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Sun Metro Awarded Federal Public Transportation COVID-19 Research Grant

Funding to Help Develop Contactless Payment System

EL PASO, Texas — Sun Metro is the recipient of a \$225,000 grant from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) as part of its Public Transportation COVID-19 Research Program.

The federal program will support Sun Metro in developing and deploying innovative solutions to improve operational efficiencies that enhance the transit experience.

“We are extremely grateful to the FTA for this award. The funding is critical during the COVID-19 pandemic in supporting our innovative efforts to keep our passengers safe. The grant will allow us to develop and integrate a contactless payment system for tickets and passes,” said Sun Metro Managing Director Ellen Smyth.

FTA’s Public Transportation COVID-19 Research Demonstration Grant Program is part of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 public health emergency funding to aid transit agencies that were significantly impacted during the pandemic.

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