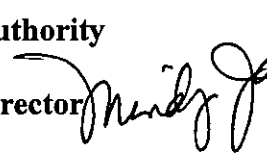


AGENDA ITEM 7 C
Action Item

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 5, 2009
TO: El Dorado County Transit Authority
FROM: Mindy Jackson, Executive Director 
SUBJECT: Request to cut service on Saturday, July 4, 2009.

REQUESTED ACTION:

BY MOTION, Adopt Resolution 09-04 to suspend public transportation on Saturday, July 4, 2009.

BACKGROUND

The adopted 2009 El Dorado County Transit Authority (El Dorado Transit) Holiday Schedule observes the Independence Day holiday on Friday, July 3, 2009. El Dorado County observes Friday, July 3rd and closes County offices. The State of California offices are open (unless the proposed furlough is implemented); state employees receive “credit” for a floating holiday.

El Dorado Transit is a 7-day-a-week operation with modified fixed route service and Dial-A-Ride on Saturday. Dial-A-Ride is the only service available on Sunday.

DISCUSSION

Due to projected low ridership Resolution 09-04 suspends public transportation on Saturday, July 4, 2009. This results in the closure of transit offices and no public transportation service for the two (2) day period July 3-4, 2009.

Normally, transit offices are closed on Saturday and Sunday except for a dispatcher. Phone lines are open. The weekend dispatcher would be required to modify their schedule; work July 4th with regular pay or use discretionary leave. Transit drivers will not be scheduled to work on July 4, 2009.

El Dorado Transit staff considered providing limited service on Friday, July 3rd 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 3, 2009). To provide limited service would be an unfunded expense.

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

FISCAL IMPACT

The additional closure on Saturday, July 4, 2009 will result in an estimated reduction of \$5,978 in operating costs for fiscal year 2009/10.

**EL DORADO COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION NO. 09-04**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
EL DORADO COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
SUSPENDING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
ON SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2009**

WHEREAS, the adopted 2009 El Dorado County Transit Authority (El Dorado Transit) holiday schedule observes the Independence Day holiday on Friday, July 3, 2009 and closes transit offices and operations; and

WHEREAS, El Dorado Transit is a 7-day-a-week operation with modified fixed route service and Dial-A-Ride on Saturdays; and

WHEREAS, El Dorado Transit projects low ridership on Saturday, July 4, 2009; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that El Dorado Transit will suspend public transportation on Saturday, July 4, 2009.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EL DORADO COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY at a regular meeting of said Board held on the 5th day of February 2009, by the following vote of said Board.

AYES: NOES: ABSENT: ABSTAIN:

EDCTA Chair

ATTEST:

Barbara McDonald, Secretary to the EDCTA Board