



ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT

Master Minute Order

Report ID:	22-515	Status:	Direction Given
Type:	Regular - External Affairs		
Meeting Body:	Board of Directors - Regular Meeting 09/14/2022	Final Action:	09/14/2022
Sponsors:			
Attachments:	STAFF REPORT		

Agenda Title:

Discussion regarding the resumption of in-person public participation at future AC Transit Board of Directors meetings and provide direction to staff. (verbal)

Legislative Action & Summary

Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Result:
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting	09/14/2022	Direction given	

Action Text:

By majority consensus, direction was given to resume in-person public participation at Board meeting beginning on October 26, 2022.

Notes:

District Secretary Linda Nemeroff gave a verbal report describing the need for Board direction on the issue of in-person public participation at future AC Transit Board of Directors meetings. Ms. Nemeroff reminded the Board of its previous discussion on the matter and action to discuss this matter at a later date.

Ms. Nemeroff advised that upon consultation with AC Transit Safety Manager Tabby Davenport, there is agreement that in-person public participation can commence provided that measures are taken to create an environment where each attendee feels safe, including the continued enforcement of the District's indoor mask mandate at all facilities. In addition, it was suggested that Board meeting agenda include information that encourages the public to attend meetings remotely unless there is a specific need to attend in-person. An overview of how other Bay Area transit agencies are handling/will be handling future public meetings was provided along with the caveat that future changes to in-person attendance could occur due to the unpredictable nature of the pandemic.

District Secretary Nemeroff closed by specifying that the Board meeting changes described in the report addresses only the Board of Directors meetings and that the other District meeting bodies can continue to operate under the abbreviated teleconference procedures allowed under the Brown Act

and continue to meet remotely if desired. An AB 361 Board resolution will still be submitted for Board Approval at the next Board meeting.

Public Comment:

Sheela Gunn-Cushman remarked that allowing the hybrid meeting model provides greater public access and participation at these meetings and supports a hybrid model permanently if not at least while the COVID-19 emergency remains active.

Board Discussion:

Director Shaw expressed support to the return of public participation at in-person Board meetings and asked if all non-Board committees would need to comply with the Board's decisions to have public in-person meetings. District Secretary Nemeroff reported that each committee is a separate legislative body and can make their own rules. However, if they wanted to adhere to AB 361, each committee would have to adopt resolutions addressing AB 361 at their meetings.

Director Beckles expressed support for a hybrid-meeting option for Board meetings allowing the public to participate in-person as well as remotely.

Director Peeples described why he supports a plan which allows in-person public participation at Board meetings by noting that personal interaction between the public and Board members as well as the Board and other committee members is important. Additionally, Director Peeples provided reasons why the public should be allowed to participate remotely as well.

District Secretary Linda Nemeroff described upcoming legislation addressing the Brown Act and future remote participation at Board meetings.
