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Rain Emergency: Update 1

El Paso, Texas – August 1, 2006 – In response to heavy rain fall and flash flooding around the El Paso area, the City has taken the following measures to help assist in the emergency effort:

- The Emergency Operations Center was opened as of 12:00 p.m. today.
- City Facilities have been closed, to include:
 - City Hall
 - All municipal courts (sessions have been cancelled and will be rescheduled)
 - All Parks & Recreation Centers
 - El Paso Zoo
 - All Libraries
 - Clint Landfill
 - El Paso Museum of Art
 - All Convention & Performing Arts facilities
- An update of road closures will be provided as soon as a complete listing is available
- The following projects have been suspended:
 - All Downtown Construction
 - Montwood Median construction
 - District #4 Median construction
- The following meetings have been cancelled:
 - Open Space Conservation Meeting at Eastwood Recreation Center
 - Parks Advisory Board Meeting at Memorial Center
- Sun Metro is continuing bus schedules as best as possible, with the following routes being **SUSPENDED**:
 - Westside: Routes 12, 13, 14, 15 and 18.
 - Other routes that run in or by the affected area are being adjusted in order to continue service
 - Expect delays on all other routes

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- Shelters have been officially opened by the Red Cross at the following locations:

Westside – Canutillo Elementary (651 Canutillo Ave.)

Northeast – Wellington Chew Senior Center (4430 Maxwell)

- The City is working on declaring a state of emergency, as well as the County. **It has not yet been declared.** This would allow the City and the County to request assistance from the State. The City is currently helping the outlying communities and cities in the surrounding areas (Vinton, Clint, San Elizario, Socorro, etc.)