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**NOTICE OF WORKSHOP TO BE HELD BY THE
MCALLEN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026 – 4:00 PM
MCALLEN CITY HALL
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS; 3RD FLOOR
1300 HOUSTON AVENUE
MCALLEN TEXAS, 78501**

AGENDA

"At any time during the course of this meeting, the City Commission may retire to Executive Session under Texas Government Code 551.071(2) to confer with its legal counsel on any subject matter on this agenda in which the duty of the attorney to the City Commission under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. Further, at any time during the course of this meeting, the City Commission may retire to Executive Session to deliberate on any subject slated for discussion at this meeting, as may be permitted under one or more of the exceptions to the Open Meetings Act set forth in Title 5, Subtitle A, Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Texas Government Code."

CALL TO ORDER

1. Present questions to staff relating to the March 23, 2026 Regular Meeting Agenda, to be discussed at such meeting.
2. Presentation on the Transit Update.
3. **EXECUTIVE SESSION, CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY), SECTION 551.072 (DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY), SECTION 551.074 (PERSONNEL MATTERS) AND SECTION 551.087 (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)**
 - A) Consultation with City Attorney regarding pending litigation. Tex. Gov't. Code §551.071.
 - B) Consideration of Economic Development matters. Tex. Gov't. Code §551.087.

ADJOURNMENT

IF ANY ACCOMMODATION FOR A DISABILITY IS REQUIRED (OR INTERPRETERS FOR THE DEAF), NOTIFY THE CITY SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT AT 681-1020 FORTY-EIGHT (48) HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING DATE. WITH REGARD TO ANY ITEM, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MAY TAKE VARIOUS ACTIONS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO RESCHEDULING AN ITEM IN ITS ENTIRETY FOR A FUTURE DATE OR TIME.

CERTIFICATION

I, the Undersigned Authority, do hereby certify that the above notice of meeting and agenda for the City of McAllen Board of Commissioners is a true and correct copy and that I posted a true and correct copy of said notice of meeting and agenda for the City of McAllen Board of Commissioners on March 17, 2026 on the bulletin board in the municipal building, a place readily accessible to the general public at all times for at least three business days before the scheduled date of the meeting, in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

/s/

Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary



ITEM SUMMARY

BOARD: City Commission

AGENDA ITEM

1.

DATE SUBMITTED

MEETING DATE

3/23/2026

1. Agenda Item: Present questions to staff relating to the March 23, 2026 Regular Meeting Agenda, to be discussed at such meeting.
2. Party Making Request:
3. Nature of Request:
4. Routing:
Emmanuel Garcia Created -
5. Staff Recommendation:
6. Advisory Board:
7. City Attorney:
8. Manager's Recommendation:

Metro McAllen at a Glance

Presented by: Mario Delgado, Transit Director

Date: 3/23/2026

Agenda

- ▶ **Where we Started**
- ▶ **Performance**
- ▶ **Future**
- ▶ **Challenges**

Where we Started - Transit

► Early Stages

- Mid-1990s: City of McAllen attempts to pass sales tax for infrastructure, including public transit (fails twice).
- Partnership with Interfaith Action leads to successful tax initiative in 1997, including funding for transit services and a central hub.
- Transit Cooperative Research Program study: <http://www.trb.org/main/Blurbs/171972.aspx>

► Transit Service Begins

- 1996: Transit Feasibility Study commissioned.
- 1997: Valley Metro (LRGVDC) begins operating local bus service with 5 routes (ME).

► Central Station Development

- Need recognized for central hub for local and inter-city buses.
- Initial plan for station near Expressway 83 for interstate access.
- Downtown merchants advocate for downtown location to support businesses.
- Contentious debate ensues, ultimately resulting in downtown site selection.
- Despite conflict, stakeholders collaborate on station development.

► Metro McAllen Emerges

- 2001: Central Station opens.
- 2005: City takes over bus service operations rebranding as McAllen Express Transit (MET)
- 2006: Started my stint with the Transit Department
- 2010: Bus Station Renovation and system rebranding to Metro McAllen

Performance - Transit

- ▶ **700,000 trips per year**
 - Surpassed pre-covid numbers
 - 60% of trips are work related
- ▶ **2.2M Visitors at Central Station**
 - Bus Terminal is an economic driver Downtown
 - Private bus service into Mexico and beyond
- ▶ **Transit Enhancements & Infrastructure**
 - \$1.6 million in walkways and amenities since 2023
 - \$5 million on equipment
 - \$15 million in facilities and infrastructure
- ▶ **Economic Development**
 - Estimated \$11 million in worker productivity
 - Passenger trips generate \$3 million in local spending
 - \$14 million in economic activity supported by Metro McAllen
- ▶ **Emergency Response**
 - Assist in emergency response (Pandemic)
 - High water rescue vehicles

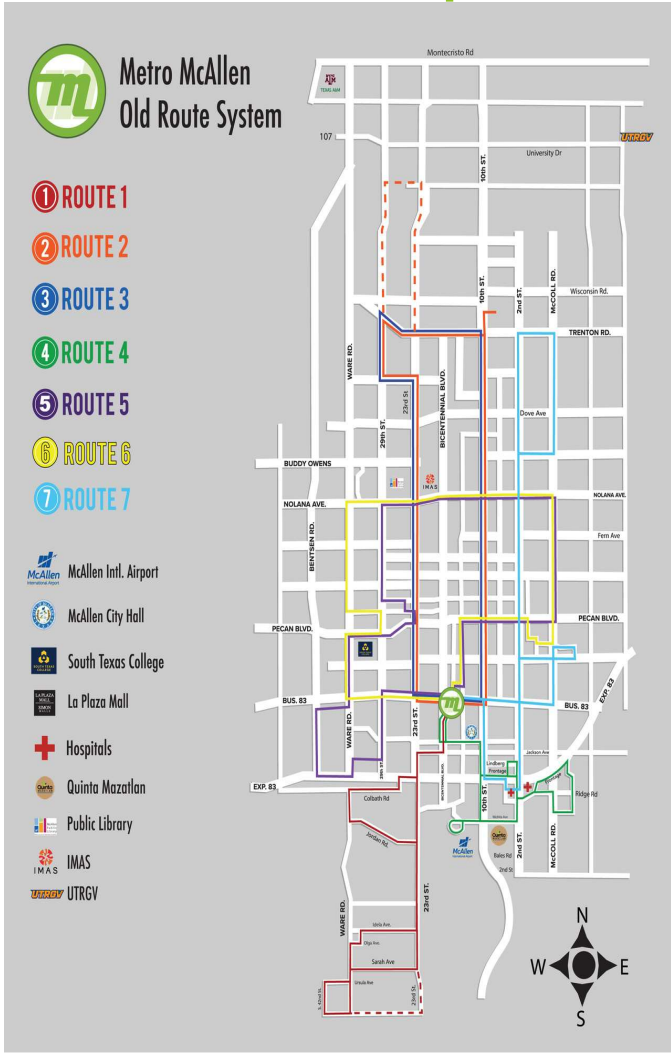


Future - Transit

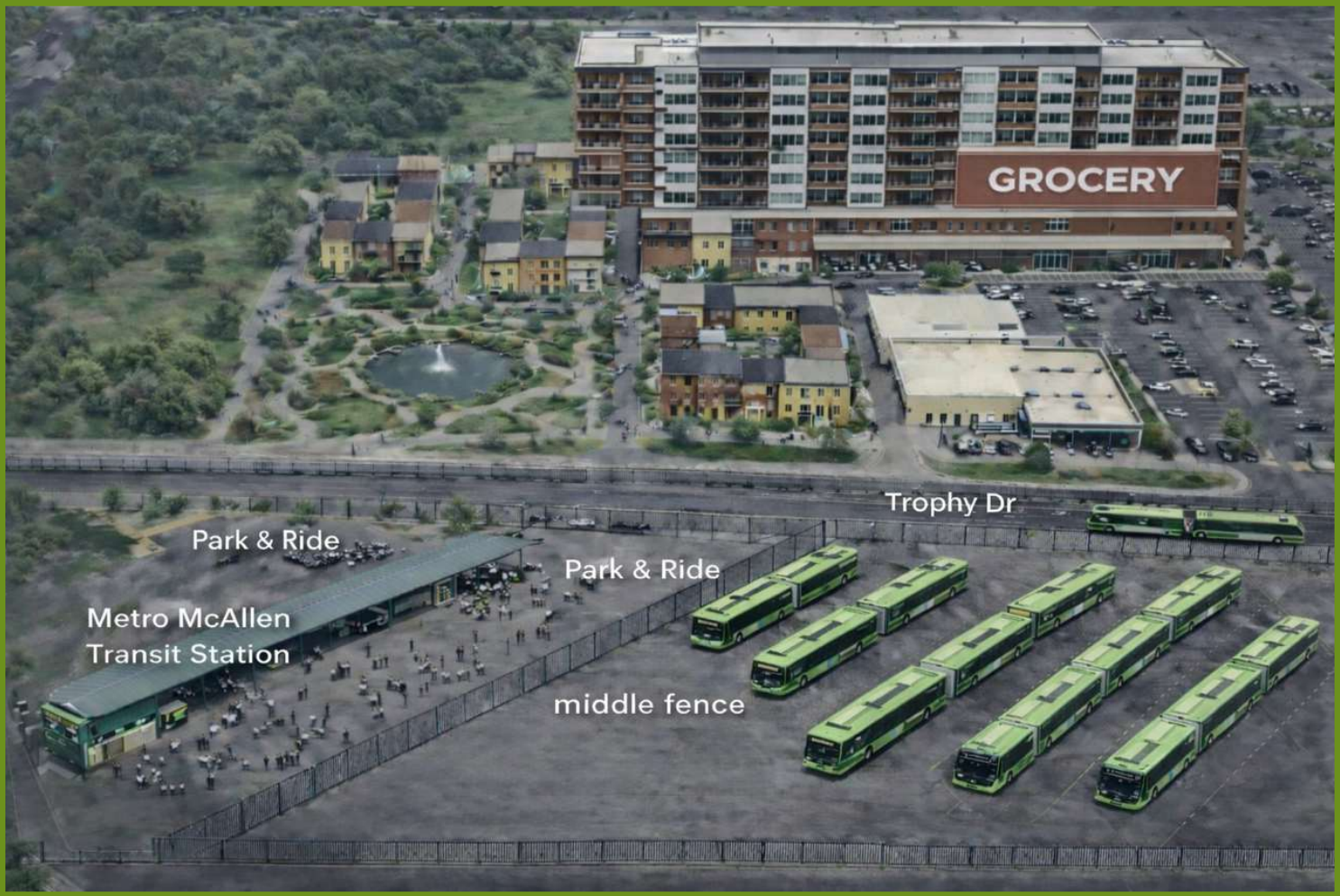
- ▶ **Service Expansion**
- ▶ **Bus Rapid Transit**
- ▶ **Transit Oriented Development**
- ▶ **Downtown Revitalization**



Service Expansion Before and After



BRT & TOD



BRT & TOD



BRT & TOD



Downtown Revitalization



Challenges

► Funding

- Increased funding levels
- Maximize local resources

► Growth

- Recruitment
 - Comp Study
- Retention
- Resources



Questions?





ITEM SUMMARY

BOARD:	AGENDA ITEM	3.B.
	DATE SUBMITTED	
	MEETING DATE	3/23/2026

1. Agenda Item: Consideration of Economic Development matters. Tex. Gov't. Code §551.087.

2. Party Making Request:

3. Nature of Request:

4. Routing:
Crystal Montano Created -

5. Staff Recommendation:

6. Advisory Board:

7. City Attorney:

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