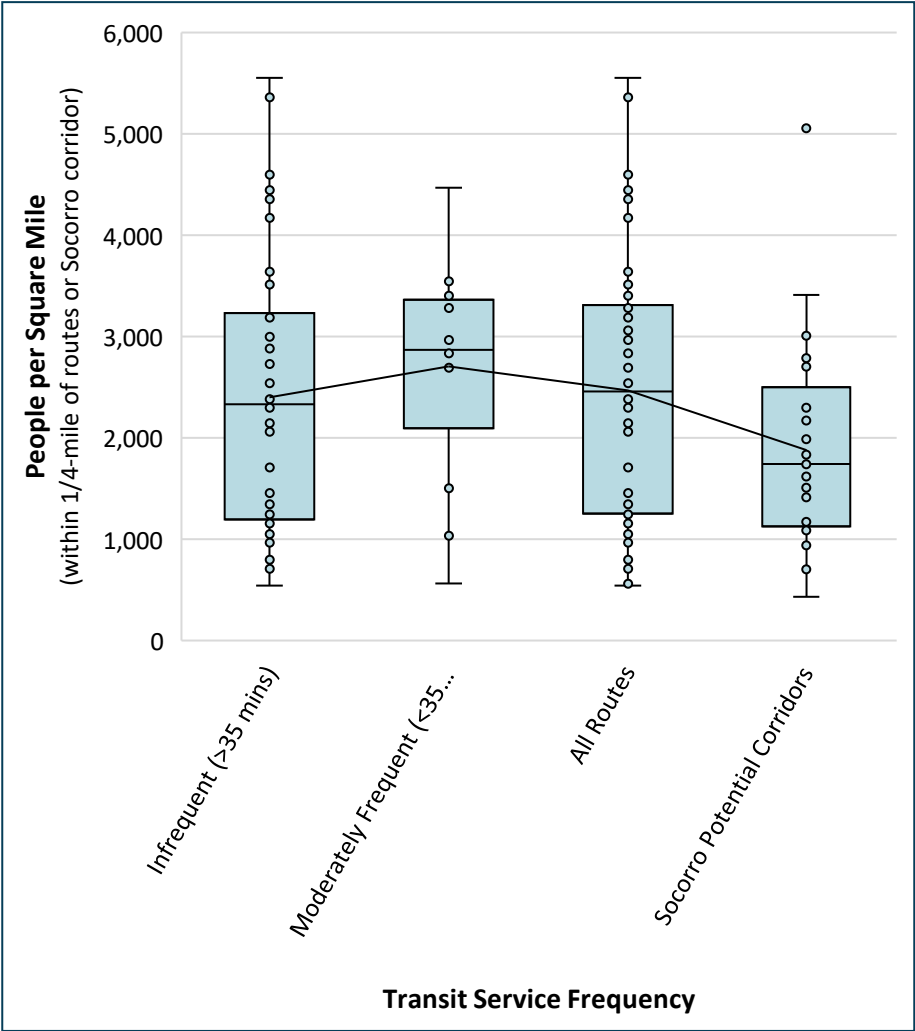


Figure 25. Population Density by Transit Frequency (Sun Metro & EPCT)

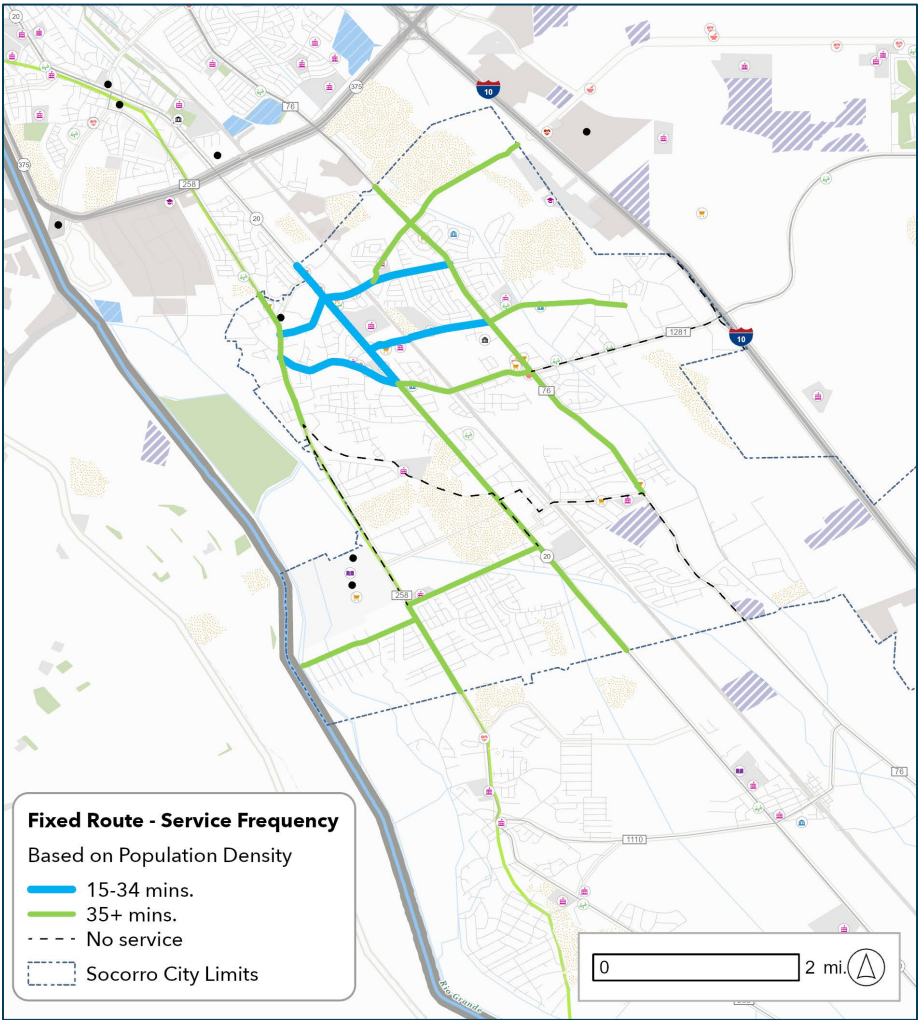


Figure 26. Fixed Route Frequency Based on Population Density

## 3.2 Growth in Socorro

**Transit demand changes with time. Similarly, Socorro may experience population and jobs growth with time, including shifts in the concentration of people and jobs within the community. The City's and other stakeholders' investments in the local economy, infrastructure, education, etcetera all have some influence on where people will live, work, and travel locally.**

The TDP project team explored the long-run market trends in commercial real estate classes (retail, office, industrial, multifamily) in Socorro, and as compared to the broader El Paso Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) and El Paso County. The City's recent *Socorro 2040: Our Community Our Future* comprehensive plan provides information on trends and puts forward a vision for the community's future. The Socorro ¡Avanzando! TDP included another quick look at local market conditions in light of potential transit services. *Readers should note the Socorro ¡Avanzando! TDP is a living document the project team recommends that the City update the TDP annually.*

## Background

### Data Source

The principal data source in this section is CoStar. CoStar is a commercial real estate service. CoStar tools enable both regional and local evaluation of most development activity, especially in the private market, except single family homes. The data focuses on multifamily and all types of commercial development activity. The TDP project team analyzed general market trends for Socorro and assessed market

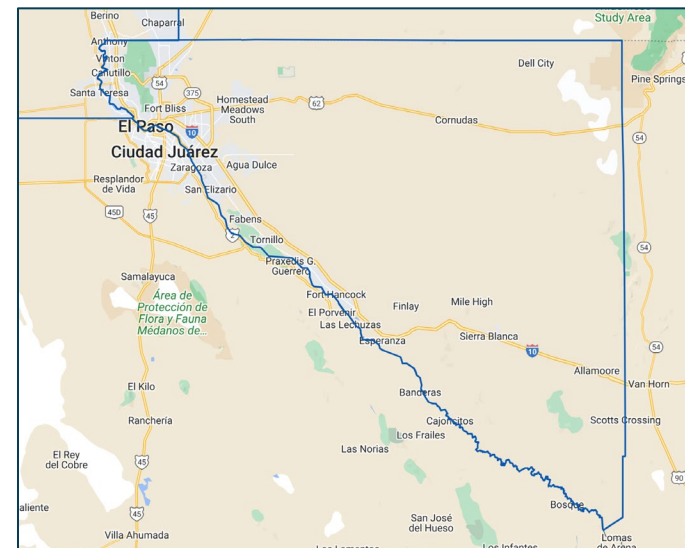
competitiveness indicators by incorporating contextual findings from the surrounding submarket and metropolitan regional market.

CoStar sources data from across multiple commercial listing services and has an in-house market research team assigned to manage and update every individual property listing. CoStar's long-range historical data is dependent upon the asset class. The analysis in this subsection is based on trends for all asset classes from Quarter 1 of 2007 to Quarter 4 of 2024.

### Market Definitions

CoStar market areas are drawn in correspondence to each asset class's primary and secondary consumer market catchment area. The market areas do not necessarily correspond to traditional government boundaries. Socorro is part of the El Paso Market Area (**Figure 27**). The City resides within the following asset class-based submarkets:

- Office, Industrial, and Retail - East Submarket (**Figure 28**)
- Multifamily – Socorro Submarket (**Figure 29**)



**Figure 27. El Paso - TX Market Area**



## General Findings

### El Paso-Juarez Metropolitan Area

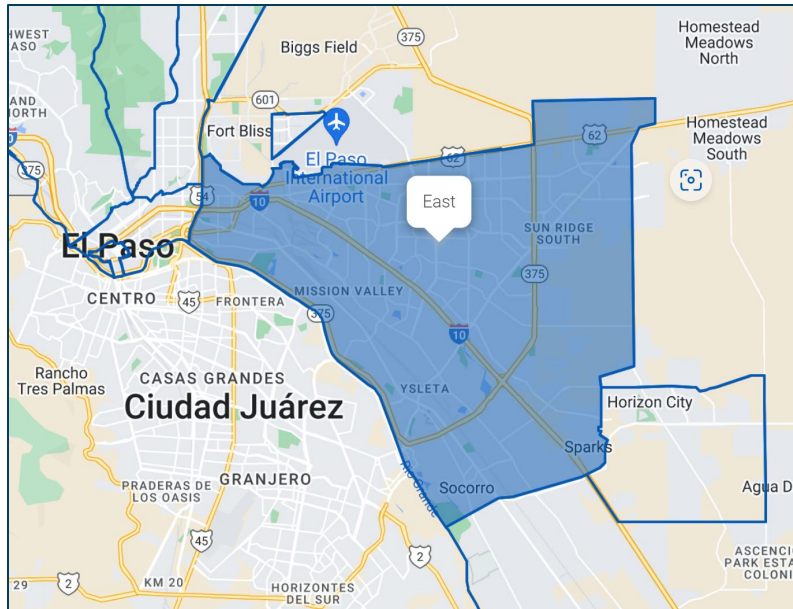
The El Paso-Juarez metropolitan area is a binational epicenter of global commerce, being a major hub of cross-border trade and equidistant between the Texas Triangle (i.e., the metros of Dallas, Houston, and Austin-San Antonio) and the United States' west coast. Trade, transportation, and utilities sectors drive the largest portions of the private sector economy – comprising about 1 in 5 jobs. Additionally, institutional employers in education and health services and the leisure and hospitality sectors are also significant employment drivers.

### Socorro Submarket Area

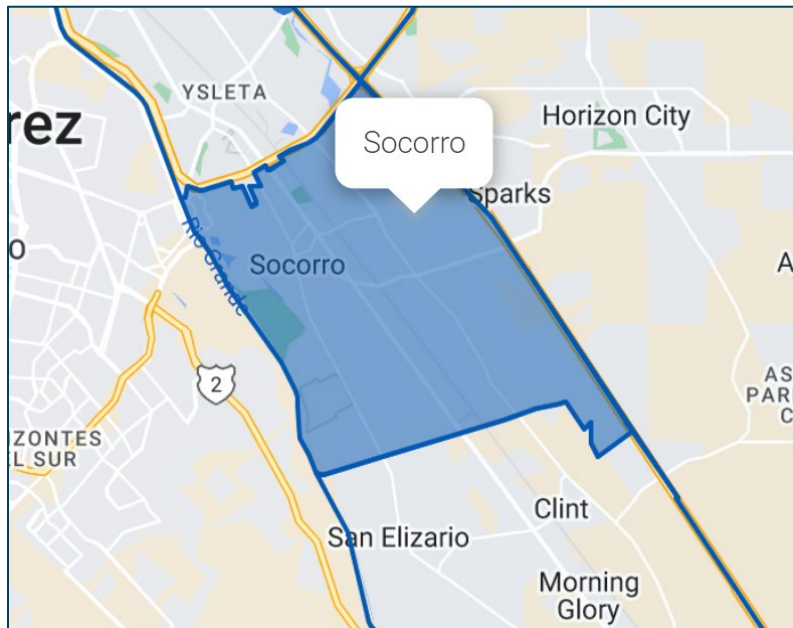
Industrial is Socorro's primary strength relative to the broader region. The community recently saw the opening of a 157,000 square foot (sf) project at Socorro Gateway Center, located adjacent to IH-10, about 13 minutes from Zaragoza Bridge and 20 minutes from El Paso International Airport. Other sectors seeing growth are largely affordable multifamily housing, and some smaller-scale retail. The office market is generally static within Socorro.

**The following subsections overview key points for the following economic sectors:**

- **Industrial**
- **Retail**
- **Office**
- **Multifamily**



**Figure 28.** East Submarket for Office, Industrial and Retail Asset Classes



**Figure 29.** Socorro Submarket for Multifamily

Industrial Change

The El Paso Market’s 80 million square feet (sf) of industrial space is predominantly used for trade, logistics & distribution facilities tapping the IH-10 corridor, with some manufacturing and assembly facilities. The East El Paso submarkets collectively comprise about 50 million sf and the City of Socorro is home to 3.2 million sf (see **Table 2**). The City shared with the TDP project team that the total amount of industrial development planned is closer to 7 million sf as of spring 2025.

Table 2. Industrial Change Summary Table

Inventory Trends	Until 2020, Socorro had a small collection of warehouses collectively comprising 1.5 million for 20+ years. The primary driver of new product in the coming years will continue to be Socorro Logistics Center (Figure 4), which will ultimately deliver 2.5 million total new Class A space at full buildout.
Rents	Until new facilities were delivered at Socorro Logistics Center, Socorro industrial space captured rents \$.20-\$.30 below the El Paso market rate since 2007. The East El Paso submarket, which was the focal point for new industrial development for the last decade, generally captures rents above the regional market due to its newer-build assets. In Socorro, the gap between the regional market and broader submarket competitor communities is rapidly closing, and with new deliveries, future rents are projected to potentially exceed market rates in the coming few years.
Vacancies	Industrial vacancy in Socorro has seen some peaks immediately upon delivery of new-build projects but currently sits at 5.5% and tends toward a long-term vacancy rate of 4.9%, which is 4-5% below the regional market, and upwards of 7% for the East El Paso Submarket. These tight vacancies and continued rent gains bode well for future growth in the sector.
Recently Completed Projects	157K sf at Socorro Gateway Center (2022) 1.1M sf Socorro Logistics Center (2024)
Upcoming Projects	3 projects under construction 2 new Class A logistics facilities at Socorro Logistics Center (combined 900,000+sf) targeting rents between \$9-\$11/sf to deliver in 2025/2026 1 Class B Warehouse of 35,000 sf (2024)

**Figure 30** shows CBRE’s Master Plan for the phased development called the “Socorro Logistics Center” located northeast of the Nuevo Huevo Tanks Boulevard and North Loop Drive intersection.



Figure 30. Master Plan for Socorro Logistics Center  
Source: CBRE, Q4 2024



## Retail Change

The El Paso region has approximately 54 million sf of retail space. The East El Paso Submarkets comprise about half of the total retail activity, but Socorro currently contains a relatively small portion of the overall retail sector. Most Socorro retail is characterized as neighborhood or locally focused strip centers or freestanding shops featuring locally targeted food & beverage service or personal services (e.g., banks, automotive care, general merchandise) – see **Table 3**.

**Table 3.** Retail Change Summary Table

<b>Inventory Trends</b>	Socorro has 473K sf of retail and generally adds between 2K-8K per year. It is often built-to-suit or owner-operated as evidenced by low vacancies.
<b>Rents</b>	Retail rents in Socorro generally sit \$1-\$2 below the regional market and lag up to \$2.50-\$3 behind the East El Paso submarket rates. Currently \$14.89 is the NNN market rent in Socorro, compared to \$16.64 for El Paso, and \$17.40 for the East El Paso Submarket. Rent growth is low and not projected to increase in coming years based on the lack of a pipeline for new product.
<b>Vacancies</b>	Vacancies generally sit between 0-1% in Socorro, compared to the long-run rate of 6% for El Paso and 6.2% for the East El Paso submarket.
<b>Recently Completed Projects</b>	2,500 sf was delivered in 2023 for a new freestanding Wendy's. Prior to this there were no new deliveries since 2017.
<b>Upcoming Projects</b>	No specific projects identifiable in CoStar.

## Office Change

The El Paso region is home to 25 million sf of office space. The amount of office space in the region has largely remained static for at least 20 years. The bulk of office space in the region is located in the Central Business District and is largely occupied by government, education, and healthcare entities. The East El Paso submarket has seen some growth in office space, though little to no office growth is currently discernible within Socorro (see **Table 4**).

**Table 4.** Office Change Summary Table

<b>Inventory Trends</b>	Socorro's office market has been 58K sf for over 20 years.
<b>Rents</b>	Socorro office rents are currently \$24.78/sf, interestingly higher than the \$23/sf in El Paso writ large and \$22.82/sf for the East El Paso Submarket. This is largely due to the stagnant supply couple with inflation.
<b>Vacancies</b>	Office vacancies are currently at 0% and generally sits at or below 1% year over year. The region sits at 10.7% and the East submarket at 5.7%. Both tend to operate with long-term vacancies at 6%.
<b>Recently Completed Projects</b>	No specific projects identifiable in CoStar.
<b>Upcoming Projects</b>	Despite strong and rising rents and tight vacancies it is not likely that the market will support much new office growth so long as areas with high quality, newer product have higher vacancies and cheaper rents to absorb demand growth.

# Multifamily Change

The El Paso region has 47,110 units of multifamily total, and the Socorro submarket included 347 multifamily units as of early 2025. Most housing units in the City of Socorro are single family residences of some variety.

**Table 5** summarizes a few details about multifamily within Socorro.

**Table 5.** Multifamily Change Summary Table

Inventory Trends	The City of Socorro limit is home to 169 units, 106 of which were delivered in 2020 alone.
Rents	Given that most units in the Socorro market are affordable units, rents site well below market rate. The El Paso regional market average rent for 1 unit of multifamily housing is \$1,070, compared to \$1,131 for the Socorro submarket, and \$592 for listings only in the City of Socorro.
Vacancies	With a vacancy of 1.1% the City of Socorro’s multifamily housing stock is very tight, 2% below the 20 year average and long run projected rate of 3%. This is below the regional vacancy rate of 5.1% (only slightly above its long-run average) and 3.5% for the Socorro submarket (also tighter than its long run average of 4.3%)
Recently Completed Projects	Neverez Palms delivered 104 units (1-4 BR) in Jun 2020 1 duplex project in 2020
Upcoming Projects	Fiesta Palms Apartments: 80 affordable units announced at 1080 Horizon Blvd. Awarded \$11 million in LIHTCs <sup>18</sup> . When announced in 2022, planned to complete by 2024. Likely stalled due to capital markets and high interest rates. Construction to start in Jan 2025 (per CoStar).

**Readers will note vacancies are very low for the few multifamily units that do exist, despite the relatively recent introduction of an additional 106 units in 2020.**

<sup>18</sup> [Tropicana Building awarded \\$11 million in tax credits | Business Announcements | elpasoinc.com](#)



## 3.3 Equitable Mobility Priority

**The transit industry has a long history of utilizing various forms of indices to explore spatial patterns in communities to identify high priority locations for transit improvements.** In most cases, the same efforts will include a separate look at home-work locations and population and/or housing density as the strong indicators of suitability – or viability – for certain types of transit and frequencies of service.

- **Transit propensity** is a person or group’s willingness, or predisposition, to utilize transit as part of a trip. Propensity varies individually and generally amongst population groups. Propensity also varies between trip purposes.
- **Equity** is defined in many ways. Equity in transit and transportation is the fair and just distribution of benefits and burdens of transit services and infrastructure across communities.<sup>19</sup>

Evaluating propensity and equity side-by-side with densities sometimes resulted in equitable outcomes but other times resulted in an eventual dominance of the density information. As a result, LINK Houston, a non-profit in Houston, Texas, created the Transportation Equity Demand Index (TEDI) in 2018. The TEDI combines measures of fundamental demographic demand, propensity (or likely higher transit use), and human and built environment suitability in the form of densities. The TDP project team used the TEDI methodology as a singular lens of where demand, propensity, and suitability for transit co-exist in relatively higher quantities within Socorro, and as compared to El Paso County.

<sup>19</sup> *Equity in Transit* (2022). LINK Houston. Retrieved from <https://linkhouston.org/reports-briefings/equity-in-transit-2022/>

## Measuring Opportunity

The TDP project team’s application of the Transportation Equity Demand Index involves combining 13 unique factors onto a single map. Readers may find it helpful to think of the 13 factors as belonging to one of three categories:

1. Fundamental Demographic Demand (Factors 1-5)
2. Propensity – Likely Higher Transit Use (Factors 6-10)
3. Human & Built Environment Suitability (Factors 11-13)

The following three sections highlight the three categories of factors – shown by Census Block, the smallest possible geography in Socorro. Section 3.3 then goes on to relate the final Socorro TEDI and then a comparison to TEDI results by Census Block Group for the entirety of El Paso County. **The EPC wide result may help readers to understand how transit demand exists in particular areas of Socorro but overall it is relatively low compared to other more central locations in the El Paso region.**

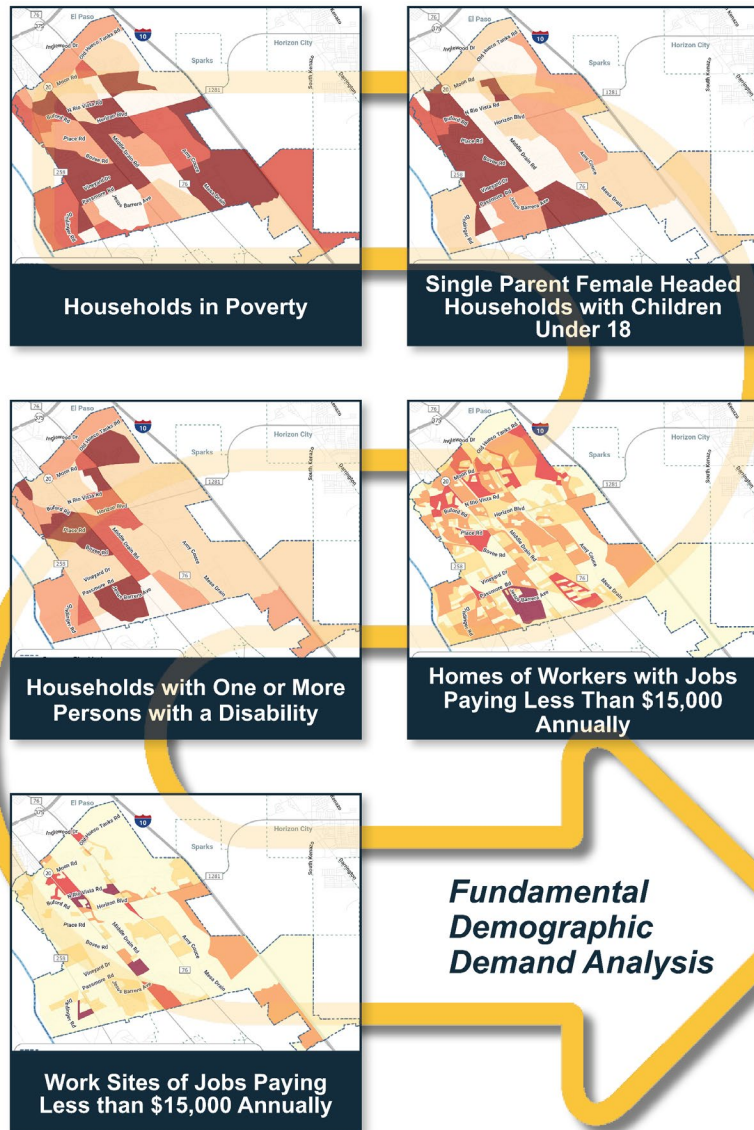
[Appendix A2](#) explains the methodology in more detail and contains individual maps of each of the thirteen TEDI factors.

### **Note About Maps**

*The following pages contain several maps. In each map darker shaded locations indicate higher potential demand and suitability for better transit and walking or biking access. Five categories symbolize each geographic unit’s ranking compared to all geographic units, from very high to very low equitable mobility demand. The five categories statistically represent natural breaks, identifying inherent groupings within the data distribution. This technique helps to minimize variance within classes and maximize variance between symbolized classes, resulting in a more accurate and visually meaningful representation of spatial data – simply put, a way to see where transit demand and suitability for services are both relatively high in a community.*

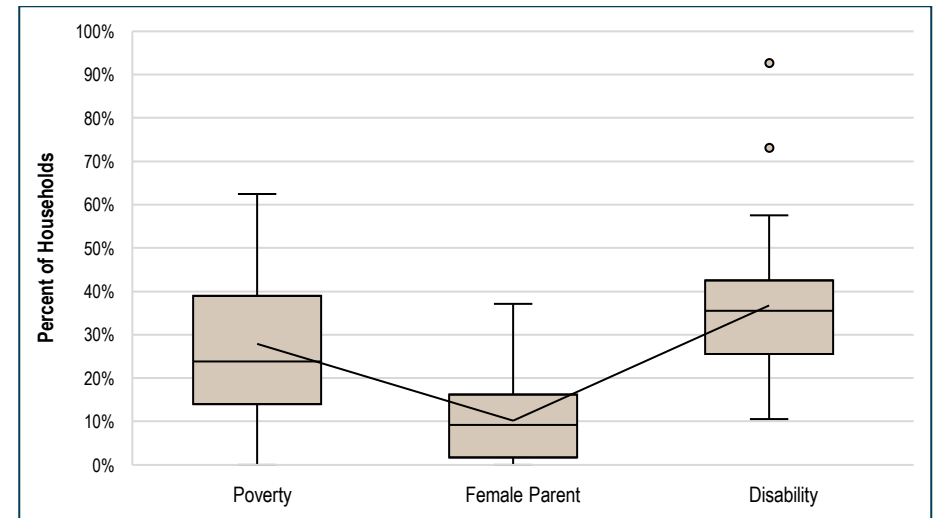
## Fundamental Demographic Demand

**Figure 31** shows the five TEDI factors indicating transit demand based on fundamental demographic characteristics of Socorro:



**Figure 31.** Socorro TEDI, Fundamental Demographic Demand Factors

**Figure 32** illustrates the relative distribution of the first three factors, all percentage based, across Socorro. The grey boxes indicate the statistical concentration of each value; the whiskers identify the highest and lowest values; and the small circles, if present, indicate outlier values.

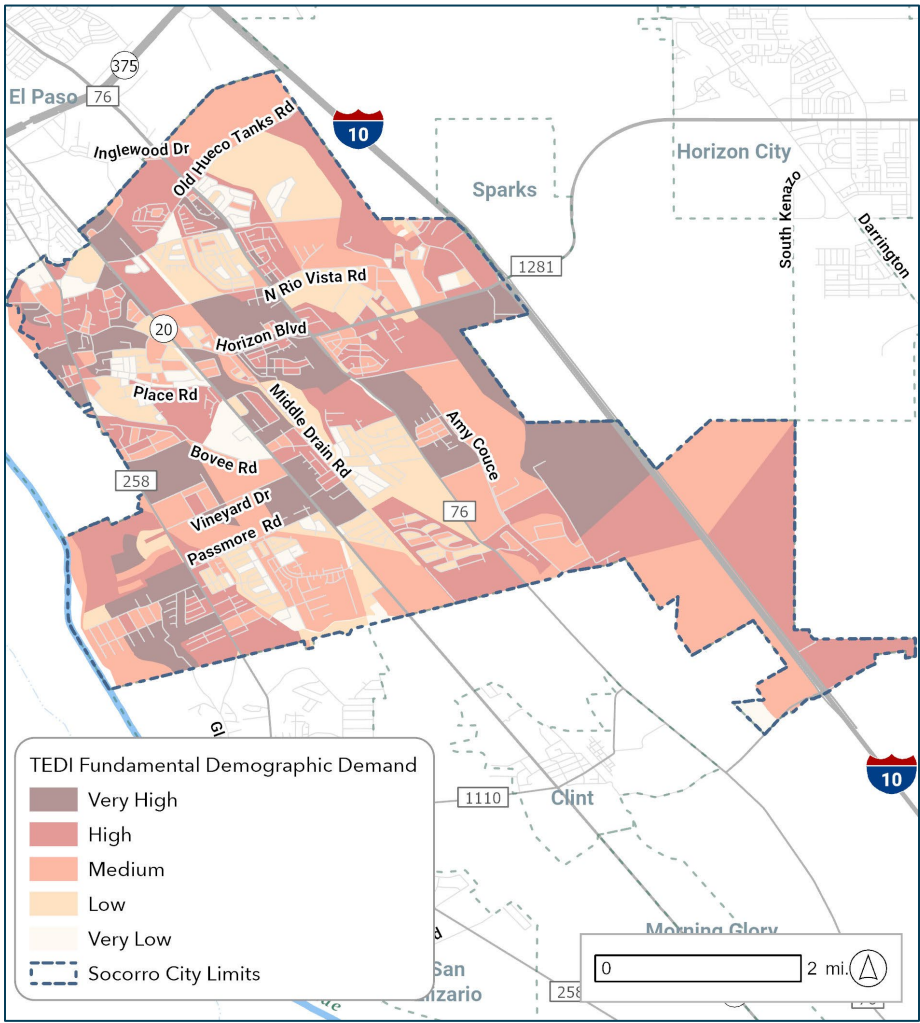


**Figure 32.** Socorro TEDI, Factors 1-3 Value Distribution

**A substantial portion of households live in poverty. A sizable portion of households are also headed by a female parent with at least one child under 18 at home. About one in three households have a member with a disability that may affect the ability to drive or move about independently outside the home.**



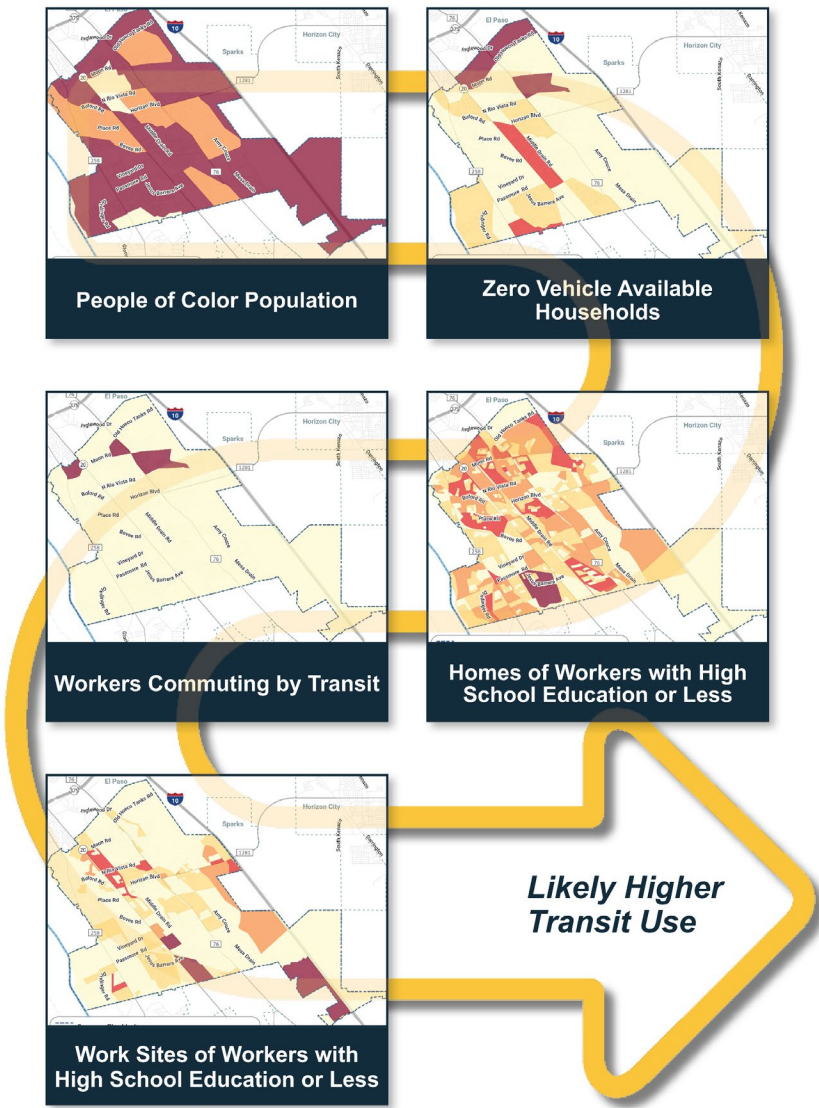
**Figure 33** depicts where Factors 1-5 combined reveal demand is higher for better transit (and walking, rolling, and biking).



**Figure 33.** Socorro TEDI, Fundamental Demographic Demand (Factors 1-5)

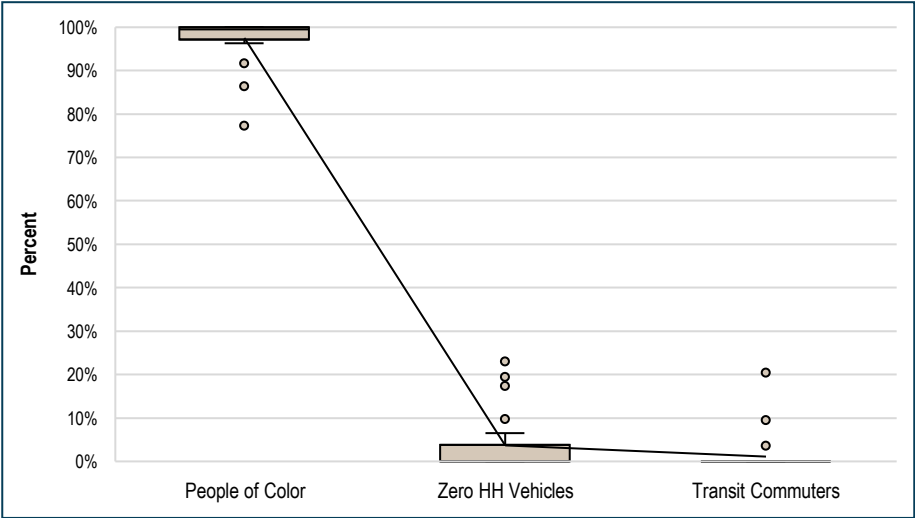
## Propensity – Likely Higher Transit Use

**Figure 34** shows the next five factors that make up the propensity portion of the TEDI index:



**Figure 34.** Socorro TEDI, Propensity Factors

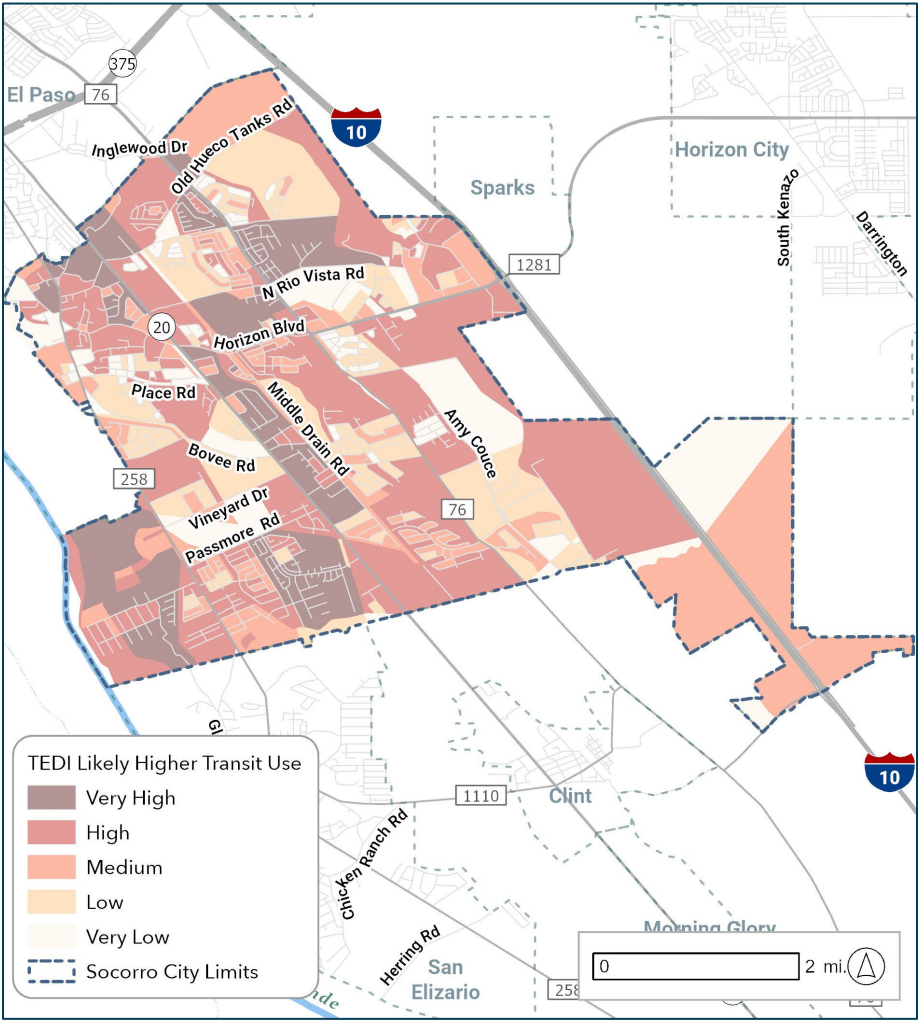
**Figure 35** illustrates the relative distribution of the three percentage based factors in the propensity factors, across the study area, in box and whisker plots. The grey boxes indicate the statistical concentration of each value; the whiskers identify the highest and lowest values; and the small circles, if present, indicate outlier values.



**Figure 35.** Socorro TEDI, Factors 6-8 Value Distribution

**A relatively low, but not insignificant, portion of households live with zero vehicles – even in Socorro. Overall, a very small portion of people access work via transit, but the rate varies substantially for workers in some particular areas of Socorro.**

**Figure 36** depicts where Factors 6-10 combined reveal propensity for better transit (and walking, rolling, and biking) is likely higher.

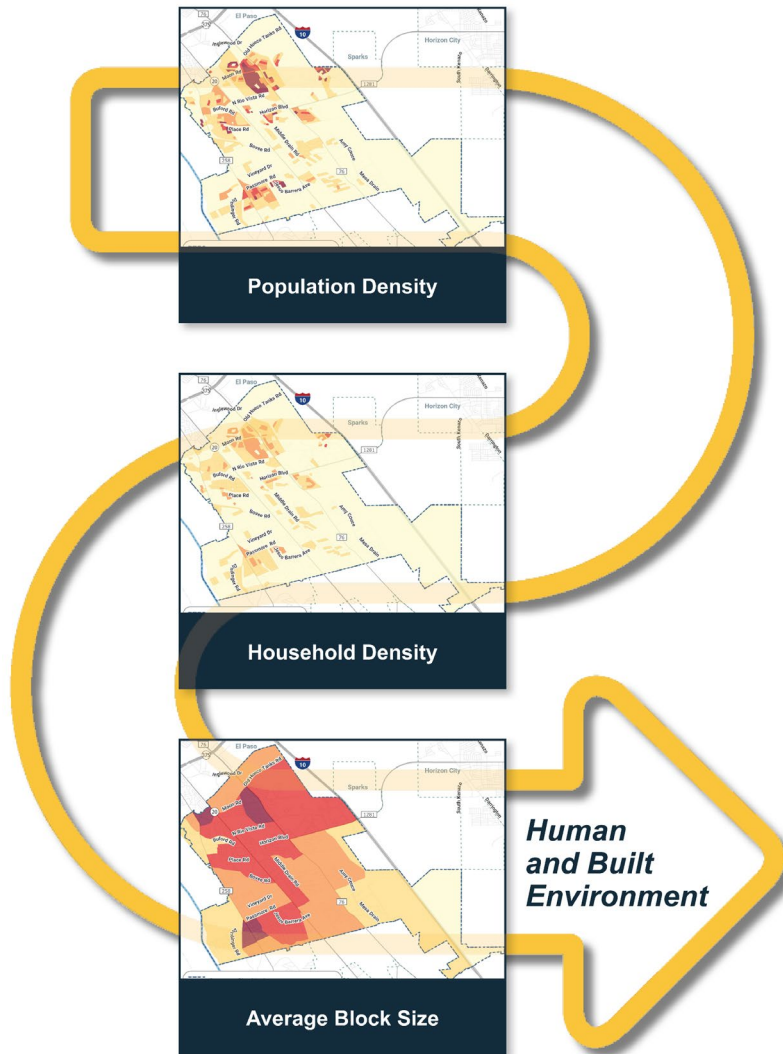


**Figure 36.** Socorro TEDI, Likely Higher Transit Use (Factors 6-10)



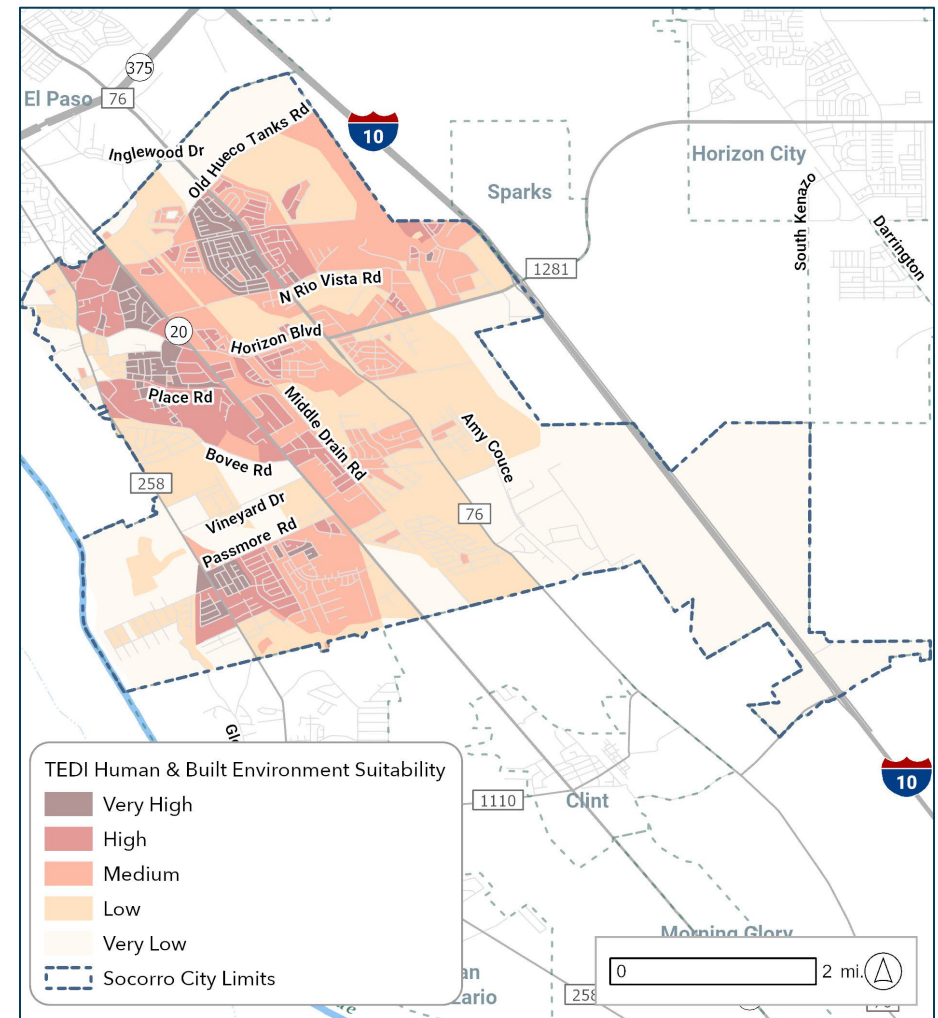
## Human & Built Environment Suitability

**Figure 37** shows factors eleven to thirteen, which constitute the suitability portion of the TEDI index:



**Figure 37.** Socorro TEDI, Suitable Environment Factors

**Figure 38** depicts where Factors 11-13 combined reveal the human and built environment is relatively more suitable for better transit.



**Figure 38.** Socorro TEDI, Human / Built Environment Suitability (Factors 11-13)

**Note:** The index does not capture actual walking conditions as no sufficient datasets exist about intersection safety, sidewalk existence and quality, and infrastructure accessibility – the three key indicators for actual walkability necessary to connect people to fixed route transit services. The [Appendix](#) discusses data sources and methodology in more detail.

# Transportation Equity Demand Index – Socorro & County-wide

Combining all of the indicators – demand, propensity, and suitability – enabled the project team to assist the City of Socorro to identify clear priority locations to consider for transit improvements. The City may also find the information helpful when prioritizing walking or biking access improvements in the future.

## Socorro Compared to El Paso County

**Table 6** compares Socorro to the remainder of El Paso County based on a selection of six TEDI indicators.

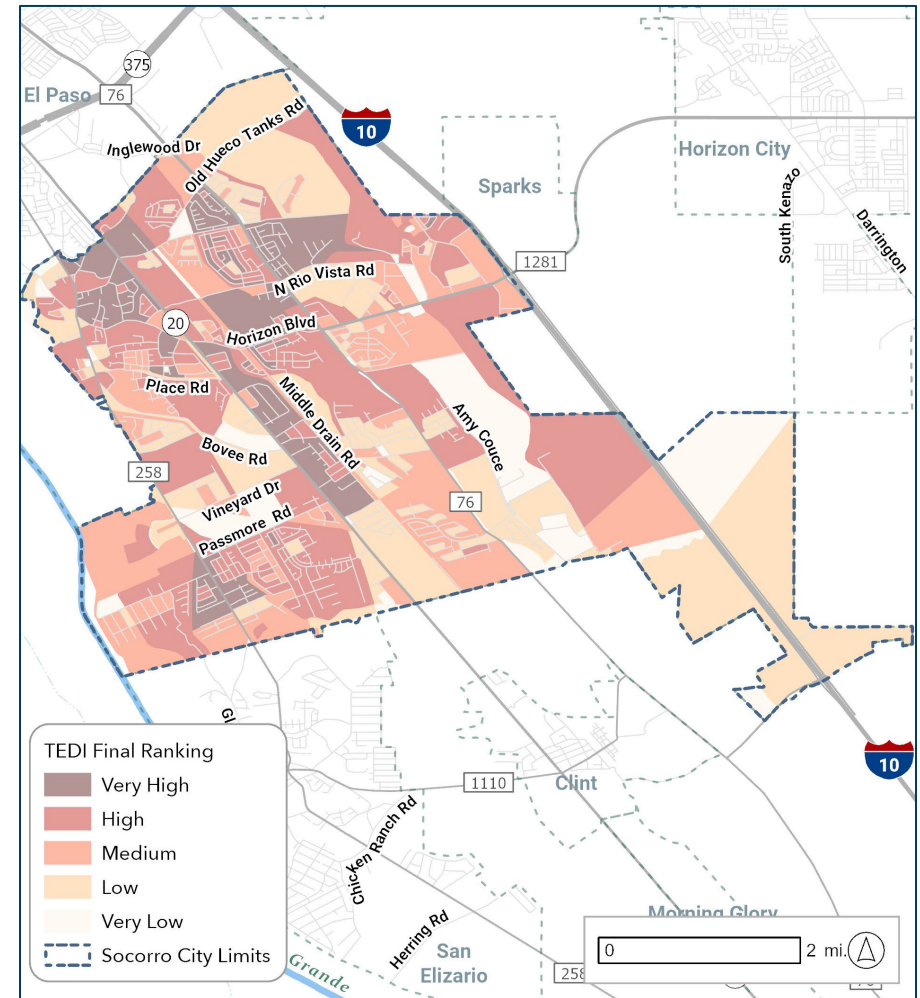
**Table 6.** Select TEDI Factors, Comparison of Socorro to El Paso County

Comparison of Selected TEDI Factors	City of Socorro	(excluding Socorro) El Paso County
2022 Households in Poverty	26%	20%
2022 Single Parent Female Headed Households with Children Under 18	12%	10%
2022 Households with One or More Persons with a Disability	34%	30%
2022 People of Color Population	98%	88%
2022 Households with Zero Vehicles Available	4.4%	6.6%
2022 Workers Commuting by Transit	0.92%	0.94%

**Socorro has fewer households with zero vehicles, but generally higher equity demand based on poverty, single parent female headed households with children at home, and households with one or more persons with a disability.**

## Socorro TEDI Results

**Figure 39** is the TEDI result specific only to the City of Socorro. The map shows the most granular result possible by using Census Blocks.



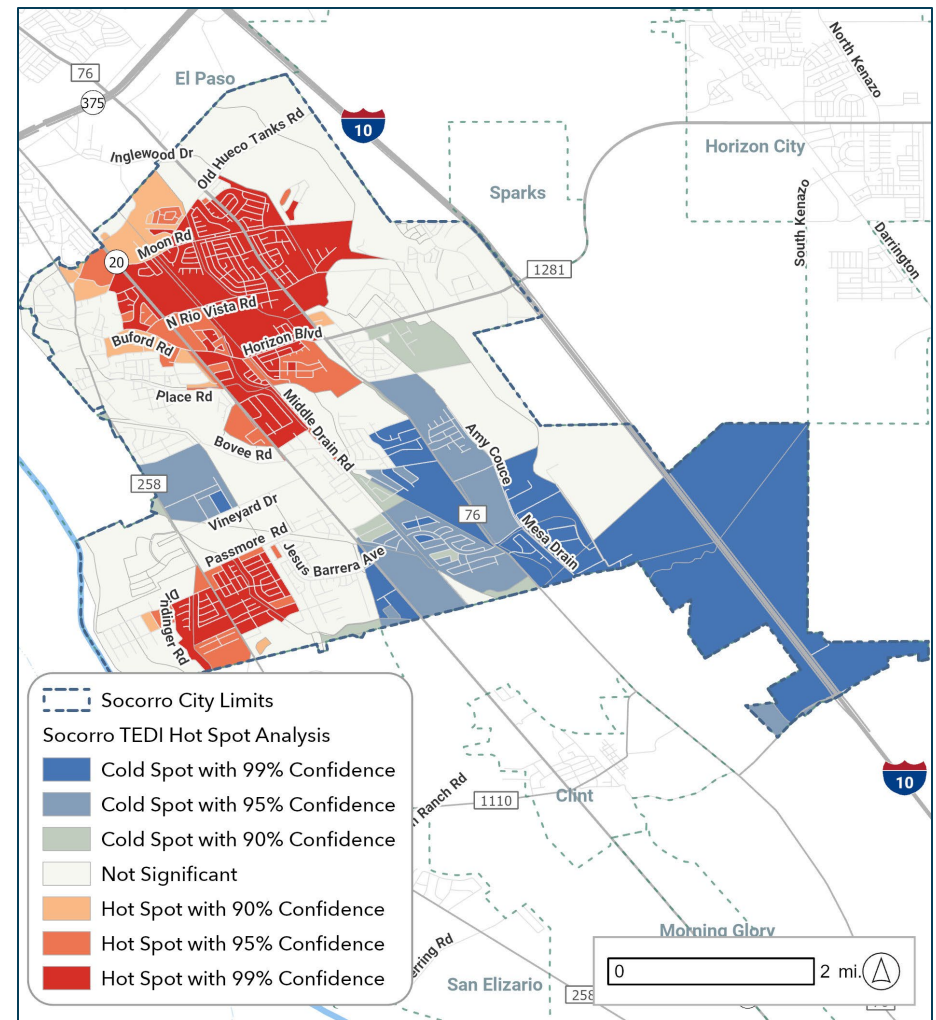
**Figure 39.** Socorro TEDI, Final Index Result by Census Block

**Overall, the Socorro TEDI indicates transit and active transportation investments may be especially beneficial in particular locations in the southwest and central-north areas of Socorro.**



The project team conducted a hot spot analysis ArcGIS to identify statistically significant clusters of either high or low attribute values within the dataset. This analysis highlights areas in Socorro and surrounding communities of El Paso County where unusually high demand for equitable mobility (hot spots) or relative low demand (cold spots) in the TEDI results.

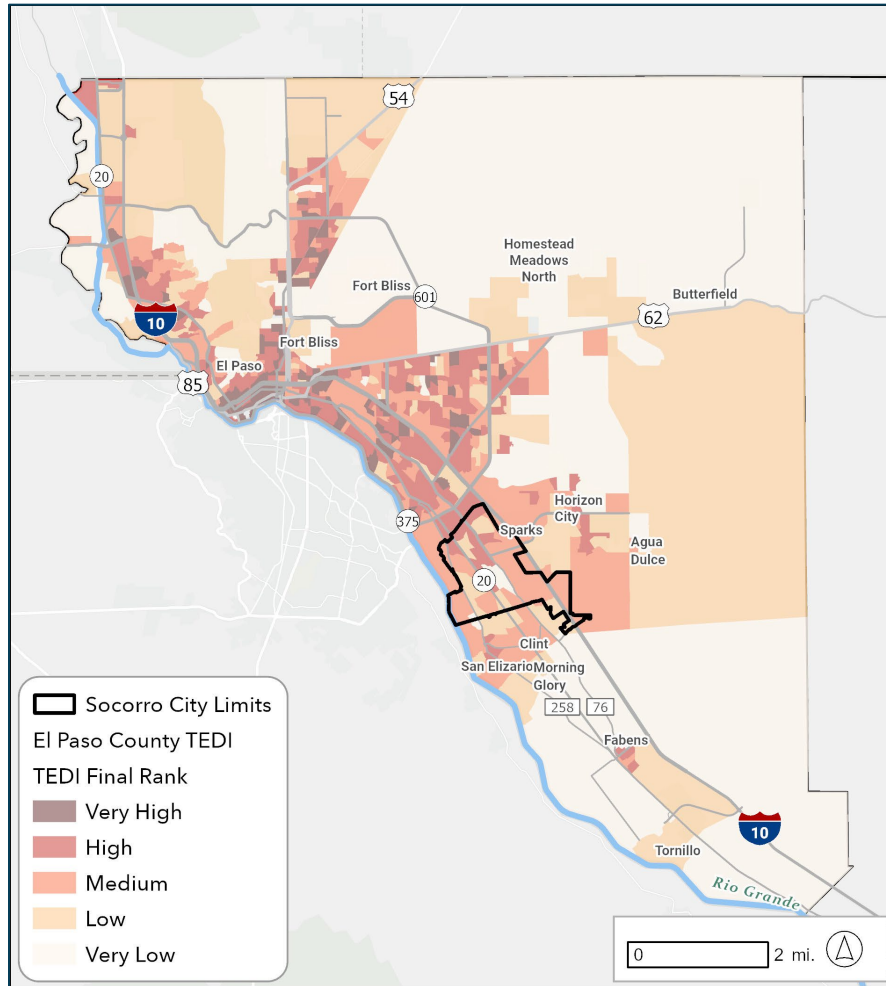
**Figure 40** utilizes the previous map and provides a hot and cold spot analysis based on spatial statistics. In other words, red areas mark clusters of Census Blocks with statistically more concentrated demand and suitability for transit, and blue spots indicate relatively lower demand and suitability locations. **Two distinct patches of significantly high demand exist in Socorro – one area in central-north and the other in the southwest.**



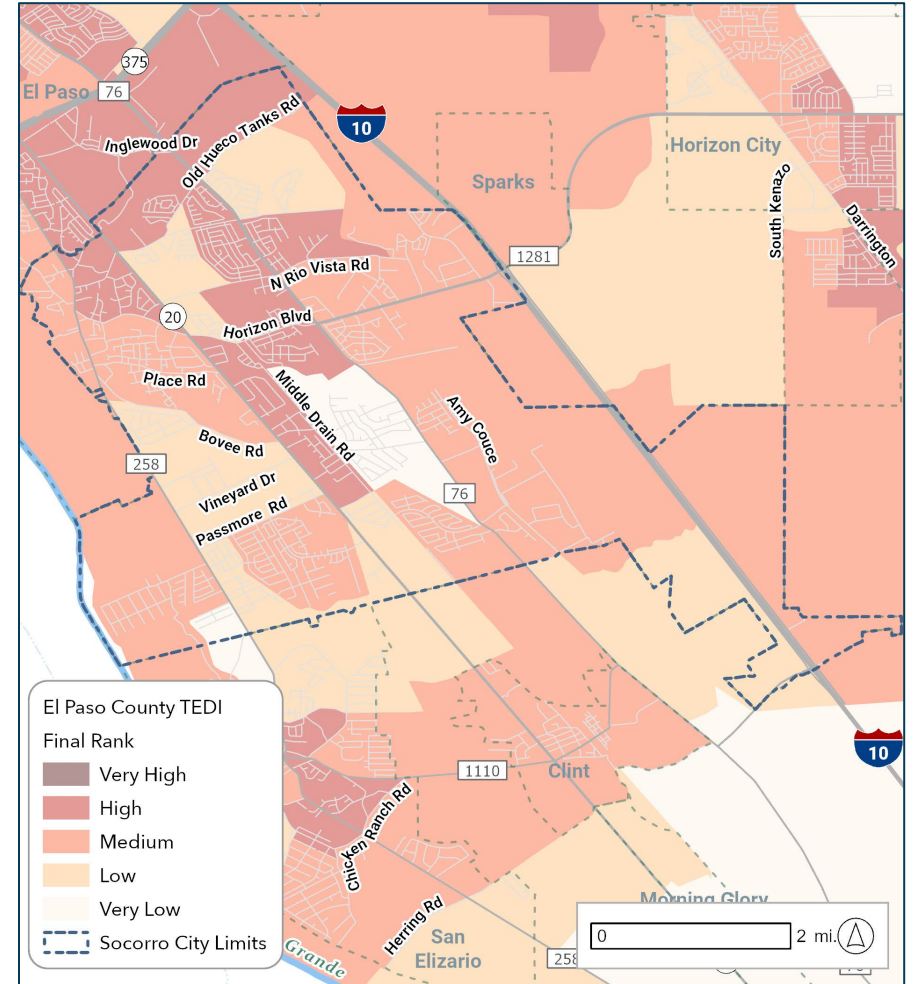
**Figure 40.** Socorro TEDI, Statistical Concentrations by Census Block

## El Paso County TEDI Results

This section contains a TEDI for the entirety of El Paso County, including Socorro, mapped by Census Block Group. The county wide TEDI enabled the project team and the City to understand the relative demand for better transit within Socorro compared to other nearby communities and the region as a whole. **Figure 41** is the El Paso County TEDI result symbolized by Census Block Group.



**Figure 42** is the same county-wide TEDI zoomed in on Socorro.



Readers should note that some degree of transit demand exists everywhere, in every community. The two TEDI indices simply help to identify where transit demand is statistically more pronounced – so transit services can be designed to ensure general coverage but also to provide strategically more robust services where demand is higher.



## 3.4 Key Rider Destinations

Some residents of Socorro have relied on transit for many years and continue to ride up to the time the City completed the Socorro ¡Avanzando! TDP in May 2025. Transit connects these riders to a variety of destinations within Socorro and in nearby communities. The TDP project team’s engagement with the public collected information about how existing riders used transit. The engagement also asked how and where people desired to use transit in the future.

**This section provides three additional views of potential transit demand by exploring the location of low-medium wage jobs, priority types of destinations, and key regional travel destinations for Socorro residents.**

The project team assembled the information to enable the City, its stakeholders, and the public to discuss potential priorities and ultimately to identify the highest priorities for better transit service implementation of a multi-year period.

### Data Sources

*Low-medium wage job locations come from the U.S. Census Bureau’s Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics data and are for the year 2021 (the most recent year available).*

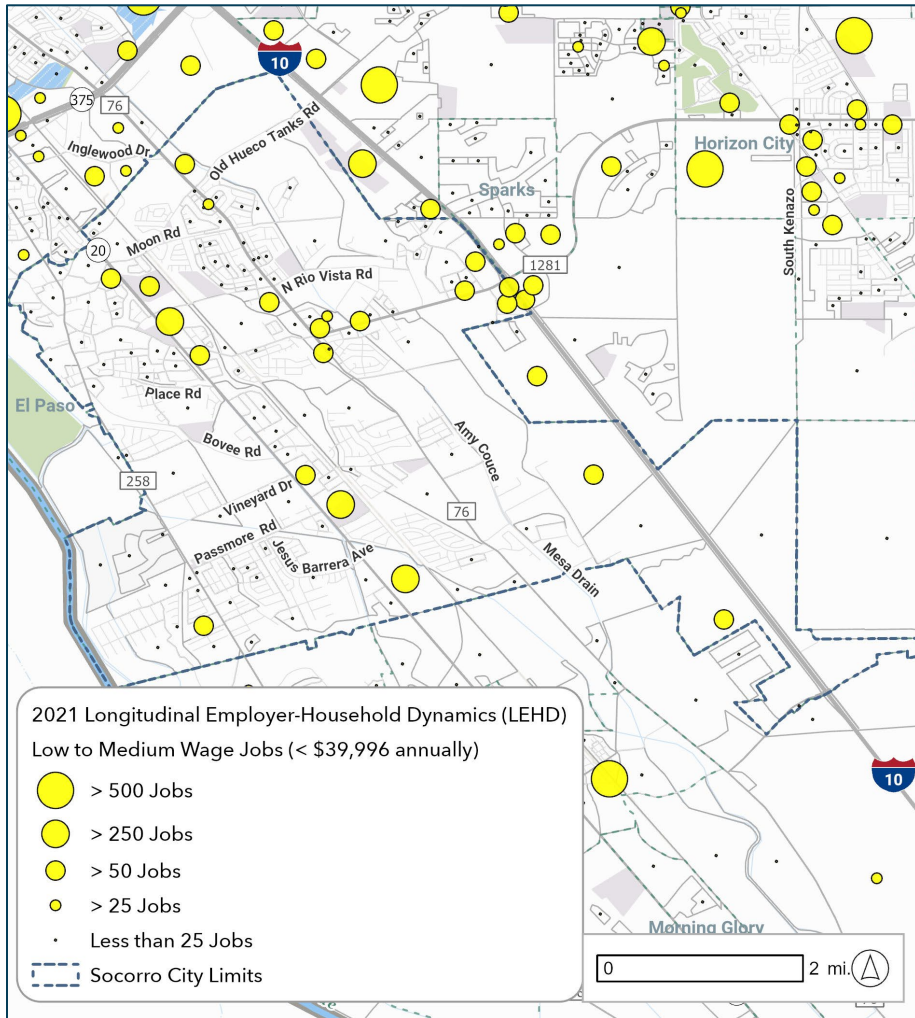
*Priority destinations come from a variety of sources. The principal source is data mined from ESRI ArcGIS Business Analyst. Searches on Google Maps confirmed the current status of some locations.*

*Travel pattern data is entirely derived from the proprietary Locus portal; through a license between Locus and The Goodman Corporation.*



## Low & Medium Wage Job Access

**Figure 43** depicts the distribution of employment within and near Socorro for all low/medium wage jobs (i.e., jobs paying less than \$39,996 annually). Most of these jobs are along Alameda Avenue or near Socorro to the north or northeast.



**Figure 43.** Work Locations for Low-Medium Wage Jobs

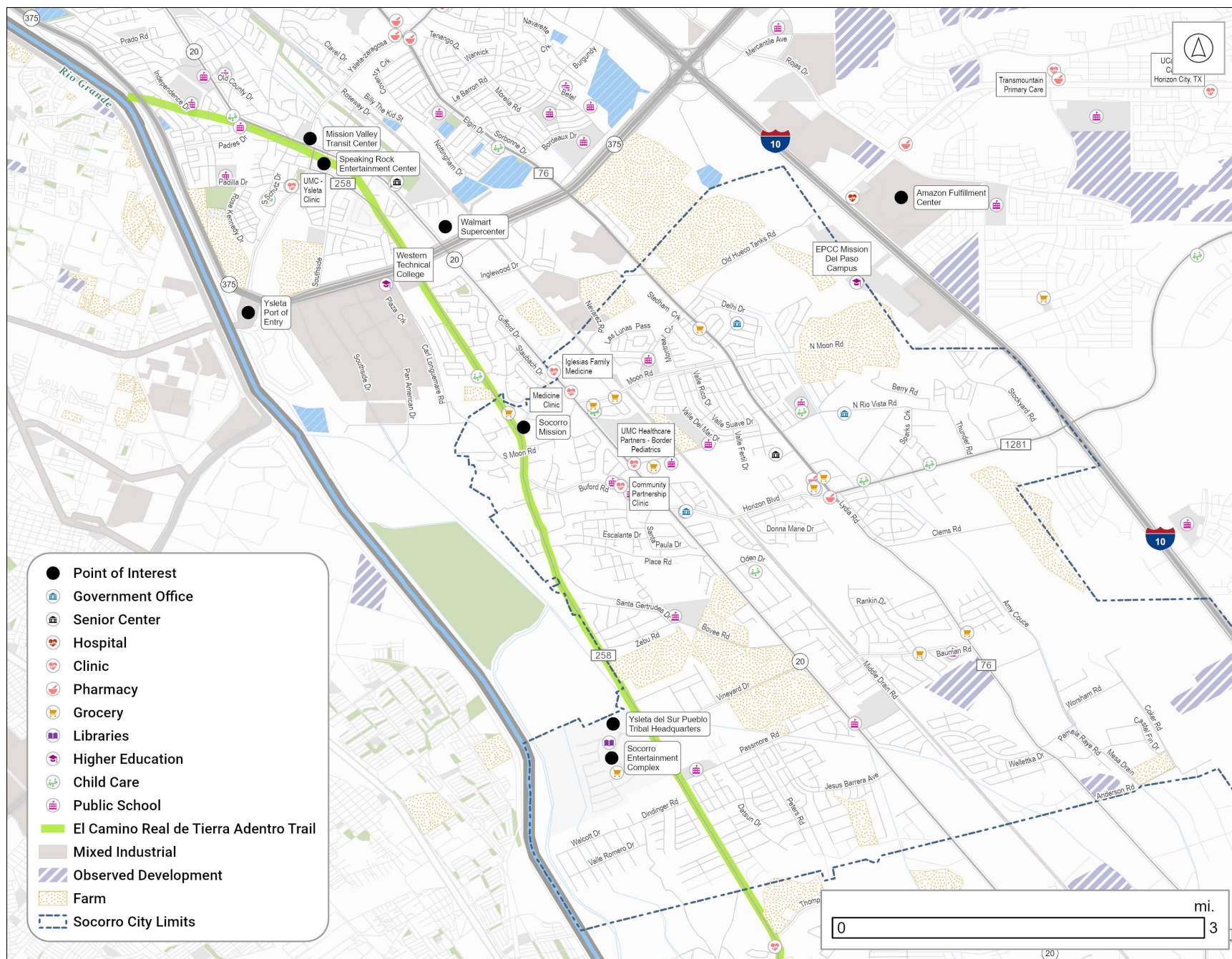
## Potential Priority Destinations

Certain types of destinations attract more transit rider trips than others – transit generators. **Figure 44**, on the next page, highlights the location of seven categories of transit generators within or near Socorro:

- **Major Employers**
- **Multifamily Housing**
- **Shopping Anchors**
  - Full service grocery stores
  - Department stores
- **Education**
  - Middle & high schools
  - Job & vocational training
  - Higher education (community college, university)
- **Family Support**
  - Childcare
  - Senior centers
  - Social Security Offices
  - Government Offices
- **Healthcare**
  - Hospitals (various types)
  - Clinics
  - Pharmacies
  - Dialysis center
  - Veterans Administration
- **Other Key Locations**
  - Border crossings
  - Intercity bus hubs

**Alameda Avenue and Socorro Road are the key corridors for transit rider destinations within Socorro and in adjacent communities.**





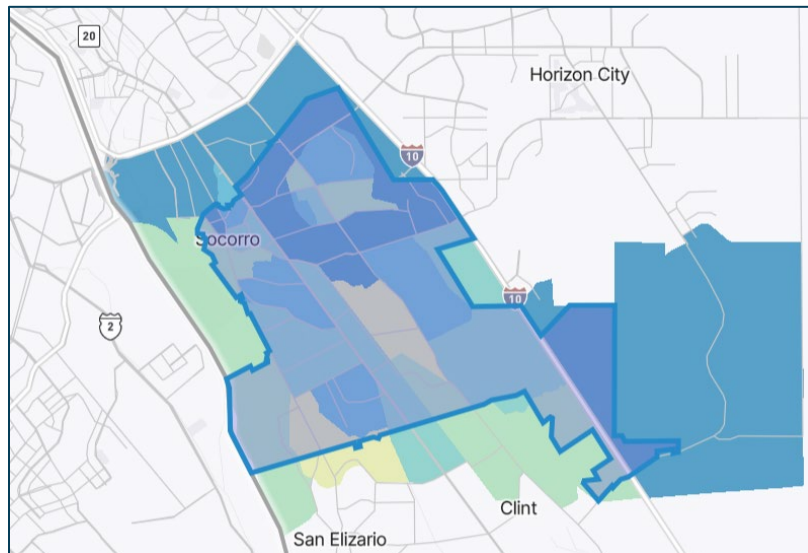
## Travel Patterns: Local

Transit ridership, like most travel, is most prominent during early morning to late evening hours. Transit demand also sees peak demand generally at similar times as personal auto-based travel. The TDP project team used the following time periods for modeling trip demand:

- Early AM – 3:00 to 6:00 AM
- AM Peak – 6:00 to 9:00 AM
- Midday – 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
- PM Peak – 3:00 to 6:00 PM
- Evening – 6:00 PM to 3:00 AM

Residents were generally making about 75,000 trips longer than 0.5-miles each day between 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM within Socorro as of Quarter 3 of 2024. Nearly all of those trips were in a personal or work vehicle.

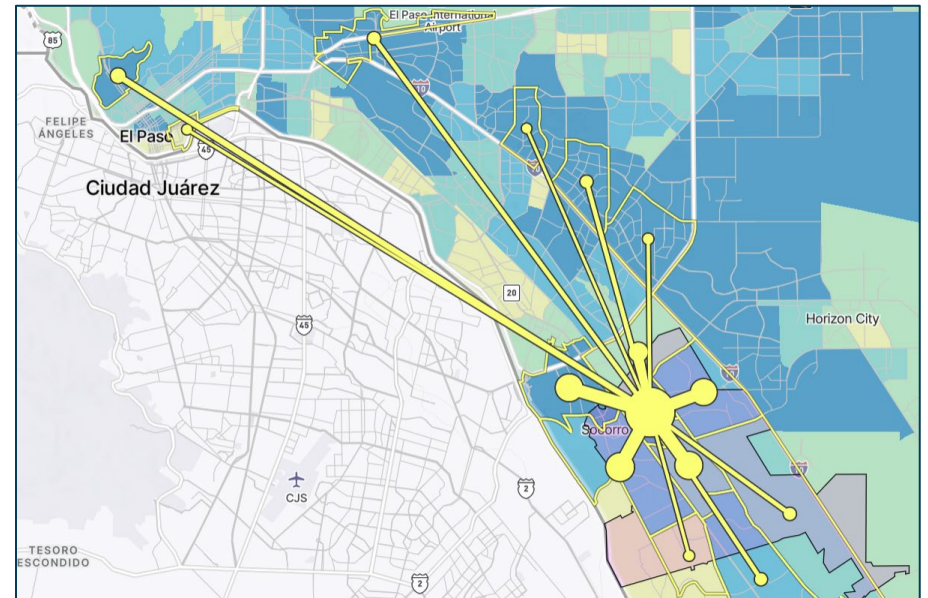
**Figure 45** shows the general location of these trips by Census Block Group.



**Figure 45.** Relative Local Travel Demand – AM Peak through PM Peak  
Source: Locus

## Travel Patterns: Regional

**Figure 46** depicts the top 15 regional destinations for Socorro. Readers will observe the most prominent destinations are relatively nearby.



**Figure 46.** Principal Regional Destinations for Socorro Residents  
Source: Locus

### The principal external destinations for daily trips from Socorro...

- **UTEP – 642 trips** (31% AM Peak, 56% Midday, 13% PM Peak)
- **Downtown – 533 trips** (32% AM Peak, 42% Midday, 26% PM Peak)
- **Fort Bliss – 181 trips** (64% AM Peak, 24% Midday, 12% PM Peak)
- **Airport – 160 trips** (45% AM Peak, 43% Midday, 12% PM Peak)

The introduction of better transit service for local trips will capture a portion of these trips in the future. The percentage of trips converted to transit will be relatively small at first but grow over time as awareness of transit service increases. Transit's success at converting driving trips to transit varies and is based on many factors (discussed later in the TDP).



## 3.5 Transit Viability in Socorro

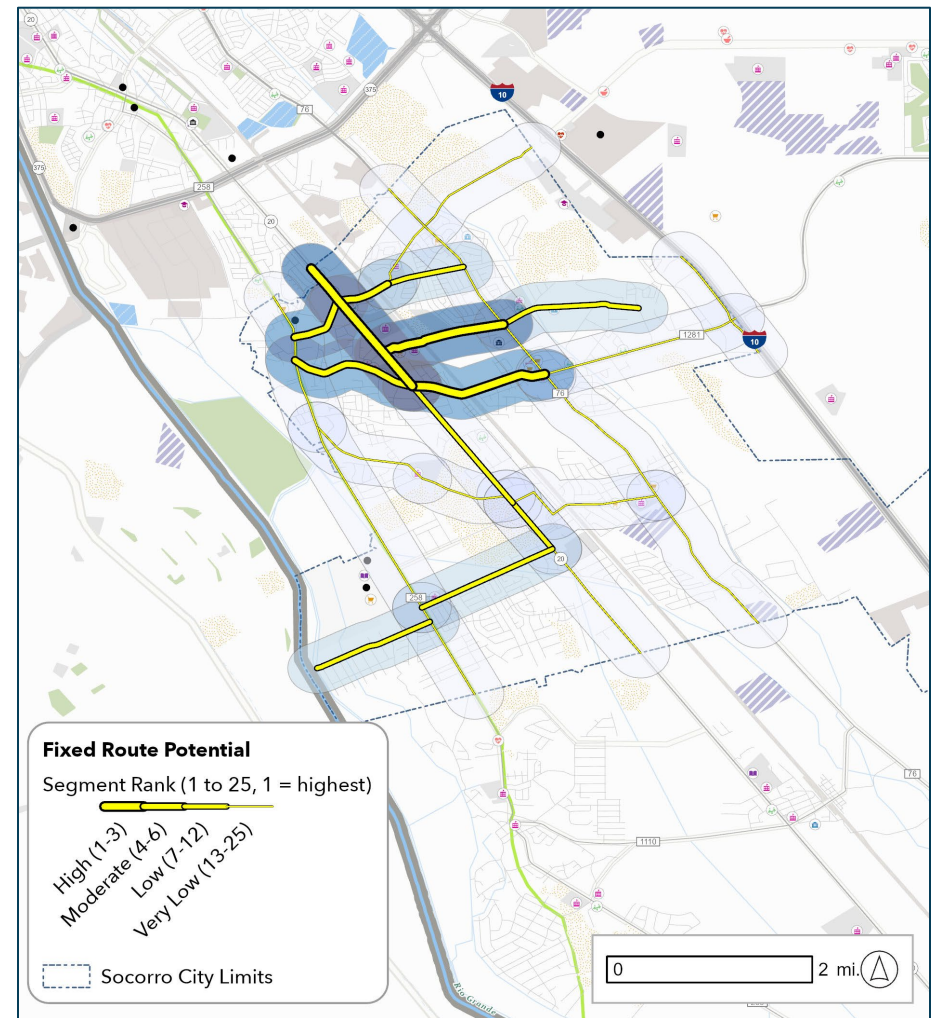
This section synthesizes all data previously documented by the TDP project team. The combined view will enable the City and stakeholders to evaluate the relative potential for fixed route local bus service along every major street segment in Socorro. The northernmost section of Alameda Avenue is the single best option for fixed route in the future if and when resources become available.

The project team explored the potential for fixed route bus service along local streets across the entire community:

- **Figure 47** depicts the potential priority for fixed route local bus transit across 25 local street segments based on multiple factors documented in previous sections.
- **Table 7**, on the next page, summarizes the overall ranking of each corridor (i.e., the map is based on the result in this table).
- **Table 8**, two pages back, notes a potential service frequency based on population or jobs density.

**Note:**

*The quantitative findings complemented the synthesized perspectives from extensive community engagement in both Fall 2024 and Spring 2025.*



**Figure 47.** Corridor Potential for Local Bus Fixed Route – Ranking Map

**Table 7.** Corridor Potential for Local Bus Fixed Route – Ranking Table

Socorro Corridor Street Segment	Overall Priority Rank	Transportation Equity Demand Index (TEDI) Ranks				2020 Population Density		2020 Housing Units Density		2020 Jobs Density - All Jobs		2020 Jobs Density - Low Wage Jobs	
		Fundamental Demographic Demand	Likely Higher Transit Use	Human/Built Environment Suitability	TEDI Overall Index	Number	Rank	Number	Rank	Number	Rank	Number	Rank
Alameda Ave - TX 20 (north)	1	14	5	1	2	3,052	3	1.65	3	685	4	187	4
N Rio Vista Rd (west)	2	9	11	3	3	3,414	2	1.73	2	661	5	238	2
Horizon Blvd - FM 1281 (west)	3	3	14	6	4	2,296	7	1.24	7	834	2	266	1
S Moon Rd	4	10	2	4	1	2,702	6	1.57	4	434	7	128	7
Buford Rd	5	7	19	7	6	2,786	5	1.52	6	730	3	197	3
N Moon Rd (west)	6	18	8	8	7	3,007	4	1.55	5	362	10	104	10
Passmore Rd	7	13	3	14	9	1,988	9	1.03	9	297	13	110	9
N Moon Rd (middle)	8	23	12	2	5	5,059	1	2.45	1	226	15	66	18
Walcott Rd	9	4	1	21	10	2,172	8	1.16	8	210	18	77	15
N Rio Vista Rd (east)	10	16	9	9	8	1,855	10	0.97	10	218	16	82	14
Alameda Ave - TX 20 (middle)	11	22	20	5	11	1,741	13	0.89	14	460	6	111	8
Alameda Ave - TX 20 (south)	12	15	10	11	12	1,114	20	0.55	21	398	9	149	6
Socorro Rd - FM 258 (south)	13	8	6	20	14	1,757	12	0.93	11	214	17	75	16
N Loop Dr - FM 76 (north)	14.5	20	21	10	20	1,838	11	0.92	12	250	14	87	13
State Hwy 20	14.5	24	7	13	16	1,234	17	0.61	18	341	11	94	11
Gateway Blvd E	16	1	4	25	13	434	25	0.21	25	335	12	50	20
Horizon Blvd - FM 1281 (east)	17.5	2	15	23	18	704	24	0.41	24	413	8	89	12
Old Hueco Tanks Rd	17.5	25	22	19	24	1,415	16	0.68	16	1,356	1	153	5
N Loop Dr - FM 76 (middle)	19	6	16	18	15	1,508	15	0.80	15	172	20	55	19
Socorro Rd - FM 258 (middle)	20	5	13	22	21	1,173	18	0.62	17	106	21	40	21
Socorro Rd - FM 258 (north)	21	12	24	12	19	1,619	14	0.89	13	46	23	17	22
Bauman Rd (general)	22	21	18	17	22	1,143	19	0.56	20	191	19	70	17
Bovee Rd (east)	23	11	17	15	17	1,089	21	0.60	19	92	22	16	23
Bovee Rd (west)	24	17	25	16	23	941	22	0.50	22	23	25	10	24
N Loop Dr - FM 76 (south)	25	19	23	24	25	939	23	0.44	23	26	24	9	25

Dark green boxes highlight the top two corridors in each column; light green boxes highlight corridors ranked three to five (out of 25 corridor segments)



**Table 8** identifies the hypothetical local bus frequency that might exist on each local street segment if (A) the corridor had the necessary infrastructure and (B) was located within the existing Sun Metro network.

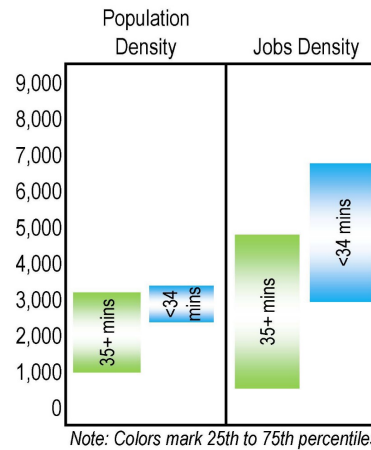
**Table 8.** Corridor Potential for Local Bus Fixed Route – Frequency per Density

**Presuming conducive infrastructure existed in the corridor...**

(i.e., sidewalks, intersections, bus stops)

Socorro Corridor Street Segment	Overall Priority Rank	Fixed Route Service Frequency...	
		Based on 2020 Population Density	Based on 2020 Jobs Density
Alameda Ave - TX 20 (middle)	11	35+ mins	No fixed route
Alameda Ave - TX 20 (north)	1	15-34 mins	No fixed route
Alameda Ave - TX 20 (south)	12	No fixed route	No fixed route
Bauman Rd (general)	22	No fixed route	No fixed route
Bovee Rd (east)	23	No fixed route	No fixed route
Bovee Rd (west)	24	No fixed route	No fixed route
Buford Rd	5	15-34 mins	No fixed route
Gateway Blvd E	16	No fixed route	No fixed route
Horizon Blvd - FM 1281 (east)	17.5	No fixed route	No fixed route
Horizon Blvd - FM 1281 (west)	3	35+ mins	35+ mins
N Loop Dr - FM 76 (middle)	19	35+ mins	No fixed route
N Loop Dr - FM 76 (north)	14.5	35+ mins	No fixed route
N Loop Dr - FM 76 (south)	25	No fixed route	No fixed route
N Moon Rd (middle)	8	15-34 mins	No fixed route
N Moon Rd (west)	6	15-34 mins	No fixed route
N Rio Vista Rd (east)	10	35+ mins	No fixed route
N Rio Vista Rd (west)	2	15-34 mins	No fixed route
Old Hueco Tanks Rd	17.5	35+ mins	35+ mins
Passmore Rd	7	35+ mins	No fixed route
S Moon Rd	4	15-34 mins	No fixed route
Socorro Rd - FM 258 (middle)	20	No fixed route	No fixed route
Socorro Rd - FM 258 (north)	21	35+ mins	No fixed route
Socorro Rd - FM 258 (south)	13	35+ mins	No fixed route
State Hwy 20	14.5	35+ mins	No fixed route
Walcott Rd	9	35+ mins	No fixed route

**Existing Sun Metro and EPCT Bus Route Frequency Ranges**



*Note: Local bus service success is predicated both on rider demand and supportive infrastructure, most especially accessible sidewalks.*



## Section 4. Funding & Service Scenarios

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**This section describes the three stage process the TDP project team undertook to identify and evaluate potential transit funding and service scenarios – to arrive at a recommended future for transit in Socorro.**

Section 4.1 details the potential funding sources, primarily federal, that the City of Socorro would likely be able to access to establish and support transit.

Section 4.2 describes the three step process – with two rounds of community engagement – to move from a broad set of hypothetical services to a final recommended transit program backed by data, public opinion, and feasible for the City to implement.



## 4.1 Potential Transit Funding

Transit agencies usually pool a variety of funding sources to create and sustain services. This is true regardless of whether the transit agency is hosted by a city, county, local government corporation, a region, or the state. The City of Socorro currently receives Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 funding for a portion of the Rio Vista Transportation Program for older adults and people with disabilities.

The purpose of this section is to highlight the relative potential for transit funding of various types to support transit in Socorro. The actual dollar amounts will vary over time. The principle sources of transit funding are local and federal.

### Key Funding Definitions

**Recipient** – the FTA has a process for a local government to become an eligible receiver of funding.

**Direct Recipient** – a local government eligible to receive funds directly from the FTA; may be multiple in each urbanized area.

**Designated Recipient** – the primary local government eligible to receive and manage FTA formula grant funds – usually one per urbanized area – and designated by the governor or state department of transportation (i.e., Sun Metro for El Paso).

**Grant** – financial assistance from the state or federal government.

**Formula Grant** – grant funds provided to all eligible transit agencies based on universally-applied formulas; split each year by agreement between direct recipients in an urbanized area.

**Discretionary Grant** – grant funds provided to only transit agencies who successfully compete for limited funds.

**Local Match** – most federal transit funding requires at least a certain percentage of funding to come from a non-federal source, usually between 10% and 50% of federal funding.

**Reimbursable Expenses** – state and federal governments require local governments to incur expenses first and then to seek reimbursement for eligible expenses.

**Operating Funding / Expenses** – dollars used to operate transit services, such as for fuel, labor, marketing, security, fare collection, etc. – percent reimbursable varies.

**Capital Funding / Expenses** – dollars used to purchase transit vehicles, stop improvements, equipment, and to build facilities, etc. – percent reimbursable varies.

**Direct Operation** – transit services directly operated by the transit agency with little to no contractor involvement.

**Purchased Transportation** – transit services operated by competitively procuring one or several contracted partners (i.e., from turnkey – everything included – to only contracting certain aspects of a service).

**Capital Cost of Contracting** – contracts with partners may involve capital costs on behalf of the transit agency, such as for a maintenance facility or vehicles. Seven different types of contracts are eligible for varying amounts of FTA reimbursement. The contract portion eligible for 80% federal share ranges from 0%, zero capital expenses incurred, up to 100%, all capital costs for a service incurred by the partner.

**Important Note:** Using even one dollar of state or federal funds for a transit program requires a local government to abide by all policies and requirements of said governments – such as federal Title VI, Americans with Disabilities Act, and FTA's Master Grant Agreement all transit agencies must agree to.

# Key Funding Sources

The City of Socorro can access a limited variety of funds. The amount and type of funding required for transit in Socorro will ultimately depend primarily on two factors:

- 1) The mix of services (i.e., operating vs capital needs) and
- 2) How the City operates the services (i.e., direct vs. contracted, or a mix).

**Table 9** summarizes key funding sources. The right-hand column estimates annual funding, if known, in a low-medium-high range. **In the highest confidence scenario (i.e., low), the City has become an FTA Direct Recipient and is able to reliably utilize about \$541,000 a year for transit.** Approximately 40-60% of funds can reasonably be expected to be available to reimburse operating expenses.

**For the City to obtain more funds, the medium-high scenarios presume the City would do one-or-more of the following:**

- Utilize more City general funds
- Pursue changes to sales taxes
- Successfully compete for CMAQ funding for a pilot transit program
- Compete for regional category or federal discretionary funds to offset transit capital investments (see next page)

<sup>20</sup> Low is 20% match for \$424,000 federal

<sup>21</sup> Low is 0% returned to City; medium is 0.1% returned (i.e., 20% revenue); high is .25% rededicated to transit (0.25% still to ESD#2)

**Table 9.** Transit Funding Sources in Socorro

Type	Name	Source	Allowed Uses	Local Match	(Estimated) Annual Amount	(Low – Medium – High) Socorro Scenario Funds
Local	<b>General Fund</b>	City of Socorro	Capital & Operating	<i>Not applicable</i>	<b>Variable</b> (\$5,000 currently for transit)	<b>\$85k / \$149k / \$212k</b> (accessible at will) <sup>20</sup>
	<b>Sales Tax</b> (each 0.5%)	City of Socorro	Capital & Operating	<i>Not applicable</i>	<b>~\$1.25 million</b> (currently used for other purposes)	<b>\$0 / \$0 / \$0</b> (only accessible with rededication)
		El Paso County ESD#2	Capital & Operating	<i>Not applicable</i>	<b>~\$1.25 million</b> (currently used for other purposes)	<b>\$0 / \$250k / \$625k</b> (only accessible with rededication) <sup>21</sup>
Regional	<b>Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ)</b>	El Paso MPO	Capital & Operating	20-50%	<b>~\$2 million</b> (for the region)	<b>\$0 / \$80k / \$160k</b> (need eligible program/service) <sup>22</sup>
	<b>Category Funds</b> (various)	El Paso MPO	Primarily Capital (planning too)	20-50%	<b>Variable</b> (competitive)	<b>Unknown</b> (need eligible project)
	<b>Transportation Development Credits</b>	El Paso MPO	TDC credits match federal funds		<b>Variable</b> (not real dollars – only match)	<b>Not real dollars</b> (need eligible grant to match, saves local real dollars)
Federal	<b>Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grants</b>	FTA	Capital & Planning (operating in certain circumstances)	10-50%	<b>~\$360,000</b>	<b>\$324k / \$360k / \$396k</b> (need to become FTA direct recipient) <sup>23</sup>
	<b>Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors &amp; Individuals with Disabilities</b>	FTA	Capital & Operating	20-50%	<b>~\$1 million</b> (for the region)	<b>\$70k / \$110k / \$150k</b> (continue to seek from region and/or become FTA direct recipient) <sup>4</sup>
	<b>Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities</b>	FTA	Capital	20%	<b>~\$26,000</b>	<b>\$23k / \$26k / \$29k</b> (need to become FTA direct recipient) <sup>4</sup>
<b>Annual Total:</b>						<b>Low = \$0.541 million Medium = \$1,001 million High = \$1,585 million</b>

**Sources:** Federal Transit Administration, El Paso MPO

**Note:** The table does not include passenger fare revenue or other revenue (e.g., advertising, local partnerships, etc.). These other sources will increase available local funds, but based on peers the total is unlikely to add more than 10% in financial capacity. For this reason, the TDP does not include these other sources to ensure the low/medium/high budget range is conservative.

<sup>22</sup> Low is Socorro not receiving any CMAQ; medium is receiving 4% of the region's allocation; and high is 8% of the region's funds

<sup>23</sup> City of Socorro will need to become FTA direct recipient, which takes about 9-12 months. The City will then seek a funding split with the City of El Paso as the designated recipient.



# Other Funding Sources

The project team recommends that the City of Socorro competitively seeks and utilizes some other funding sources. These other sources will primarily support capital investments in transit facilities, stops, or vehicles.

## Federal (Agency and Congressional)

The U.S. Department of Transportation, Department of Energy, Housing & Urban Development, and other federal agencies periodically release notices of funding opportunities (NOFOs) for competitive, discretionary grant programs. The following are some examples:

- BUILD (formerly RAISE or TIGER)<sup>24</sup>
- Reconnecting Communities Pilot<sup>25</sup>
- Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change<sup>26</sup>

Additionally, interested U.S. House of Representatives (House) members can opt to receive local government proposals for Community Project Funding (CPF) grants each year.<sup>27</sup> CPF grants resemble the years past “earmark” program. House members tend to expect the proposed projects to be ready to implement, meaning the federal funds fill the last remaining financial need for the project.

## Texas Department of Transportation

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) receives portions of federal and state funds to improve safety and multimodal transportation options. Two programs in particular may be opportunities for the City of Socorro:

- **Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)** – example: crash-warranted improvements to safety, both for people in vehicles and people walking or biking (not limited to state roads)
- **Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)** – example: sidewalks, shared use paths, or accessible intersection improvements (also not limited to state roads)

## El Paso MPO – Category Funds

The MPO’s 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan provides a summary of funding sources.<sup>28</sup> Category 5 and 9 funds are the most likely to help Socorro with transit improvements.

- **Category 2 – Metropolitan and Urban Area Corridor Projects**
- **Category 5 - Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)** (i.e., funding for a multi-year pilot for a transit service connecting riders to jobs or education along busy corridors)
- **Category 7 – Metropolitan Mobility and Rehabilitation**
- **Category 8 – Safety**
- **Category 9 – Transportation Alternatives Program** (i.e., the regional twin to TxDOT’s TAP; could fund some transit supportive sidewalk and stop improvements)

### **Note about Transportation Development Credits**

*Transportation Development Credits (TDCs), formerly called “toll development credits”, are credits recognized by the federal government and available to use as match for federal grants. TDCs are not real dollars. TDCs simply match federal funds without the need for a local government to use real dollars from local sources. Many Texas regions have a substantial TDC balance because the state has invested in transportation improvements without federal funds, mostly toll roads. For example, if the City of Socorro receives \$350,000 in federal grant funds, and the El Paso MPO agrees to use TDCs, then \$70,000 in TDC match would be deducted from the region’s balance and Socorro could use the \$350,000 federal funds. This means that if a capital project needs \$1,000,000 then 100% could come from federal sources, provided the TDC balance was reduced by \$200,000 (or 20% of the total).*

<sup>24</sup> <https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/freight/infrastructure/tiger/>

<sup>25</sup> <https://www.transportation.gov/reconnecting>

<sup>26</sup> <https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/351071>

<sup>27</sup> [https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/comm\\_planning/edi-grants](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/edi-grants)

<sup>28</sup> <https://www.elpasompo.org/departments/mtp>

## 4.2 Transit Service Scenario Development

The City's TDP project team followed a three step process to develop the final recommended transit services to implement.

**Step 1 in Fall 2024** explored a comprehensive suite of hypothetical transit service configurations, to inform public engagement and refine analytical efforts. The exercise enabled the TDP project team to discern the general opportunities for further exploration with the City and public.

**Step 2 in Winter 2025** built on the qualitative data from the extensive community engagement and the quantitative data from geographic analysis to identify a short list of three feasible transit futures. The TDP project team facilitated virtual conversations with City staff to identify an initially preferred alternative for review with the public in a follow-on engagement effort in April 2025.

**Step 3 in May 2025** put forward the final recommended suite of transit services based on all engagement and analytical work from the TDP process. The recommended services represent a cost-constrained, feasible future wherein all residents of Socorro will have better, affordable access to their entire community through an on-demand microtransit service. The TDP also discusses potential future opportunities for transit services should sufficient resources become available.

**The following subsections summarize the three step process and related public engagement.**

### Step 1. Suite of Hypothetical Transit Scenarios [Fall 2024]

This section documents the earliest exploration of potential transit service scenarios for Socorro and the initial round of public engagement.

#### Fall 2024 – Initial Transit Scenarios

The initial scenarios from September 2024 informed the project team's engagement and analytical strategies early in the TDP planning process. The initial scenarios, on the next page, did not reflect rider, public, or stakeholder viewpoints. Rather, the information helped the consultant team assist the City to understand the breadth of transit alternatives available and scale of resources required so the TDP process could be grounded in discussions of feasible alternatives with stakeholders, riders, and the public.

Findings for the five initial scenarios are compared in **Table 10** on the following page:

1. Continue EPATS existing fixed route service
2. Establish more frequent City-led fixed routes with paratransit
3. Establish limited corridors of frequent City-led fixed routes with on-demand microtransit zones
4. Establish City-led on-demand microtransit zones
5. Contract with a transportation network company (i.e., Uber, Lyft, etc.) and an accessible provider for subsidized rides

All scenarios assumed two services would continue: (A) the City would continue to operate the Section 5310 funded Rio Vista Transportation Program for older adults and people with disabilities and (B) residents would continue to have access to the county-wide Vamonos Vanpool.



**Table 10.** Hypothetical Initial Transit Scenarios [Fall 2024]

Services					
Continuing in All Existing / Alternative Scenarios	Transit Services	Service Details	Cost / Fare (full / discount)	Advantages / Disadvantages	
<b>1. Socorro's Rio Vista Transportation Program (RVTP)</b>  (serving older adults and people with a disability using local and Section 5310 funds)	<b>EPATS Existing Fixed Routes</b> (portions of routes serve Socorro)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday-Saturday – 6 routes</li> <li>Sunday – 4 Routes</li> <li>Begin – ~6:20 am; End – ~7:10 pm</li> <li>Weekday Frequency ~71 mins.</li> <li>Weekend Frequency ~87 mins.</li> </ul>	<i>(Entirety of all six routes)</i> <b>Operating Cost – \$2.2 million</b> (530k VRM; 31k VRH per year) <b>Capital Cost – \$0.42 million</b> (9 buses) Fare – \$1.50 / none	<b>Advantages</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional connections</li> <li>All-purpose riders supported</li> <li>Higher demand does not increase cost</li> </ul> <b>Disadvantages</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multiple routes = high cost</li> <li>Infrequent service</li> <li>Poor quality stops</li> <li>Needs better walk/bike infrastructure</li> </ul>	
	<b>More Frequent Fixed Route with ADA Paratransit</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday-Sunday – 1 Route Alameda Ave. (6.2 miles from Tanton Rd. to MVTC)</li> <li>Begin – 6:00 am; End – 9:00 pm</li> <li>Peak-hour Frequency – 30 mins.</li> <li>Off-peak/Weekend Frequency – 60 mins.</li> </ul>	<b>Operating Cost – \$0.87 million</b> (year: 90k VRM; 7k VRH) <b>Capital Cost – \$0.13 million</b> (3 buses) Fare – \$1.50 / \$1.00	<b>Advantages</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More frequent service</li> <li>Regional connections</li> <li>All-purpose riders supported</li> <li>Higher demand does not increase cost</li> </ul> <b>Disadvantages</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Portion of City served is limited</li> <li>Coordinating paratransit outside City</li> <li>Requires stop improvements</li> <li>Needs better walk/bike infrastructure</li> </ul>	
	<b>More Frequent Fixed Route with On-Demand Microtransit Zone(s)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fixed route same as above, transfer included</li> <li>Four on-demand zones connect to the fixed route on same days/hours:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Begin – 6:00 am; End – 9:00 pm</li> <li>Zones ~2-7 square miles each</li> <li>Target wait time ~15 mins.</li> </ul>               (zones provide the ADA service)             </li> </ul>	<b>Operating Cost – \$0.15 million</b> (1.5k VRH per year) <b>Capital Cost – \$0.019 million</b> (2 vans; \$6k software) Fare – \$3.00 / \$1.50	<b>Operating Cost – \$0.87 million</b> <b>Capital Cost - \$0.13 million</b>	
	<b>On-Demand Microtransit Zone(s)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two on-demand zones: north, south               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Begin – 6:00 am; End – 9:00 pm</li> <li>Zones ~9 square miles each</li> <li>Target wait time ~20 mins.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Higher zone fare to Super Walmart or Mission Valley Transit Center in El Paso</li> </ul>	<b>Operating Cost – \$1.75 million</b> (22k VRH per year) <b>Capital Cost – \$0.053 million</b> (5 vans; \$6k software) Fare – \$1.50 / \$1.00	<b>Operating Cost – \$2.00 million</b> (18k VRH per year) <b>Capital Cost – \$0.053 million</b> (5 vans; \$6k software) Fare – \$1.50 / \$1.00 Zone Fare - \$3.00	
<b>2. El Paso County's Vamonos Vanpool</b>  (serving commuters to work/school using a variety of funding sources)	<b>Uber/Lyft TNC Subsidy – with accessible subcontractor</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Turnkey contract with a TNC provider</li> <li>24-hour service</li> <li>Fare + max voucher subsidy per trip</li> <li>Max number of trips per month per user</li> <li>TNC subcontracts with ADA compliant provider for flat monthly fee ~\$15k</li> </ul>	<b>Operating Cost – \$0.44 million</b> (TNC – \$300k; ADA \$144k) Fare – \$3.00 Max. Subsidy – up to \$10 Max Monthly Trips - 10	<b>Advantages</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ease of implementation</li> <li>No direct capital</li> <li>24-hour service</li> </ul> <b>Disadvantages</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Higher demand = higher cost</li> <li>Cost control challenging (longer wait or deny trips)</li> </ul>	

**Sources:** Federal Transit Administration, El Paso County, City of Socorro

VRM is Vehicle Revenue Miles

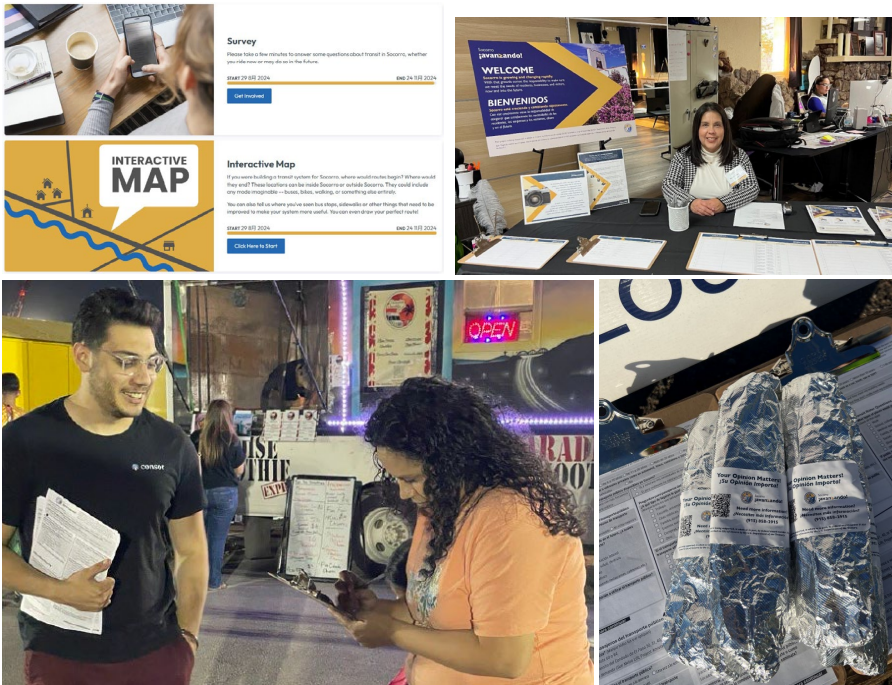
VRH is Vehicle Revenue Hours

**Important Note:** The City should consider the need to use the Rio Vista Transportation Program service, coordination with non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) providers, or to formalize arrangements to provide seamless mobility for eligible riders of complementary ADA service.

## Fall 2024 – Public Engagement Round #1

The TDP project team utilized a robust, multi-pronged approach to public engagement in Fall 2024 to reach more than 130 people:

- Online engagement website launched in August 2024
- Guest editorial from then Mayor Ivy Avalos featured in the news
- Initial engagement activities in September-October 2024:
  - Online and print survey – English and Spanish
  - Online interactive map (31 contacts)
  - Stakeholder Interviews (5 interviews)
  - Fright Farm in-person engagement (85 contacts)
  - Rider interviews – “Burritos at the Bus Stop”



The project team concluded the initial engagement efforts by hosting an in-person open house public meeting at the Rio Vista Community Center in November 2024. A news release, social media posts, bilingual flyers, and bilingual signs placed at bus stops throughout the city promoted the event. The team produced 11 display boards for the public meeting. Everyone received a bilingual fact sheet and information on the timeline of events related to transit in Socorro (see the timeline on the following page).

The open house also featured two interactive exercises:

- **Participatory budgeting:** To better understand community priorities surrounding transit
- **Draw your perfect route:** Participants used push pins and yarn to map a preferred bus route and received a stick, “My ideas are moving Socorro forward”

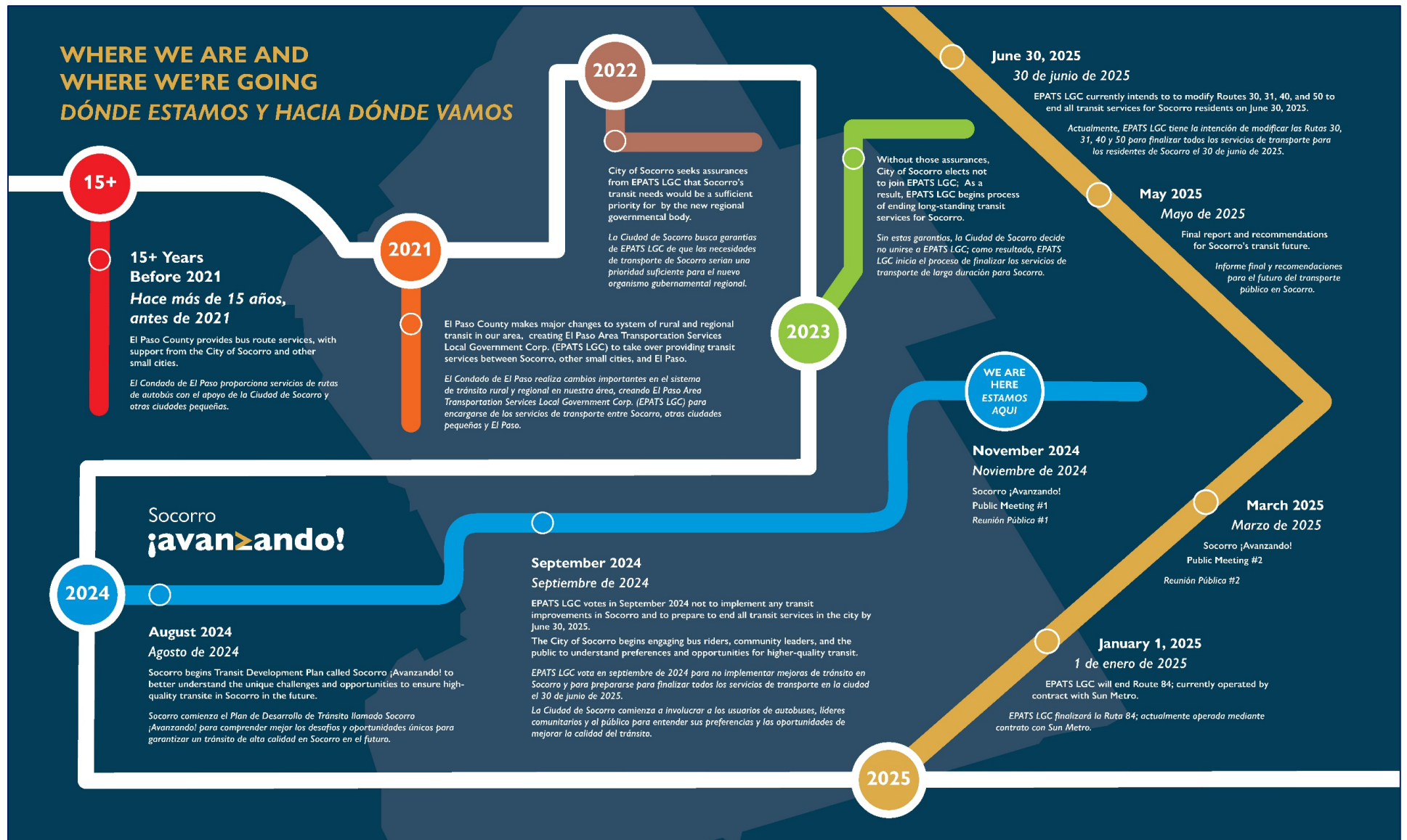
Five common themes emerged from the engagement effort:

1. Many existing riders expressed a feeling of gratitude for the existing routes, despite admitting to performance issues.
2. Socorro residents need and want transit in some form, with interest and support for both microtransit and fixed routes.
3. Transit riders need transit to remain affordable and have a cash option for any fare.
4. Maintaining access from Socorro into El Paso and to EPCC are both high priority.
5. About 51% of residents support the City using existing levels of funding to support transit; 23% support paying more for better transit; 5% believe the City spends too much on transit (21% of people were undecided).

Refer to [Appendix A3](#) for details about the 2024 engagement activities.



The timeline board used during the November 2024 workshop:



## Step 2. Preliminary Scenarios for Fixed Route and/or Microtransit [Winter 2025]

The Step 1 analysis and initial public engagement confirmed that the alternatives for transit in the future should be limited to particular fixed routes and/or on-demand microtransit. The services should be irrespective of whether the operator would be EPATS, the City, Sun Metro, a private contractor, or any combination thereof.

**The second analytical step for the project team was therefore to identify a more limited set of transit alternatives for City staff to workshop.** The scale of fiscal resources likely required, and modeled to be available to the City specifically, also strongly influenced the limited set of alternatives considered in Step 2. The TDP project team assisted the City to evaluate alternatives before deciding which scenario to put to the public in the final round of engagement in April 2025.

### CONSIDERATION #1

**Creating new local bus fixed routes is complex.** Projected ridership will require 1-2 years to materialize. Capital costs for buses and bus stop improvements must be accounted for, as well as bus operating facility space to park and maintain vehicles. A transit operator must be willing to field the full level of service from launch to at least two years to build public awareness and realize the eventual ridership potential of the route. Long-term route performance may be modeled with an acceptable degree of accuracy, especially when based on in-region routes with similar corridor characteristics and urban/suburban context.

## Key Potential Transit Modes

### Fixed Routes on Limited Corridors

The TDP project team determined that the City of Socorro does not generally possess the correct conditions for solely relying on fixed route local bus as the transit service. Population density, and especially jobs density, are insufficient to justify an extensive fixed route network. Transit demand definitively exists but is dispersed in ways difficult to serve with set routes. However, there is one central corridor warranting consideration.

The City of Socorro explored the potential for a frequent fixed route along Alameda Avenue as the one most promising corridor for long-term consideration. Key success aspects for a future fixed route service:

- The route would operate in both directions generally from at least 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM (ideally until at least 8:00 PM or later).
- The City would strive for at least 30-minute frequency.
- The route would operate on all days except major holidays (transit agencies typically do not operate services on 4 to 5 major holidays); the City may choose to operate at lower frequency during particular time periods on weekdays or on weekends.
- Bus stops would be marked with signs, and key stops should have seating, shade, and trash cans. The city could opt to allow “flag stops” so riders can hail the bus at other locations.
- Bus seating capacity would be right-sized over time given ridership levels and available vehicle capital.

A fixed route along Alameda Avenue could extend from about Oden Drive at the south end north through Socorro to end at the Mission Valley Transit Center in El Paso. The route could be extended further southeast in the future, when demand is apparent based on development patterns and microtransit ridership.



## On-Demand Microtransit Citywide

**The distribution of people and destinations, and the built environment, make Socorro an excellent community in which to consider microtransit both locally and to potentially provide regional connections through transfers and vanpool.** The TEDI indices highlight some portions of the community with especially high priority. Microtransit is capable of supporting resident mobility regardless of natural and manmade barriers – i.e., railroads, canals/laterals, etc. – that divide Socorro and impede access to fixed route services.

Key aspects for successful microtransit service:

- The zones should operate generally from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM.
- The hours of operation could extend, or zone coverage adapt, to provide residents with earlier morning, later evening, etc. access even when the fixed route (if applicable) is not operating.
- The City should anchor zones with stops at key destinations.
- The City should market the service proactively, provide a cash fare payment option (if a fare is required at all), and accept ride requests via both telephone and a mobile app.
- The City should establish initial performance metrics for shared rides, average wait time (generally 10-30 minutes), and no-shows – by balancing zone size, ridership demand, zone configuration, vehicles available, etc.

### CONSIDERATION #2

**Adding on-demand transit zones is less complex than creating fixed routes but comes with other potential limitations, such as variable cost as demand changes.** As with fixed routes, projected ridership will require 1-2 years to materialize. Capital costs for additional accessible vehicles are required. Transit operators must market the new service and provide a reliable experience (i.e., wait times for trips) to sustain ridership. Likely initial and long-term zone performance may be modeled with an acceptable degree of accuracy.

If the City were to establish a fixed route in the longer term future then the City will need to satisfy FTA requirements for ADA complementary paratransit. As discussed previously, paratransit is for eligible riders living within 0.75-miles of a fixed route. The City could satisfy ADA requirements for paratransit by operating the microtransit in a particular way so as to also serve ADA eligible riders.

## Winter 2025 – Three Transit Scenarios

**The TDP project team helped the City to explore three transit scenarios, and to conduct a final round of public engagement, before deciding on the final recommended transit service for Socorro’s future.**

**The three scenarios were:**

### A. Socorro+ Zone

(city-wide zone with zone branch along Alameda to MVTC)

### B. Socorro Zone + Fixed Route

(city-wide zone; fixed route connecting along Alameda to MVTC)

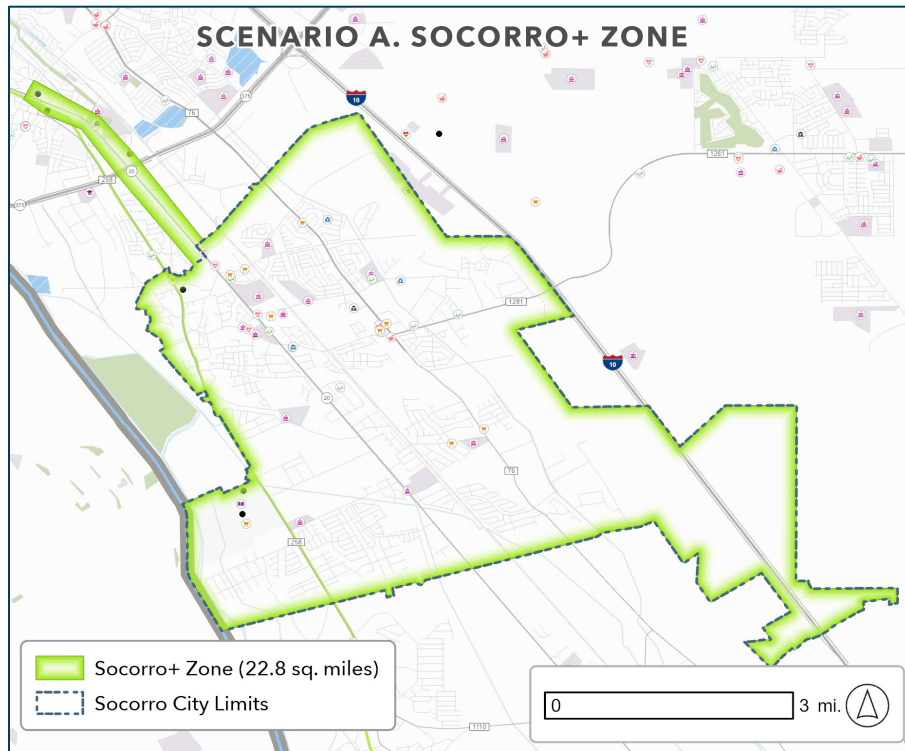
### C. Socorro North & South Zones + Fixed Route

(two zones: fixed route connecting along Alameda to MVTC)

All three scenarios preserved access to key destinations along Alameda Avenue and into the Mission Valley Transit Center in El Paso. Preserving riders’ opportunity to connect with Sun Metro at the MVTC was an essential expectation for the City of Socorro – and riders. **Figure 48**, **Figure 49**, and **Figure 50** illustrate the general nature of each scenario and provide some details used by the TDP project team during deliberations with the City of Socorro.

## Scenario A. Socorro+ Zone

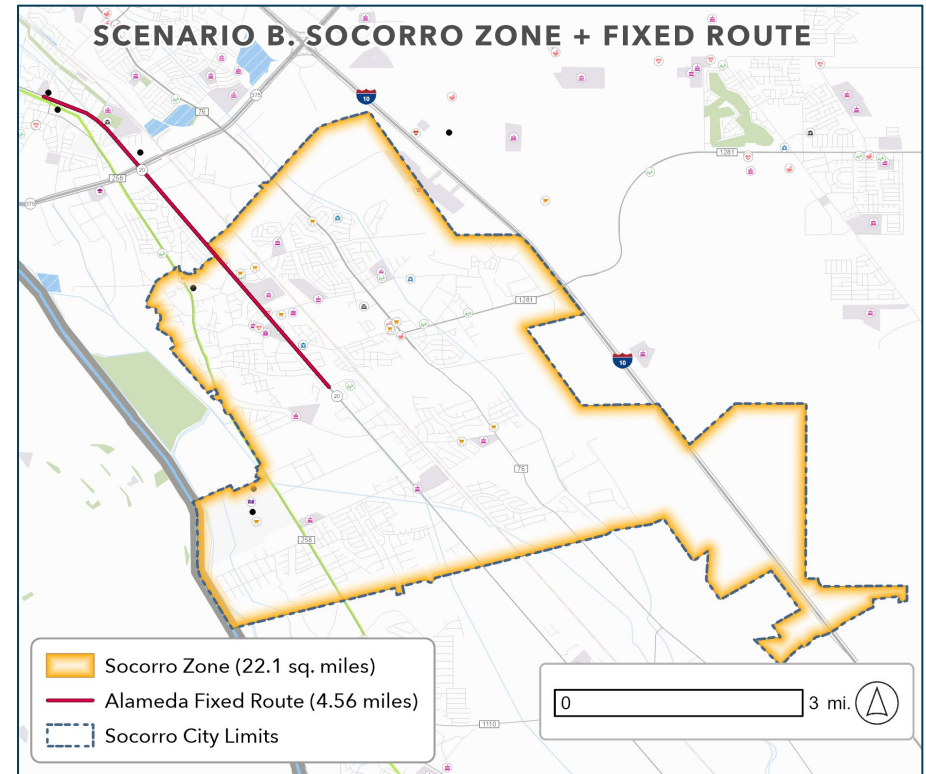
Scenario A consisted of a solely microtransit service operating in a singular zone of about 23 square miles. The zone covered the extent of the City of Socorro and included the EPCC campus and a branch along Alameda Avenue northwest to the Mission Valley Transit Center (see **Figure 48**).



**Figure 48.** Scenario A. Socorro+ Zone

## Scenario B. Socorro Zone + Fixed Route

Scenario B consisted of a mix of both one microtransit zone and one fixed route. The microtransit zone of about 22 square miles covered the extent of the City of Socorro and included the EPCC campus. The fixed route operated along Alameda Avenue in both directions from the middle of the City northwest to the Mission Valley Transit Center (see **Figure 49**).



**Figure 49.** Scenario B. Socorro Zone + Fixed Route



Scenario C. North & South Zones + Fixed Route

Scenario C also consisted of a mix of both microtransit and fixed route services. In this scenario, the City is split into north and south microtransit zones (about 9 and 13 square miles respectively). The two zones covered the extent of the City of Socorro and included the EPCC campus. The fixed route operated along Alameda Avenue in both directions from the middle of the City northwest to the Mission Valley Transit Center (see **Figure 50**).

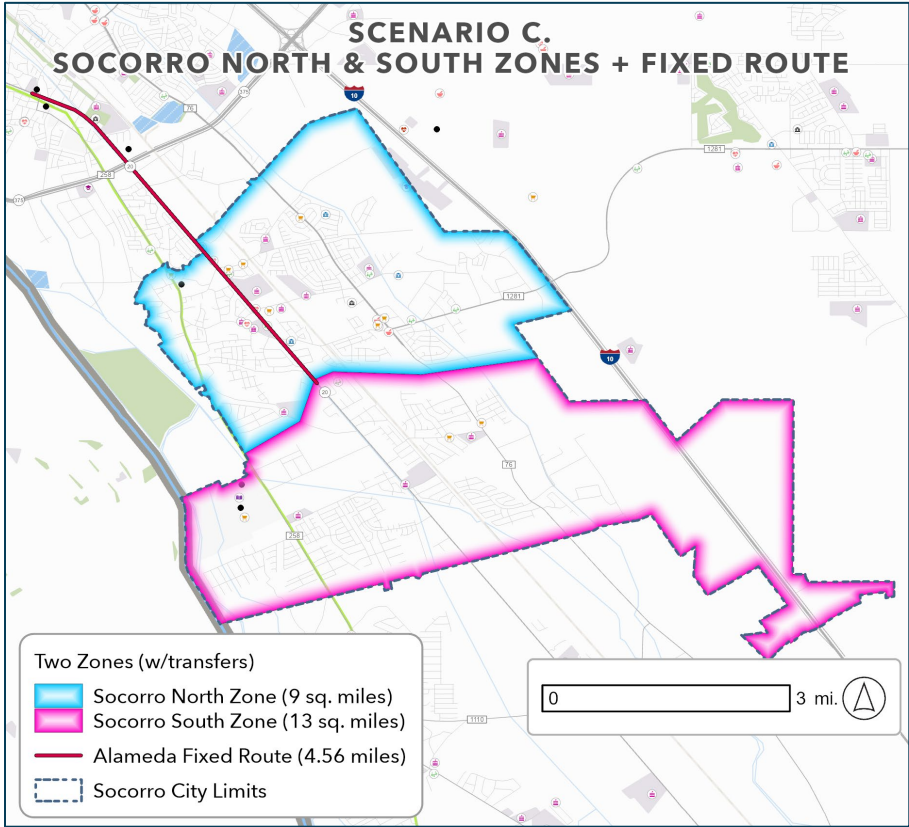


Figure 50. Scenario C. Socorro North & South Zones + Fixed Route

The two zones would assist the City to control cost by encouraging trips to access the fixed route or for riders to make shorter trips within a zone.

Scenario A, B, and C Evaluation

The City and the project team discussed each scenario in detail early in the spring of 2025. The intent of the conversations was to discuss the ins and outs of each alternative. The evaluation looked beyond the operating cost, though the local dollars required to sustain the alternative was of prime importance, to consider the public interest in the scenario and the experience of riders should the City implement the option.

Table 11 details the six evaluation criteria and evaluation results. **The project team determined the most cost feasible and desirable scenario was likely to be Scenario A. Socorro+ Zone.** The team put the idea to residents of Socorro in a second round of engagement in April 2025.

Table 11. Scenario A-C Evaluation

Evaluation Criteria	Scenario A. Socorro+ Zone	Scenario B. Socorro Zone + Fixed Route	Scenario C. North & South Zones + Fixed Route
<b>Operating Cost</b> (i.e., for labor, fuel, etc.)	Lowest Cost	Highest Cost	Medium Cost
<b>Capital Investment</b> (i.e., for vehicles, stops, hardware)	Low Investment	High Investment	High Investment
<b>Operating Complexity</b> (i.e., how easy system is to run for the City)	Least Complex	Medium Complexity	Most Complex
<b>Ease for Riders</b> (i.e., how simple the service is for riders)	Simplest to Ride	Somewhat Complex to Ride	Somewhat Complex to Ride
<b>Accessibility for All</b> (i.e., reliable, dignified mobility option)	Mobility for All	Mobility for All	Mobility for All
<b>Supported by Community</b> (i.e., meets expectations for both microtransit and fixed route services as heard in Fall 2024 engagement)	Satisfies interest in only microtransit	Satisfies interest in both microtransit and fixed route services	Satisfies interest in both microtransit and fixed route services

## Spring 2025 – Public Engagement Round #2

The project team took the emerging scenario for transit's future in Socorro – Scenario A. Socorro+ Zone – out to the public for a final round of engagement. The final round of engagement provided community members with the opportunity to learn how their feedback was integrated into the scenarios, to familiarize themselves with the emerging recommendation, and to offer their personal opinion on the proposed service.

Similar to Fall 2024, the public engagement activities undertaken in April 2025 aligned with the Public Participation Plan adopted at the outset of the study. Public engagement activities were created in consultation with guidance referenced in the original plan, with a particular focus on meeting people where they are and employing multiple methods to maximize opportunities for participation.

**Website.** The consultant team posted bilingual information on the Social Pinpoint project website, which included information on upcoming public engagement events, documentation of previous public engagement events, and information on the emerging recommendation for Scenario A. Socorro+ Zone on-demand microtransit service.

**Community Event.** Given the success of the engagement team's participation in Socorro's annual Fright Farm Halloween community event in October 2024, the City directed the project team to host a pop-up booth at the City's annual Easter Eggstravaganza and Color Run event at Bulldog Championship Park. The goal of this community engagement event, held on April 19, 2025, was to introduce the City's emerging interest in city-wide microtransit and gather reactions from people in attendance.

- People could view a bilingual A-frame display showcasing results from the Fall 2024 survey.
- People could read a bilingual fact sheet with detailed information about the potentially recommended service.
- People who visited the booth were invited to respond to one central question asking whether they or their family might use the potential microtransit service.
- Everyone received an Easter-themed goodie bag.

### Photos from the Easter Eggstravaganza and Color Run:





The bilingual fact sheets provided to every person who came by the table at the event in April 2025:



Socorro is growing and changing rapidly. According to data from the U.S. Census Bureau, Socorro's population grew by almost 12 percent between 2020 and 2023. That's more than double the growth rate of the state of Texas over the same period.

With that growth comes the responsibility to make sure we meet the needs of residents, businesses, and visitors, now and into the future. As part of the City's Transit Development Plan called **Socorro ¡Avanzando!**, we've been listening to you to learn how transit can be improved. Here's how members of the Socorro community have contributed so far:

> Participated in our survey at Socorro's annual Fright Farm Halloween community event

> Attended our open house public meeting where you took part in interactive transit exercises

> Shared your voice at Socorro bus stops

### Here's what we're proposing



**Zero fare**  
(may have low fare in the future)



**6am - 6pm**



**Monday - Friday**



**Request via phone call**  
(may add mobile app in the future)



On-demand rides anywhere in this zone -- it includes all of the City of Socorro, EPCC's Mission del Paso campus, and the Mission Valley Transfer Center

For Illustration Purposes Only



Rides will be available through the City of Socorro's fleet of transit vehicles

Join us to learn more about how we think transit can be improved in Socorro!

This project is being supported, in whole or in part, by federal award number 21.027 awarded to City of Socorro by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.



Scan here to visit the website



Socorro está creciendo y cambiando rápidamente. Según datos de la Oficina del Censo de los EE. UU., la población de Socorro creció casi un 12 por ciento entre 2020 y 2023. Eso es más del doble de la tasa de crecimiento del estado de Texas durante el mismo tiempo.

Con ese crecimiento viene la responsabilidad de asegurar que satisfacemos las necesidades de los residentes, las empresas y los visitantes, ahora y en el futuro. Como parte del Plan de Desarrollo de Tránsito (TDP), titulado **Socorro ¡Avanzando!**, hemos estado recopilando las opiniones de la comunidad para comprender mejor cómo mejorar el sistema de transporte. A continuación, presentamos algunas de las formas en que los miembros de la comunidad de Socorro han contribuido hasta el momento:

> Al participar en nuestra encuesta durante el evento comunitario anual Halloween Fright Farm de Socorro

> Al asistir a nuestra junta pública de puertas abiertas, en la cual tuvo la oportunidad de participar en ejercicios interactivos de tránsito

> Compartió sus opiniones con nosotros en las paradas de autobús

### Esto es lo que estamos proponiendo actualmente



**Cero Tarifas**  
(podría implementarse una tarifa mínima en el futuro)



**6am - 6pm**



**Lunes - Viernes**



**Pedir por llamada telefónica**  
(podría haber una aplicación en el futuro)



Viajes a demanda disponibles en toda esta zona -- incluye toda la ciudad de Socorro, el campus Mission del Paso de EPCC y la estación de transbordo de Mission Valley

Solo para fines ilustrativos



Los viajes estarán disponibles a través de la flota de vehículos de transporte de la ciudad de Socorro

¡Acompáñenos para conocer cómo podemos mejorar el tránsito público en Socorro!

Este proyecto cuenta con el apoyo, total o parcial, del número de premio federal 21.027 otorgado a la Ciudad de Socorro por el Departamento del Tesoro de los EE. UU.



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The bilingual question slip provided to every person who came by the table at the event:


**Do you see yourself or someone in your family using these services?**

☐ Yes    ☐ No    ☐ Maybe

**Why or why not?**

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\_\_\_\_\_




**¿Consideraría usted o su familia hacer uso de estos servicios?**

☐ Si    ☐ No    ☐ Tal vez

**¿Podría explicar por qué sí o por qué no?**

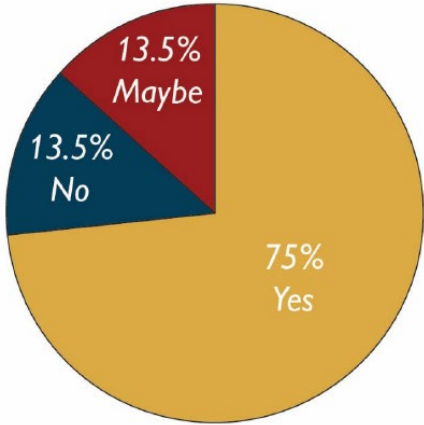
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A total of 53 people participated. **Figure 51** illustrates how community members responded to the one-question slip.

**Do you see yourself or someone in your family using these services?**



**Figure 51.** April 2024 Opinions on Proposed Transit Scenario

**The overwhelming majority of respondents had a favorable opinion of the Scenario A. Socorro+ Zone on-demand microtransit service.**

Three out of every four people prompted said they could see themselves or someone in their family using these services. Many participants noted the service would have particular value for teens and older adults. Some participants noted their support resulted from the discontinuation of long-standing transit options, specifically including Route 84.

Many people provided a comment. The following are highlights of responses about the proposed transit service:

- People responding “yes” or “maybe” that they themselves or someone in their family might ride (N=39 “yes”; N=7 “maybe”):
  - Older family members and residents need transit
  - Good to have an option in an urgent situation or when other people are not around to provide a ride
  - Youths would have an option to get out around Socorro
  - Not everyone owns a care and affordable transportation is necessary
  - Transit is a community priority and asset, also it is environmentally friendly
- People responding “maybe” (N=7):
  - I still drive; we have cars
  - Do not live within Socorro

Refer to [Appendix A3](#) for details about the 2025 engagement activities.



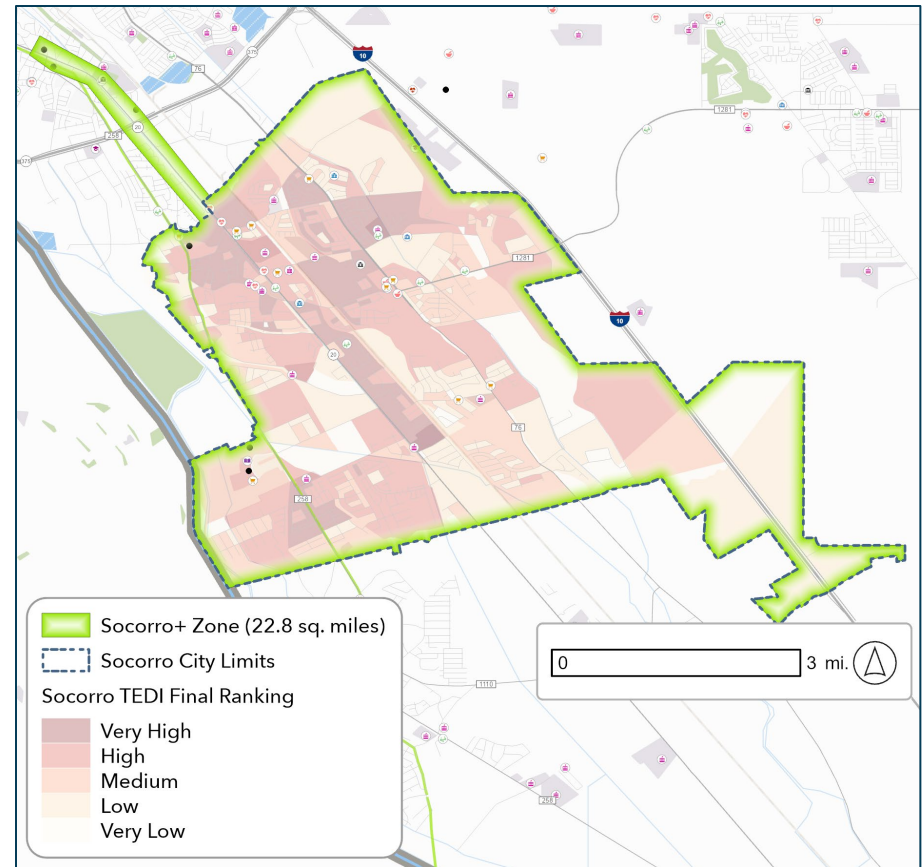
## Step 3. Recommended Transit Service Scenario [Spring 2025]

City staff and the project team regrouped in late April 2025 to discuss the emerging final recommended service based on both technical analysis and engagement findings. The TDP project team provided detailed modeling data about likely ridership, operating cost, capital expenses, and mechanisms for monitoring and improving the service long term. The City and project team held several conversations to iron out details to ensure concurrence that the recommended service would be feasible for the City to fund and operate long-term.

**The TDP project team recommends the City of Socorro implement Scenario A. Socorro+ Zone on or before July 1, 2025.**

The recommended microtransit service will fulfill the needs and expectations of residents and the service is feasible for the City to operate. The City should expect to prove out demand and refine the service over the three-year Socorro ¡Avanzando! TDP planning horizon.

- As shown in **Figure 52**, the City should continue to contract with Sun Metro for access into and out of the Mission Valley Transit Center – to connect residents to regional opportunities. The City should also market the Vamonos Vanpool service to residents seeking to access regional destinations routinely for work or education.
- The City should continue to operate the Section 5310 funded Rio Vista Transportation Program for older adults and people with disabilities. Ridership from the general public microtransit may be comingled with Rio Vista program riders as the City tracks both programs moving forward.



**Figure 52.** Recommendation: General Public Microtransit Service

**Maintaining the Rio Vista services and adding a general public on-demand microtransit service will satisfy both Socorro ¡Avanzando! TDP goals:**

- 1. Support at least the same level of transit access**
- 2. Increase the quality of transit to attract riders by providing a desirable, reliable option**

**Section 5 provides details and implementation steps.**

## Section 5. Next Steps for Transit in Socorro

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**This section charts the TDP project team's recommended pathway for the City of Socorro to establish a multimodal transit program and to sustain the service for the next 3+ years.**

Section 5.1 provides details about the TDP project team's recommendation for transit services, including modeling results, and summarizes information about service cost and performance, grant resources, managing growth, and regional coordination.

Section 5.2 provides an implementation framework for the City highlighting key topics, considerations, and resources.



# 5.1 Transit Services for Socorro from 2025 to 2028

This section summarizes key information about:

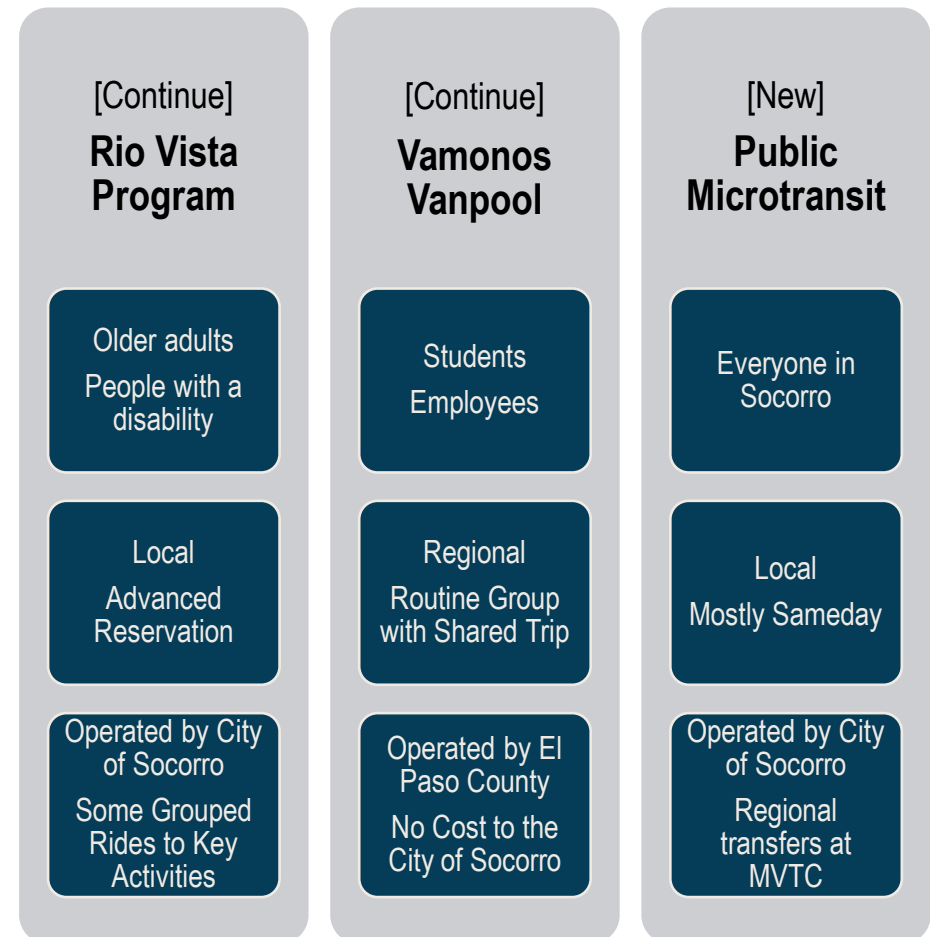
- **The three complementary modes**
  - Rio Vista (Section 5310 funded)
  - Vamonos Vanpool (El Paso County)
  - Public Microtransit (City & Section 5307 funded)
- **Model & federal funds access**
  - Modeling analysis summary
  - Important steps for federal funds access
- **Microtransit expenses and likely performance**
  - Ridership, service requirements, & likely performance
  - Operating & capital expenses
- **Socorro local funds and grant resources timeline**
  - Contextual notes about local funds requirement
  - Information about qualitative benefits of microtransit
- **Coordination with regional partners**
  - Sun Metro considerations
  - EPATS considerations
- **Additional considerations**
  - Long-term opportunities
  - Other operational considerations

The City should anticipate making administrative and other updates to the TDP on an annual basis. A substantial update to the TDP will also be required by 2028 to ensure the transit program remains on track for the community for another three year period.

## Three Complementary Modes

The City should continue the existing Rio Vista Transportation Program, assist residents to continue accessing the Vamonos Vanpool program, and establish a new general public on-demand microtransit service.

**Figure 53** summarizes who will generally ride each service, the general location and type of destinations served, and additional information.



**Figure 53.** Service Parameters for Three Recommended Transit Services

## [Continue] Rio Vista Transportation Program

The City should continue to operate the Rio Vista service as presently constituted and per existing plans for the TDP period from 2025 to 2028. Rio Vista riders, older adults and people with a disability, will also be able to utilize the new microtransit service for same-day trips.



## [Continue] Vamonos Vanpool

The City should train staff to be able to provide residents with travel training to foster the individual's ability to use the Vamonos Vanpool service operated by El Paso County regionwide. Vamonos Vanpool requires no direct involvement of City staff, and yet City staff will ensure they understand the program and can effectively refer people to the service.



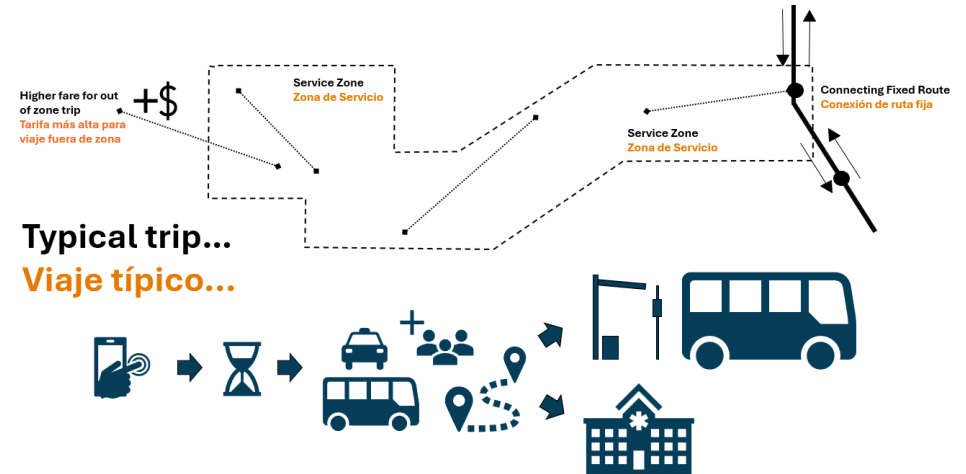
The City will periodically check with El Paso County, with the staff involved in administering the Vamonos Vanpool program, to ensure the service is operating smoothly for residents.

## [New] Public Microtransit

The new microtransit service is recommended to begin operation with the following characteristics:

- Days: Monday to Friday (except major holidays)
- Hours: 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- Fare: None (through at least Fiscal Year 2026)
- Reservations: Same day (limited advance reservations allowed)
- Wait Time: Target for 100% riders waiting less than 30-minutes
- Zone Coverage: Citywide, plus EPCC Million del Paso Campus and along Alameda Avenue to Sun Metro's MVTC
- Anchor Stops: Establish anchor points with shade and seating as federal capital funds or other local resources are available

The TDP project team recommends for the City to plan to adapt the service zone periodically to balance ridership demand with resources.



**The Socorro ¡Avanzando! TDP demonstrates how the portfolio of complementary transit services is the result of the project team's iterative public engagement, balanced with technical analysis.**



# Modeling & FTA Funds Access

**The project team conducted detailed modeling to understand the likely cost and performance for the new microtransit service.**

Expenses for the Rio Vista Transportation Program were also considered based on the existing service's requirements and the City's existing pipeline of grant funds, which are expected to be sufficient to sustain the program for the TDP period. Vamonos Vanpool is offered regionally at no cost to the City and therefore is not reflected in this section.

**The consultant team's analysis summarizes the new microtransit service's requirements by Fiscal Year (FY), including the last quarter of FY 2025 and full FYs from 2026 to 2028.** The TDP project team generalized values to an expected range based on assuming the actual outcomes will likely fall within plus or minus 15 percent of the modeled outcome.

The next two subsections provide operational and fiscal details for the new microtransit service. [Appendix A4](#) provides detailed modeling documentation.

## Becoming a Direct Recipient of FTA Grant Funds

The City will begin the process to become a direct recipient of Federal Transit Administration grant funds if the City of Socorro City Council accepts the TDP and then later issues a supportive resolution for the action. The process to become a recipient will likely require 6-12 months and is a necessary first step for the City before obtaining the FTA's Section 5307 and Section 5339 formula funds to support the microtransit service. The FTA funding will flow first to the City of El Paso/Sun Metro, and then per the Service Expansion Policy the City of Socorro will be provided with a portion based on Socorro's percent of the urbanized area population.

**The project team recreated FTA's apportionment math to identify that approximately \$360,000 in Section 5307 and \$26,000 in Section 5339 funds may be made available to Socorro annually when the City is a direct recipient of FTA funding and the TDP is maintained compliant with Sun Metro's Service Expansion Policy (SEP).**

In other words, each of the following need to align before the City will be able to access federal funds for the microtransit program:

- City Council accepts the TDP.
- Concurrently...
  - **SEP Agreement.** The City forms an SEP Agreement with Sun Metro and seeks federal Section 5307 and 5339 funds, the portion of which is determined objectively by staff at the El Paso MPO (per written policy).
  - **Direct Recipient Status.** City Council issues a resolution to begin seeking FTA direct recipient status.
  - The City establishes the requisite policies and procedures to comply with FTA's Master Grant Agreement and receives the official status from FTA (takes ~6-12 months) – see Section 5.2 for more details.






*Note: The City may simultaneously seek FTA Direct Recipient status while establishing the SEP agreement with Sun Metro.*

**The project team's cost ranges and local share requirements conservatively assume the City begins receiving federal urbanized transit funds either halfway through FY 2026 (i.e., by March 2026) or in FY 2027 (i.e., by October 2026).** Meaning, the dollar ranges for the City's local share in FY 2026 include the range of potential local funds required with and without a partial year of federal funding. **The project team assumes the City will utilize local general revenues to begin the new microtransit service in the last quarter of FY 2025 and will consistently invest the required non-federal matching funds into the future.**

# Microtransit Expenses & Likely Performance

**Table 12** summarizes the project team's expectations for the new microtransit service during the 2025-2028 TDP period.

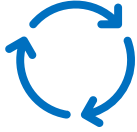


**Table 12.** Microtransit Performance and Expenses

VRH = Vehicle Revenue Hour VRM = Vehicle Revenue Mile		(July-Sep. '25) FY 2025	(Oct. '25-Sep. '26) FY 2026	(Oct. '26-Sep. '27) FY 2027	(Oct. '27-Sep. '28) FY 2028 and beyond
	<b>Estimated Ridership</b>	~20 rides per day ~103 rides per week (~1,200 period total)	~39 rides per day ~ 186 rides per week (~9,700 annual total)	~58 rides per day ~288 rides per week (~14,900 annual total)	~65 rides per day ~305 rides per week (~15,900 annual total)
	<b>Service Requirements</b>	<b>1-2 vehicles</b> (~2 vehicles at peak)  ~67-87 VRH weekly ~700 VRM weekly	<b>Mostly 2 vehicles in service</b> (always 2 vehicles at peak)  ~100-119 VRH weekly ~1,100 VRM weekly	<b>2 vehicles in service</b> (monitor for 3 vehicles at peak)  ~120 VRH weekly ~2,100 VRM weekly	<b>2 vehicles in service</b> (monitor for 3 vehicle at peak)  ~120 VRH weekly ~2,2200 VRM weekly
	<b>Likely Performance</b>	~\$32 per ride ~\$39 per VRH ~\$4.41 per VRM ~1.22 boardings per VRH	~\$29 per ride ~\$40 per VRH ~\$4.04 per VRM ~1.33 boardings per VRH	~\$19 per ride ~\$45 per VRH ~\$2.60 per VRM ~2.4 boardings per VRH	~\$18 per ride ~\$45 per VRH ~\$2.46 per VRM ~2.54 boardings per VRH
	<b>Microtransit Operating Expenses</b>	~\$32k Labor (full-time) ~\$2k Fuel \$0 Maintenance \$0 Technology  <b>\$28-38k Total</b> (~\$11k monthly)	~\$187k Labor (full-time) ~\$10k Fuel ~\$20k Maintenance ~\$0 Technology  <b>\$185-250k Total</b> (~\$18k monthly)	~\$212k Labor (full- & part-time) ~\$15k Fuel ~\$30k Maintenance ~\$24k Technology  <b>\$239-323k Total</b> (~\$23k monthly)	~\$214k Labor (full- & part-time) ~\$16k Fuel ~\$32k Maintenance ~\$36k Technology  <b>\$253-342k Total</b> (~\$25k monthly)
	<b>Microtransit Capital Expenses</b>	\$0 None planned	(if FTA 5307/5339 available)  Create shade/seating at three anchor points (~\$75k)	(Assume FTA 5307/5339)  Create shade/seating at two more anchor points (~\$50k) Maintain technology (~\$24k) Procure two vehicles (~\$178k)	Maintain technology (~\$36k) Procure two vehicles (~\$178k)

# Socorro Local Funds and Grant Resources Timeline

**Table 13** details the project team’s analysis for the City’s likely commitment from local general revenues to sustain the new microtransit service, including likely federal funds. The following page contains important notes to contextualize the dollar amounts.

**Table 13.** City of Socorro Local Funds Requirements & Grant Resources

	(July-Sep. '25) FY 2025	(Oct. '25-Sep. '26) FY 2026	(Oct. '26-Sep. '27) FY 2027	(Oct. '27-Sep. '28) FY 2028 and beyond
 <b>Microtransit Operating Expenses Summary</b>	<b>\$28-38k Total</b> (~\$11k monthly)  <b>\$21k City of Socorro</b> <i>(remainder offset initially by 5310 Rio Vista dual-purpose staff)</i>	<b>\$185-250k Total</b> (~\$18k monthly)  If partial year 5307 funds: <b>\$90k FTA 5307</b> <b>\$94k City of Socorro</b>  Without 5307 funds: <b>\$184k City of Socorro</b>	<b>\$239-323k Total</b> (~\$23k monthly)  Full year 5307 funds: <b>\$140k FTA 5307</b> <b>\$140k City of Socorro</b>	<b>\$253-342k Total</b> (~\$25k monthly)  Full year 5307 funds: <b>\$149k FTA 5307</b> <b>\$149k City of Socorro</b> <i>(could be partially offset by ~\$12k if a modest fare is introduced for certain riders)</i>
 <b>Microtransit Capital Expenses Summary</b>	<b>\$0</b> <i>(none planned)</i>	<b>~\$75k Total</b>  If partial year 5307 funds: <b>\$60k FTA 5307</b> <b>\$15k City of Socorro</b>  Without 5307 funds: <b>City delays improvements</b>	<b>~\$252k Total</b>  Full year 5307/5339 funds: <b>\$176k FTA 5307</b> <b>\$26k FTA 5339</b> <b>\$50k City of Socorro</b>  ~\$44k FTA 5307 reserved, potentially for planning needs	<b>~\$214k Total</b>  Full year 5307/5339 funds: <b>\$145k FTA 5307</b> <b>\$26k FTA 5339</b> <b>\$43k City of Socorro</b>  ~\$66k FTA 5307 reserved, potentially for planning needs
 <b>City of Socorro: Total Matching Funds</b>	<b>~\$21k period total</b>	<b>~\$109k annual total</b> (with partial year of federal)  <b>~\$184k annual total</b> (with no federal funds)	<b>~\$190k annual total</b>	<b>~\$192k annual total</b>

## Important Notes: Matching Funds Requirements

- A portion of FTA Section 5307 funding may be used for operating assistance by the category of agencies in which the City of Socorro will be included (i.e., small operators). Operating assistance requires 50% matching funds.
- The portions of FTA Section 5307 applied toward vehicle capital may cover up to 85%, with 15% from the City as matching funds.
- Section 5307 funds applied to non-vehicle capital improvements – such as stops, transit centers, facilities, technology, etc. – may cover up to 80%, with 20% City matching funds.
- The City will be eligible, as an FTA Direct Recipient, to continue to use Section 5310 funding and also to pursue the various competitive grant programs by the FTA (i.e., more capital).



## Important Context Notes

### **Context Note 1: EPATS Local Revenues Requirements for Member Cities (provided for comparison only)**

*The draft interlocal agreements offered by EPATS to the City of Socorro required the City make a local contribution. The amount requested in FY 2022 was \$115,734. The amount for FY 2023 was \$151,706. The amount sought for FY 2024 would have increased again to approximately \$230,000.*

*The fiscal requirement from member governments varies year-to-year based on a formula focused on the proportion of vehicle revenue miles in each city and the overall budget requirements for EPATS services based on the LGC Board of Directors' decisions for capital improvements and operations each year. EPATS' long-term plans and scenarios reflected that the City of Socorro's local match requirement may have potentially increased to between \$371,000 and \$557,000 annually and thereafter remained at or near that level.*

### **Context Note 2: City of Socorro's Intent to Leverage Local Funds & Urbanized Area Transit Funding**

*El Paso County is a State of Texas designated Rural Transit District and receives state and federal funding for transit services. The county, now through EPATS, has long served portions of the urbanized area but without pursuing or receiving the corresponding portion of federal grant funds for urban services.*

*The TDP project team recommends that the City of Socorro leverage the City's local revenues applied to transit expenses to pull down federal urban transit grant funds. Federal grants will be eligible to pay for between 50 to 85 percent of expenses, depending on expense type and match requirements. In this way, the project team expects the City will be able to rely primarily on local general revenues and federal grant funds generated by the City's urbanized population. The consultant team does not recommend for the City to seek any State of Texas funding currently provided to El Paso County/EPATS for rural transit services.*

## Microtransit's Qualitative Benefits



### **Rider Experience**

A new on-demand microtransit zone may or may not see more trips per revenue hour over the existing lower performance ETA fixed routes operated by EPATS. While performance may be better or the same, what will be true about on-demand microtransit compared to the infrequent and circuitous fixed routes is that the new zone based service's ability to provide a significantly better experience to Socorro's transit riders.

Riders will be able to more reliably and flexibly connect from any origin within the zone to any destination within the zone, or to transfer to the fixed route of Sun Metro or EPATS. Additionally, even with an average wait time of up to 30 minutes, riders will generally still spend less time waiting for microtransit than for the infrequent fixed routes. Riders will also spend less time reaching microtransit because the service generally will pick-up or drop-off at curb locations near the rider or destination. The convenience of the new daytime microtransit may well attract new riders who are not presently willing or able to use the ETA fixed routes.



### **Operational Ease & Safety**

On-demand microtransit will utilize smaller vehicles than fixed routes. The smaller vehicles can more safely and nimbly navigate the relatively narrow streets and tight corners common in many Socorro neighborhoods. The smaller vehicles have a lower capital cost and require less expensive maintenance to maintain in a state of good repair. The City can also opt to utilize operators without a commercial driver's license.

# Coordination with Regional Transit Partners

## Sun Metro

The City of Socorro has an active interlocal agreement with Sun Metro for access into and out of the Mission Valley Transit Center. The agreement mostly pertained to the Route 84 fixed route that ceased operation at the end of calendar year 2024. The TDP project team recommends that the City continue to maintain the longstanding agreement for access to MVTC. The MVTC access agreement is recommended to also begin including access for microtransit vehicles to pick up and drop off at a designated shared spot. The City should also coordinate with Sun Metro to ensure the location utilized at MVTC is readily identifiable for microtransit riders. The addition will ensure operational efficiency for the City's vehicles and provide clarity and ease of use for riders.

Additionally, the project team understands Sun Metro's concerns about ADA riders being dropped at MVTC for transfers into the Sun Metro network. The consultant team recommends that the City participate in conversations about regionally coordinated ADA services. Simultaneously, the TDP team recommends that the City provide Socorro residents with an accessible ride beyond the microtransit zone via the Section 5310 funded Rio Vista Transportation Program.

## EPATS / ETA

Some residents of Socorro utilize EPATS' ETA fixed routes to reach destinations in adjacent communities (e.g., Clint, San Elizario, Horizon City, etc.). The City will support these residents in ways found to be amenable to the City and EPATS. For example, this could look like City vehicles dropping riders at ETA fixed route bus stops.

## Regional Fare Coordination

The TDP project team recommends that the City requires no fare for the new microtransit for at least the first 15-month pilot period. A zero fare service will reduce organizational complexity to begin the service. A zero fare will also reduce risk to drivers in vehicles who would otherwise be handling some cash. The consultant team also recommends this course of action to support seamless comingling of Rio Vista riders and general public microtransit riders. Finally, zero fare will ensure all riders transferring to Sun Metro or EPATS ETA routes pay only one fare when accessing the regional partner's services.

## Additional Considerations

### Long-term Opportunities

#### Future Premium Fare for Regional Connections Concept

The TDP project team heard some interest from stakeholders and the public for establishing transit services designed to connect Socorro residents to regional centers, such as downtown, the El Paso Airport, University of Texas at El Paso, military installations, etc. The City should consider exploring the opportunity to pilot regional connections with its fleet but at a premium fare in the future. The interest in this type of service may be studied as part of a future update to the TDP.

#### Future Fixed Route + Microtransit Concept

As previously documented, the TDP project team determined that a fixed route along Alameda Avenue, or elsewhere in Socorro, was not feasible given expected resources for the transit program during the 2025-2028 TDP planning horizon. If resources and/or demand proved to become potentially sufficient then the City should revisit a fixed route spine plus citywide microtransit concept in a future TDP update.

## Other Operational Considerations

### About Paratransit & Fixed Routes

The City of Socorro should satisfy all requirements for accessible public transit services by offering their services citywide using a fleet with a sufficient number of wheelchair accessible vehicles. There will be no requirement to operate ADA paratransit as the consultant team is recommending for the City not to operate any fixed routes during the TDP planning horizon from 2025 to 2028.

The public and City staff expressed interest in a future fixed route should resources come available and ridership demand on the microtransit service exceed the capacity of an on-demand service. The TDP project team recommends that the City plan to permanently operate microtransit citywide and the Rio Vista Transportation Program locally and to regional destinations. As a result, even if a fixed route was established in the future, microtransit and Rio Vista services would be operated so as to comingle trips for individuals determined to be eligible for ADA paratransit. Comingling ADA riders and general public on-demand riders would require careful attention to detailed requirements to remain FTA compliant.

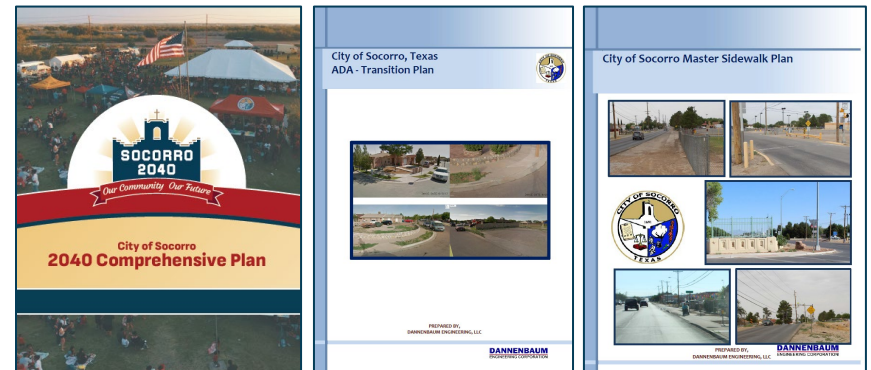
### About Cost Allocation & Reporting

The City will need to establish policies and procedures to track and report on Rio Vista and microtransit services separately, even if many trips comingle riders of both services. The City will also need to ensure sufficiently detailed reporting is captured so as to enable an accurate allocation of costs and performance between the two services during required annual reporting to the region and to FTA.

The City will be a reduced reporter to FTA's National Transit Database because the City's vehicle fleet will remain under 30 total vehicles in the foreseeable future. Section 5.2 provides more information on reporting.

### About Multimodal Accommodations

As detailed in Section 1, the City is proud of its recent comprehensive plan, sidewalk master plan, and ADA transition plan. The TDP project team should continue to identify and leverage opportunities to improve multimodal accommodations in services and the built environment – such as by continuing to strategically improve the accessible sidewalk network. The Rio Vista and microtransit programs will generally offer a curb-to-curb service to riders. Curb-to-curb services ensure any limitations in the built environment will not hinder a Socorro residents' mobility within the City.



As the pilot microtransit service enters operation the City may desire to inquire of riders if they would use a bicycle rack onboard the vehicle or at key anchor points if the City offered such in the future.

***Section 5.2 provides more details related to these and other topics pertaining to service implementation.***



## 5.2 Service Delivery Options & Implementation Framework

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The Service Delivery Options section summarizes the project team's recommended course of action for the City's initiative to stand up the improved transit services and to administer the program long-term, including a brief discussion of the implications for how service is operated (i.e., direct or by contract).

The Implementation Framework follows and describes the path the City will need to take to begin the recommended new microtransit service, including a closer look at staffing, staff capacity building, back of house considerations (i.e., for technology, fares, marketing, service control, coordination, reporting, etc.), funding opportunities, and concluding with federal compliance considerations.



# Service Delivery Options

**Table 14** highlights the City’s options for service delivery – meaning directly operating service, purchasing service, or some combination thereof.

The project team determined that the City of Socorro possesses the requisite resources to operate both the Rio Vista program and to implement the new general public microtransit service directly with City vehicles and staff. **The project team recommends the City implement the new microtransit service with Direct Operation to maintain service control, manage service quality, and control transit program costs.**

*Please note that additional variations for each service model exist. The TDP project team provides this table to highlight the relative advantages and disadvantages of major types of service delivery available to the City of Socorro.*

**Table 14.** Service Delivery Options (select examples)

Service Delivery Option	Project Team Observations
<b>City of Socorro, Direct Operation (DO)</b> (i.e., city control, city runs all functions and trips)	<b>Advantages</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High control; use of local funds for local priorities</li> <li>Leverages close knowledge of community &amp; needs</li> <li>Opportunity to comingle 5310 Rio Vista riders</li> <li>Will leverage 5307 urbanized area formula funds</li> </ul> <b>Disadvantages</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must fulfill all functions</li> <li>Responsible for adapting to any changing conditions</li> </ul>
<b>RECOMMENDED</b>	
<b>City of Socorro, Purchased Transportation (PT) Contract</b> (i.e., city control, contracts all service functions and trips; contractor public or private sector)	<b>Advantages</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moderate control of service, contractor performance</li> <li>Leverage expertise of contracted partner(s)</li> <li>Will leverage 5307 urbanized area formula funds</li> </ul> <b>Disadvantages</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must monitor contractor performance</li> <li>Fee will include some profit</li> <li>Degree of separation from riders/service quality</li> </ul>
<b>City of Socorro, DO &amp; PT</b> (i.e., city control, city runs some aspects/trips and contracts others)	<b>Advantages</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Control of service with contractor experience</li> <li>Opportunity to comingle 5310 Rio Vista riders</li> <li>Contract terms/duration may insulate cost fluctuations</li> <li>Capital cost of contracting leverages federal funds</li> </ul> <b>Disadvantages</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More complex to manage</li> <li>Portion of costs will have profit</li> </ul>
<b>Join Sun Metro</b> (i.e., vote to dedicate sales tax and meet other requirements to join the agency; services determined by Sun Metro board)	<b>Advantages</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complex to form agreement; thereafter simple to sustain</li> <li>Leverage expertise of metropolitan transit authority</li> <li>May leverage 5307 urbanized area formula funds</li> </ul> <b>Disadvantages</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Degree of separation from riders/service quality</li> <li>Service design dependent on agreement from board</li> </ul>
<b>Join EPATS LGC</b> (i.e., pay variable annual fee for services determined by partner; one vote amongst large board)	<b>Advantages</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More seamless connections to nearby communities</li> <li>Establishing membership is straightforward</li> <li>May benefit from service enhancements (long-term)</li> </ul> <b>Disadvantages</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Varying fee based on regional priorities; one vote of many</li> <li>Historically low quality (i.e., infrequent, low reliability)</li> <li>Does not leverage 5307 urbanized area formula funds</li> </ul>
<b>Some other combination of the above methods is possible too.</b>	

# Implementation Framework

This subsection outlines the staffing needs, back of house considerations, federal funding opportunities, and civil rights considerations for the City of Socorro's new transit program.

## Staffing Requirements



The City of Socorro will need to provide the transit program with dedicated staffing to administer the service, handle customer feedback, coordinate maintenance needs across the department, and to track ridership and perform reporting as the City operates the service. The transit program will require a mix of part- and full-time staff. The following bullets summarize the modeled minimum likely staffing requirements, expressed as full-time equivalent (FTE) effort:

- **Management / Supervision** (shared with Rio Vista program in FY25-26)
  - Transit coordinator – 40 hours per week or 1.00 FTE
- **Operations**
  - Lead driver supervisor – 40 hours per week or 1.00 FTE
  - Regularly scheduled drivers
    - Full-time driver – 40 hours per week or 1.00 FTE
    - Part-time driver – 25 hours per week or 0.63 FTE
  - Extraboard part-time drivers – undetermined (i.e., fill in drivers; City will adapt to this need during pilot period)
  - Call intake / dispatch – 60 hours per week or 1.5 FTEs (40 of the hours covered by existing roles)
- **Other Functions** (generally covered by existing roles/budgets)
  - Vehicle maintenance – ~10 hours monthly or 0.06 FTE (i.e., to coordinate preventative maintenance and other repairs)
  - Administration support - ~10 hours monthly or 0.06 FTE (i.e., human resources, senior management time, etc.)
  - Grant management – ~30 hours monthly or 0.17 FTE (i.e., tracking FTA grants, local/regional/federal reporting, etc.)

The requisite staff for the transit department will modestly increase over time as ridership demand increases. Staffing requirements will increase primarily in terms of dispatch and driver position requirements.

- The City will be able to mitigate most increases for dispatch by having a strong mobile app partner and a clear phone protocol.
- The City will need to add additional operators and vehicles when ridership increases and/or employ tactics to increase shared rides or increase average wait times to manage demand with existing operators and vehicles (discussed in more detail below).

## Staff Capacity Building (Training)



The City will need to utilize a variety of informational sources for training during the startup phase of the new microtransit service, and for additional training as needs arise. The following highlight the key resources available at no cost to the City:

- [FTA Circulars](#)  
*FTA circulars provide instructions to grantees on how FTA grants are administered. This guidance provides grantees with direction on program specific issues and is a resource for grantees on how to comply with statutory and regulatory requirements. Grantees are required to comply with all circulars after signing the agreement accepting federal financial assistance.*
- [National Transit Institute \(NTI\)](#)  
*NTI, at [Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey](#), was established [in] 1991 to develop, promote, and deliver training and education programs for the public transit industry.*
- [National Rural Transit Assistance Program \(National RTAP\)](#)  
*National RTAP's overarching mission is to address the training and technical assistance needs of rural and tribal transit operators across the nation, and to support the state RTAP programs. Our comprehensive set of free technical assistance programs and resources includes training materials, webinars, newsletters and technical briefs, peer resources, research, and innovative technology initiatives.*



National RTAP’s resources target rural and tribal transit operators (i.e., lean organizations with varying service area characteristics) and will be especially useful to the City of Socorro during the 2025-2028 TDP period.

### [Operating the Rural Transit Agency](#)

*A technical brief that raises many of the important operational and regulatory issues facing [small] transit agencies. It introduces transit managers to topics and resources required to run a transit agency under federal regulations, as well as coordinating the development and delivery of services.*

### [eLearning Portal](#)

Self-guided, online courses where transit managers can assign and track learner progress on a wide variety of topics.

### [2 The Point Training](#)

*2 the Point Training cards are designed for quick refresher training for drivers that can be reviewed during safety meetings, while parked and waiting for a passenger to finish an appointment, or at the beginning of the day before starting a route. Each card has training information on the front and a quiz on the back. There is space at the bottom for both the driver's and their supervisor's signature. Training cards are available in English and Spanish on the following topics: ADA and sensitivity, customer service, bloodborne pathogens, and defensive driving.*

National RTAP also provides a suite of technology tools, including:

- [Cost Allocation Calculator](#)
- [ProcurementPRO](#)
- [Website Builder](#)
- [RideSheet](#)

## Back of House Considerations

### Trip Scheduling and Dispatching Software



The City of Socorro recently procured a technology partner, TripMaster, to provide a software tool capable of supporting the Rio Vista and microtransit services. The City’s license includes up to ten unique users. The platform is expected to be sufficient at least through the end of FY 2026. Long-term, the City will explore ensuring riders can book trips in advance or same day via phone and a smartphone app. There are administrative advantages to reducing reliance on phone bookings because the app will enable drivers to communicate with riders and the app will automatically track all critical information for reporting purposes.

Many existing riders also appreciate and hope the City will ensure cash fares and phone reservations are available long-term – should a fare be introduced for some riders in the future. While the City of Socorro will not implement a fare during the pilot period, the City will ensure their technological ability to support fare collection exists in the future before considering a fare.

The City may consider the following during technology procurements in the future:

- A reporting function is accessible by the City to review the number of trips, trip lengths, and other service tracking data.
- The technology provider includes resources and a commitment to provide training in year one and for any major updates.
- The technology provider includes the ability to seamlessly incorporate high-quality Spanish translation and function into the rider-facing app.

- The technology provider can assure the availability and security of data collected about riders and their trips, including whatever the personally identifiable information is retained.
- The City may opt to procure a white labeled app with City branding (i.e., appears as a City service but with terms and conditions spelling out role of the City and the app provider – the technology provider being responsible for data security assurance).

## Fare Payment



**The project team recommends that the City of Socorro's new transit service be zero fare during the initial start-up period.** As detailed previously, the zero fare beginning reduces organizational complexity during the startup phase and reduces risk to drivers in vehicles who would otherwise be handling some cash. The consultant team understands that the City is also interested in beginning the service with no fare so as to:

- Enable seamless comingling of Rio Vista riders (i.e., older adult and people with a disability riders), and
- Ensure riders transferring to Sun Metro or EPATS' ETA routes only pay one fare during each one-way trip.

The project team does recommend, however, that the City incorporate fare policy and payment features into the transit program on a compliant timeline before implementing any future fare system. The City will also need to ensure all desired fare payment methods – such as in-app, online, and cash – are feasible. This will include the City needing to anticipate outfitting vehicles with onboard equipment (i.e., fare boxes/electronic fare validators), to ensure unbanked passengers may effectively continue to use the service. The City will also need to work with their technology provider(s) on the use and disbursement of fares obtained through online systems.

## Transit Service Marketing



For the new service to succeed, the City will need to seek out and apply active marketing tactics. Marketing and outreach efforts will be necessary to ensure using EPATS riders can learn how to utilize the new microtransit service. The following are some examples of some ways the City may target potential rider populations and the community overall:

- Press releases / newspaper articles
- Website page specific to the service (including specifics on booking a trip, zone map, rider guide, etc.)
- Promotional shortform videos on social media channels
- Promotional radio advertisements
- Providing information to stakeholder partners (e.g., Ysleta del Sur Pueblo, EPCC, employers, etc.)
- Wrapping each vehicle with a discernible, eye-catching brand
- Bringing a vehicle to community events, like the Halloween Fright Farm or Eggstravaganza, and providing promotional materials to the public

The TDP project team recommends the City also provide travel training support to Rio Vista riders. Travel training is active marketing. Travel training will assist older adults and people with disabilities in Socorro to know about and utilize the same day microtransit service as well.

## Microtransit Control Levers



A microtransit service's operating cost changes with ridership. As shown in the previous tables, the City will experience some increased service efficiency as the new microtransit service attracts more riders – meaning it will be easier to increase the portion of rides with multiple riders (aka shared rides) as more rides are requested. The project team recommends that the City prepare to follow their peers' examples for how to manage high demand by understanding and applying one or several cost control levers:

- **Encourage shared rides**  
(track and encourage shared rides in scheduling)
- **Manage wait times**  
(shorten or lengthen the average wait time allowed in scheduling)
- **Introduce a fare**  
(deploy a fare for all or certain groups of riders, either flat fare or distance-based)
- **Limit service**  
(provide individual riders with set number of trip vouchers for a period after which they cannot ride or must pay a fare)
- **Monitor prebooking**  
(pros: prebooked trips are nice for riders with known appointments)  
(cons: too many prebooked trips can effect ability to meet same day demand)

The project team recommends that the City use the cost control levers primarily to protect the quality of the service for riders. The City should reserve the right to, when prudent, deploy one or several control levers should ridership demand approach challenging levels to sustain or in cases where other operational challenges become apparent.

## Internal Operations Coordination



The City will need to establish protocols for operations staff to follow day-to-day. Communication will be key to both internal coordination and to ensuring all riders experience as consistent an experience as is feasible.

- The transit coordinator will need to coordinate offset schedules to ensure at least one supervisor is on duty at all times.
- Drivers will need to report for duty on a reliable basis; allowing time to check-in/check-out, perform pre-/post-trip vehicle inspections (if first or last to use vehicle each day), and participate in training.
- An extraboard driver will need to be present, or rapidly on-call, to ensure the City is responsive to trip requests during peak periods or when a driver is not available for duty (i.e., falls ill, etc.).
- The call center/dispatch staff member will help the on-duty supervisor to monitor and coordinate services.

## Annual FTA National Transit Database Reporting



The FTA has required all transit agencies providing transit operations to report to the National Transit Database (NTD) since 1974. **The City will be considered an urban reduced reporter due to having a vehicle fleet of fewer than 30 vehicles.** The FTA's [2024 NTD Reduced Reporting Policy Manual](#) is the most recent guidance on how and what to report. The policy manual is updated every year, though most changes are minor. Reduced reporters have far fewer requirements with which to comply but still must meet all requirements in the policy manual each year. The City of Socorro's fiscal year ends on September 30<sup>th</sup> and so the annual NTD forms will be due to FTA no later than January 31 the following calendar year.



## Performance Evaluation Program



**The project team recommends that the City implement a Performance Evaluation Program (PEP) utilizing the information collected for NTD reporting to provide City**

**Council and regional partners with any required periodic updates.**

The following are the planned potential performance indicators that together ensure high-quality, effective, and efficient transit services are operated:

- Ridership (i.e., number of unlinked passenger trips (UPT))
- On-time performance (i.e., percent of trips begun within target wait time)
- Passengers per mile (i.e., UPT per VRM)
- Number and nature of complaints received from customers
- Number and nature of incidents
- Number of vehicle breakdowns
- Operating expenses per VRM
- Operating expenses per VRH

The City of Socorro may also opt to utilize the additional performance measures specifically useful for on-demand microtransit services:

- Average response time (in minutes)
- Percent shared rides

The transit service updates will follow a template, with clear tables and charts. Each new period of data will be built on previous so a trend line is clear for public discussion.

## Funding Opportunities



FTA Section 5307 and Section 5339 formula funds, and certain other federal discretionary funding opportunities, will be available to the City. The FTA uses population, population density, low-income population, and vehicle revenue miles to determine the amount of Section 5307 funds apportioned to the El Paso Urbanized Area. The El Paso MPO and Sun Metro coordinate to suballocate the split portion of Section 5307 and Section 5339 funds based on urbanized area population ratios in the region.

## Options to Access Federal Funds

Sun Metro is the region's sole FTA Designated Recipient. As such, Sun Metro has established a Service Expansion Policy<sup>29</sup> (SEP). The SEP outlines four principal scenarios whereby the City could seek to benefit from the federal funds generated by the urbanized population of Socorro.

### 1) Join the Sun Metro Service Area

The City could seek voter approval to formally join the Sun Metro service area and to dedicate the requisite 0.5 percent sales tax. In this scenario, the City is part of Sun Metro, and all service planning, operations, and fiscal/compliance responsibilities belong to Sun Metro. The City has no path to pursue discretionary grants for transit and has little direct control of transit services provided.

### 2) Contract with Sun Metro:

The City of Socorro forms an interlocal agreement with Sun Metro. Sun Metro identifies the recommended services and operates the service. Sun Metro retains the federal Section 5307 funds generated by Socorro's population and is responsible for federal compliance. The City pays Sun Metro for the portion of

<sup>29</sup> Sun Metro, City of El Paso. November 9, 2021. Service Expansion Policy.

expenses not covered by the Section 5307 funding retained by Sun Metro. In this scenario, the City has no clear path to pursue discretionary grants and has the least degree of control of transit services provided.

3) **Form or Join a Local Government Corporation (LGC)**

This is the course of action offered by EPATS. EPATS does not yet seek Section 5307 urban transit funds from Sun Metro but may seek such funds in the future. In this scenario, the City has no path to pursue discretionary grants and has a low degree of control over the transit services provided in Socorro.

4) **[Recommended] Become an FTA Direct Recipient and Directly Operate Transit:**

The City becomes an FTA Direct Recipient eligible to receive Section 5307 funds directly from FTA. The City defines all transit services and directly operates and/or contracts for all services. The City is responsible for the management of funds and assumes all responsibility for federal compliance, reporting, and local matching funds. Grant funds would be programmed into the El Paso MPO's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and after being included in the Statewide TIP by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) would be transferred from Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to FTA accounts, at which time the City of Socorro would directly coordinate with FTA via the Transit Award Management System (TrAMS) to utilize grant funds to reimburse eligible expenses. In this scenario, the City has the most opportunities to pursue additional discretionary funding and maximum control of transit services and funding.

**The TDP project team recommends that the City of Socorro pursue option four, namely, to become an FTA Direct Recipient and directly operate transit services. The City should plan on achieving FTA Direct Recipient grantee status by sometime during the latter half of FY 2026.**

Even with option four, the Sun Metro SEP process will still apply due to the El Paso MPO and Sun Metro determining the funding to “split” each year for each FTA Direct Recipient in the El Paso UZA. The Service Expansion Policy and attendant requirements are discussed in detail in the next section of the TDP.

## Discretionary Grant Programs

The following are additional discretionary grant programs the City of Socorro may pursue in the future:

- El Paso MPO (not limited to transit)
  - [Congestion Mitigation Air Quality](#) (CMAQ)
- Federal Transit Administration (specific to transit)
  - [Section 5339\(c\) Low or No Emission Grant Program](#)
  - [Areas of Persistent Poverty](#) (AoPP)
- U.S. Department of Transportation (not limited to transit)
  - [Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development](#) (BUILD)
- U.S. Congressional (not limited to transit)
  - [Community Project Funding](#) (CPF)

Readers should note that the above programs are generally highly competitive and funds are generally to complete funding for capital purchases of vehicles or for facility construction.

# Complying with Sun Metro Service Expansion Policy

The City of Socorro's Socorro ¡Avanzando! TDP provides a data-informed and community directed transit service recommendation. The TDP identifies the transit service needs of the City not being met or insufficiently met by existing services. The TDP was a key initial step for the City to identify how to improve transit most strategically for the community, especially existing riders.

## SEP Agreement

Sun Metro is the FTA's Designated Recipient for federal urban transit funds coming into the El Paso Urbanized Area. In that role, Sun Metro, like the designated recipient in other regions, has established a Service Expansion Policy. The SEP lays out how transit stakeholders in the El Paso region may access federal urban transit funds. The City of Socorro will need to form an SEP Agreement with Sun Metro, regardless of which method of service expansion is utilized to support transit in Socorro. The City's selected expansion method may alter some of the details required in the final agreement (service expansion options were outlined in the previous section). The SEP agreement between the City and Sun Metro must be approved by the City of El Paso Mass Transit Board, with recommendation from the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization, and must meet the SEP's minimum requirements.

## Proposal for Service Expansion

The Sun Metro SEP will require the City to provide a "Proposal for Service Expansion". The Proposal for Service Expansion is to formally demonstrate sufficient need and support for transit services envisioned in the TDP. **The consultant team recommends that the City prepare and submit their initial proposal early in the period between**

**September 1, 2025, to March 30, 2026** (i.e., proposals are considered during the same months long period each fiscal year).

The City's proposal will be required to include the following:

1. A resolution demonstrating City Council's commitment
  - a. Funding commitment
  - b. Community support
  - c. Support of a regional fare structure
  - d. Acknowledgement of ADA requirements
2. A completed TDP (details below and in Appendix B of the SEP)
3. "Additional information pursuant to FTA requirements or when requested by the review team to further supplement or clarify information included in the proposal may be required."

## TDP Time Period

The Sun Metro SEP will require that the City's TDP accounts for at least three years of service. The SEP will also require the City of Socorro to provide an administrative update to the TDP each year by the anniversary of the execution date of the SEP Agreement between the City and Sun Metro. **The Socorro ¡Avanzando! TDP meets this requirement.**

## TDP Required Content

According to Sun Metro's SEP, the TDP shall include the following:

- *Transit vision, mission and goals of the local government entity*
- *Documentation of a public participation process in development of the TDP*
- *Review of state and local transportation plans and how they will affect the TDP*
- *How transit service will connect with other transit systems in the UZA and how service will complement regional transit goals, as documented by MPO*
- *Identification of opportunities for transit service with other local agencies, communities, or private entities*



- Detailed description of FTA-required paratransit services within the service area
- Explanation of how service will be integrated in a regional transit network that increases connectivity, closes gaps and minimizes duplication of service
- Analysis of transit-supportive growth patterns in the area of service
- Analysis of multimodal accommodations that support transit service, such as bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- Estimates of demand for transit services in the service area
- Performance evaluation of any existing transit service in the service area
- Analysis of transit service alternatives, including financial impacts of each alternative
- Maps of services areas and types and levels of transit service provided or proposed
- Three-year strategic plan that includes policies to support the provided or proposed service
- Three-year funding plan for staff, vehicles, and capital improvements for mass transit in the service area

**The Socorro ¡Avanzando! TDP meets or exceeds the expected TDP content per the Sun Metro SEP.**

## Performance Evaluation Program

The SEP policy also requires the City of Socorro to develop and maintain a performance evaluation program to track and report on transit services. The PEP must evaluate system performance, quality of service, and level of customer satisfaction. The policy puts forward required measures. The City adapted the list of required measures based on not operating fixed routes or paratransit.

**The project team’s recommended PEP, in an earlier section of the TDP, meets this requirement.**

## Annual Updates to TDP & Progress Report

**The project team recommends that the City of Socorro make annual updates to the Socorro ¡Avanzando! TDP and provide a progress report to include at least the following information:**

- Detailed description of goals achieved
- Identification of areas of TDP that need to be addressed, based on implementation challenges, and description of proposed action items to ensure the TDP is implemented as planned
- Analysis of service based on performance measures identified in the PEP
- Description of any proposed changes to transit service for the upcoming year
- Any revisions to strategies and policies
- Any revisions to funding plan

## FTA Direct Recipient Process

The project team strongly recommends that the City seeks to establish direct recipient grantee status with the FTA. **Direct recipient grantee status will be useful to the City regardless of transit service delivery mechanism.** This is because some discretionary grants are only available to established grantees, regardless of the local government’s relationship with the transit service in their community. For example, there are cities and special government districts in Texas who are FTA direct recipient grantees who receive Areas of Persistent Poverty (AoPP) grant funds from the FTA to create first- and last-mile pedestrian and bike improvements around transit services operated by other local governments in their community.

The following bulleted list outlines the essential steps for the City of Socorro to become a direct recipient of FTA funds and is adapted directly from FTA information:

### Step 1: New Grantee Request Letter

To initiate the New Recipient Process, the City will need to send a letter to FTA Region VI outlining their intentions with regard to their FTA funding requests. The letter should contain the following elements:

- Identify what types of activities FTA funds will be used to complete
- Identify the type of FTA funds that new recipient will seek for these activities
- Cite the planning basis for the activities being funded (i.e., feasibility study, transit service analysis, long-range transportation plan)
- Identify a point of contact at the City to work with FTA through the review process.

### Step 2: Demonstrate Legal Capacity

Before FTA may award a grant, FTA must make a finding that the grant applicant has or will have the legal capacity to carry out the project.

- Opinion of Legal Counsel – identifies the legal authority of the grant applicant, citing, for example State and local statutes, and states whether any significant legislation or litigation is pending that may affect the legal status of the applicant.
- Authorizing Resolution – resolution from the City Council to show the City has the authority to file an official grant application, showing who has the authority to act on behalf of the application, and supporting the application.
- Annual Certifications and Assurances – before FTA may award Federal funding, the City must provide to FTA all certifications and assurances required by Federal laws and regulations.
- FTA Master Agreement – the FTA Master Agreement is the FTA official document containing FTA and other cross-

cutting Federal requirements applicable to the FTA recipient and its project(s).

### Step 3: Demonstrate Financial Capacity

The City must have financial policies and procedures; an organizational structure that defines, assigns and delegates authority; and financial management systems in place to match, manage, and charge only allowable cost to the award.

- Documentation of Local Match – must show documentation through City Council resolution that the City has the required local match for the grant application.

### Step 4: Demonstrate Technical Capacity

Technical capacity involves the capability of the grant applicant to properly carry out and manage Federal grants.

- Organizational Chart – the organizational chart should illustrate which positions and offices will carry out grant-related activities such as procurements, reporting, equipment maintenance, and operations.

### Step 5: Comply with Other Requirements

- Meeting with FTA Region VI – as a follow up to the letter submitted to FTA Region VI to show the intent of the City being a FTA grantee, the City should meet with Region VI representatives to review the application and discuss the project.
- System Access Request
  - Transit Award Management System (TrAMS) – TrAMS is FTA's platform to award and manage federal grants.
  - Electronic Clearing House Operation (ECHO) – a web application that allows FTA grant recipients to request payments from their grant awards.
- Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) – a unique, nine-digit series of numerals that identifies a business. The

federal government uses the DUNS number to track how federal money is allocated.

- System for Award Management (SAM) – SAM is an official website of the Federal Government, and the City must register to do business with the government.

### **Step 6: Comply with Civil Rights**

New recipients must agree to comply with all applicable civil rights statutes and implementing regulations as a condition of receiving any FTA funding, regardless of type.

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 – new recipients are required to submit a Title VI plan with the following elements:
  - Title VI Notice to the Public, including a list of locations where the notice is posted
  - Title VI Complain Procedures (instructions to the public on how to file a Title VI discrimination complaint)
  - Title VI Complaint Form
  - List of transit-related Title VI investigations, complaints, and lawsuits
  - Public Participation Plan, including information about outreach methods to engage minority and limited English proficient populations (LEP)
  - Language Assistance Plan for providing language assistance to person with LEP
  - A table depicting the membership of non-elected committees and councils, the membership of which is selected by the recipient, broken down by race, and a description of the process the City uses to encourage the participation of minorities on such committees
  - A Title VI equity analysis if the recipient has constructed a facility, such as a vehicle storage facility, maintenance facility, operation center, etc.

- A copy of City Council meeting minutes, resolution, or other appropriate documentation responsible for policy decisions reviewed and approved the Title VI program

- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Plan and Annual Goal – all FTA recipients of federal funding over \$250,000.00 in one year must comply with Department of Transportation (DOT) regulation 49 CFR part 26, “Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs.”
- Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Plan – the EEO plan is developed to establish a strong company policy and commitment to equal employment opportunities. FTA requires all recipients of FTA funding, which meet certain thresholds, to develop and submit for approval an EEO Plan every three years. The thresholds are:
  - 100 or more transit-related employees AND,
  - Receives capital or operating assistance in excess of \$1 million, OR planning assistance in excess of \$250,000.00.
  - Agencies with 50-99 transit-related employees who meet the monetary threshold are required to prepare and maintain an abbreviated EEO program but are not required to submit to FTA unless requested.
  - Agencies with between 50-99 transit-related employees that do not meet the monetary threshold are not required to prepare and maintain an abbreviated EEO Program. However, FTA applicants, recipients, subrecipients, and contractors who do not meet EEO Program thresholds are still required to comply with all EEO statutes and regulations.
  - The employees that would be considered for these requirements would be any City employees who assist in the execution of the transit services



including financial, legal, operations, and other services.

- The City would most likely not meet the lowest threshold necessitating an EEO plan.
- Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) – All transit vehicles and facilities must meet the accessibility requirements laid out in ADA and FTA requirements. The City must also agree to comply and assure the compliance of each third-party contractor and each subrecipient at any time of the project complies with access to ADA accessible vehicles. No specific submittal is required during the New Recipient Process, these requirements are incorporated into the FTA Master Agreement and Annual Certifications and Assurances.

## Federal Civil Rights Compliance



The City of Socorro is implementing a federally funded transit service and so the project team recommends the City ensure compliance with federal civil rights regulations by considering the following:

- **Environmental Justice / Title VI:** The City will need to complete Environmental Justice analysis to ensure any future program service changes do not adversely affect minority and low-income populations.
- **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA):** The City will need to ensure services comply with ADA requirements.
- **Unbanked Population:** To ensure individuals with no debit or credit card can access the service, in the future if a fare is required, vehicles should be equipped with fareboxes, in which

passengers are permitted to use cash while boarding the vehicle. Where the program is cashless, customers should be permitted to use cash to purchase pre-paid and re-loadable credit cards from local retailers that can be used to pay for a trip (i.e., the City might partner with key local retailers near designated anchor points).

- **Limited English Proficiency (LEP):** The City will need to follow LEP procedures as deemed by the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to ensure that the important information for the service including announcements, booking language, and other service information in any language identified as a Safe Harbor language in the service area. The safe harbor threshold is any eligible LEP language that makes up 5% or 1,000 people of the total population served.
- **Smartphone/Internet Access:** A call center must be available for those customers without a smartphone or internet access. The City can utilize its existing customer service mechanisms to reserve a trip, or a procured contractor can host a call center for trip bookings. Either option requires customer service personnel to be trained to understand the intricacies of the service and compliance requirements.

# Procurement Considerations

The project team recommends that the City of Socorro directly operate the on-demand microtransit service, similar to how the City already manages the Rio Vista 5310 Transportation Program.

- Should the City ever decide to partner with a private sector operating partner, the City will be required to procure the operations service through fair and open procurement competition, including the contractor agreeing to all relevant federal clauses.
- If the City procures non-federally funded services – such as deciding to use local funds exclusively – then the City would only be required to follow its internal procurement policy.

**The City will need to move through the three stages of FTA-compliant procurements:**

- 1. Preparation and planning**
- 2. Pre-award activities**
- 3. Post-award activities**

## Preparation and Planning Phase

The City should utilize planning documents such as this report and other resources to develop a scope of services for procurement documentation. To be compliant with FTA funding, the City will need to maintain a written procurement history documenting the activities undertaken by the City. During this phase of the procurement process, the City will identify the scope of services through advanced planning, funding source identification, and any environmental or civil rights clearance needed for the project.

As required by the Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Part 200, all federally funded projects must identify four critical items prior to releasing a procurement:

- **Method and Rationale of Procurement** – With either service moving forward, the City would elect to use a Request for Proposals. Since price is not the only consideration and there will not be a clearly defined specification (as required by the Invitation for Bid), a Request for Proposal procurement would allow the City to consider other criteria such as operational plans, past performance, and references along with the proposed cost to operate and maintain the service.
- **Contract Type** – The Federal Government has certain contract types that are allowed and some that are strictly forbidden when developing a compliant agreement. The two most common types of contracts are firm fixed price and cost reimbursement. The procurement for either service would most likely move forward with a firm fixed price contract setting a set cost per revenue hour or revenue mile with a not to exceed set amount per month.

- **Contractor Selection Type** – The Contractor Selection Type falls in line with the Method of Procurement. As a Request for Proposal is recommended, the selection type would be considered a “Best Value” contract. A “Best Value” contract allows for the City to consider price as a criterion while also allowing for other selection criteria to be considered in the evaluation period. While all contractors must be responsive and responsible through the procurement process, the best value selection provides more flexibility in evaluating the responses and not requiring the City to move forward with the lowest bidder.
- **Basis of Contract Price** – When considering proposals, the City will evaluate the proposed costs based on a price analysis system. A price analysis system allows for proposed costs to be compared against one another along with other estimates, as long as there is adequate competition.

During the preparation and planning phase, the City will need to create an independent cost estimate to determine an estimated cost to execute the service with either service type. This will be used to compare against proposed costs in the evaluation phase to ensure that pricing is reasonable. This estimate also allows for the City to budget for the future costs of the service prior to the execution of a contract.

Throughout this phase, the City will be creating the documentation for the procurement. This will include the developed scope of services but also the requirements of both the City and Federal Government. The solicitation will include federally required contract clauses, certifications, and other necessary language for a successful procurement. This phase includes all activities up until the procurement is released.

## Pre-Award Phase

After the initial development of the procurement, the pre-award phase includes all activities from the advertisement of the Request for Proposal through the evaluation process and award recommendation.

The City will need to properly advertise the procurement to ensure full and open competition, whether this includes print advertising or ensure the advertisement is in online publications. All advertisements should be documented for the procurement folder. The City would also provide any documentation and sign-in sheets if a pre-proposal meeting is held. Any interactions with potential Contractors including email notifications should all be properly documented.

Once proposals are submitted and the due date has passed, the City will need to evaluate the proposals for both responsiveness and responsibility as well as on the listed criteria in the procurement and price analysis, as detailed above. The City will establish an evaluation team to rank and score each proposal against the listed criteria to determine the proposal with the best value to the City.

## Post-Award Phase

To ensure a successful delivery of services, the City should continue to move through the procurement process through the post-award phase. This phase will include all initial startup activities, contract oversight and management, and compliance review throughout the lifetime of the contract. The City will monitor monthly invoicing, budget constraints, service complaints, change orders, and compliance with federal requirements to ensure contract compliance. These activities happen on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis.



# Appendices

The following appendices contain deeper information generated by the TDP project team and utilized in conversations with the City of Socorro during the development of the Socorro ¡Avanzando! Transit Development Plan. The project team provides this information to ensure the City has documentation of the key details behind recommendations.

## A1. Principle Methods

The TDP planning process included collecting information through proactive public engagement and compiling technical information of various types. Each type of information was applied harmoniously to identify desired, feasible transit solutions for Socorro.

### Primary Engagement Methods

The City's TDP planning effort repeatedly engaged the public. A Public Participation Plan (PPP) guided engagement and followed recommended practices per the Transportation Research Board: Transit Cooperative Research Program's [TCRP Synthesis 170: Inclusive Public Participation in Transit Decision-Making](#) report.<sup>30</sup> As a result, engagement activities implemented that report's three conclusions:

- Meeting people where they are
- Vary the frequency of times and days of the week
- Employ multiple methods to maximize participation

The City's engagement included:

- Interacting with transit riders at bus stops
- Pop-ups at existing community events
- Traditional public meetings
- Public presentations

The City held engagement opportunities at diverse locations at differing times/days of the week. Approximately 87% of Socorro households speak a language other than English at home (primarily Spanish). Additionally, per the 2018-2022 American Community Survey, approximately 83% of households have broadband internet access at home. All engagement materials were produced in English and Spanish and deployed electronically and in print. Both rounds of engagement included virtual and in-person contact with the public.

### Primary Technical Data Sources

The principal data sources for the development of the TDP:

- U.S. Census Bureau<sup>31</sup>
  - 2018-2022 American Community Survey (ACS)
  - 2010 & 2020 Decennial Census
  - 2020 Longitudinal-Employer Household Dynamics<sup>32</sup>
- Federal Transit Administration
  - 2023 National Transit Database<sup>33</sup>
- Various data provided by Sun Metro and El Paso County
  - Ridership Reports
  - ArcGIS Shapefiles
  - General Transit Feed Specifications (GTFS)
- Other
  - Center for Neighborhood Technology<sup>34</sup>
  - ArcGIS Business Analyst
  - LINK Houston's Transportation Equity Demand Index.<sup>35</sup>

<sup>30</sup> <https://nap.nationalacademies.org/catalog/26940/inclusive-public-participation-in-transit-decision-making>

<sup>31</sup> <https://data.census.gov/>

<sup>32</sup> <https://onthemap.ces.census.gov/>

<sup>33</sup> <https://www.transit.dot.gov/ntd/transit-agency-profiles>

<sup>34</sup> <https://htaindex.cnt.org/>

<sup>35</sup> <https://linkhouston.org/reports-briefings/equity-in-transit-2022/>

## A2. Existing Conditions Analysis

### Transportation Equity Demand Index

The City's project team assessed the city- and county-wide need for transit affecting and/or influencing equitable mobility outcomes. Equity in transportation is proactively ensuring fair and equal access, regardless of income, race, disability, or other socio-economic factors. Equity focuses on strategically improving the quality of affordable and accessible mobility options. Additionally, equity involves engaging diverse populations in the planning and decision-making processes to understand, preempt, and rectify disparities.

The TEDI is a means of identifying areas of a given community warranting more equitable transportation investments through the observation of human- and built environmental-related characteristics.

- The City's Socorro focused TEDI is represented at the Census Block level.
- The City's El Paso County focused TEDI is represented at the Census Block Group level.

The TEDI analysis is comprised of 13 unique indicators, detailed in **Table 15**. The table describes each indicator, along with the geographic analysis level and data source. Data sources include the U.S. Census Bureau's Decennial Census, American Community Survey, and Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics, and the Center for Neighborhood Technology's (CNT's) Housing+Transportation Index dataset. The primary statistical method is transforming each block or block group's values for the 13 indicators into a percentile rank between one and 100, and then to average all 13 indicators to arrive at a

combined rating for each geography. The result is a rank order of each geographic unit in comparison to all others in the respective study area. Higher values mean higher relative priority and feasibility for equitable transportation.

The original TEDI methodology included three built environment indicators concerned with walkability: street intersection density, average block perimeter, and compact neighborhood score. All three factors originated from CNT.<sup>36</sup> However, CNT's most recent data release included only the average block size, with an explanation that statistical analysis had revealed the prior three measures essentially measured the same observation. Therefore, indicators 1 to 12 were given equal weights, while Indicator 13, Average Block Size, is given triple weight. The result is an index following the intent of the original 15 equally weighted indicators. In other words, a built environment development pattern potentially more conducive to walking, measured by block size, has the same 20% overall weight in the TEDI result.

The index does not capture actual walking conditions as no sufficient datasets exist about intersection safety, sidewalk existence and quality, and infrastructure accessibility – the three key factors for actual walkability necessary to connect people to active transportation facilities and the transit network.

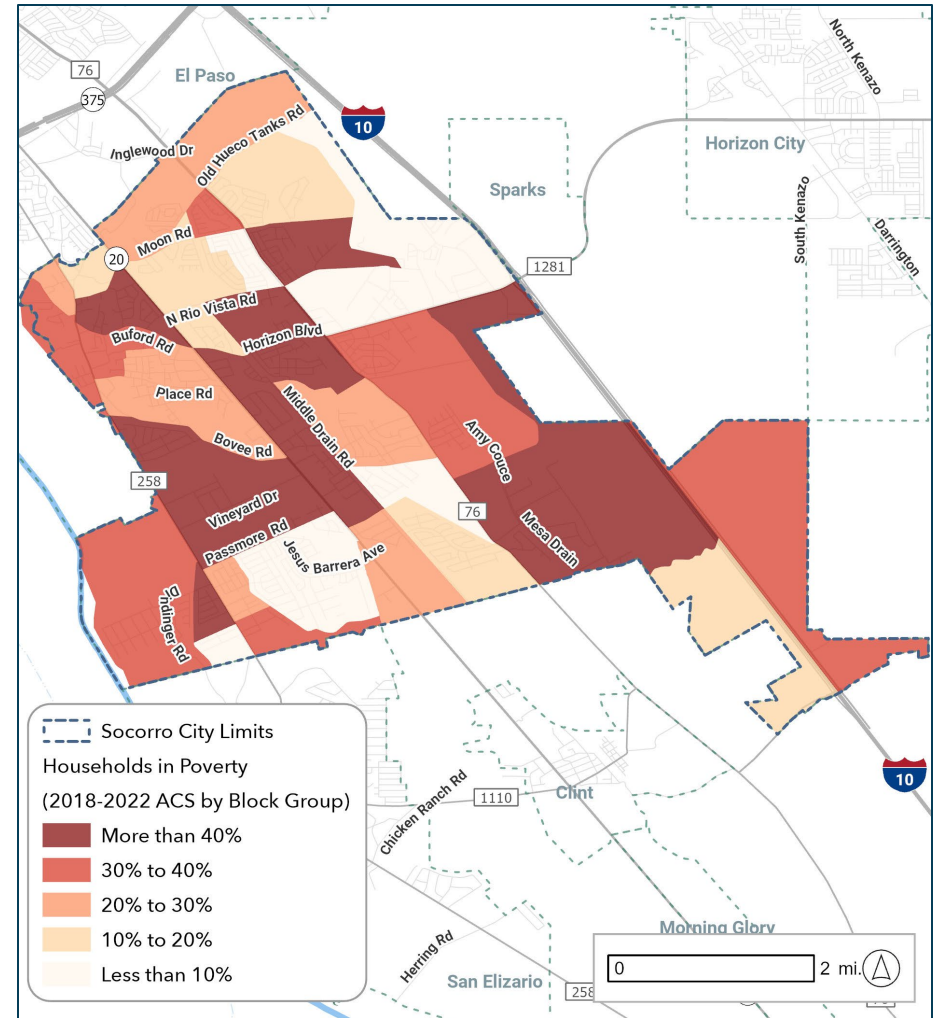
**Figure 54 to Figure 66** map each Socorro TEDI indicator, depicted at the smallest geographic unit possible for each respective indicator.

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<sup>36</sup> Center for Neighborhood Technology, Housing+Transportation Index.  
<https://cnt.org/tools/housing-and-transportation-affordability-index>

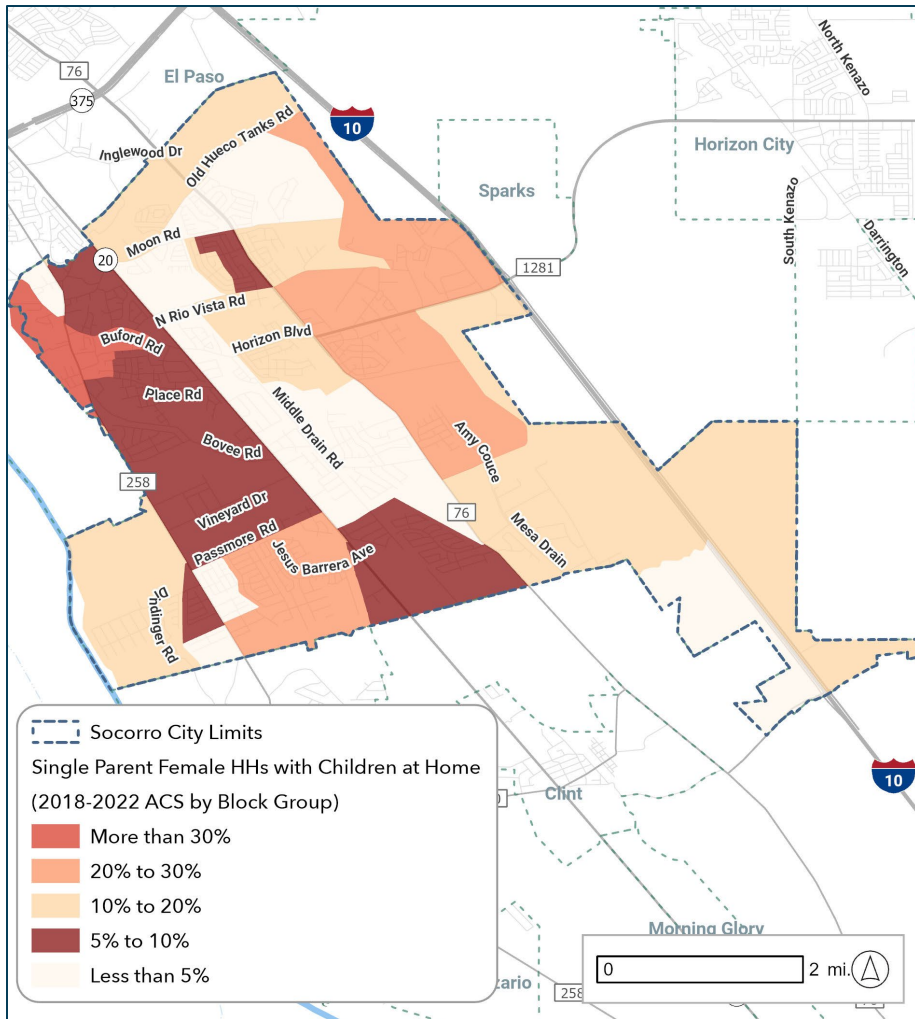
**Table 15.** TEDI Indicator Details

Category	Indicator	Format	Geography	Year	Source
<b>Fundamental Demographic Demand</b>	Households in Poverty	Percent	Block Group	2018–2022	U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey
	Homes of Workers with Jobs Paying Less Than \$15,000 Annually	Number	Block	2021	U.S. Census Bureau, Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics
	Work Sites of Workers with Jobs Paying Less Than \$15,000 Annually	Number	Block	2021	U.S. Census Bureau, Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics
	Single Parent Female Headed Households with Children Under Age 18	Percent	Block Group	2018–2022	U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey
	Households with One or More Persons with a Disability	Percent	Block Group	2018–2022	U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey
<b>Likely Higher Active Transportation Use</b> <i>(i.e., propensity, latent demand, or induced demand)</i>	People of Color Population	Percent	Block Group	2018–2022	U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey
	Zero Vehicle Available Households	Percent	Block Group	2018–2022	U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey
	Workers Commuting by Transit	Percent	Block Group	2018–2022	U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey
	Homes of Workers with High School Education or Less	Number	Block	2021	U.S. Census Bureau, Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics
	Work Sites of Workers with High School Education or Less	Number	Block	2021	U.S. Census Bureau, Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics
<b>Human and Built Environment Suitability</b>	Population Density	Number	Block Group	2021	U.S. Census Bureau, Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics
	Household Density	Number	Block Group	2021	U.S. Census Bureau, Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics
	Average Block Size	Number	Block Group	2020	Center for Neighborhood Technology

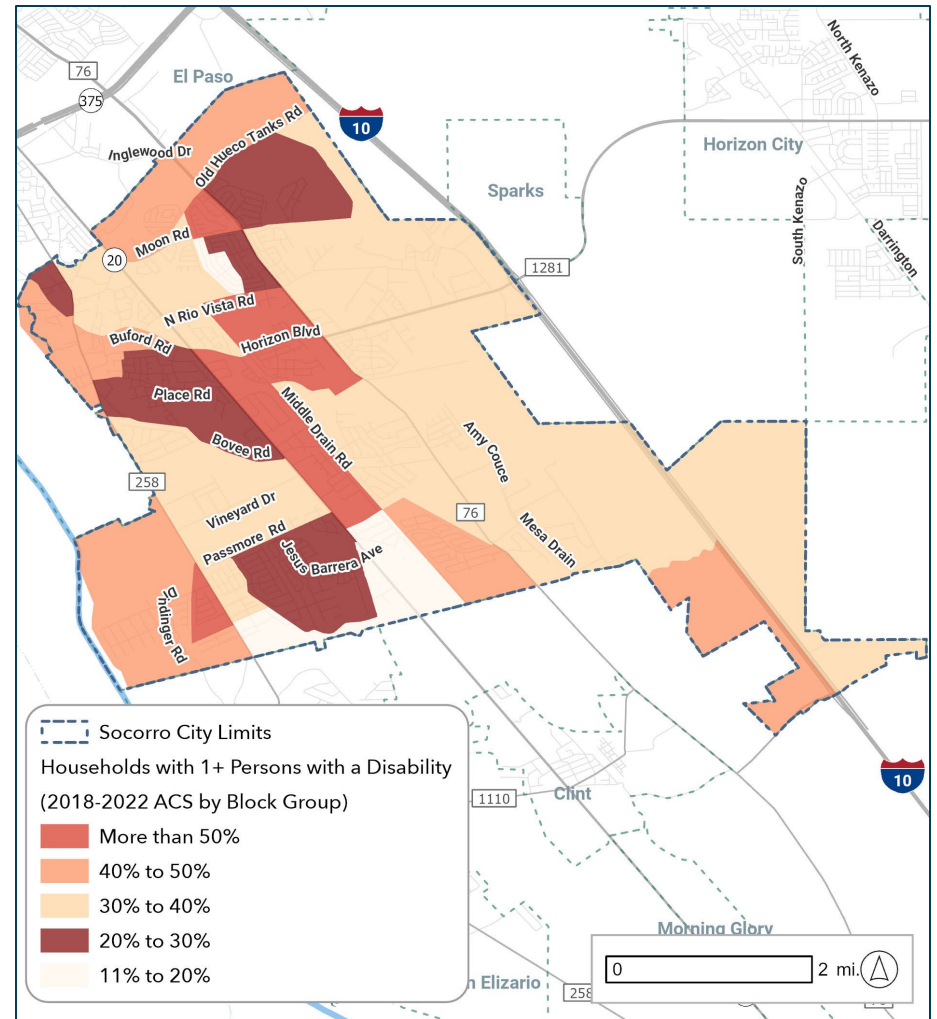


**Figure 54.** Socorro TEDI, Indicator 1 – Poverty

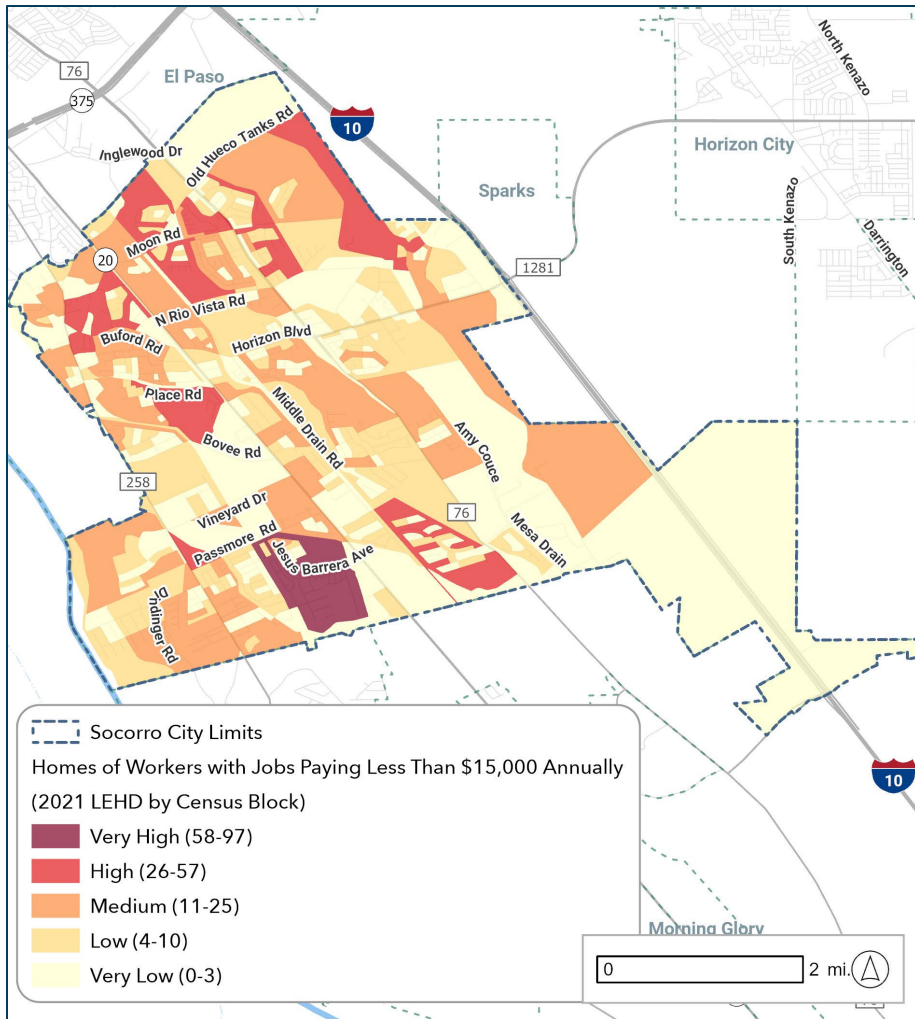




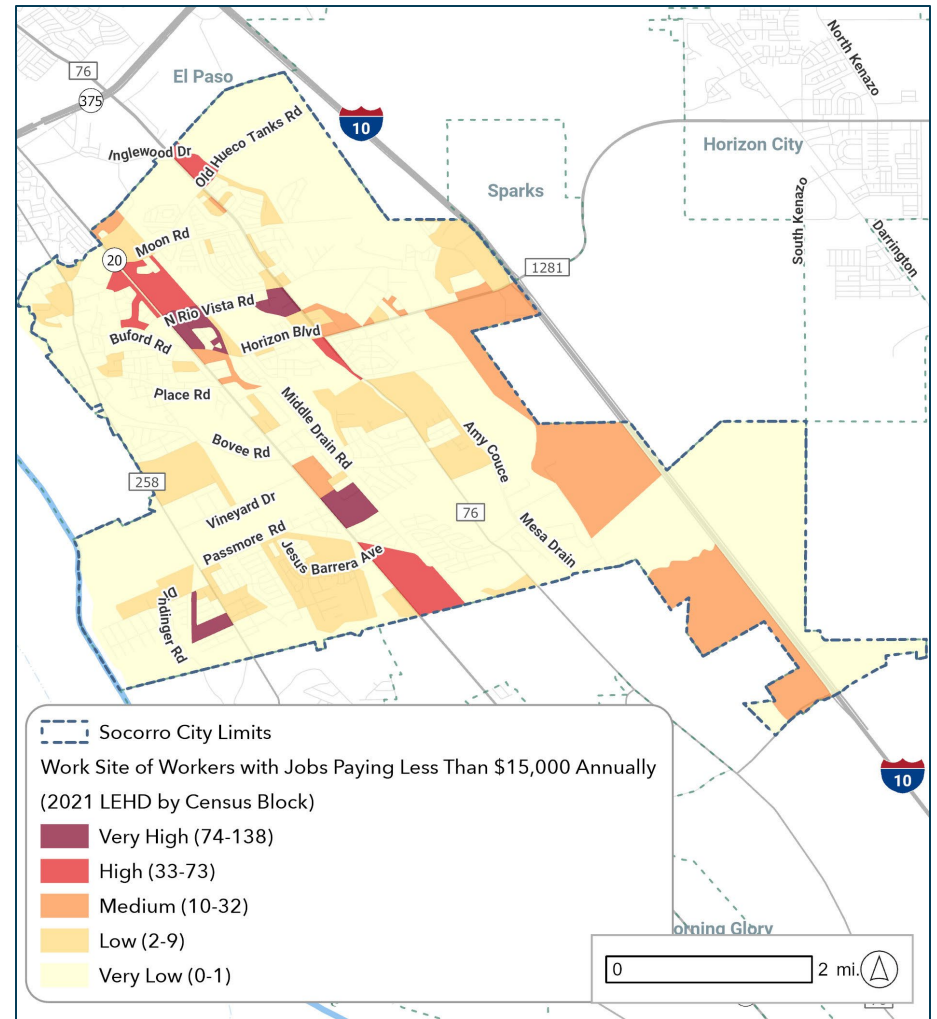
**Figure 55.** Socorro TEDI, Indicator 2 – Single Female Headed Households w/Children



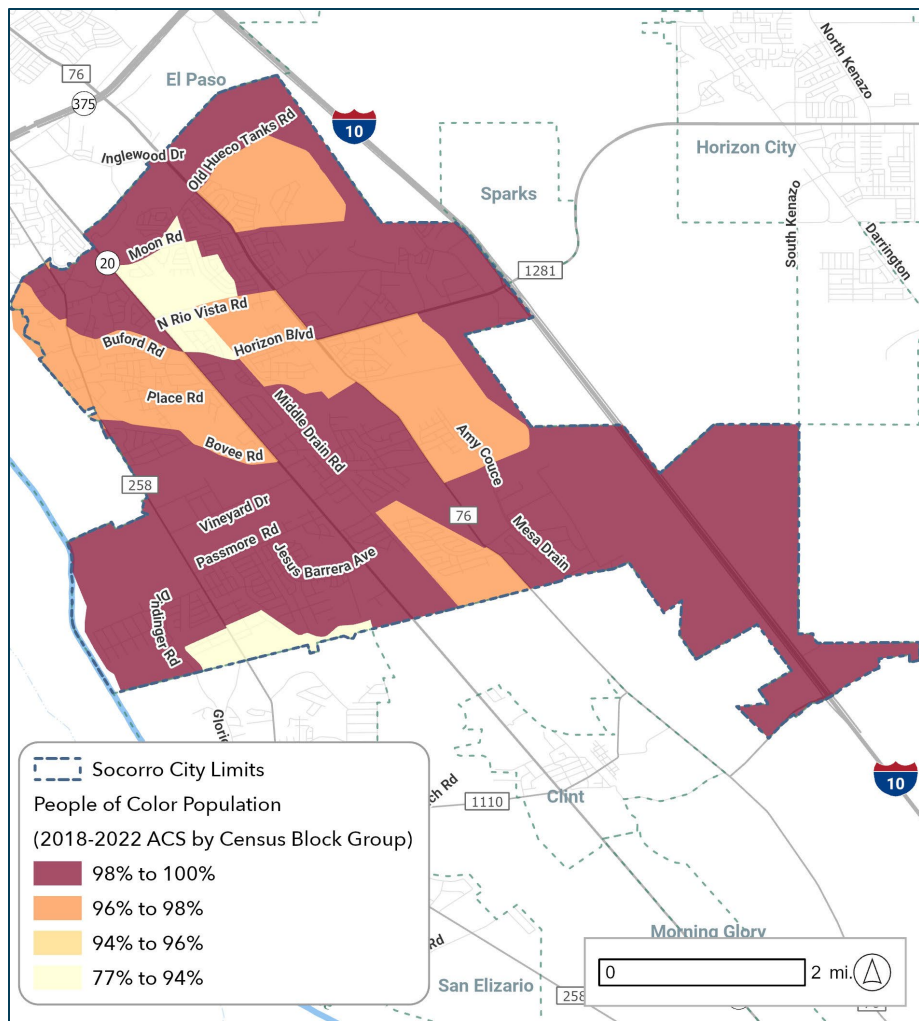
**Figure 56.** Socorro TEDI, Indicator 3 – Households with a Person with a Disability



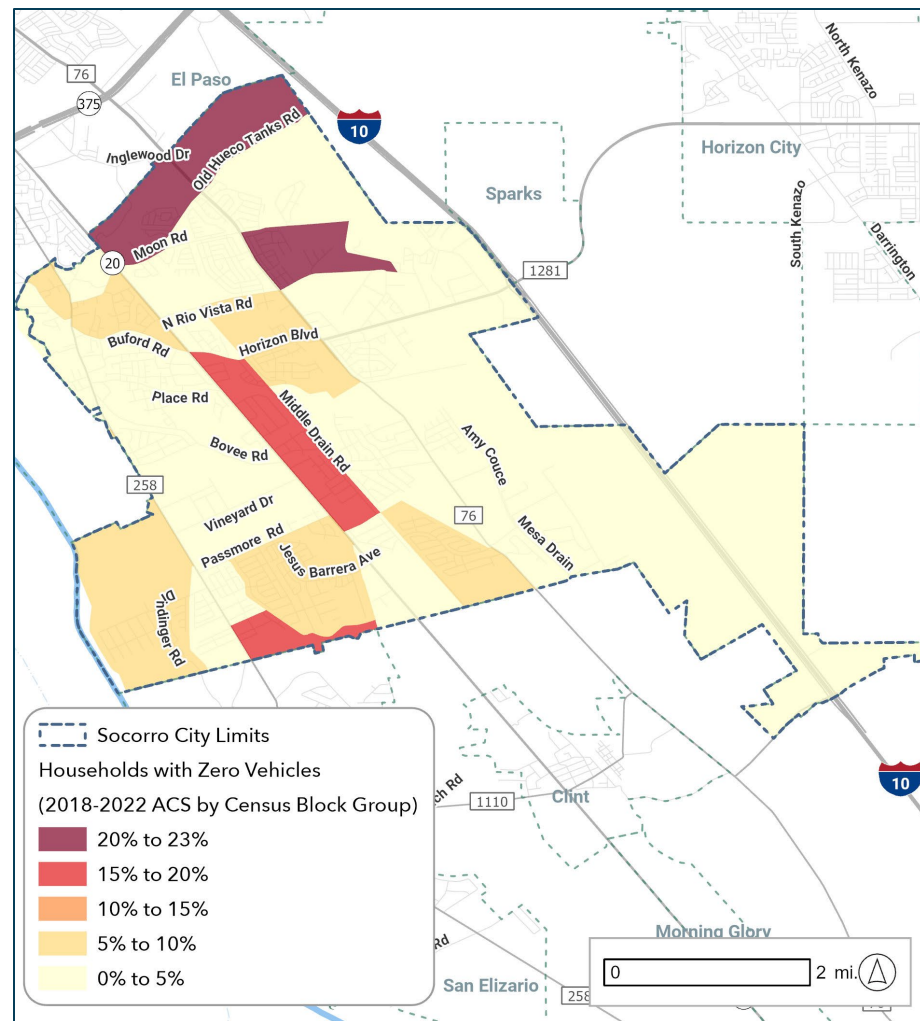
**Figure 57. Socorro TEDI, Indicator 4 – Home Location for Low Wage Workers**



**Figure 58. Socorro TEDI, Indicator 5 – Work Location for Low Wage Workers**

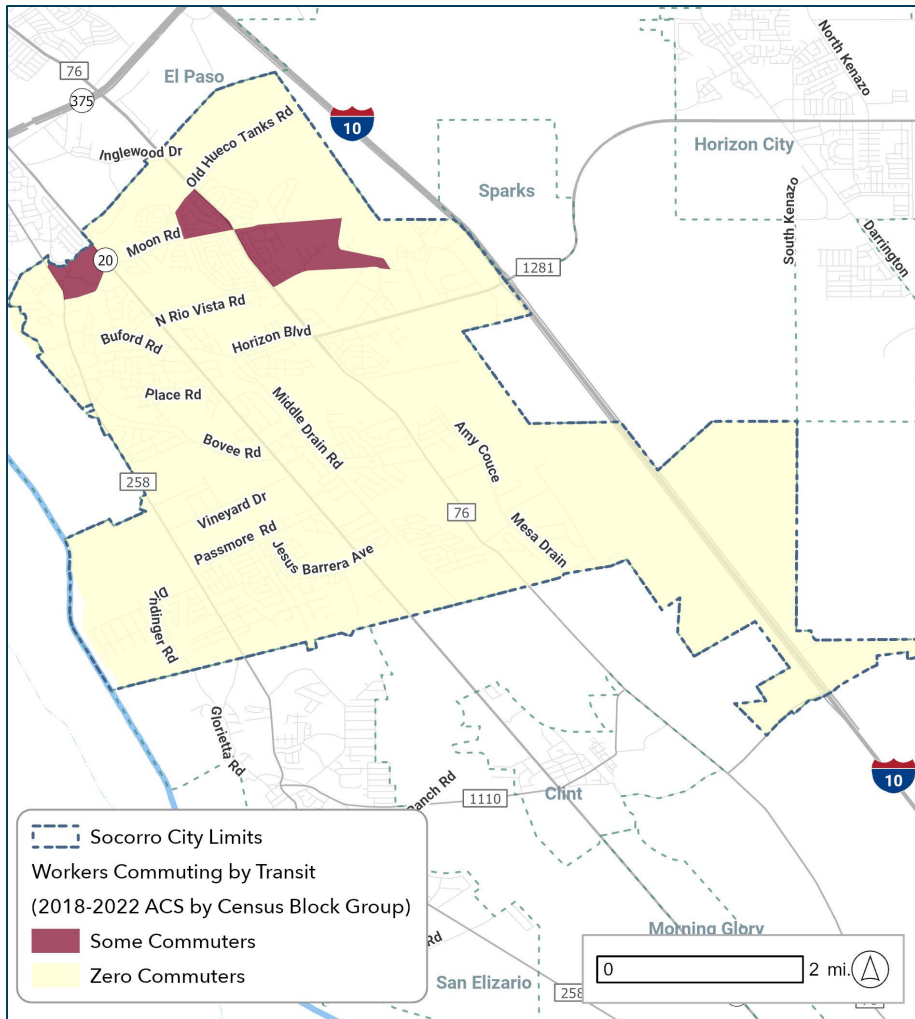


**Figure 59.** Socorro TEDI, Indicator 6 – People of Color

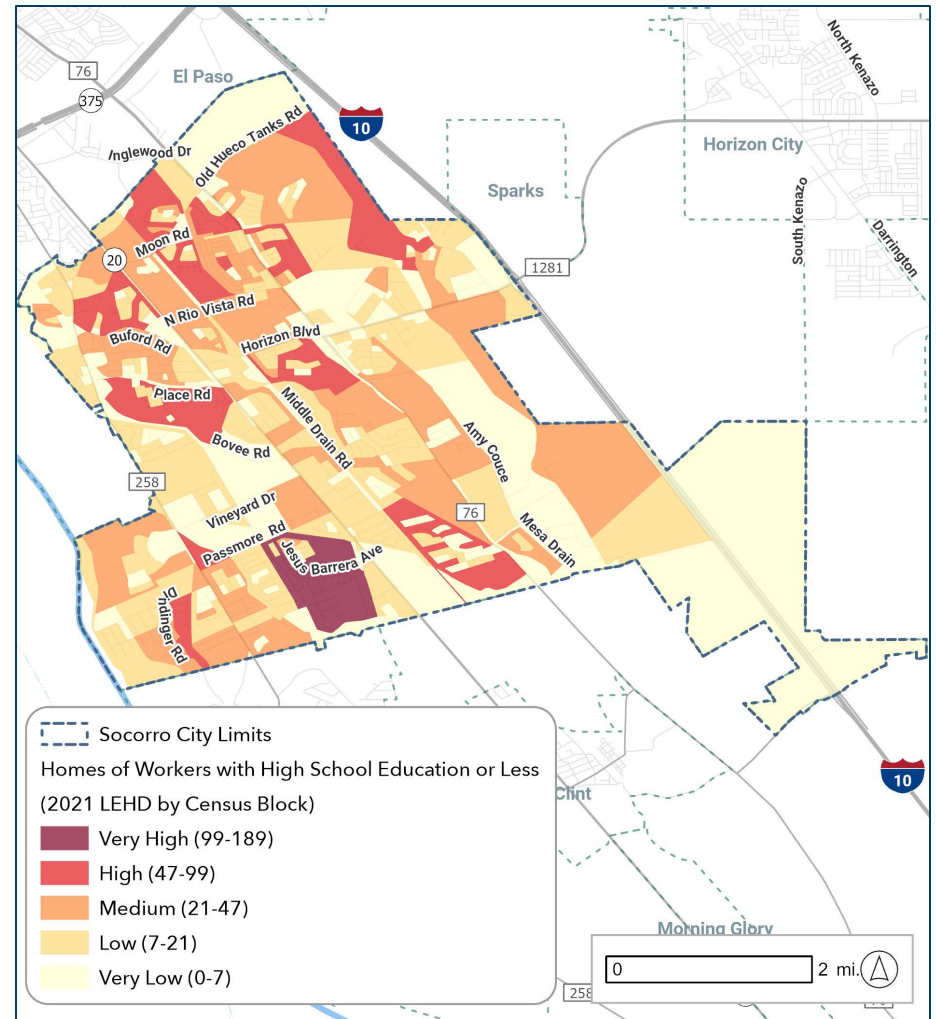


**Figure 60.** Socorro TEDI, Indicator 7 – Zero Vehicle Households

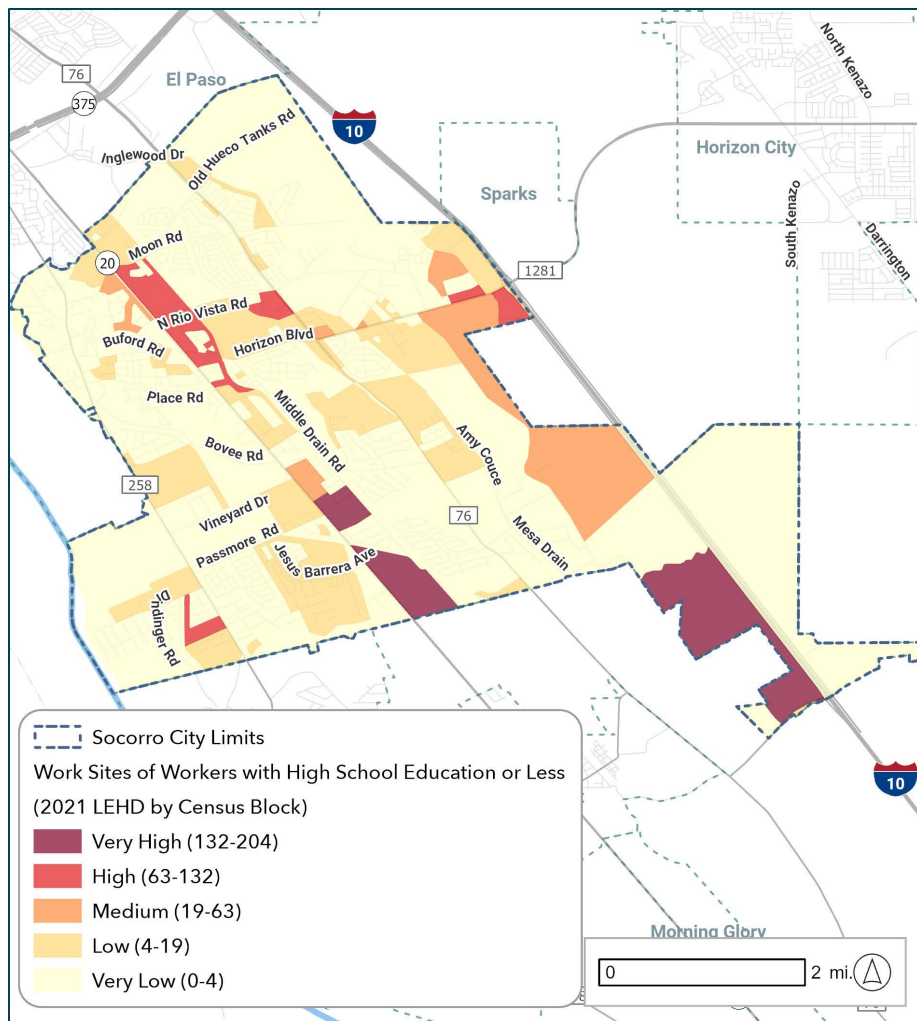




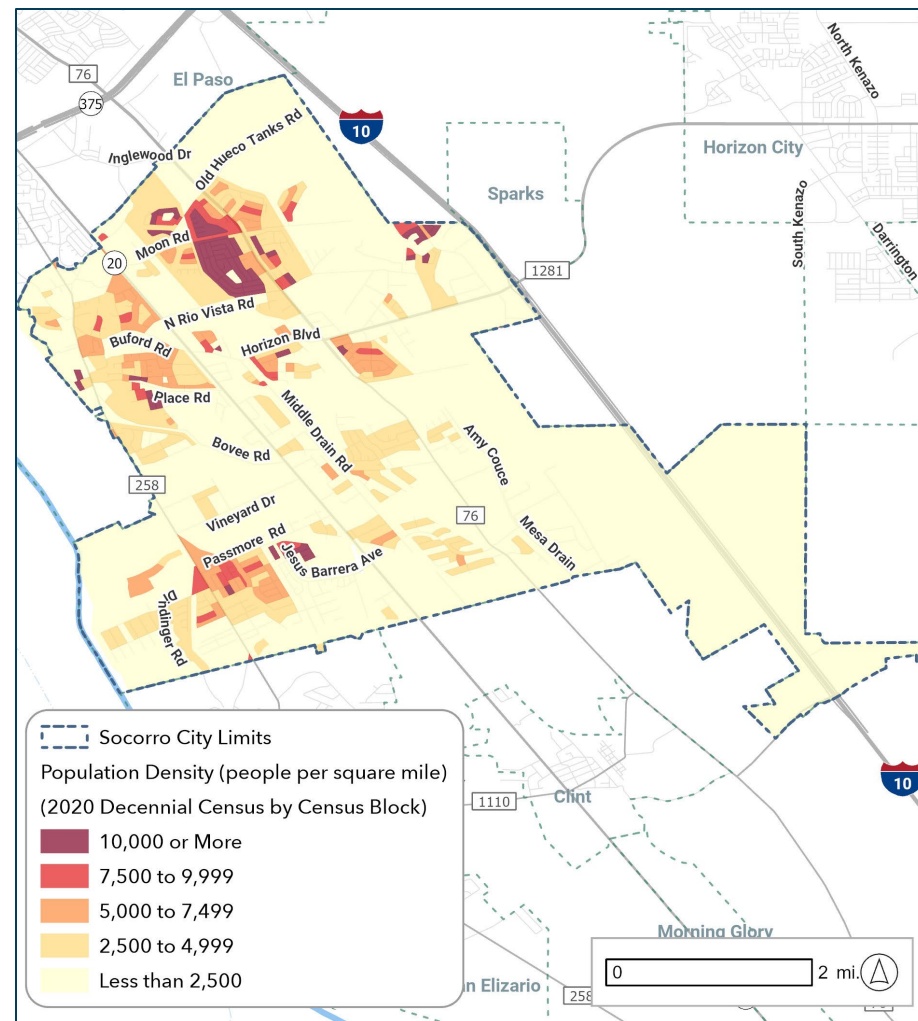
**Figure 61. Socorro TEDI, Indicator 8 – Transit Commuters**



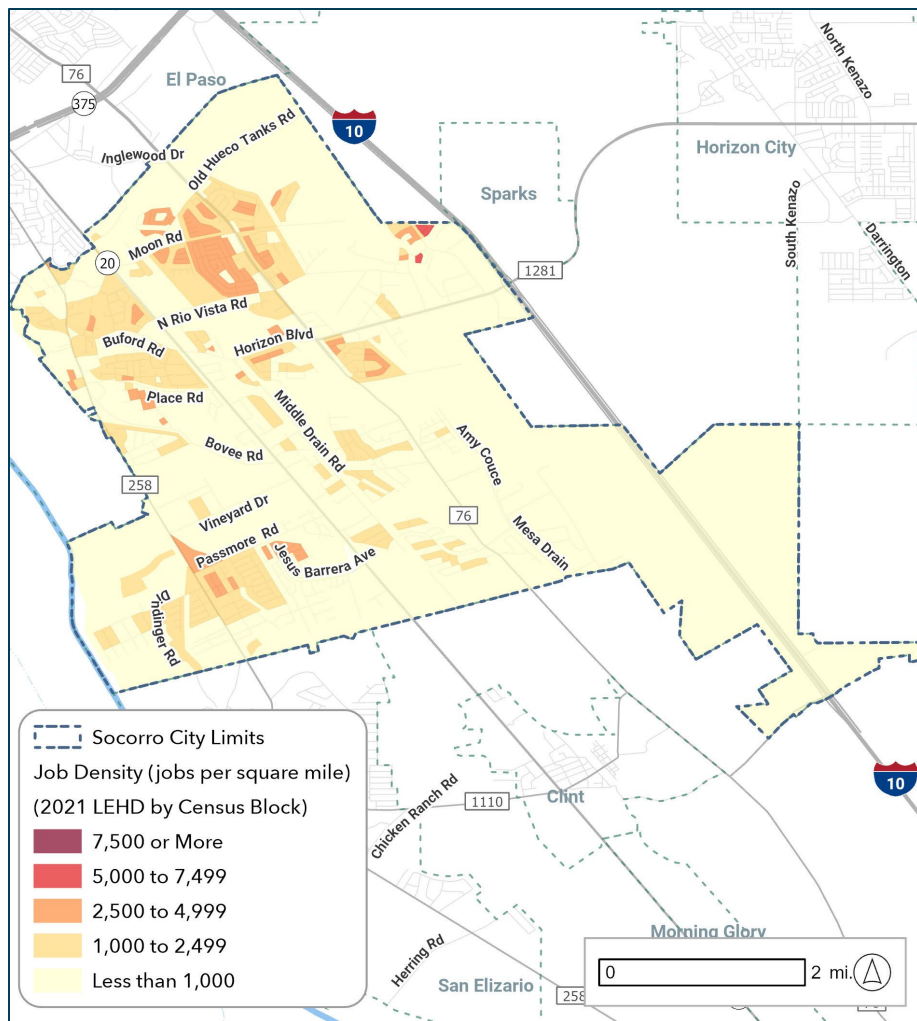
**Figure 62. Socorro TEDI, Indicator 9 – Home Location for Low Education Workers**



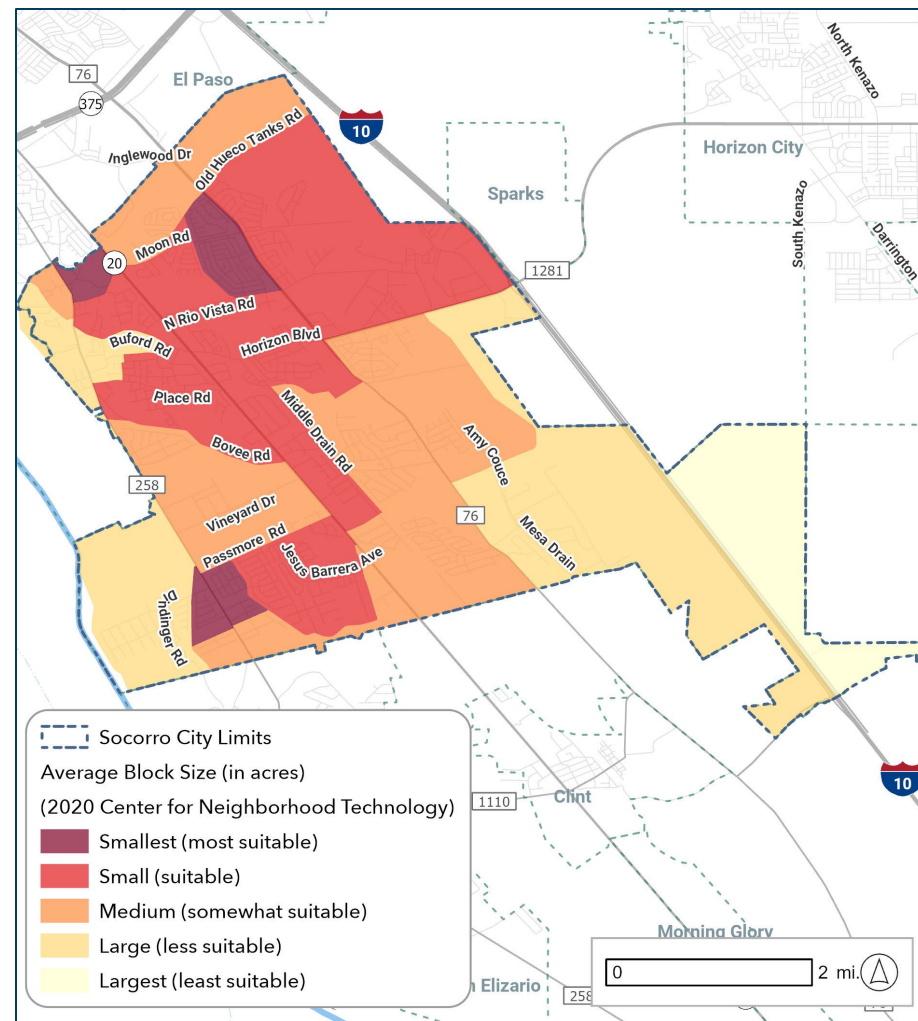
**Figure 63.** Socorro TEDI, Indicator 10 – Work Sites of Low Education Workers



**Figure 64.** Socorro TEDI, Indicator 11 - Population Density



**Figure 65.** Socorro TEDI, Indicator 12 - Job Density



**Figure 66.** Socorro TEDI, Indicator 13 – Walkability



## A3. Engagement Documentation

### Public Participation Plan (PPP)

The City of Socorro’s project team created a PPP in August 2024. The document was nine pages and contained the following information:

- Introduction
- Public participation initiatives (FTA, TCRP best practices)
- Public participation goals (language accommodation, etc.)
- Key messages at outset of TDP development
- Potential stakeholder interviews (internal and external)
- Public engagement opportunities
  - Project website
  - Virtual map and survey engagement
  - Event pop-ups
  - Burritos at the Bus Stop
  - Public workshop
- Notification methods
- Materials development
- Logistics and additional resources plan
- Documentation of meetings
- Communications protocol & approval process
- NEPA, Title VI, and ARPA assumptions

### Fall 2024: “Window 1: Public Engagement Activities” Technical Memorandum

The City’s project team documented the first complete round of engagement in a thorough technical memorandum. The memo is available upon request and is not included in the TDP due to its 66 pages of content. The contents of the December 2024 memo:

- Introduction
- Project branding process
- Online engagement site
- Media relations and social media
- Stakeholder interviews
- Pop-Up at Fright Farm
- Open House Public Meeting
  - Participatory budgeting
  - Draw your perfect route
- “Burritos at the Bus Stop”
- Overall Findings
- Appendix

### Spring 2025: “Window 2: Public Engagement Activities” Technical Memorandum

The City’s project team also documented the second round of engagement in a technical memorandum. The memo is also available upon request and is not included in the TDP due to its 20 page length. The contents of the April 2025 memo:

- Introduction
- Online engagement site
- Pop-up at Easter Eggstravaganza and Color Run
- Overall Findings
- Appendix

# A4. Microtransit Modeling Details

## New Microtransit Service Details

Operator:	City of Socorro
Days:	Weekdays (except major holidays)
Hours:	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Wait:	30-min. initial target for average wait time
Stops:	Generally curb-to-curb, except at predefined stops in locations with multiple destinations sharing large parking areas (i.e., pick the agreed spot to use routinely, on- or off-street)
Staffing:	Utilize mix of full-time and part-time positions, current listings show ~\$15.00 per hour for a non-CDL driver
Fare:	Zero fare (for initial period at least; to avoid cash management and reduce complexity)
Partnerships:	Collaborate with EPCC to reach students/staff Continue agreement with Sun Metro for MVTC access (including defined shared pick-up/drop-off point) Allow for drop-offs at EPATS bus routes at stops that remain in-service either within Socorro or nearby

## Vehicle & Maintenance Assumptions

Revenue Vehicles:	Begin using existing and incoming City fleet Procurement of additional/replacement vans in years 2+ are similar in specification and cost to the newest Chrysler Pacifica wheelchair accessible vehicle Seats: driver, front passenger, 1-3 rear passengers (1 if wheelchair tie-downs in-use) Capital cost: \$89,000 Service life: eight years (at least 120,000 miles)
Onboard Equipment:	Every vehicle has branded wrap, extinguisher, first aid kit, defibrillator, and customization by City specification
Vehicle Fuel Economy & Cost:	Gasoline Chrysler economy 19 MPG at \$3.00 gallon Electric Cutaway economy 21 MPGe at \$0.18 per mile (about 2.5x lower fuel cost than fossil fuel equivalents)
Maintenance Performed By:	Vehicle maintenance is by contractors
Maintenance Budget:	Routine maintenance at \$0.10 per VRM Tire rotation & replacement at \$0.20 per VRM Extensive wear & tear repairs at \$0.15 per VRM (in part due to newness of fleet for current TDP period)

## Operating Assumptions

### Vehicle Miles:

Average trip length is 4.8 miles due to 22.8 sq. mile zone  
Vehicle revenue miles include 50% additional miles for repositioning the vehicle for the next pick up

### Driver Supervision:

FY25-26: Transit Coordinator drives ~25 hours a week  
FY27: Transit Coordinator drives ~18 hours a week  
Coordinator or lead driver on duty at all times

### Driver Staffing:

City employs one full-time lead drivers  
City employs one additional full-time driver  
City employs 1+ part-time drivers as required by year

### Call/Dispatch Staffing:

Generally covered by existing roles/responsibilities  
New microtransit service operates earlier and later so requires additional four hours per day for this function

### Labor Unit Cost:

Transit Coordinator: \$23 base wage + \$6.58 fringe  
Lead/Full-time Drivers: \$19 base wage + \$6.58 fringe  
Part-time Drivers: \$15.00 base wage only  
Call/Dispatch: \$15.50 wage + \$6.58 fringe (existing staff)  
Part-time Call/Dispatch: \$15.50 wage (for new/backup)  
All other functions supporting the program supported by existing staff and budget

### Operating Expense per VRH:

\$38.68 per VRH in FY25  
\$40.00 per VRH in FY26  
\$45.00 per VRH in FY27+  
(Includes labor for roles detailed above, fuel, maintenance, and portion of technology costs)

## Technology Assumptions

### Software:

Existing TripMaster license and tools sufficient FY25-26  
City spends between \$24k and \$36k annually thereafter

### Device Hardware:

City continues to use AT&T for employee smartphones  
Every employee has device for duty use (incl. drivers)



## Microtransit Mode Capture

**Mode capture is the percent of all potential vehicle trips which a transit service serves – or “captures” by attracting the individual or group to choose transit over the other travel mode.** The most common travel mode being driving alone in a personal vehicle.

The City used location-based mobile phone data from Locus to identify the total number of trips on a typical Thursday in quarter four in 2024. Filters removed all trips less than 0.5-miles long and which occurred outside the 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM weekday service hours. The short trips were removed as people are unlikely to wait for an on-demand service for longer than it would take to walk or bike to complete the trip.

The filters identified that approximately 38k total trips occurred in the service hours and could reasonably be assumed to have both their origin and destination within the City’s microtransit service zone, including the extension along Alameda Avenue to the Mission Valley Transit Center.

The City identified Sun Metro’s local bus mode capture for 2023. Sun Metro transported about an average of 21k unlinked passenger trips each day. A quarter-mile buffer around the agency’s routes determined about 1.48 million total trips were made each day during the hours when Sun Metro routes operate. The result is about a 1.42 percent mode capture for the fixed route network in El Paso. The City assumed the mode capture for a weekday microtransit service with 12-hour span would likely be about 1/5<sup>th</sup> that of the fixed routes (due to service type, denser locations, and based on the project team’s knowledge of peers in other regions).

**As a result, the City’s microtransit service is assumed to realize about 0.18% mode capture in FY25-26; 0.23% in FY27; and to level off somewhere around 0.30% in FY28 and beyond.**

Some cities achieve a higher mode capture; other cities see lower. The City will learn about microtransit’s ability to convert trips from other modes during the FY25-26 pilot period. The TDP can be updated if significantly higher or lower demand manifests. The program has a general baseline cost that will occur regardless of the number of trips. Operating costs will increase commensurate with demand.

The mode capture rate for each fiscal year was applied and is reflected in the modeled demand documented in Section 5.1.

## Microtransit Funding Assumptions

### City of Socorro, General Fund:

Variable dollar amount

(City will prioritize maximizing use of Section 5307 for operation assistance at 50% match requirement; remaining funds will be used for capital and planning)

### FTA Section 5307 Urban Formula:

(operating assistance, capital, planning)

~\$360,000 annually

### FTA Section 5339 Bus & Bus Facilities Formula:

(capital only)

~\$26,000 annually

(Sun Metro may not desire to split these funds)

### Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ):

Variable, project/initiative specific

(real dollars but only for pilot years)

### Transportation Development Credits (TDCs):

Up to match requirements

(not real dollars; match only; depend on MPO support)

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**Adriana Rodarte**  
City Manager

**DATE:** May 29, 2025

**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members

**TO:** Adriana Rodarte, City Manager

**FROM:** Lorraine Quimiro, City Planner Development Director

**SUBJECT:** Discussion and action to approve the licensing agreement between the City of El Paso/Sun Metro and the City of Socorro, for the use of the Nestor A. Valencia Mission Valley Transit Center to connect the City of Socorro's Transit system to the regional transit network.

**SUMMARY:**

The License Agreement allows the City of El Paso/Sun Metro and the City of Socorro to enter into an agreement permitting the City of Socorro to utilize a designated Sun Metro bus stop for its public transit services. This agreement outlines the terms of use, maintenance responsibilities, permitted improvements, and associated fee.

**BACKGROUND:**

Following the adoption of Socorro ¡Avanzando! 2025 - 2028 Transit Development Plan (TDP), the City will maintain connection to the regional transit network by connecting its riders to the Nestor A. Valencia Mission Valley Transit Center. This agreement allows Socorro to use this specific Transit Center within El Paso, facilitating continued transit connectivity.

**STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:**

To ensure uninterrupted public transportation for Socorro residents and to formalize the use of El Paso's bus stop infrastructure, a License Agreement has been established.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** \$5,000 annually

**ALTERNATIVE:** Denial

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Approval

**REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION:**

1. City Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
2. CFO \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
3. Attorney \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

THE STATE OF TEXAS     )  
  )  
COUNTY OF EL PASO     )

**LICENSE AGREEMENT**  
**Non-Sun Metro Bus Stops**

This License Agreement is made this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025 by and between the City of El Paso, a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as “City” and the City of Socorro, hereinafter referred to as “Licensee.”

**WITNESSETH**

**WHEREAS**, Licensee is currently or endeavors to offer public transit service within the City of El Paso; and

**WHEREAS**, Licensee would like to avail itself of the use of existing City bus stops in an effort to provide said public transit services; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is amenable to allowing Licensee to use existing City bus stops to provide said public transit services; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties desire to enter into an agreement whereby Licensee may use existing, specifically identified bus stops located on City Property in the City of El Paso.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the promises and mutual agreements hereinafter set forth, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto do mutually agree as follows:

1. **DESCRIPTION:** The City hereby grants a non-exclusive license for use of its property at the following locations, as bus stops for passengers of transit service operated by Licensee or its authorized agent, “Stop(s):”
  - a. Nestor A. Valencia Mission Valley Transit Center, 9065 Alameda Ave., El Paso, Texas 79907

Licensee may use Stops for purposes of this agreement during the period this agreement is in effect. For purposes of this agreement, use shall be limited to allowing passengers to board and de-board from a vehicle operated by Licensee subject to this agreement, except as specified in Section 5. Passengers shall also be allowed to use transit center parking areas in accordance with Section 8.

2. **TERM:** This License Agreement shall be effective July 1, 2025 and remain in effect for a term of one year. The License shall automatically renew every year in successive twelve-month terms, unless terminated earlier by either party.
3. **CONDITION OF THE STOP:** The City makes no warranty or representation of the suitability of the Stop for the intended use. To the extent allowed by law, all claims for injuries or damages associated with the Licensee's use of the Stop shall be the responsibility of Licensee. Each stop utilized by Licensee must include a bus stop sign to be placed at the location, in accordance with Section 5.



4. **DAMAGES TO CITY PROPERTY.** To the extent allowed by law, Licensee is responsible for all damages to the Property, including any liens, caused by the Licensee and/or the Licensee's contractors, agents, subcontractors, and/or employees. If any damage is caused by the Licensee or the Licensee's contractors, agents, subcontractors, and/or employees, then the City will send an invoice to Licensee in the amount necessary to perform the repairs. To the extent allowed by law, Licensee will pay all invoices by the City within 30 calendar days of receipt. The City may remove any improvements on the Property that the Licensee performs without authorization of the City. The City will send an invoice to the Licensee for the costs of removing any unauthorized improvements. To the extent allowed by law, Licensee will pay such invoice within 30 calendar days of receipt.
5. **IMPROVEMENTS:** Any improvement Licensee wishes to place at a stop shall require prior written approval from the Director of the City of El Paso's Mass Transit Department ("Sun Metro") "Director." An improvement shall be limited to the following:
  - a. Bus bench (or other seat type);
  - b. Bus shelter;
  - c. Ticket vending machine (TVM) associated with Licensee's transit system; and
  - d. Signage associated with Licensee's bus stop or boarding area.

Design and limits on an improvement shall be subject to the discretion of the Director, in order to ensure visual and design compatibility with the City's improvements at a stop. Installation of an improvement shall be in accordance with the El Paso City Code, be at the sole cost and expense of Licensee, and shall include appropriate City staff as stakeholders in the improvement project.

Upon termination of this agreement, end of useful life of an improvement, or due to other need of the City for use of its stop, Licensee shall be required to remove the improvement and return the area where it had been installed to its prior condition. Should Licensee fail to remove an improvement within 45 days, when required by the City, the improvement shall become the property of the City, unless it chooses to remove the improvement and recover, to the extent allowed by law, cost incurred at Licensee's expense.

6. **MAINTENANCE AND SECURITY:** The City shall be responsible for maintenance and security of Stops located at transit centers, except that it shall be the sole responsibility of Licensee to keep, maintain and repair any improvements approved by the Director placed at a Stop by Licensee or its authorized agent, at Licensee's sole cost and expense.

For instances of inadequate maintenance that is the responsibility of Licensee, the City shall provide written notification via first-class mail or electronic mail, and Licensee shall have three business days to correct the deficiency(-ies), or by a deadline otherwise approved by the Director. If an instance of inadequate maintenance poses an imminent safety hazard, Licensee must correct the deficiency(-ies) within 24 hours; otherwise, the City may abate the safety hazard and be authorized to recover cost, to the extent allowed by

law, incurred from Licensee.

7. SALE OF BUS PASSES: Licensee shall be allowed to provide for the sale of passes for its transit service by installation of a TVM at a stop located at a transit terminal, in accordance with Section 5. The City shall not be an agent for the sale of bus passes for Licensee.

Upon request of Licensee, a sign advertising Licensee's transit services may be placed by the City at a designated location in the vicinity of an approved TVM, and Licensee shall be subject to the same application, printing, and advertising fees approved by the City of El Paso for its bus shelter advertising panels.

8. PARKING AREAS: Passengers of Licensee's transit service shall be allowed to park personally-owned vehicles at a Stop subject to the following conditions:

- a. At park-and-ride spaces at transit terminals only;
- b. Distinctive decal, rear-view mirror placard, or dashboard placard provided by Licensee shall be displayed inside vehicle, and shall be visible from outside the vehicle; and
- c. Abandoned vehicles shall be regulated and abated in accordance with applicable statutes of the State of Texas and ordinances of the City of El Paso.

9. LICENSE FEE: A flat \$5,000 License Fee shall be assessed on an annual basis, unless superseded by a Transit License Fee adopted by the City of El Paso Mass Transit Department Board. If there is a Transit License Fee adopted by the City of El Paso, then that will be the License fee to be paid under this agreement. Payment of the License Fee will provide the Licensee with all rights and privileges associated with this License.

#### 10. LICENSE FEE PAYMENTS:

The City shall issue an invoice to Licensee 30 days prior to each payment due date. To the extent allowed by law, any license payment paid by Licensee to the City shall be considered non-refundable. Licensee shall remit payment 30 days after receiving an invoice. Licensee shall remit payment to:

Office of the Comptroller- Cashier  
300 N. Campbell St.  
El Paso, Texas 79901

11. CONDITION OF STOP UPON SURRENDER: At the termination of this License Agreement, the Licensee shall surrender the Stop in the condition in which it was at the inception of this License Agreement, excepting:

- a. deterioration caused through reasonable use and ordinary wear and tear;
- b. alterations, improvements or conditions made with the City's written approval; and

c. any change, damage or destruction not resulting from Licensee's willful act.

12. **TORT CLAIMS ACTS:** For the City, any liability incurred in connection with this Agreement is subject to the immunities and limitations of the Texas Tort Claims Act, Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code Annotated, Section 101.001, et seq., as amended. City and its "public employees" as defined in the Texas Torts Claims Act, do not waive sovereign immunity, do not waive any defense and/or do not waive any limitation of liability pursuant to law. No provision in this Agreement modifies and/or waives any provision of the Texas Tort Claims Act. This Section is intended only to define the liabilities of the Parties, and is not intended to modify in any way, the Parties' liabilities as pursuant to each Parties' applicable governing law.

This License Agreement is not intended by any of the provisions of any part of the License Agreement to create in the public, or any member thereof, a third-party beneficiary or to authorize anyone not a party to the License Agreement to maintain a suit for wrongful death, bodily and/or personal injury to persons, damage to property, and/or any other claim(s) whatsoever pursuant to the provisions of this License Agreement.

13. **RELEASE.** To the extent allowed by law, the Licensee releases the City from any property damage and/or property loss sustained by the Licensee while using the Property, regardless of whether such property damage or loss is caused by the City's negligence.

14. **TERMINATION:** Each party has the option of terminating this License Agreement by giving 60 days written notice to the other party, except in cases of non-payment of License Fee by Licensee, by giving 14 days written notice from the City. By such termination neither party may nullify obligations already incurred for performance of the License Agreement prior to the date of termination of this License Agreement.

15. **SUCCESSION:** Provisions of this License Agreement shall apply and extend to all successors and assigns of the parties.

16. **AMENDMENTS:** This License Agreement shall not be altered except by an instrument in writing executed by the parties.

17. **PRIOR AGREEMENTS:** Execution of this License Agreement terminates any prior License Agreements between the same parties concerning the same subject matter, as of the effective date of this License Agreement. As of the effective date, this License Agreement controls all of the conditions, agreements, and understandings between the parties concerning the subject matter of this License Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing all accrued unfulfilled obligations of Licensee shall continue until those obligations have been satisfied.

18. **GOVERNING LAW:** This contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas and venue shall lie in the County of El Paso, Texas for any cause of action arising in or pertaining to the State of Texas.

19. **NO REAL PROPERTY INTEREST.** The City, by granting a license under the terms of this Agreement, does not warrant or represent that any permission for any real property interest, use of the City Property, or other right shall be granted to Licensee, except for



rights created hereunder. This instrument merely grants a license for the sole purposes described in this Agreement and such license may be terminated at will at any time by the City. Except as strictly provided in this Agreement, nothing in this Agreement grants the Licensee any rights to the Property.

20. NOTICE: All notices relating to this License Agreement shall be in writing via United States Postal Service first-class mail, or by electronic mail, where specified.

21. ADDRESS FOR NOTICES: Notices required under this License Agreement shall be made at the following addresses, except as changed by written notice to the opposite party:

City of El Paso:	City of El Paso Mass Transit Department – Sun Metro Attn: Director 10151 Montana Ave. El Paso, Texas 79925
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Copy To:	City of El Paso – Real Estate Division Attn: Capital Assets Manager PO Box 1890 El Paso, Texas 79950-1890
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Licensee:	City of Socorro Attn: City Manager 124 S. Horizon Blvd. Socorro, Texas 79927
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22. ASSIGNABILITY, SUCCESSORS, AND ASSIGNS. This Agreement may not be assigned by either party without prior written approval of the other. The terms, provisions, and licenses provided in this Agreement inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the heirs, legal representatives, successors and assigns of the Parties.

23. GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTIONS. The City is entering this Agreement in the exercise of its governmental functions under the Texas Tort Claims Act. The parties also agree that the City is entering into this Agreement as a governmental entity performing a governmental function.

24. SEVERABILITY. Should any section, paragraph or other provision of this Agreement be found invalid, such invalidity does not affect the remaining provisions of this Agreement.

25. EFFECTIVE DATE: The effective date of this License Agreement shall be July 1, 2025.

EXECUTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS:**


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Dionne L. Mack  
City Manager

**APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:**

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MaryLou Espinoza  
Capital Assets Manager

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Anthony R. Dekeyzer, Director  
Sun Metro/Mass Transit Department

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Joyce Garcia  
Assistant City Attorney

**[SIGNATURES CONTINUE ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE]**

EXECUTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

**LICENSEE:**  
**City of Socorro**

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Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

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Mayor

**Ruben Reyes**  
At Large

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**Adriana Rodarte**  
City Manager

June 2, 2025

**TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**FROM: Alejandra Valadez, City Development Director**

**SUBJECT:**

Discussion and action to authorize the Mayor to execute Resolution 825 authorizing the filing of applications with the Federal Transit Administration, an operating administration of the United States Department of Transportation.

**SUMMARY**

City Council will discuss and take action on a resolution authorizing the filing of applications with the Federal Transit Administration. This resolution will allow the City of Socorro to access FTA funding to implement transit services as detailed in the Transit Development Plan.

**STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE**

In 2024, the City of Socorro commissioned the Socorro ¡Avanzando! 2025-2028 Transit Development Plan (TDP) and engaged The Goodman Corporation to study the transit potential in Socorro by engaging current riders and the public, identifying potential transit service types and modes, and provide recommendations to improve transit services in the Socorro community.

One key recommendation outlined in this TDP, is for Socorro to access federal funding available through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) by becoming an FTA Direct Recipient.

The Resolution presented today is the first step in the process to become an FTA Direct Recipient. This resolution authorizes the City to execute and file an application for federal assistance with the FTA, and will begin the process leading to ultimate designation as an FTA Direct Recipient.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

**Account Code (GF/GL/Dept):** N/A

**Funding Source:** N/A

**Amount:** N/A

**Quotes (Name/Commodity/Price):** N/A

**Co-op Agreement (Name/Contract#):** N/A

### **ALTERNATIVE**

Not approve – City Council will NOT authorize the Mayor to execute a Resolution authorizing the filing of applications with the Federal Transit Administration, an operating administration of the United States Department of Transportation

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**APPROVE** – City Council **WILL** authorize the Mayor to execute a Resolution authorizing the filing of applications with the Federal Transit Administration, an operating administration of the United States Department of Transportation

### **REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION**

1. City Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
2. CFO \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
3. Attorney \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## **RESOLUTION 825**

**Resolution authorizing the filing of applications with the Federal Transit Administration, an operating administration of the United States Department of Transportation, for federal transportation assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53; title 23, United States Code, or other federal statutes administered by the Federal Transit Administration.**

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Transit Administrator has been delegated the authority to award federal financial assistance for a transportation project;

**WHEREAS**, the grant or cooperative agreement for federal financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, and may require the applicant to provide the local share of the project cost;

**WHEREAS**, the applicant has or will provide all annual certifications and assurances to the Federal Transit Administration required for the project;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the City Council of the City of Socorro:**

1. That the City Manager is authorized to execute and file an application for federal assistance on behalf of the City of Socorro with the Federal Transit Administration for federal assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53, title 23, United States Code, or other federal statutes authorizing a project administered by the Federal Transit Administration. (If the applicant is requesting Urbanized Area Formula Program assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5307, either alone or in addition to other federal assistance administered by the Federal Transit Administration, the resolution should state whether the applicant is the designated recipient as defined by 49 U.S.C. 5307(a)(2), or whether the applicant has received authority from the designated recipient to apply for Urbanized Area Formula Program assistance.)
2. That the City Manager is authorized to execute and file with its applications the annual certifications and assurances and other documents the Federal Transportation Administration requires before awarding a federal assistance grant or cooperative agreement.
3. That the City Manager is authorized to execute grant and cooperative agreements with the Federal Transit Administration on behalf of the City of Socorro.



Passed and Approved this 5 day of June, 2025.

CITY OF SOCORRO

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Rudy Cruz, Jr.  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Olivia Navarro  
City Clerk

**CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned, duly qualified City Manager, acting on behalf of the City of Socorro, certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the City Council of the City of Socorro held on June 5, 2025.

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Signature of Recording Officer

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Title of Recording Officer

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Date