



**COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION**

AGENDA DATE : 7/22/2013

CONSENT OR REGULAR: _____

CONTRACT REFERENCE NO
(IF APPLICABLE): _____

SUBJECT:

Receive a presentation by Project Amistad regarding transportation services provided by the agency and changes in the way some of these transportation programs are funded.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION OF TOPIC: To include statutory requirement, operational impact, or performance goal.

Since 2006, Project Amistad has provided transportation to County residents through programs such as the Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program whose ridership is made up of County residents. It appears that the County of El Paso (the designated Rural Transit District) will play a greater role in allocating funding for programs such as JARC. Project Amistad seeks to share ridership information with the Court and update the Court on Programs provided by the agency.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

PRIOR COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION (IF ANY):

RECOMMENDATION:

COUNTY ATTORNEY APPROVAL

The attached document has been given legal review by the El Paso County Attorney's Office on behalf of the County of El Paso, its officers, and employees. Said legal review should not be relied upon by any person or entity other than the County of El Paso, its officers, and employees.

COUNTY ATTORNEY:

LEGAL REVIEW:

LEGAL REVIEW NOTES (If Applicable):

DATE:

SUBMITTED BY: Veronica Escobar, County Judge (915) 546-2098



MISSION STATEMENT

To serve and advocate for elderly, persons with disabilities, persons at-risk by providing efficient transportation, guardianship and social services and improve their quality of life.

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Historical Timeline

- ▶ 1976 - Organized as a 501 c 3
- ▶ 1976 - Tx Dept Health & Human Services - medical transportation to Medicaid Recipients
- ▶ 1978 - AAA transport elderly persons (over 60 years of age)
- ▶ 1982 - Social Security provide Money Management
- ▶ 1992 - County of El Paso - Indigent Guardianship Program



- ▶ 2001 – County of El Paso - Fixed Route Program
- ▶ 2005 to 2010 - Housing Authority City of El Paso
- ▶ 2006 - Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom Programs.
- ▶ 2007 - Komen for the Cure - low income women to breast cancer treatment centers
- ▶ 2008 - EPCC transport students to an off-site campus
- ▶ 2009 - Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) to be prepared to respond to emergencies



- ▶ 2010 - Lead/fiscal agent of the 9th ADRC in the Texas (16 ADRC's, six more to be established in 2013)
- ▶ 2010 to 2012 – County Nutrition Centers for EP County
- ▶ 2011-MIPPA Contract Awarded
- ▶ 2012 – Community-based Care Transition Program (CCTP) (first awarded in Texas!)
- ▶ 2012 – Sun Metro and PA awarded grant to implement Veterans Transportation Community Living Initiative (VTCLI)
- ▶ 2013 –Texas Veterans Commission to implement the Amistad Veterans Program



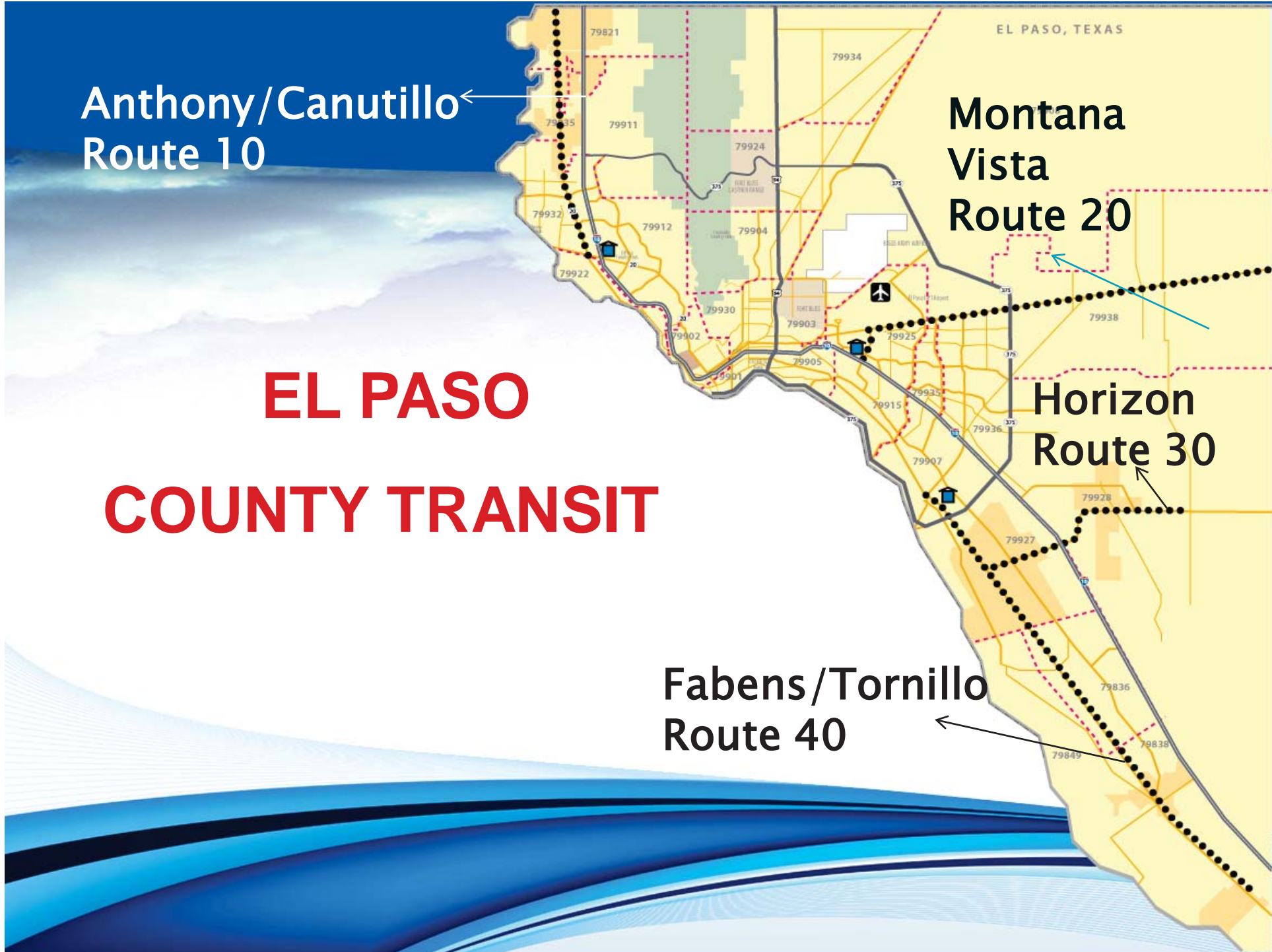
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Route 10

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Vista
Route 20

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Route 30

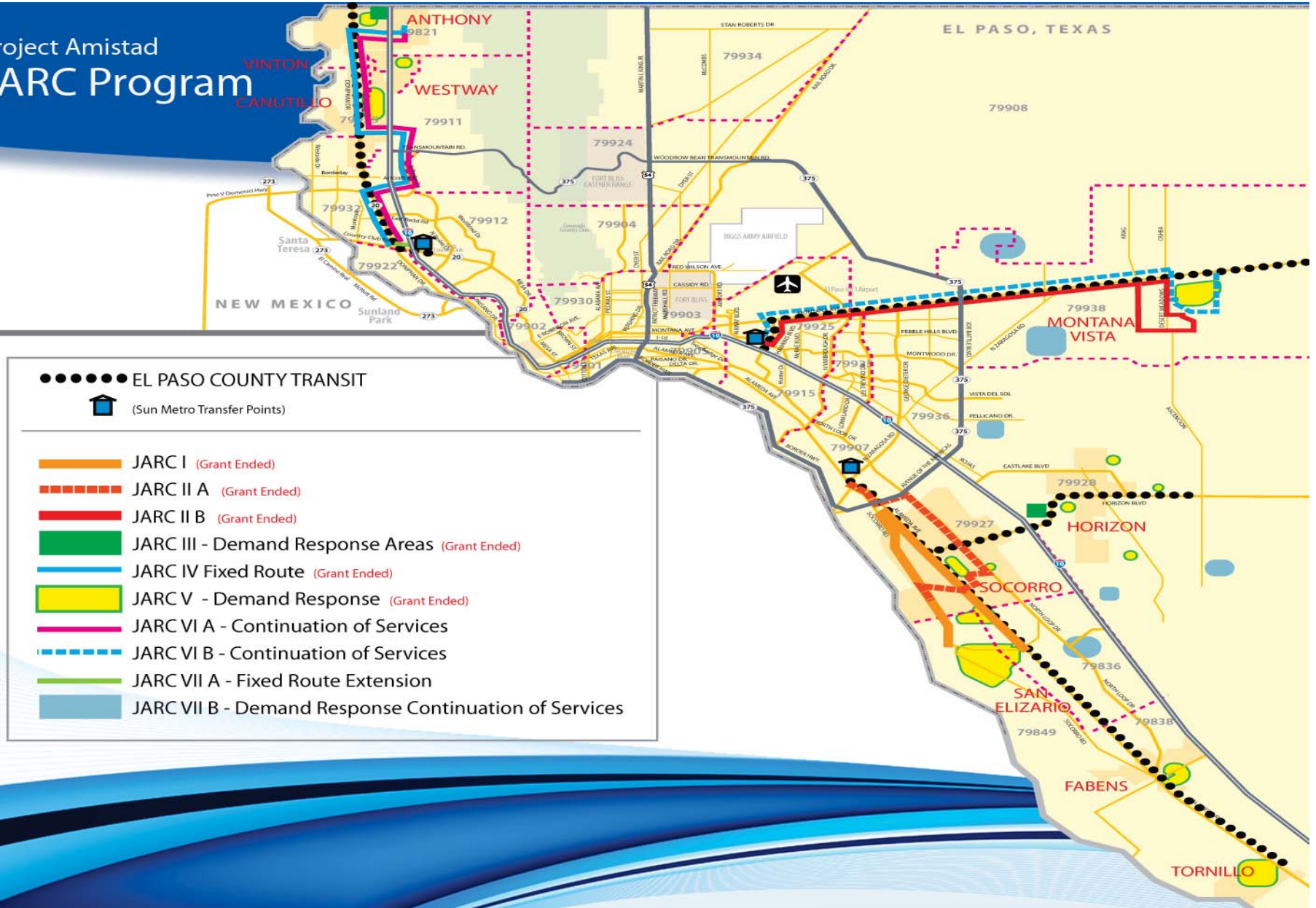
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EL PASO COUNTY TRANSIT



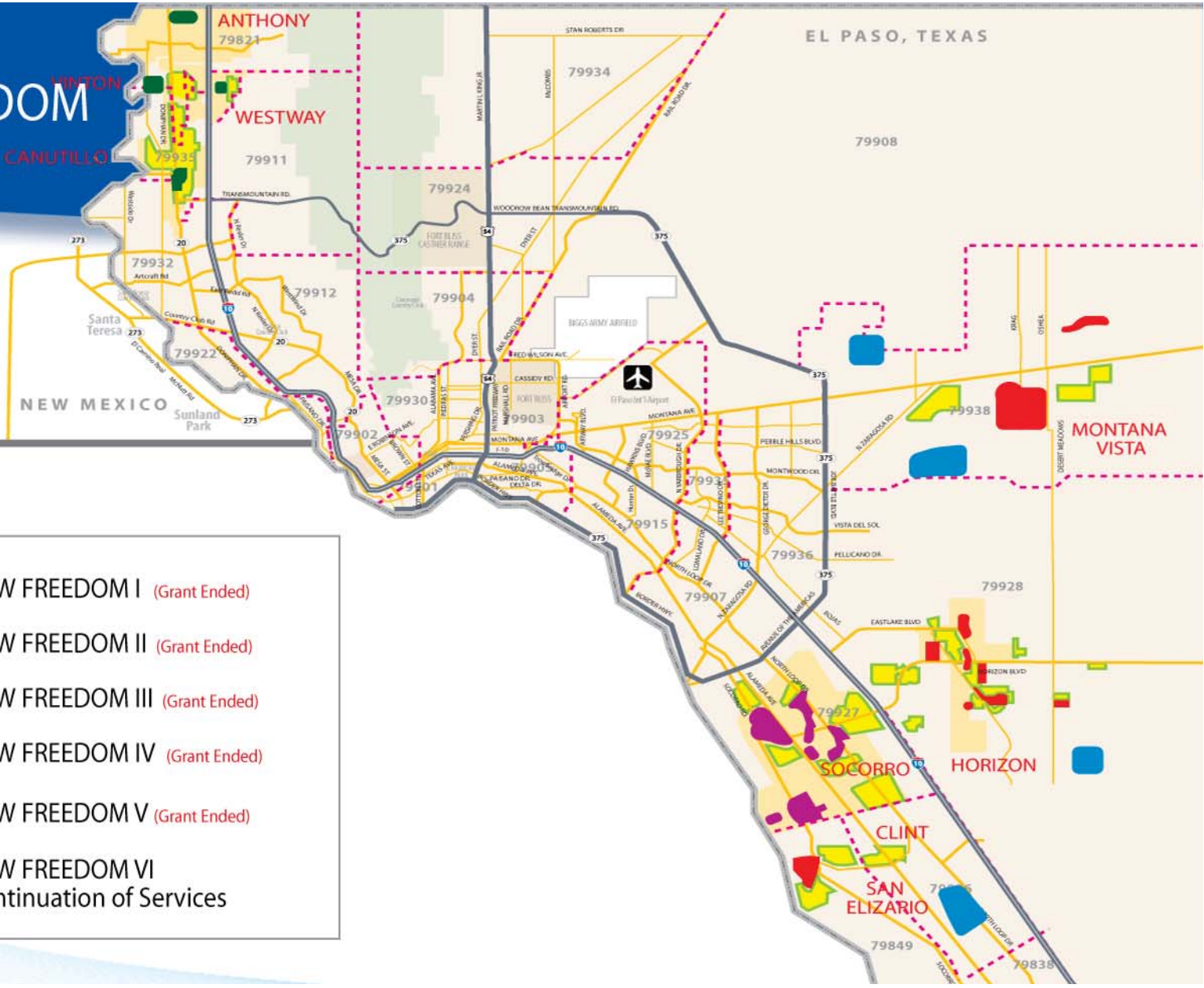
JARC Program







Project Amistad
JARC Program



New Freedom

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NEW FREEDOM
Program



-  NEW FREEDOM I (Grant Ended)
-  NEW FREEDOM II (Grant Ended)
-  NEW FREEDOM III (Grant Ended)
-  NEW FREEDOM IV (Grant Ended)
-  NEW FREEDOM V (Grant Ended)
-  NEW FREEDOM VI
Continuation of Services

County Nutrition Program

- ▶ Cost to provide service was \$31.50 / trip
- ▶ PA provided transportation through New Freedom in 2010 – 2011
- ▶ PA arranged for service using NF grant from TxDOT
 - NF @ \$27.50 trip
 - County EP \$4.00 trip
- ▶ 2011 - 2012 provided 13,694 trips to Nutrition Centers to elderly / persons with disabilities
- ▶ September 2012 funding ended



EL PASO COUNTY RURAL TRANSIT ROUTE #10

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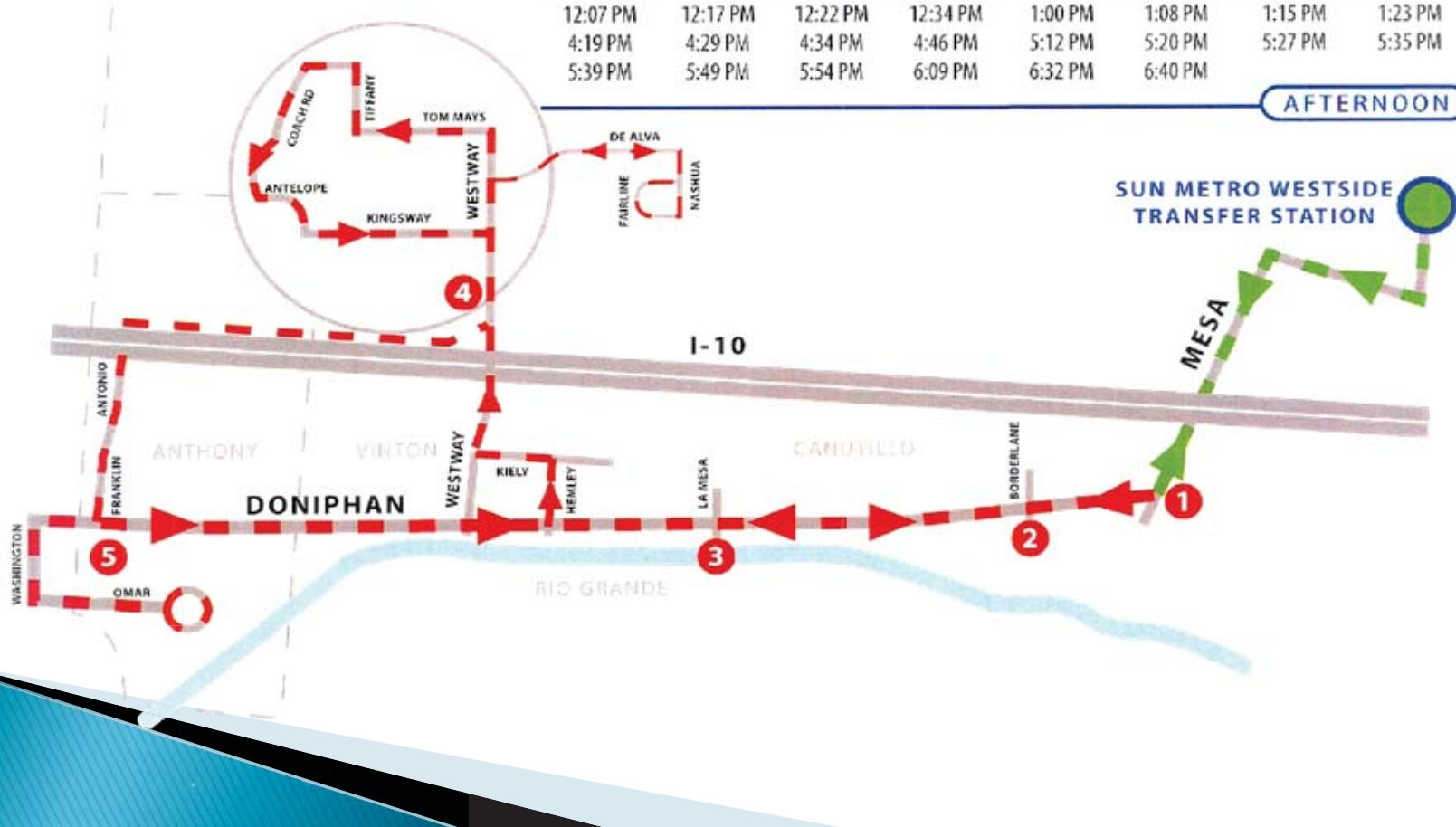


Service Provided By:
Project Amistad

WEEKDAY & SATURDAY SCHEDULE
NO SUNDAY OR HOLIDAY SERVICE
FARE \$2.00 EACH WAY

ROUTE & SCHEDULE INFO:
CALL 532-3474

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2009 – 2012 Ridership *

	EP County	All others	Total
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* Note: Calendar Year



Ridership by Precinct Actual & Projected 2013

	EP County	All Others	Totals
▶ Precinct 1 (Montana Vista)	19,124	47,601	66,725
▶ Precinct 2	----	51,610	51,610
▶ Precinct 3 (Fabens / Far East)	26,905	32,014	58,919
▶ Precinct 4 (Upper Valley)	<u>11,631</u>	<u>22,236</u>	<u>33,867</u>
▶ Totals	57,660	153,461	211,121



Funding Prior to MAP 21

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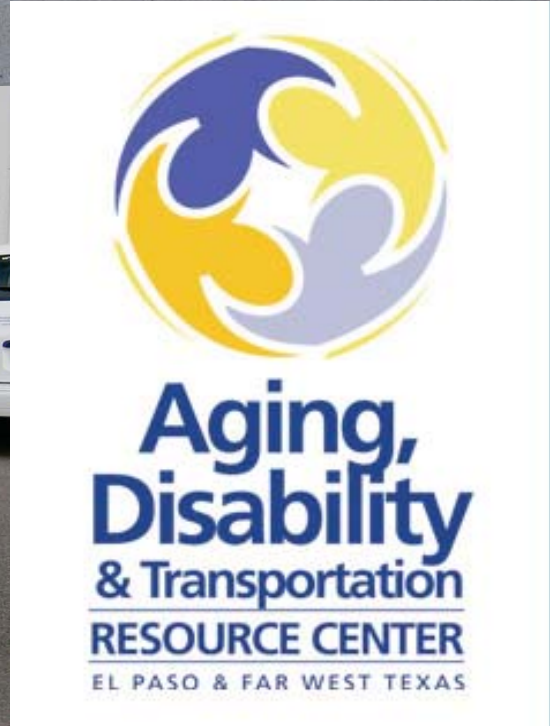
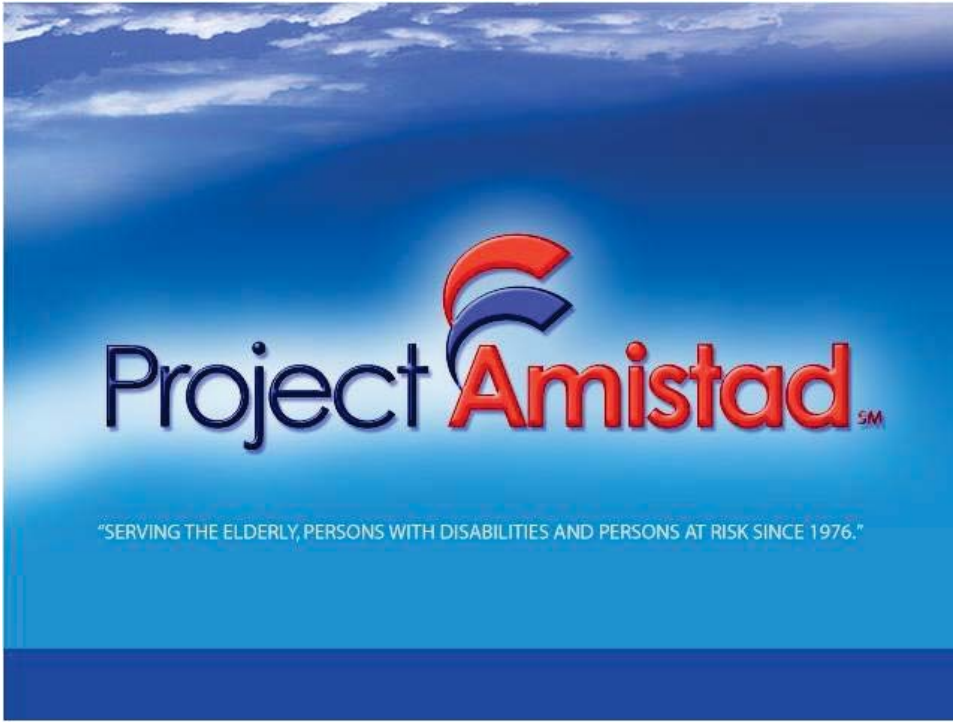
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- ▶ New Freedom Funds via MPO



West Texas Regional Transportation Coordinating Committee

- ▶ Local transit agencies within 6 counties (TxDOT, PA, Sun Metro, BBCA, for-profit companies, social services agencies)
 - ▶ Develop the Region Transportation Plan for Region 10
 - ▶ Amistad plays leadership role (CEO is former Board Chairperson; Dir Transportation is on Steering Committee)
 - ▶ Submit funding requests to TxDOT and MPO
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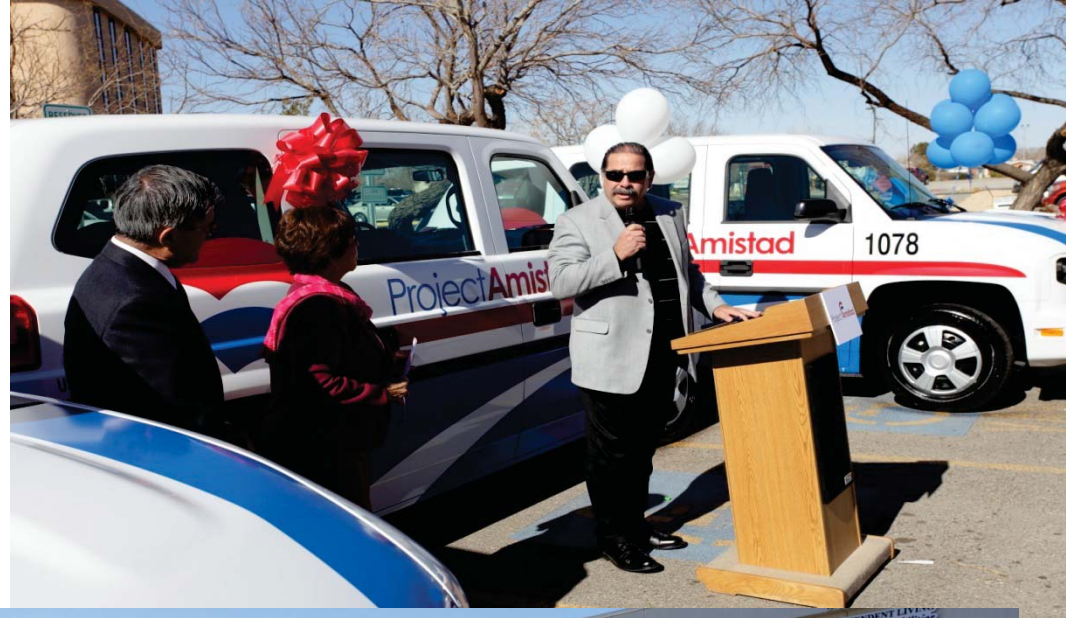
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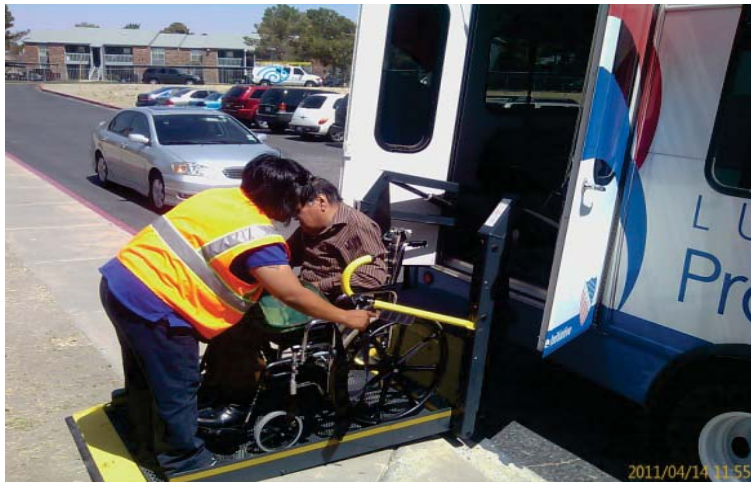




April 12 – MV1 Ceremony



Service is provided to elderly, persons with disabilities, referrals from State, other agencies.



Destinations

- JARC: services are provided to job seekers, people going to work or attend training and/or on-the-job training.



- New Freedom: services are provided to persons with disabilities traveling from the County to the City virtually for any reason.



Memberships

- ▶ West Texas Regional Transportation Coordinating Committee
 - ▶ TxDOT Public Transportation Coordinators and Operators
 - ▶ Permian Basin Regional Transportation Group
 - ▶ Texas Guardianship Association
 - ▶ Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD)
 - ▶ National Guardianship Association
 - ▶ Texas Transit Association
 - ▶ Texas Coalition of ADRC's
 - ▶ Texas Association of Nonprofit Agencies
 - ▶ El Paso Chamber of Commerce
 - ▶ Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
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Overview of Agency

- ▶ 125 – 130 Employees
 - 90 Transportation
 - 12 Guardianship/Money Management
 - 11 Administration and Support Staff
 - 11 ADRC / MIPPA / CCTP
- ▶ Midland office serves 29 Counties
- ▶ FYE 2011–12: Ten Million Dollar Budget
- ▶ 10,000 Square Feet / 2.5 Acres
- ▶ Corporate Management Team (6)
- ▶ 13 Board Members





Project AmistadSM

The logo for Project Amistad features two stylized, overlapping curved shapes. The top shape is red and the bottom shape is blue, both curving upwards and to the right.

Project AmistadSM



**Aging, Disability
& Transportation**

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EL PASO & FAR WEST TEXAS



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