

Public Participation and Accessibility

Golden Empire Transit District Board of Directors Meetings

On March 17, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issues Executive Order N-29-20, which includes a waiver of Brown Act provisions requiring physical presence of the Board of Directors or the public in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Based on guidance from the California Governor's Office and Department of Public Health, as well as the County Health Officer, in order to minimize the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus, the Golden Empire Transit District Board of Directors hereby provides notice that as a result of the declared federal, state and local health emergencies, and in light of the Governor's order, the following adjustments have been made:

- Board of Directors meetings will have limited public access to maintain social distancing. Face coverings will be required to attend the meeting in person.
- Consistent with the Executive Order, Board Members may elect to attend the meeting telephonically and participate in the meeting to the same extent as if they were physically present.
- The public may participate in the meeting and address the Board of Directors in person under Public Comments.

If the public does not wish to attend in person, they may participate in the meeting and address the Board of Directors as follows:

- If you wish to comment on a specific agenda item, submit your comments via email to publiccomment@getbus.org no later than 1:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Please clearly indicate which agenda item you comment pertains to.
- If you wish to make a general public comment not related to specific agenda item, submit your comment via email to publiccomment@getbus.org no later than 1:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.
- Comments may also be mailed to Clerk of the Board, 1830 Golden State Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301. Please specify to which agenda item your comment relates.
- All public comment sent in by the above methods will be provided to all Board members and applicable staff, for review and consideration by the Board prior to taking any action on any matters and will be incorporated into the official record of the Board meeting.

Options for watching a meeting include:

- For telephone access only, request a viewing link via publiccomment@getbus.org. Requests must be received by 1:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.
- For viewing via internet, a meeting link will be posted to the Golden Empire Transit District website at [http://getbus.org/\[page\]](http://getbus.org/[page]) by 1:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.
- Each meeting will have a unique link. The ZOOM video conference program is available for download to any internet-capable device (phone, tablet, or computer). For best results, follow the link and download the software program at least 15 minutes before the meeting.
- Attendees will be muted, but will be allowed to view what is presented at the meeting.
- Behavior contrary to best etiquette may cause the user to be removed from the meeting.