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**NEWS RELEASE**

# El Paso Streetcar Inauguration Ceremony

**WHO:** City of El Paso and Sun Metro

**WHAT:** Streetcar Inauguration Ceremony

**WHEN:** **11:00 a.m. Friday, November 9, 2018**

**WHERE:** **Franklin Street, between Santa Fe and Oregon**

**WHY:** The City of El Paso is ready to inaugurate the much-awaited El Paso Streetcar service. The launch ceremony will feature three different color schemes of the newly restored Presidents Conference Committee (PCC) Streetcars and the inaugural first dignitary ride.

"This is a step towards a historic transformation for El Paso," Sun Metro Director Jay Banasiak said. "The city will be seeing a new mode of transportation system as the El Paso Streetcar adds another viable transit option for residents and visitors."

## **WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE STREETCAR SERVICE**

### **When can the public ride?**

The public will be able to ride starting at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 9.

### **How much is the fare?**

The service will be free on grand opening weekend (Nov. 9, 10 & 11) and every Friday, Saturday and Sunday until Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>. Monday through Thursday Streetcar fares will mirror Sun Metro's current fare structure. Visit [epstreetcar.com](http://epstreetcar.com) for full fare details or call (915) 212-3333.

### **Where can I board a streetcar?**

During grand opening weekend, the Streetcars will only service six stops:

- Santa Fe at Fourth
- Franklin at El Paso
- Stanton at Cincinnati
- Glory Road Transfer Center
- Oregon at Missouri
- Kansas at Mills

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Beginning Monday, November 12, 2018, the El Paso Streetcar will service all 27 stops along its 4.8 mile route. A listing of all stops along the Downtown and Uptown loops is available at [epstreetcar.com](http://epstreetcar.com) or by calling (915) 212-3333.

### **About the Route**

The El Paso Streetcar route highlights all the wonderful things that make El Paso downtown and uptown a unique place to visit. The 4.8 mile-route will run in two loops through El Paso's uptown and downtown areas. Both loops will interconnect through a single-tracked corridor an international bridge, an array of businesses, restaurants, government buildings, convention center, downtown ballpark, and the University of Texas at El Paso among many other prominent locations.

### **Streetcar Amenities**

The El Paso Streetcar amenities feature:

- Seating for approximately 35 people and additional space for standing riders
- Free Wi-Fi
- ADA accessibility
- Bike racks
- Air conditioning
- Heating
- Upgrades for safety
- Modern propulsion
- Streetcar branding along the route and signage at designated stops
- Pavement, sidewalk and driveway improvements at designated stops

### **Streetcar Safety**

The El Paso Streetcar encourages you to be streetcar safe. **STOP. LOOK. LISTEN.** Here's what you need to know when driving, walking or cycling near the streetcars, tracks and Overhead Contact System (OCS) poles.

- Streetcars are extremely quiet and use warning bells and horns.
- Streetcars cannot move off the tracks to avoid obstacles and cannot make abrupt stops in traffic.
- Cyclists will need to cross rails at 90 degree angle.
- Pedestrians should use designated cross walks throughout the route.

For additional safety tips, subscribe to our [Youtube channel](#).

For more information the streetcar including its history, visit [epstreetcar.com](http://epstreetcar.com) or call (915) 212-3333 or follow us on Facebook at Like us on Facebook at [facebook.com/sunmetro](https://www.facebook.com/sunmetro) or follow us on Twitter @SunMetro.

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