

AGENDA ITEM 3 A
Information Item

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 7, 2023

TO: El Dorado County Transit Authority

FROM: Brian James, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Draft El Dorado Transit Short Range Transit Plan Update

REQUESTED ACTION:

BY MOTION,

No action. Information item.

BACKGROUND

At the March 2023 El Dorado County Transit Authority (El Dorado Transit) Board Meeting, following a competitive vendor selection process, the Board approved execution of a contract with DanTec Associates consultants to develop an update to the local service elements of the 2019 El Dorado Transit Short- and Long-Range Transit Plan (Plan). An update to the Plan was deemed necessary to reassess the current demand for local transit services and develop timely strategies to best address the emerging transportation needs of the community.

DISCUSSION

Transit demand and ridership patterns have changed significantly in recent years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This study will be a valuable tool for El Dorado Transit as many transit agencies are developing innovative programs and services to respond to the loss of ridership due to the pandemic.

To facilitate public and stakeholder participation, community workshops were held on May 3, 2023, September 11, 2023, and September 12, 2023. Stakeholder Meetings were held on May 4, 2023 and September 11, 2023. An El Dorado Transit Board Workshop was held on May 4, 2023, and an El Dorado Transit Staff Engagement Session was held on September 12, 2023. In addition, a public survey was conducted from May 20, 2023 to June 27, 2023 and a total of 2,925 responses were received. Based on comments received during the meetings and survey results, the draft Plan was prepared.

Daniel Levy and Brian Mills with DanTec Associates will present an overview of the Draft El Dorado Transit Short Range Transit Plan Update. The draft Plan can be viewed at <https://eldoradotransit.com/board-meeting/december-7-2023>