



Council Action and Executive Summary

Item # 6 Resolution# 10-279 Council District: 6

For Meeting of May 17, 2010
(Adoption Date)

TITLE: A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A BOARD MEMBER AND AN ALTERNATE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT.

PURPOSE(S) OF ACTION: A Resolution to appoint a CLC replacement to the Board of Directors of the South Central Regional Transit District and an alternate member.

Name of Drafter: Tom Murphy <i>Tom Murphy</i>		Department: Community Development		Phone: 528-3225	
Department	Signature	Phone	Department	Signature	Phone
Community Development	<i>DW</i>	528-3066	Budget	<i>Richard Y. H. S.</i>	541-2300
			Assistant City Manager	<i>[Signature]</i>	541-2271
Legal	<i>A. J. O'Donnell</i>	541-2128	City Manager	<i>[Signature]</i>	541-2076

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS: The City of Las Cruces is a founding member of the South Central Regional Transit District (SCRTD). Its Board position and alternate has been vacant since the last election. The City's Transit Administrator has been serving as the Official Designee in the absence of an elected Board Official. However, pursuant to State law, an Official Designee on the SCRTD Board may not vote on financial matters for the District. The purposes of the SCRTD is coordinate public transit services and connect all forms of existing and proposed surface transportation services among different levels of government and jurisdictions within Dona Ana, Sierra, and Otero Counties.

SUPPORT INFORMATION:

Fund Name / Account Number	Amount of Expenditure	Budget Amount
N/A	N/A	N/A

1. Resolution

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:

1. Vote YES to approve the Resolution. This action appoints a Board member and alternate to the Board of the SCRTD.
2. Vote NO and deny the Resolution. This action does not appoint a Board member and the City will not have an elected official on the SCRTD Board.

3. Modify the Resolution and vote YES to approve the modified Resolution.
4. Table/Postpone the Resolution and direct staff accordingly.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-279**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A BOARD MEMBER AND AN ALTERNATE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT.**

The City Council is informed that:

WHEREAS, the purpose of the City of Las Cruces participating in the *SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT* is to provide all residents and visitors with a choice of transportation options to access the goods, services, and activities offered in the community; serve the residents and visitors of the City by continued participation in the Regional Transit District; and finance, plan, construct, operate, maintain, and promote a regional public transit system; and

WHEREAS, the legislature of the State of New Mexico has passed, and the Governor has signed into law, the "Regional Transit District Act;" and

WHEREAS, public transportation is a critical component of a multimodal transportation system, which improves access to education, healthcare, and jobs, and provide a foundation for New Mexico's economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS, a statewide connection of regional transit districts would improve local and state mobility, for residents of Las Cruces; and

WHEREAS, regional public transit would enable increased federal and State transit investment in New Mexico, while extending the life of existing roads and highways, thus protecting current and future investment in the State's transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, multi-jurisdictional transportation systems would protect our environment and enhance energy efficiency, decrease congestion, decrease automobile accidents, reduce noise and air pollution, and improve public health; and

WHEREAS, regional transit districts function to coordinate public transit services and connect all forms of existing and proposed surface transportation services among different levels of government and jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, in August of 2006, the Governing Body of the City of Las Cruces adopted Resolution 07-06 and joined as an original member of the South Central Regional Transit District.

NOW THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the governing body of the City of Las Cruces:

(I)

THAT the City of Las Cruces shall participate in the affairs of the District by appointing Mayor Pro Tem Sharon Thomas as its Member of the Board of Directors of the South Central Regional Transit District and Councillor Nathan Small as its Alternate.

(II)

THAT City staff is hereby authorized to do all deeds necessary in the accomplishment of the herein above.

DONE and APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2010.

APPROVED:

(SEAL)

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Approved as to Form:

City Attorney

VOTE:

- Mayor Miyagishima: _____
- Councillor Silva: _____
- Councillor Connor: _____
- Councillor Pedroza: _____
- Councillor Small: _____
- Councillor Sorg: _____
- Councillor Thomas: _____