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BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

General Session: 12:00 p.m.

***Webinar - please see note below**

MISSION STATEMENT

Access Services promotes access to all modes of transportation and provides quality and safe ADA paratransit service on behalf of public transit agencies in Los Angeles County.

	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
1. CALL TO ORDER	ACTION
2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT	INFORMATION
3. CONSENT CALENDAR	ACTION
a) Consideration to Approve Resolution to Continue Public Meetings through Teleconferencing (page 5) [Staff Recommendation: Approve the following resolution - "The Access Board of Directors has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency; and the following circumstances exist: (i) The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person; and (ii) State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing. Hence, teleconferencing for Access Board and committee meetings will continue for the next thirty (30) days."]	[Vote Required: majority of quorum by roll call]

[Staff Recommendation: Approve the Consent Calendar]

4. ADJOURNMENT

ACTION

Access Services does not discriminate on the basis of disability. Accordingly, Access Services seeks to ensure that individuals with disabilities will have an equal opportunity to participate in the range of Access Services events and programs by providing appropriate auxiliary aids and services for communications. Primary consideration is given to the request of individuals with disabilities. However, the final decision belongs to Access Services. To help ensure the availability of any auxiliary aids and services you require, please make every effort to notify Access Services of your request at least three (3) business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting in which you wish to utilize those aids or services. You may do so by contacting (213) 270-6000.

Note: Access Services Board meetings are held pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act [Cal. Gov. Code §54950] and are open to the public. The public may view and obtain all written information supporting this agenda provided to the Board both initially and supplementally prior to the meeting at the agency's offices located at 3449 Santa Anita Avenue, El Monte, California and on its website at <http://accessla.org>. Documents, including Power Point handouts distributed to the Board members by staff or Board members at the meeting, will simultaneously be made available to the public. Three opportunities are available for the public to address the Board during a Board meeting: (1) before closed session regarding matters to be discussed in closed session, (2) before a specific agenda item is debated and voted upon regarding that item and (3) general public comment. The exercise of the right to address the Board is subject to restriction as to time and appropriate decorum. All persons wishing to make public comment must fill out a goldenrod Public Comment Form and submit it to the Secretary of the Board. Public comment is generally limited to three (3) minutes per speaker and the total time available for public comment may be limited at the discretion of the Chairperson. Persons whose speech is impaired such that they are unable to address the Board at a normal rate of speed may request an accommodation of a limited amount of additional time from the Chair but only by checking the appropriate box on the Public Comment Form. Granting such an accommodation is at the discretion of the Chair. The Board of Directors will not and cannot respond during the meeting to matters raised under general public comment. Pursuant to provisions of the Brown Act governing these proceedings, no discussion or action may be taken on these matters unless they are listed on the agenda, or unless certain emergency or special circumstances exist. However, the Board may direct staff to investigate and/or schedule certain matters for consideration at a future Board of Directors Meeting and the staff may respond to all public comments in writing prior to the next Board meeting.

Alternative accessible formats are available upon request.

***NOTE**

NOTICE OF ALTERNATIVE PUBLIC COMMENT PROCEDURES

Pursuant to temporary revised Brown Act requirements, Board members will be participating via webinar. The public may submit written comments on any item on the agenda - 1) through email by addressing it to - board@accessla.org or 2) via US Postal mail by addressing it to - Access Services Board Comments, PO Box 5728, El Monte CA 91734. Please include your name, item number and comments in the correspondence. Comments must be submitted/received no later than 10:00 am on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 so they can be read into the record as appropriate.

The public may also participate via the Zoom webinar link, or by teleconference. Please review the procedures to do so as follows -

How to Provide Public Comment in a Board Meeting via Zoom

Online

1. Click the Zoom link for the meeting you wish to join. Meeting information can be found at: https://accessla.org/news_and_events/agendas.html. Make sure to use a current, up-to-date browser: Chrome 30+, Firefox 27+, Microsoft Edge 12+, or Safari 7+. Certain functionality may be disabled in older browsers including Internet Explorer. You may also use this direct link - <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88185375004>
2. Enter an email address and your name. Your name will be visible online while you are speaking.
3. When the Board Chair calls for the item on which you wish to speak, click on "raise hand." Speakers will be notified shortly before they are called to speak. Mute all other audio before speaking. Using multiple devices can cause an audio feedback.
4. Please note that the "Chat" feature is not enabled during the meeting for general public attendees. If you cannot use the "raise hand" feature, then please submit a written comment as outlined above.
5. When called, please limit your remarks to three minutes. An audio signal will sound at the three-minute mark and the Chair will have the discretion to mute you at any point after that. After the comment has been given, the microphone for the speaker's Zoom profile will be muted.

Note: Members of the public will not be shown on video.

By phone

1. Call the Zoom phone number and enter the webinar ID for the meeting you wish to join. Meeting information can be found at: https://accessla.org/news_and_events/agendas.html
2. You can also call in using the following information -

3. Dial (for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):
US: +1 669 444 9171 or +1 669 900 6833 or +1 253 205 0468 or +1 253 215 8782
or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 719 359 4580 or +1 929 205 6099 or +1 301 715 8592
or +1 305 224 1968 or +1 309 205 3325 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 360 209 5623
or +1 386 347 5053 or +1 507 473 4847 or +1 564 217 2000 or +1 646 931 3860
or +1 689 278 1000 or 833 548 0276 (Toll Free) or 833 548 0282 (Toll Free) or 877
853 5247 (Toll Free) or 888 788 0099 (Toll Free)
Webinar ID: 881 8537 5004
4. When the Board Chair calls for the item on which you wish to speak, press *9 to raise a hand. Speakers will be notified shortly before they are called to speak. Speakers will be called by the last four digits of their phone number. Please note that phone numbers in their entirety will be visible online while speakers are speaking.
5. If you cannot use the "raise hand" feature, the please submit a written comment as outlined above.
6. When called, please state your name and limit your remarks to three minutes. An audio signal will sound at the three-minute mark and the Chair will have the discretion to mute you at any point after that. After the comment has been given, the microphone for the speaker's Zoom profile will be muted.

FEBRUARY 2, 2023

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: F SCOTT JEWELL, DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

RE: CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE PUBLIC MEETINGS THROUGH TELECONFERENCING

ISSUE:

Pursuant to state law (Assembly Bill 361), Board approval is required to continue meeting through teleconferencing (virtually).

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the following resolution - "The Access Board of Directors has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency; and the following circumstances exist: (i) The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person; and (ii) State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing. Hence, teleconferencing for Access Board and committee meetings will continue for the next thirty (30) days."

IMPACT ON BUDGET:

None.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

The Board may opt to revert to in-person meetings, which would be applicable to all Board and committee (including CAC and TPAC) meetings. Board/committee members could elect to attend remotely, however the locations from which they attend would be subject to Brown Act requirements (posting of the address of the remote location along with allowing for public participation from that location). Public participation would also revert to the in-person requirement.

BACKGROUND:

During the pandemic, the Access Board and its committees have been able to meet via teleconference (virtually) due to a State of California executive order that suspended certain Brown Act provisions. While that order has expired, recently enacted state legislation (AB 361), allows for the continuation of virtual meetings

provided that the Board makes the determination as stated in the above recommendation. This determination must be made by the Board every 30 days.

Under current Los Angeles County Department of Health guidelines, masking is recommended indoors regardless of vaccination status in public and office settings when there is more than one (1) person in a room. In addition, social distancing for indoor operations and events is still recommended. These directives provide justification for the above recommendation.

Due to the thirty-day requirement, staff will schedule Special Board Meetings to renew the resolution as appropriate.