

December 2020



Formerly Route 83 bus at  
Sunland Park Casino

### ***New Yellow Route Begins Operation***

Beginning on Sunday, October 3rd, the transit district assumed the operation of the former route 83 from Sun Metro. The service operates from the Riverside neighborhood along McNutt Road to downtown El Paso with stops at the Sunland Park City Hall, Casino and with connecting service on the new Silver Route to the El Paso Westside Transfer Station located off of North Mesa at Remcon Circle. The route operates seven days a week from 5:45 a.m. 9:53 p.m., Monday through Friday and from 7:15 a.m. to 8:20 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The Purple route connects with the Yellow route on McNutt Road to Anthony. This includes connection service to the Dona Ana Community College. New buses have been ordered and will be added to the route in December 2020.



### ***District Received \$30,000 Capital Funding from AARP***

The Transit District received \$30,000 from the AARP to provide benches and shelters. Twenty four benches and shelters have been acquired, assembled and are being installed across Dona Ana County. The photo depicts the first bench placed on a pad across from the Sunland Park Casino. The equipment was ordered in November and placed in December. The Silver route makes stops on Sunland Park Drive near Futurity where this bus stop is located. Bus Shelters will be located once the new bus pads are secured and located. A local contractor will set the pads and the benches or shelters will follow. The AARP is providing the funding to assist Seniors when they wait between buses operating along the bus route. The District is matching the funding provided by the AARP to support the cost to assemble and install the equipment as well as cover the costs for the new pads.



### ***Sunland Park Operations and Maintenance Facility***

In October, SCRTD moved into a new facility to support the operations and maintenance requirements for bus operations seven days a week. The facility is a former training center that will support the District's larger buses. This includes the new Hybrid-Electric buses that will support the new Yellow bus route. Additionally, the District will be able to assemble and install the new benches and bus shelters at this location. The facility is located near bus service in the area. The proximity to the service reduces non-revenue service hours which reduces the cost of the service thus improving performance. Further, the proximity to the service lessens the time for staff to respond to service requirements.



### ***Anthony Operations and Maintenance Facility***

The facility is undergoing a repaving project that will add concrete to the foundation of the facility and stripe the parking lot. Additional work will be incorporated into the project to upgrade the facility support systems. This is the first phase of a renovation project that will improve the quality and performance of operations from this facility. During the construction, all operations and maintenance has been transferred to Sunland Park. Some buses and employee vehicles are temporary parked at the City of Anthony until the project is completed.