



SPECIAL RTA BOARD AGENDA

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***** VIA TELECONFERENCE *****

Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at 8:30 AM

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Important Notice Regarding COVID-19

Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and in accordance with the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20 relating to the convening of public meetings, **the RTA Board will still hold the April , 2020 meeting and will be conducted via teleconference. However, at this time, the meeting will be closed to members of the public and non-essential RTA staff. Below are instructions for the public on how to leave public comments.**

Members of the public are encouraged to provide comments in the following ways:

1. **Public Comments** – The RTA Board will still be accepting general public comments for items not on the April agenda, as well as public comments on specific items in the agenda. Public members can submit comments by:
 - **Phone – Verbal Public Comments – Call: (805) 781-4833** – State and spell your name, state the agenda item number you are calling about and leave your comment/s.

Verbal comments must be received no later than **8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.** on April 8, 2020 (the day of the meeting) and will be limited to **three (3) minutes**. Every effort will be made to include your comments into the record but due to time limitations, some comments may not be included,

- **Email – Written Public Comments – Email to: info@slorta.org** – Public comments (on any agenda item or on any item of interest not on the agenda within the jurisdiction of the RTA Board) can be submitted via email no later than **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday April 7, 2020.**
- **Mail – Written Public Comments** – Public comments (on any agenda item or on any item of interest not on the agenda within the jurisdiction of the RTA Board) can be submitted by mail. **Public Comments by mail must be received by RTA no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7, 2020.**

Mail to:

**Clerk of the Board
SLO RTA
179 Cross Street
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401**

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT: The Board reserves this portion of the agenda for members of the public to address the San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority Board on any items not on the agenda and within the jurisdiction of the Board. Comments are limited to three minutes per speaker. The Board will listen to all communication, but in compliance with the Brown Act, will not take any action on items that are not on the agenda.

A. CLOSED SESSION: None

B. INFORMATION AGENDA – No information items

C. ACTION AGENDA

C-1 Review and Respond to Public Input Received Regarding Declaration of Fiscal Emergency Arising from COVID-19 Pandemic (Receive and File).

D. CONSENT AGENDA – No consent items

E. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Next RTA Board meetings: May 6, 2020: Regularly scheduled meeting

SAN LUIS OBISPO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

APRIL 8, 2020

STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM: C-1

TOPIC: COVID-19 Fiscal Emergency

PRESENTED BY: Geoff Straw

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Review and File Public Input Received Regarding April 1, 2020 Declaration of Fiscal Emergency Arising from COVID-19 Pandemic

SUMMARY:

Through resolution, the RTA Board of Directors declared a fiscal emergency arising from the COVID-19 Pandemic. The resolution authorized the Executive Director and/or his designee (should the Executive Director fall ill) up to \$250,000 to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and to take such other actions that may extend beyond existing authority.

As of this writing on April 3rd, Eric Greening was the only person who provided public input (via email). His comments are provided essentially unaltered below:

... my own preference would be for a delayed budget process leading to approval at a special RTA meeting attached to the June SLOCOG meeting, in hopes that as things develop over coming weeks, we might have a better grasp on realistic assumptions on which to base a budget: its needed service levels, available revenues, etc. Since the main focus of the spring RTAC meeting is to review the upcoming fiscal year's budget, this would speak to a preference on my part for RTAC to meet later rather than sooner (May rather than April), if the budget process can indeed be stretched out. If it can't, I suppose we can do the best we can with available information this month, but I won't have a very solid sense of realism about it with so many uncertainties about the contours of the epidemic and the shape of the economy in its wake. We might have numbers in front of us at an April RTAC, but it will be hard to act as if they relate to the reality that will unfold in the '20-'21 fiscal year. We may not be able to make perfectly accurate projections in May, either, but I would think we would see further ahead after going around the tight curve of the next month than before!

Staff shares Mr. Greening's desire to present a realistic budget. However, I shared with him that I believe an adopted operating budget is a plan, which can and should be amended when circumstances substantially change. Staff desires to present the FY2020-21 budget on May 6th using the best information available at that time, and we

are prepared to bring amendments as needed throughout the year as the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic unfold from both a financial standpoint and from a social perspective – particularly as passenger activity changes over time.

If any additional public input is received prior to the Board meeting, staff will present it for review.

Staff Recommendation

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