

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-05

**A RESOLUTION OF THE OKANOGAN COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY BOARD
PROCLAIMING AN EMERGENCY; WAIVING CERTAIN CONTRACTING AND
BUDGET REQUIREMENTS, AUTHORIZING STAFF TO IMPLEMENT
EMERGENCY PURCHASING REQUIREMENTS, AND TO TAKE OTHER STEPS IN
RESPONSE TO THE EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2020, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Washington State Department of Health announced the first case of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States and in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a new virus strain spreading from person-to-person, and health experts are concerned because little is known about this new virus which has the potential to cause severe illness and pneumonia in some people, and health experts are still learning the details of how the virus spreads and the range of illness; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, the Governor Jay Inslee declared a State of Emergency in response to new cases of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020 the Governor Jay Inslee mandated the immediate two-week closure of all restaurants, bars, and entertainment and recreational facilities and limited public gathering in response to increase numbers of COVID-19 cases in the state and across the country; and

WHEREAS, these unforeseen circumstances demand immediate action to preserve the health, safety, and welfare of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Okanogan County Transit Authority Board proclaims as follows:

SECTION 1. Emergency Declaration. A state of emergency exists specifically covered under Chapter 38.52 RCW as a result of the spread of COVID-19 in Washington State. The outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout Washington State significantly impact the life and health of those living and working in Okanogan County, as well as continuity of operations at Okanogan County Transit, and is a public emergency that affects life, health, and public peace.

SECTION 2. Emergency Powers.

- a. All emergency powers and authority set forth in RCW 38.52.070 are hereby invoked including the right to enter into contract, employ temporary workers and incur obligations without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (except mandatory constitutional requirements);
- b. Take actions deemed necessary to protect the health and safety of persons and property, including any necessary actions needed to obtain emergency supplies through municipal, county, state, or federal agencies;
- c. Take any other emergency protective measures deemed appropriate; and

d. Authorizing the Okanogan County Transit Authority General Manager to implement this Resolution and

execute any administrative policies and procedures deemed necessary and appropriate.

SECTION 3. State and Federal Assistance. The General Manager is authorized to request all available state and federal assistance necessary to respond to this emergency.

SECTION 4. Compensation procedures enacted by Resolution No. 2020-04 will apply.


This PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY ADOPTED is executed by the Board of Okanogan County Transit Authority at a special meeting held on the 20th day of March, 2020.

APPROVED:



Cindy Gagne, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Jackie Gleason, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



W. Scott DeTro; OCTA Attorney