



EL DORADO TRANSIT

EL DORADO COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, July 14, 2022; 3:00 PM

Chairperson: John Hidahl, County of El Dorado Supervisor, District I
Vice Chairperson: Jackie Neau, City of Placerville Councilmember
Lori Parlin, County of El Dorado Supervisor, District IV
Kara Taylor, City of Placerville Councilmember
George Turnboo, County of El Dorado Supervisor, District II

- Patty Borelli, Alternate for City Councilmembers
- Wendy Thomas, Alternate for Board of Supervisors, District III

Executive Director: Matthew Mauk

These meetings will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of Assembly Bill 361 which suspends certain requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act to allow for greater flexibility in conducting public meetings via teleconferencing and allowing public participation telephonically. These measures are in effect when a state of emergency is issued or remains active.

Members of the public may call in during the meeting and are encouraged to submit public comment via email to mwilcher@eldoradotransit.com up until the start of the meeting. Written comments will be entered into the meeting's minutes and the Board will consider all comments at the appropriate time. Members of the public may address any item on the agenda prior to board action, comments will be limited to no more than three (3) minutes.

If you are joining the meeting via computer and wish to make a comment on an item, press the "raise a hand" button. If you are joining the meeting by phone, press *9 to indicate a desire to make a comment. The board secretary will call you by the last three digits of your phone number when it is your turn to comment.

Participate by Computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82690817567?pwd=L280VUpjY2pld09hbDJOM1Z1V0RwZz09>

Participate by Phone:

1-669-900-6833

Meeting ID: 826 9081 7567

Passcode: 2022

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

The Board may make any necessary additions, deletions or corrections to the agenda including moving items to or from the Consent Calendar and adopt the agenda with one single vote. A Board member may request an item to be removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion and possible action, and the item will be moved from Consent and heard as a separate item. Any member of the public may ask to address an item on the Consent Calendar prior to Board action.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A.** Adopt Resolution No. 22-20 regarding the Remote Public Meeting Provisions of Assembly Bill 361

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

Closed Personnel Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 – Concerning Labor Negotiations with the Transit Operator’s Bargaining Unit. The designated representatives for the El Dorado County Transit Authority are Executive Director Matthew Mauk and Legal Counsel Michael Tucker

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION AND CLOSED SESSION REPORTS

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING
OF THE EL DORADO COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
Thursday, August 4, 2022 1:00 P.M.

Anticipated Hybrid Meeting

Zoom Meeting Teleconference

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82578749339?pwd=UUpzTDJKUGcxdnJoV2pJbDJhbnZLUT09>

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Meeting ID: 825 7874 9339

Password: 2022

County of El Dorado
Board of Supervisors Meeting Room
330 Fair Lane, Bldg A
Placerville, CA 95667

AGENDA ITEM 1A
Consent Item

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 14, 2022
TO: El Dorado County Transit Authority
FROM: Matthew Mauk, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Remote Public Meeting Provisions of Assembly Bill (AB) 361

REQUESTED ACTION:
BY MOTION,

Adoption of Resolution No. 22-20 regarding the Ralph M. Brown Act and the finding of risk to health and safety of in-person meetings because of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic State of Emergency declared by Governor Newsom

BACKGROUND

The Ralph M. Brown Act (“the Brown Act”) provides guidance and requirements for public agencies and local governments in California to hold and conduct business at open and public meetings. The Brown Act ensures the public is involved, informed, and active in the decisions and discussions of local, regional, and state governance. The El Dorado County Transit Authority (El Dorado Transit) Board of Director and advisory committee meetings are held to the standards within the Brown Act and are conducted consistent with the requirements therein.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, on March 12, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order No. N-25-20 that waived certain requirements of the Brown Act including:

- the requirement that the notice of each meeting location be provided for those members of the legislative body (board or committee) participating in the meeting
- the requirement that each meeting location be accessible to members of the public
- the requirement that members of the public be able to address the legislative body (board and committee) at each meeting location
- the requirement that agencies post agendas at all meeting locations, and
- the requirement that at least a quorum of the legislative body (board and committee) participate from locations within the boundaries of the territory over which they exercise jurisdiction.

In accordance with these modifications to the Brown Act, El Dorado Transit has been holding meetings virtually over the Zoom meeting platform since the beginning of the pandemic. These modifications to the Brown Act expired on September 30, 2021.

DISCUSSION

To continue the allowance of the Brown Act modifications and to continue allowing virtual meetings to protect health and safety, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill (AB) 361 on September 16th. AB 361 extended these modifications through June of 2024, for any State or Local government agency which is under a declared State of Emergency. Assembly Bill 361 permits remote meetings but requires the following:

- agencies may not close public comment periods for written comments in advance of a meeting, but instead only close the comment period at the same time it is closed during a meeting
- that agencies must clearly advertise the means by which the public can observe the meeting and offer comments during the meeting via either a call or internet-based option
- the public must be given an opportunity to comment directly, and
- that in the event of a disruption in the broadcasting of the meeting the legislative body (board or committee) would take no further action until meeting access would be restored to the public.

The provisions of AB 361 regarding remote meetings can only be used in the event there is an active, Governor issued state of emergency under the California Emergency Services Act and a legislative body decides by resolution that there is a need to meet remotely. AB 361 also requires legislative bodies to approve by resolution the decision to meet remotely every 30 days.

Given that the Governor's state of emergency presently remains in effect, staff and El Dorado Transit Legal Counsel recommend adoption of the attached Resolution No. 22-20, formally stating that in person meetings of the El Dorado Transit governing and advisory bodies subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, thus invoking the provisions of AB 361 and allowing virtual public meetings. Unless directed otherwise, staff plans to continue to present an updated version of this resolution to the El Dorado Transit Board of Directors for consideration at each upcoming scheduled monthly meeting while a state of emergency exists.

**EL DORADO COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION NO. 22-20**

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE EL DORADO COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
REGARDING THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT AND PROVISIONS PROVIDED UNDER AB
361 TO CONTINUE MEETING VIRTUALLY DURING THE ONGOING COVID-19
PANDEMIC STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED BY GOVERNOR NEWSOM

WHEREAS, On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic which remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 that suspended the teleconferencing rules set forth in the California Open Meeting law, Government Code section 54950 et seq. (the “Brown Act”), provided certain requirements were met and followed; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-08-21 that clarified the suspension of the teleconferencing rules set forth in the Brown Act, and further provided that those provisions would remain suspended through September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 361 that permits a legislative body subject to the Brown Act to continue to meet under abbreviated teleconference procedures; and

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2021 the El Dorado County Public Health Officer released “Recommendations for Safe Board and Commission Meetings During COVID-19 Pandemic” recommending offering a remote option for public meeting attendance to the extent possible and physical distancing, among other recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the El Dorado County Transit Authority has an important governmental interest in protecting the health, safety, and welfare of those who participate in meetings of El Dorado County Transit Authority’s legislative body subject to the Brown Act;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the El Dorado County Transit Authority Board of Directors as follows:

1. The Board has reconsidered the state of emergency proclaimed by the Governor of California in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. State and local public health officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing.
3. This finding applies to all the El Dorado County Transit Authority governing and advisory bodies subject to the Brown Act, including but not limited to, the El Dorado County Transit Authority Board of Directors, Transit Advisory Committee, and any other standing

committees.

4. Staff is directed to return to the Board of Directors no later than thirty (30) days after the adoption of this resolution, or by the next regular meeting for the Board of Directors to consider making the findings required by AB 361 in order to continue meeting under its provisions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EL DORADO COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the 14th day of July 2022 by the following vote of said Board:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

John Hidahl, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Megan Wilcher, Secretary to the Board