
TRI-VALLEY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

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SPECIAL TVTC MEETING

Thursday, September 30, 2021
2:45 pm

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Brittini Kiick
Councilmember
City of Livermore
(925) 960-4019

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Karla Brown
Mayor
City of Pleasanton
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If you have any questions related to the Tri-Valley Transportation Council meeting agenda, please contact Lisa Bobadilla, TVTC Administrative staff at (925) 973-2651 or email at lbobadilla@sanramon.ca.gov.

Members of the Public may participate and provide public comments to teleconference meetings as follows:

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Self Introductions
2. Motion to suspend stipend payments for TVTC members for Special Meeting on September 30, 2021
3. ADOPT a resolution to continue conducting remote teleconference meetings for all meetings of the legislative bodies of the Tri-Valley Transportation Council ("TVTC"), pursuant to the authority set forth in AB 361 (Government Code Section 54953[e][1]), due to a proclaimed state of emergency and imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees if meetings are held in person*
4. Adjournment

* *Attachment(s)*

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To: Tri-Valley Transportation Council (TVTC)

From: Steve Mattas, General Counsel

Date: September 30, 2021

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RECOMMENDATION

David Haubert
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BACKGROUND

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On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency in response to COVID-19. On March 10, 2020, Contra Costa County similarly declared a state of emergency. On March 17, 2020, Alameda County also declared a state of emergency, and Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20, which suspended certain provisions of the Brown Act in order to allow local legislative bodies to conduct remote meetings. Pursuant to this executive order, TVTC's legislative bodies have been conducting teleconference meetings to carry out TVTC business from remote locations while ensuring the public's continued access to meetings in a safe manner.

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On June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-08-21, extending the term of Executive Order N-29-20 to September 30, 2021. Since the Governor issued Executive Order N-08-21, the highly contagious Delta variant has emerged, causing a spike in cases throughout the state and within Alameda County and Contra Costa County. On August 3, 2021, the Alameda County Health Officer and Health Officer of Contra Costa County both issued public health orders requiring all people, regardless of vaccination status, to wear face coverings in public indoor settings. The Division of Occupational Safety and Health of the California Department of Industrial Relations ("Cal/OSHA") has also imposed similar requirements and recommendations for physical distancing in response to the spread of the virus, which are described in further detail in the accompanying resolution.

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On September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 361 (2021) ("AB 361"), which amended the Brown Act to allow local legislative bodies to continue meetings by teleconference during a declared State of Emergency by following specific rules regarding notice and attendance. AB 361 takes full effect on October 1, 2021.

DISCUSSION

During the Governor's declaration of a State of Emergency, AB 361 allows local legislative bodies to continue to meet remotely after the expiration of Executive Order N-29-20.

Under AB 361, TVTC will be allowed to continue to meet remotely when:

1. The local agency holds a meeting during a declared state of emergency;
2. State or local health officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing;
3. Legislative bodies declare the need to meet remotely due to present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

TVTC meets the requirements to continue holding meetings remotely in order to ensure the health and safety of the public:

- The Governor has declared a state of emergency, and the Alameda County and Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors each adopted resolutions proclaiming a state of emergency due to COVID-19, pursuant to Section 8625 of the California Emergency Services Act;
- County health officer orders for both Alameda County and Contra Costa County require that individuals in indoor public spaces wear face coverings, and Cal/OSHA and the CDC recommend social distancing of at least six feet due to COVID-19;
- The Delta variant of COVID-19 has resulted in a significant increase of COVID-19 cases within the state and throughout Alameda County and Contra Costa County;
- Meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

Under AB 361, TVTC would be required to make certain findings, by majority vote, in order to continue teleconferencing without complying with the pre-AB 361 Brown Act provisions (i.e. posting agendas at each teleconference location and allowing such locations to be accessible to the public):

- (1) The Board has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency.
- (2) Either of the following circumstances exist:
 - (i) The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person.
 - (ii) State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

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If TVTC makes these findings, TVTC's legislative bodies would continue to be held in the current remote manner with opportunities for the public to observe and address the legislative bodies in real time. TVTC would also be required to revisit these findings within every 30 days in order to continue teleconference meeting while the proclaimed state of emergency is in effect.

RECOMMENDATION

Resolution to continue conducting remote teleconference meetings for all meetings of the legislative bodies of the Tri-Valley Transportation Council, pursuant to the authority set forth in AB 361 (Government Code Section 54953[e][1]), due to a proclaimed state of emergency and imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees if meetings are held in person.

**TRI-VALLEY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NO. 2021-11**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TRI-VALLEY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL FINDING
PROCLAIMED STATE OF EMERGENCY AND THAT MEETING IN PERSON
WOULD PRESENT IMMINENT RISKS TO THE HEALTH OR SAFETY OF
ATTENDEES IF MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES ARE HELD IN
PERSON; AND AUTHORIZING TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS FOR ALL
LEGISLATIVE BODIES**

WHEREAS, all meetings of the legislative bodies of the Tri-Valley Transportation Council (“TVTC”) are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act, Government Code Section 54950, *et seq.*, and any member of the public may observe, attend, and participate in the business of such legislative bodies;

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency as a result of the rapid spread of the novel coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”);

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Alameda County Health Officer declared a local emergency due to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors adopted a Resolution ratifying the Health Officer’s Declaration of Local Emergency;

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors adopted a Resolution proclaiming a state of emergency to deal with the potential spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 suspending certain provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (“Brown Act”) in order to allow local legislative bodies to conduct meetings telephonically or by other means, after which TVTC staff implemented virtual meetings for all meetings of legislative bodies within the TVTC;

WHEREAS, all legislative bodies of TVTC established remote meetings, which have allowed the bodies to continue to conduct TVTC business from remote locations while ensuring the public’s continued access to government meetings in a safe manner;

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-08-21, which terminated the provisions of Executive Order N-29-20 that allows local legislative bodies to conduct meetings telephonically or by other means effective September 30, 2021;

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 361 (2021) (“AB 361”), which amended the Brown Act to allow local legislative bodies to continue to conduct meetings by teleconference under specified conditions and pursuant to special rules on notice, attendance, and other matters;

WHEREAS, AB 361, pursuant to Executive Order N-15-21, takes full effect on October 1, 2021 and requires the Board of Directors to make specific findings to continue meeting under special teleconference rules;

WHEREAS, in addition to finding the Governor has declared a State of Emergency pursuant to Government Code section 8625, such findings include that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote physical distancing, or, in the alternative, that the legislative body determines that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees;

WHEREAS, Governor Newsom has declared a State of Emergency due to COVID-19, the Counties of Alameda and Contra Costa have similarly proclaimed states of emergency, state and county officials have imposed or recommend measures to promote physical distancing, and TVTC has determined that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees;

WHEREAS, on August 3, 2021, in response to the emergence of the highly contagious Delta variant of COVID-19, which caused an increase in COVID-19 cases throughout the United States, State, the Alameda County and Contra Costa County Health Officers issued orders for nearly all individuals to wear masks when inside public spaces;

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) continues to recommend physical distancing of at least six feet from others outside of the household;

WHEREAS, Title 8, Section 3205, subdivision (c)(5)(D) of the California Code of Regulations, promulgated by the Division of Occupational Safety and Health of the California Department of Industrial Relations (“Cal/OSHA”), requires employers to provide instruction to employees on using a combination of “physical distancing, face coverings, increased ventilation indoors, and respiratory protection” to decrease the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, “Protecting Workers: Guidance on Mitigating and Preventing the Spread of COVID-19 in the Workplace,” promulgated by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (“OSHA”) under the United States Department of Labor, provides that “[m]aintaining physical distancing at the workplace for [unvaccinated and at-risk] workers is an important control to limit the spread of COVID-19” and recommends that employers train employees about the airborne nature of COVID-19 and importance of exercising multiple layers of safety measures, including physical distancing, and that employers implement “physical distancing in all communal work areas for unvaccinated and otherwise at-risk workers,” including physical distancing from members of the public, as a “key way to protect such workers”;

WHEREAS, due to the continued threat of COVID-19, TVTC continues to implement multiple layers of protection against COVID-19, including physical distancing, for the safety of employees and members of the public;

WHEREAS, TVTC recognizes the recommendations by state and local officials to use physical distancing as a layer of protection against COVID-19 and desires to continue to provide a safe workplace for its employees and a safe environment for the open and public meetings of all legislative bodies of TVTC;

WHEREAS, TVTC hereby finds that the presence of COVID-19 and the increase of cases due to the Delta variant present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees should meetings of the legislative bodies of TVTC be held in person; and

WHEREAS, TVTC shall ensure meetings of all legislative bodies comply with the special teleconference rules under the Brown Act, as amended by Assembly Bill 361.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tri-Valley Transportation Council, as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are true and correct and hereby incorporated into this Resolution.

Section 2. State of Emergency and Imminent Risks to Health and Safety. In compliance with the special teleconference rules of Section 54953 of the Government Code, as established by Assembly Bill 361 (2021), TVTC hereby makes the following findings:

- a. TVTC has considered the circumstances of the state of emergency; and
- b. The states of emergency, as declared by the Governor, Alameda County, and Contra Costa County continue to impact directly the ability of all legislative bodies of TVTC to safely meet in person; and
- c. The CDC, Cal/OSHA, and OSHA continue to recommend physical distancing of at least six feet to protect against transmission of COVID-19; and
- d. Meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of meeting attendees due to the continued presence and threat of COVID-19.

Section 3. Remote Teleconference Meetings. All legislative bodies of TVTC are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including, conducting open and public teleconference meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953, as amended by Assembly Bill 361 (2021), and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act, in order to protect the health and safety of the public.

Section 4. Effective Date of Resolution. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of October 29, 2021, or such time TVTC adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which the legislative bodies may continue to teleconference without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 54953.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED at the meeting of September 30, 2021 by the following votes:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Scott Perkins, Chair
Tri-Valley Transportation Council

ATTEST:

Lisa Bobadilla, TVTC Administrative Staff