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Consent Item

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 1, 2024

TO: El Dorado County Transit Authority

FROM: Brian James, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Final El Dorado Transit Short Range Transit Plan Update

REQUESTED ACTION:

BY MOTION,

Receive and file the final El Dorado Transit Short Range Transit Plan Update

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 the organization strives 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.

The draft El Dorado Transit Short Range Transit Plan Update was presented to the El Dorado Transit Board on December 7, 2023 by Daniel Levy and Brian Mills with DanTec Associates. The final plan is available at <http://www.eldoradotransit.com/document-library> and will be available to the public at <http://www.eldoradotransit.com> for the duration of the short-term planning period.