

AGENDA ITEM 3 B
Information Item

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 25, 2023

TO: El Dorado County Transit Authority
Transit Advisory Committee

FROM: Brian James, Planning and Marketing Manager

SUBJECT: Local Short-Range Transit Plan Update

REQUESTED ACTION:

BY MOTION,

None. Information only.

BACKGROUND

On November 20, 2019, LSC Transportation Consultants completed a Short- and Long-Range Transit Plan (Plan) for the El Dorado County Transit Authority (El Dorado Transit). The development of the Plan laid the groundwork necessary to identify and implement service improvements and capital projects over a five-year planning period.

This adopted Plan reflected expected changes in population demographics, evaluated existing services, reviewed and recommended goals and objectives, responded to gaps in the transportation system and proposed cost-effective service revisions. The Plan covered fiscal years 2019/20 through 2023/24 including year-by-year detailed recommendations for implementation strategies using projected capital and operating funds.

DISCUSSION

While elements of the 2019 Plan were implemented and beneficial for El Dorado Transit, the COVID pandemic has changed ridership on our services, just as it has changed travel patterns across the region and the country. An update to the previous Plan is deemed necessary to reassess the current demand for local transit services and develop timely strategies to best address the emerging needs of the community.

In response to its Request for Qualifications (RFQ) #22-01 in November 2022, El Dorado Transit staff received three (3) proposals for development of a local Plan update. All three consulting firms submitted responsive, detailed proposals which highlighted the company's experience relative to the anticipated project scope. Staff will discuss a consultant recommendation for potential Transit Advisory Committee endorsement at the meeting. A request for Board authorization of a contract award is anticipated for the February 2nd meeting.