

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

February 23, 2023

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: Jacki Bacharach, Executive Director

RE: Virtual Meetings under AB 361 – Finding of Imminent Risks

Adherence to Strategic Plan:

Goal D: Organizational Stability. Member Networking and Communications.

On September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom recently signed AB 361, which became effective October 1, 2021 and suspends certain Brown Act requirements during a declared statewide state of emergency. AB 361 also requires that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing or a governing body declares that holding a meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

COVID-19 and subsequent mutations continue to spread throughout the County and State. As breakthrough cases for vaccinated individuals also continue to occur, SBCCOG staff recommends that holding fully in-person meetings at this time would pose an imminent risk to the health or safety of those present.

RECOMMENDATION:

With the statewide declaration of emergency that is in place, find that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of members to meet in person and, further, that the County of Los Angeles continues to recommend social distancing measures. Therefore, Brown Act meetings of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments are being held with virtual/teleconference accommodations as meeting fully in-person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.