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SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

February 28, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.

This meeting will be held via teleconferencing with members of the Commission attending from separate remote locations. As authorized by AB 361, dated September 16, 2021, a local agency may use teleconferencing without complying with the teleconferencing requirements imposed by the Ralph M. Brown Act when a legislative body of a local agency holds a meeting during a declared state of emergency and local officials have recommended or imposed measures to promote social distancing or the body cannot meet safely in person and the legislative body has made such findings.

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TELECONFERENCE INFORMATION

As authorized by Gov. Newsom’s Executive Orders, N-25-20 and N-29-20, the meeting will be accessible remotely by live cast with Commissioners attending from separate remote locations. There is no physical meeting location. This altered format is in observance of recent recommendations by local officials that certain precautions be taken, including social distancing, to address the threat of COVID-19.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Opportunity to address the LTC on items not on the agenda. Please refer to the Teleconference information section to determine how to make public comment for this meeting.

3. **ADMINISTRATION**
 - a) Adopt Resolution R22-02 to continue Brown Act remote meeting rules under AB 361 (pg. 1)

ADJOURN TO DATE- FEBRUARY 28, 2022, AT 9:15 AM

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***NOTE:** Although the LTC generally strives to follow the agenda sequence, it reserves the right to take any agenda item – other than a noticed public hearing – in any order, and at any time after its meeting starts. The Local Transportation Commission encourages public attendance and participation.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, anyone who needs special assistance to attend this meeting can contact the commission secretary at 760-924-1804 within 48 hours prior to the meeting in order to ensure accessibility (see 42 USCS 12132, 28CFR 35.130).

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LTC Staff Report

February 28, 2022

TO: Mono County Local Transportation Commission

FROM: Gerry Le Francois, Co-Executive Director

SUBJECT: Assembly Bill 361 Virtual Meetings

RECOMMENDATION / DISCUSSION Adopt Resolution R22-02 to continue meeting under modified teleconferencing rules.

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. That Proclamation remains in effect. Subsequently, on March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20, which modified the teleconferencing rules set forth in the California Open Meeting law, Government Code section 54950 et seq. (the "Brown Act"), in order to allow legislative bodies to meet from remote locations without opening those locations to the public or complying with certain agenda requirements. Those modifications remained in effect through September 30, 2021.

In anticipation of the expiration of the applicable provisions of Executive Order N-29-20, the California legislature adopted, and Governor Newsom signed, AB 361. AB 361 amended the Brown Act to allow local legislative bodies to continue to meet under the modified teleconferencing rules until January 1, 2024, if the meeting occurs during a proclaimed state of emergency and the legislative body finds that it has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and either:

- measures to promote social distancing have been imposed or recommended by local health officials; or
- the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person.

The Local Health Officer and the Director of Mono County Public Health have recommended that measures be implemented to promote social distancing, including the holding of virtual meetings. A copy of the memo memorializing that recommendation is attached.

In order to continue meeting virtually under those modified rules after February 28, the Commission will again need to reconsider the circumstances of the state of emergency and again make one of the additional findings required by AB 361.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

NA

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

NA

RTP / RTIP CONSISTENCY

NA

Attachments: Resolution R21-08 and Public Health Recommendation on remote meetings

RESOLUTION 22-02
OF THE LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE
MEETINGS FOR THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 28, 2022, THROUGH MARCH 28, 2022, PURSUANT TO
AB 361

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

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20, modifying the teleconferencing rules set forth in the California Open Meeting law, Government Code section 54950 et seq. (the “Brown Act”), subject to compliance with certain requirements; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-08-21, providing that the modifications would remain in place through September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 361, providing that a legislative body subject to the Brown Act may continue to meet under modified teleconferencing rules if the meeting occurs during a proclaimed state of emergency and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, the Local Health Officer and the Director of Mono County Public Health have recommended that measures be implemented to promote social distancing, including the holding of virtual meetings of legislative bodies within the County of Mono, a copy of that recommendation is attached as an exhibit and incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of public health and safety, and in response to the local recommendation for measures to promote social distancing, the Local Transportation Commission (the “Legislative Body”) deems it necessary to invoke the provisions of AB 361 related to teleconferencing;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE LEGISLATIVE BODY FINDS AND RESOLVES that:

SECTION ONE: The recitals set forth above are true and correct and are adopted as findings of the Legislative Body.

SECTION TWO: The Legislative Body has reconsidered the circumstances of the State of Emergency.

SECTION THREE: State or local officials have recommended measures to promote social distancing, including the holding of virtual meetings for legislative bodies within the County of Mono that are subject to the Brown Act.

SECTION FOUR: Meetings of the Legislative Body shall be held 100% virtually through March 28, 2022.

SECTION FIVE: Staff is directed to return to the Legislative Body no later than thirty (30) days after the adoption of this resolution, or at the next meeting of the Legislative Body, if later, for the Legislative Body to consider whether to again make the findings required to meet under the modified teleconference procedures of AB 361.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 28 day of February 2022, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

John Wentworth, Chair LTC



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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Bryan Wheeler, Director of Public Health

Re: Recommendation regarding Social Distancing and Virtual Meetings

Both Mono County “covering” Health Officer Dr. Rick Johnson and I strongly recommend that physical/social distancing measures continue to be practiced throughout our Mono County communities, including at meetings of the Board of Supervisors and other County-related legislative bodies subject to the Brown Act, to minimize the spread of COVID-19.

Whether vaccinated or not, positive individuals are contracting the Delta variant and infecting others in our communities. Social distancing and masking are crucial mitigation measure to prevent the disease’s spread. Virtual board meetings allow for the participation of the community, county staff, presenters, and board members in a safe environment, with no risk of contagion. It is recommended that legislative bodies in Mono County implement fully-remote meetings to the extent possible.

If you have any questions regarding this recommendation, please do not hesitate to contact me. We will continue to evaluate this recommendation on an ongoing basis and will communicate when there is no longer such a recommendation with respect to meetings for public bodies.