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Passed on September 16, 2021.

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MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to serve the community with excellent public transportation services in terms of quality, efficiency, and responsiveness.

AGENDA

The Board of Directors meeting facility is accessible to persons with disabilities. If assistive listening devices or other auxiliary aids or services are needed in order to participate in the public meeting, requests should be made through the Clerk of the Board at least three (3) business days prior to the Board meeting. The Clerk’s telephone number is 760-948-3262 x112, (voice) or for Telephone Device for the Deaf (TDD) service, begin by calling 711 and provide the VVTA phone number and the office is located at 17150 Smoke Tree Street, Hesperia, CA. This agenda available and posted: Wednesday, May 25, 2022.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

This is the time the Board will hear public comments regarding items not on the agenda or the consent calendar. Individuals who wish to speak to the Board regarding agenda items or during public comments should fill out a comment card and submit it to the Clerk of the Board. Each speaker is allowed three (3) minutes to present their comments. The Board will not remark on public comments; however, each comment will be taken into consideration by VVTA.

ACTION ITEMS

Pg. 4 Item #1: Adopt findings and approve June 20, 2022, Board virtual meeting under AB 361 during Proclaimed State of Emergency with findings as follows:

1) There exists a “proclaimed state of emergency”, pursuant to the Governor’s State of Emergency Declaration, issued on March 4, 2020.
2) State and/or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing.
3) The action and the findings contained herein shall apply to all the Standing Committees of the VVTA.

ADJOURNMENT
AGENDA MATTER

Approve the Board of Directors meeting to be held on June 20, 2022, conducted virtually under AB 361, and adopt the required findings. Discussion on future virtual Board meetings under AB 361.

SUMMARY STATEMENT

On March 4, 2020, the Governor proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19, and on March 17, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order N-29-20, that, in part, suspended certain provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Brown Act) related to participation in meetings via teleconference in order to provide legislative bodies with more flexibility to hold public meetings while maintaining social distancing due to COVID-19. On June 11, 2021, the Governor issued Executive Order N-08-21 which, in part, provides that the teleconferencing provisions set forth in Executive Order N-29-20 expired on September 30, 2021.

On September 16, 2021, the Governor signed Assembly Bill 361 into law, amending the Brown Act in order to continue some of the teleconferencing flexibility during a State of Emergency following the expiration of Executive Order N-29-20 on September 30, 2021. In order to utilize the teleconferencing provisions of Assembly Bill 361, there must be a proclaimed State of Emergency and a finding of either: (1) social distancing measures recommended by State or local officials, or (2) meeting in person would present an imminent risk to the health or safety of attendees.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt findings and approve June 20, 2022, Board virtual meeting under AB 361 during Proclaimed State of Emergency with findings as follows:

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PRESENTED BY
Kevin Kane,
Executive Director/CEO

FISCAL IMPACT
N/A

MEETING DATE
June 1, 2022

ITEM NUMBER
1
AGENDA MATTER

Approve the Board of Directors meeting to be held on June 20, 2022, conducted virtually under AB 361, and adopt the required findings. Discussion on future virtual Board meetings under AB 361.

SUMMARY STATEMENT

To continue to utilize the teleconferencing provisions of Assembly Bill 361, within every 30 days of holding a meeting under the provisions enacted by Assembly Bill 361, the proclaimed state of emergency must remain active, or social distancing measures have been recommended by State or local officials, and such findings are made every 30 days thereafter.

AB 361 also includes requirements intended to ensure that the public is able to watch teleconference meetings and participate by making public comments during the meetings. These requirements are already being implemented by the VVTA, and include:

- Providing notice of the means by which members of the public may access teleconference meetings and offer public comment, including providing an opportunity for all persons to attend via a call-in option or an internet-based service option.
- The Legislative Body being prohibited from taking further action on agenda items when there is a disruption which prevents the public agency from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public, or in the event of a disruption within the local agency’s control which prevents members of the public from offering public comments, prohibiting the legislative body from taking further action on agenda items until public access is restored.
- Prohibiting the legislative body from requiring public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and specifying that the legislative body must provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comment in real time.
- Prohibiting the legislative body from closing the public comment period until the public comment period has elapsed or until a reasonable amount of time has elapsed.