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Consent Item

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 4, 2010

TO: El Dorado County Transit Authority
Transit Advisory Committee

FROM: Mindy Jackson, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Consider suspension of service on Sunday, July 4, 2010

REQUESTED ACTION:

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

BACKGROUND

As per the adopted 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 Dial-A-Ride service on Sunday, and no local fixed route or commuter services

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 July 4-5, 2010.

Typically, 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, 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). 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 Sunday, July 4, 2010 will result 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