


AGENDA ITEM 1 C
Consent Item

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 4, 2010
TO: El Dorado County Transit Authority
FROM: Mindy Jackson, Executive Director 
SUBJECT: Request to suspend service on Sunday, July 4, 2010

REQUESTED ACTION:

BY MOTION, Adopt Resolution 10-01 to suspend public transportation on Sunday, July 4, 2010

BACKGROUND

As per the adopted Personnel Policy 8.2, if a holiday falls on a Sunday, the following Monday shall be observed as the holiday in-lieu thereof. Based on this policy, the drafted 2010 El Dorado County Transit Authority (El Dorado Transit) Holiday Schedule would observe the Independence Day holiday on Monday, July 5, 2009. El Dorado County observes Saturday, July 3rd and Monday, July 5th. The State of California observes Monday, July 5th as the Independence Day holiday.

As a 7-day-a-week operation, El Dorado Transit operates only Dial-A-Ride service on Sunday, no local fixed route or commuter services operate.

DISCUSSION

Due to projected low ridership Resolution 10-01 suspends public transportation on Sunday, July 4, 2010. Suspending Dial-A-Ride on July 4th and observing Independence Day on July 5th per policy would result in the closure of transit offices and no public transportation service for the two (2) day period Sunday, July 4th and Monday, July 5th 2010.

Typically, transit offices are closed on Saturday and Sunday, however, a weekend dispatcher handles phone calls for operations department and radio communications. The weekend dispatcher would be required to modify their schedule or work July 4th with regular pay or use discretionary leave. Transit drivers will not be scheduled to drive for Dial-A-Ride on July 4, 2010.

El Dorado Transit staff considered providing limited service on Monday, July 5th however; due to labor contract obligations the agency would be required to pay "Holiday

Worked Pay” to employees that work on the approved holiday (July 5, 2010). Providing limited service would be an unfunded expense.

The negative impact to customers will be two (2) consecutive days without service. El Dorado Transit personnel will assist customers in planning ahead and make every effort to advise the general public about the two day closure.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Sunday, July 4, 2010 closure results in an estimated reduction of \$6,000 in operating costs for fiscal year 2010/11.

**EL DORADO COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION NO. 10-01**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
EL DORADO COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
SUSPENDING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
ON SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2010**

WHEREAS, the adopted 2010 El Dorado County Transit Authority (El Dorado Transit) holiday schedule observes the Independence Day holiday on Monday, July 5, 2010 and closes transit offices and operations; and

WHEREAS, El Dorado Transit is a 7-day-a-week operation with Dial-A-Ride only on Sunday and no local fixed route or commuter services; and

WHEREAS, El Dorado Transit projects low ridership on Sunday, July 4, 2010; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that El Dorado Transit will suspend public transportation on Sunday, July 4, 2010.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EL DORADO COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY at a regular meeting of said Board held on the 4th day of February 2010, by the following vote of said Board.

AYES: NOES: ABSENT: ABSTAIN:

EDCTA Chair

ATTEST:

Barbara McDonald, Secretary to the EDCTA Board