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Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority

June 16, 2022

To:	Governing Board
From:	Michael C. Leue, Chief Executive Officer 
Subject:	<i>APPROVE Resolution No. JPA 22-10 authorizing teleconference meetings for the ACTA Governing Board and its Audit Committee pursuant to AB 361</i>

Recommendation:

Approve the proposed Resolution to authorize the ACTA Governing Board and its Audit Committee to continue holding teleconference meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Discussion:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, from April 2020 onward the ACTA Governing Board and its Audit Committee have conducted public meetings via telephonic conference calls, while such remote meetings were authorized through various Executive Orders issued by the Governor of California. These Executive Orders expired on September 30, 2021.

On September 16, 2021, the Governor signed into law Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361), which amended certain requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act (“Brown Act”) by allowing a continuation of similar remote meeting practices during declared states of emergency where certain requirements are met. Pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Order N-15-21, AB 361 went into effect on October 1, 2021.

To utilize the Brown Act remote meeting provisions set forth in AB 361, legislative bodies must make certain findings regarding the COVID-19 state of emergency and the need for remote meetings, and so long as the need for remote meetings continues, make those findings by a majority vote every 30 days. The attached Resolution (Transmittal 1) makes the necessary findings pursuant to the Brown Act to authorize the Governing Board and its Audit Committee to follow the teleconference meeting provisions of Government Code Section 54953(e)(2).



On September 30, 2021, the City of Long Beach Health Officer recommended that physical distancing measures continue to be practiced throughout Long Beach communities and that they be continued by the City's legislative bodies to minimize the spread of COVID-19 for the protection of the community, staff, presenters, and legislative body members.

The Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commission is continuing to meet remotely. For a period of time the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commission conducted hybrid meetings, allowing both the commissioners and the public to attend in-person or remotely. However, the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commission recently returned to fully remote meetings. ACTA will continue to monitor the meetings of both Ports and will evaluate conducting in-person meetings in the late summer or early fall or when the state of emergency is lifted.

In addition, ACTA staff has submitted paperwork to Long Beach City College (LBCC) for approval to hold meetings on its campus at the same location where ACTA held meetings prior to the pandemic. ACTA is awaiting approval by LBCC. A new agreement with LBCC will need to be in effect prior to ACTA conducting in-person meetings on the LBCC campus.

Budget Impact:

There will be no budget impact from the proposed action.

Co-General Counsel Review:

ACTA's Co-General Counsel has reviewed and approved the proposed Resolution as to form.

Transmittals:

Transmittal 1 – Resolution No. JPA 22-10