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**Sun Metro Hosts Grand Opening for
Bert Williams Downtown Santa Fe Transfer Center**

El Paso, Texas — The public is invited to attend the Grand Opening Ceremony for the new **Bert Williams Downtown Santa Fe Transfer Center, 601 Santa Fe, at 8:30 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, Oct. 16.**

City officials and community leaders will board several Sun Metro SMART buses at the Union Depot, 700-A San Francisco, and travel to the new transfer center at 8:15 a.m.

A Sun Metro SMART bus will drive through the ceremonial ribbon, performing the official ribbon cutting.

Media note: Media interested in capturing photographs or video of the ribbon cutting are encouraged to coordinate with Laura Cruz-Acosta by calling (915) 472-5949 and arrive at the Downtown Transfer Center by 8:20 a.m. the day of the event.

In late July, the El Paso City Council unanimously approved the naming of the Downtown Transfer Center as the Bert Williams Downtown Santa Fe Transfer Center, after former Mayor Bert Williams, who is most-noted for successfully introducing an anti-discrimination ordinance in El Paso two years before the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

The City of El Paso will also pay tribute to its newest public artwork, titled "Confluencia," created by Hank Saxe and Cynthia Patterson. The 25-foot sculpture makes metaphoric references to the El Paso sun, river and mountain valley, and will serve as an iconic, highly visible marker for the transfer center.

Sun Metro officials broke ground on the \$8 million center on March 2, 2009. The center became operational on Sept. 27, 2009.

The center features an enclosed waiting area with cooling and heating, real-time information displays to help riders time their trips, large shade canopies, a Sun Metro storefront, concession and retail space, a ticket-vending machine and free Wi-Fi.

For more information about this and other capital improvements, visit www.elpasotexas.gov/sunmetro or call (915) 533-3333.

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