

# Movement in MV-STATA lawsuit expected later this month

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MV Transportation has offered an extension to all parties named in the lawsuit involving the BlueGo bus system on the South Shore. Responses are expected to start coming in Dec. 10.



All responses are due by the end of the month. Once those are on file, discovery will begin.

The Fairfield-based company has sued the individual board members of South Tahoe Area Transit Authority, which is now in bankruptcy court. This was done as a maneuver to recover nearly \$3 million the transit agency says it is owed them by STATA. STATA has little money or other assets, but the private and public entities the board members represent are all solvent.

A deal has been reached with El Dorado County for the government agency to pay MV \$160,000. The court approved that good faith settlement agreement last week.

South Lake Tahoe is named in the suit. Neither attorney with the city – Patrick Enright nor Nira Feeley – has a license to practice law in Nevada. The suit was filed in Reno. STATA was based in Stateline. Also named are Mayor Kathay Lovell and Assistant City Manager Rick Angelocci.

“At this time no outside counsel has been hired or associated with on the matter,” Enright wrote *Lake Tahoe News*.

“Councilmember (Bruce) Grego is the TTD representative, so they would be representing him or arranging for the insurance carrier to.”

The Tahoe Transportation District has taken over the operation of BlueGo.

The Tahoe Transportation District board meets Dec. 10 at 1pm. BlueGo, waterborne transit, and finances are part of the agenda. The meeting is at the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency office at 128 Market St., Stateline.