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Sun Metro to Offer Free Rides on June 19 for National Dump the Pump Day

EL PASO, Texas—Sun Metro will offer free rides all day on Thursday, June 19, 2024, in recognition of National Dump the Pump Day, encouraging the community to try public transportation as a fuel-saving, eco-friendly alternative to driving.

Originally launched by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) in 2006—during a time of record-high gas prices—Dump the Pump Day is observed annually on the third Thursday in June. The campaign urges Americans to consider the economic and environmental benefits of using public transit.

“We encourage those who have never experienced Sun Metro to take this opportunity to ride for free and see firsthand how public transportation offers a smart, convenient alternative to driving,” said Sun Metro Director Anthony DeKeyzer. “Even one trip can help save money, reduce fuel use, and cut down on traffic congestion. Each year, we provide more than 6.2 million rides, and we remain committed to improving service and enhancing the rider experience.”

According to APTA, individuals can save over \$13,000 annually by relying on public transportation instead of owning and operating a vehicle. In addition to saving money, riders help reduce emissions and support a more sustainable community.

To learn more about Sun Metro routes and services, visit www.SunMetro.net.

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