

MESILLA VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION NO. 26-10

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2024-2029
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

The Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Governing Board is informed that:

WHEREAS, preparation of a financially constrained Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a requirement of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) (U.S.C. 23 § 450.324); and

WHEREAS, the Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is responsible for the planning and financial reporting of all federally funded and regionally significant transportation-related projects within the MPO Area for the specified fiscal years; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board adopted the FY 2024-2029 TIP on August 9, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the South Central Regional Transit District has requested amendments to the FY 2024-2029 TIP; and

WHEREAS, due to the compressed timeline of this amendment request it was unable to be reviewed by the Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) or the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC); and

WHEREAS, per the MPO Bylaws the South Central Regional Transit District requested permission from the MPO Chair to bypass consideration by the ATAC and TAC; and

WHEREAS, the MPO Chair granted said permission; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the MPO for the Resolution amending the FY 2024-2029 Transportation Improvement Program to be APPROVED.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Governing Board of the Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization:

(I)

THAT the Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization's Fiscal year 2024-2029 Transportation Improvement Program is amended as shown in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made part of this resolution.

(II)

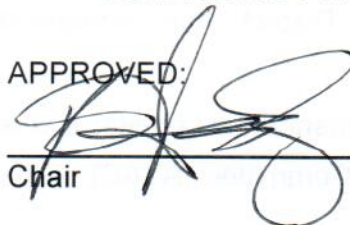
THAT the Mesilla Valley MPO's Self-Certification, as contained in Exhibits "B" and "C", attached hereto and made part of this resolution is hereby approved.

(III)

THAT MPO staff are hereby authorized to take appropriate and legal actions to implement this Resolution.

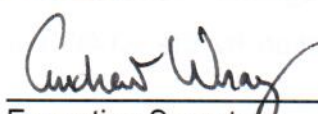
DONE and **APPROVED** this 9th day of September, 2026.

APPROVED:



Chair

ATTEST:



Executive Secretary

Motion By:	Trustee Johnson-Burick
Second By:	Councilor Corran
VOTE:	
Chair Hernandez	Yes
Vice-Chair Harris	Yes
District Engineer Chavarria	Absent
Councilor Corran	Yes
Commissioner Gameros	Absent
Trustee Garcia	Yes
Trustee Johnson-Burick	Yes
Commissioner Kimble	Absent
Councilor Mattiace	Absent
Commissioner Sanchez	Yes

Exhibit "A" Quarter 4 FFY 2026 TIP Amendments

TL00160 - SCRTD 5307 Suballocation Operations

Phase	Fund Source	FFY2024	FFY2025	FFY2026	FFY2027	FFY2028	Future Years	Total
IMP	FTA 5307 STIC	\$0	\$0		\$69,464			\$69,464
IMP	Local Match	\$0	\$0		\$69,464			\$69,464
	Total Imp	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$138,928	\$0	\$0	\$138,928
	Total Programmed	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$138,928	\$0	\$0	\$138,928



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Resolution 26-10 Exhibit “B”

MESILLA VALLEY MPO SELF-CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

In accordance with 23 U.S.C. 450.334, the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT), and the Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MVMPO) for the Las Cruces urbanized area hereby certify that the transportation planning process meets the Performance-Based Planning and Programming (PBPP) requirements established in 23 CFR 450.326(d), 49 CFR 625, and 49 CFR 630. The projects selected in the FFY 2024 – 2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) were developed from the priorities outlined in the NMDOT Asset Management Plan, the New Mexico Strategic Highway Safety Plan, and the New Mexico Freight Plan; and from the priorities outlined in the RoadRUNNER Transit Asset Management Plan, the RoadRUNNER Transit Short and Long Range Strategic Plans, and the City of Las Cruces Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan. The programmed projects support the adopted Performance Targets of the MVMPO for Performance Measure 1 (Safety), Performance Measure 2 (State of Good Repair), Performance Measure 3 (System Performance), and Transit Asset Management. The TIP was developed and reviewed by the MVMPO in accordance with the MVMPO Public Participation Plan and the MVMPO Title VI Plan. The MVMPO also certifies that the transportation planning process is addressing the major issues in the metropolitan planning area and is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements of:

- (1) The fiscal constraint required in 23 C.F.R. 450;
- (2) 49 U.S.C. 5323(l), 23 U.S.C. 135, and 23 U.S.C. 450.220;
- (3) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Title VI assurance executed by each State under 23 U.S.C. 324 and 29 U.S.C. 794;
- (4) Section 1101(b) of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (Pub. L. 105-178) regarding the involvement of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in FHWA and FTA funded planning projects (Sec. 105(f), Pub. L. 97-424, 96 Stat. 2100; 49 CFR, Subtitle A, Part 26);
- (5) The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-336, 104 Stat. 327, as amended) and U. S. DOT implementing regulation;

- (6) The provision of 49 U.S.C. Part 20 regarding restrictions on influencing certain activities; and
- (7) Sections 174 and 176(c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act as amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506(c) and (d)).

MESILLA VALLEY MPO CHAIR

Date

09/09/2026



April 23, 2024

David Armijo
South Central Regional Transit District
P.O. Box 2104
Las Cruces, NM 88004

**RE: Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Small Urbanized Section 5307 STIC
Suballocation Letter Full Year FY2024**

Dear Mr. Armijo,

As identified in this Suballocation Letter, the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) as the Designated Recipient, authorizes the allocation of Section 5307 STIC funds to South Central Regional Transit District as the Direct Recipient.

In FY2024, the Las Cruces urbanized area was awarded STIC funding in the amount of \$1,510,158.00. The STIC factors met were a combined result of the City of Las Cruces, South Central Regional Transit District (SCRTD), ZTrans, and the NMGo! Vanpool NTD reporting for Vehicle Revenue Mile per Capita and Passenger Miles Traveled.

Based on these factors SCRTD will receive \$25,833.00. The remainder of the funds have been distributed between the City of Las Cruces and the NMGo! Vanpool services.

The Direct Recipient is responsible for its application to the FTA to receive Section 5307 small urbanized and assumes the responsibilities associated with any award for these funds. The timeline for direct recipients to apply for awarded funds through TrAMS is the current award year plus five years for Section 5307. The recipient is responsible for entering the period of performance end date when applying for the grant.

The total funding apportionments can be found in the following tables. Table 3 shows the regular 5307 small urban, a STIC funding breakdown by UZA can be found in Table 6 and the 5339 can be found in Table 12.

Total Full Year allocations for FY2024
5307 \$25,833.00

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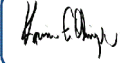
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Designated Recipient

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Kevin Olinger

NMDOT Transit Bureau Chief

Date: 04/23/24

Grant Recipient

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Signature

David Armino

Print Name

South Central Regional Transit District

Date: 04/23/24



June 3, 2025

David Armijo
South Central Regional Transit District
P.O. Box 2104
Las Cruces, NM 88004

**RE: Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Small Urbanized Section 5307 STIC
Suballocation Letter Full Year FFY2025**

Dear Mr. Armijo,

As identified in this Suballocation Letter, the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) as the Designated Recipient, authorizes the allocation of Section 5307 STIC funds to South Central Regional Transit District as the Direct Recipient.

In FFY2025, the Las Cruces urbanized area was awarded STIC funding in the amount of \$1,537,515.00. The STIC factors met were a combined result of the City of Las Cruces, South Central Regional Transit District (SCRTD), ZTrans, and the NMGo! Vanpool NTD reporting for Vehicle Revenue Mile per Capita and Passenger Miles Traveled.

Based on these factors SCRTD will receive \$43,631.00. The remainder of the funds have been distributed between the City of Las Cruces and the NMGo! Vanpool services.

The Direct Recipient is responsible for its application to the FTA to receive Section 5307 small urbanized and assumes the responsibilities associated with any award for these funds. The timeline for direct recipients to apply for awarded funds through TrAMS is the current award year plus five years for Section 5307. The recipient is responsible for entering the period of performance end date when applying for the grant.

The total funding apportionments can be found in the FY2025 Apportionment Tables. Table 3 shows the regular 5307 small urban, a STIC funding breakdown by UZA can be found in Table 6 and the 5339 can be found in Table 12.

Total Full Year allocations for FFY2025
5307 STIC \$43,631.00

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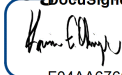
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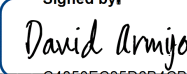
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Designated Recipient

Signed by: 
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Kevin Olinger
Transit & Rail Division Director

Date: 06/03/25

Grant Recipient

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Signature
David Armijo
David Armijo
South Central Regional Transit District

Date: 06/03/25



September 3, 2026

Mayor Russell Hernandez, Chair
Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization
700 North Main Street
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001

RE: Request to Bypass MPO Committee Process and Place TIP Amendment Action Item on September 9, 2026 Agenda – SCRTD STIC Funding

Dear Mayor Hernandez:

On behalf of the South Central Regional Transit District (SCRTD), I respectfully request authorization to bypass the Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization's normal committee process and proceed directly to the MPO Governing Board for consideration of the necessary Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment associated with SCRTD's FY2024 and FY2025 STIC funding.

SCRTD specifically requests that the TIP amendment action item be placed on September 9, 2026 MPO Governing Board agenda for consideration and action.

This request is being made due to the time-sensitive nature of the funding. The Federal Transit Administration has advised SCRTD that the projects must now be placed in the Fiscal Year 2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), as the timeframe to award the grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2026 has passed.

Prompt action is necessary to allow the projects to move forward into the FY2027 STIP and to avoid further delay or potential jeopardy to the associated federal funding. Accordingly, SCRTD respectfully requests authorization to bypass the normal MPO committee process and have the TIP amendment presented to the MPO Governing Board on September 9, 2026.

Thank you for your consideration and continued assistance in advancing these important transit funds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Armijo", is positioned above the printed name.

David Armijo
Executive Director

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Andrew Wray

From: Russell Hernandez <mayor@mesillanm.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 4, 2026 8:30 AM
To: Andrew Wray
Subject: Re: MPO Committee Process Bypass Request

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Please add this and amend the Agenda as noted.

Let me know what else may be needed.



Russell Hernandez
Mayor, Town of Mesilla

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From: Andrew Wray <awray@lascruces.gov>
Date: Thursday, September 3, 2026 at 9:06 AM
To: Russell Hernandez <mayor@mesillanm.gov>
Cc: Ogboli, Tony (FTA) <ikemefune.ogboli@dot.gov>, Hodge, Ronisha <ronisha.hodge@dot.gov>, David Armijo <darmijo@scrted.org>, Adam Shea <ashea@scrted.org>, Liza Alonzo <lalonzo@scrted.org>, Dominic Loya <dloya@las-cruces.org>
Subject: MPO Committee Process Bypass Request

Good Morning Mayor,

Please find attached a formal request from the South Central Regional Transit District to bypass the MPO Committee Process for TIP amendments.

The SCRTD is requesting that revised amendments for their Small Transit Intensive Cities (STIC) funds be placed on the September 9 MPO Governing Board agenda.

The request will be to move the STIC funds into Federal Fiscal Year 2027.

As the SCRTD is being responsive to the guidance provided by the Federal Transit Administration, and due to the urgency of the situation, MPO Staff supports this request and asks you give permission for this proposed TIP amendment to be amended into the September 9 Governing Board agenda.

Your prompt response to this request is greatly appreciated as per the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, MPO Staff only has until close of business tomorrow (Sept. 4) to legally amend the September 9 Governing Board agenda.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Andrew Wray

Executive Director - Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization

Direct: 575-528-3070, awray@lascruces.gov



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