

# ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT



## STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** 9/22/2021

**Staff Report No.** 21-443

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**TO:** AC Transit Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Michael A. Hursh, General Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution in Support of California Clean Air Day 2021

### ACTION ITEM

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

Consider adoption of Resolution No. 21-037 in support of California Clean Air Day 2021.

#### **STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE:**

Goal - Environmental Improvement  
Initiative - Zero Emission Programs

California Clean Air Day is built on the idea that shared experiences unite people to action to improve our community health. By joining together for a unified day of action Californians can create new habits to clear the air for all members of the state's diverse communities. Adopting a California Clean Air Day resolution provides a way to highlight the contribution of public transit in improving air quality, as well as how AC Transit has been an environmental leader. California Clean Air Day is October 6, 2021.

#### **BUDGETARY/FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no budgetary or fiscal impact associated with this report.

#### **BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:**

Supporting and promoting California Clean Air Day and the Clean Air Pledge encourages people to take individual actions that can contribute to improving air quality in California. In 2020, there were 1.6 million participants on Clean Air Day that took 3.1 million individual actions. As a public transit agency that plays a significant role in improving air quality, it is important for the District to support the efforts of Clean Air Day.

California Clean Air Day is an event built around a unified day of action to improve air quality for all Californians. California Clean Air Day is celebrated every year on the first Wednesday in October, this year it is October 6<sup>th</sup>, and its prime mechanism to spur action around clean air is the Clean Air Pledge. There is the "Individual Pledge," which provides options for individuals to take actions from three categories: Switching Things Out (e.g., switching out a gas powered yard tool to an electric or hand-powered tool); Planting Something; and Reducing Vehicles; and the "Organizational Pledge," centered around business practices and educational efforts.

The District will use the following tactics to support and promote Clean Air Day:

- Adoption of this Board Resolution
- Encourage employees to take the Clean Air Pledge
- Post advertising cards on coaches
- Promote Clean Air Day through social media
- Host a community clean air challenge to encourage riders to take the Clean Air Pledge

**ADVANTAGES/DISADVANTAGES:**

Advantages - Supporting and promoting California Clean Air Day will help to improve air quality in the San Francisco Bay Area and across the state. Additionally, the District may benefit directly due to increased ridership. There are no notable disadvantages.

**ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS:**

Given the District's long-standing support for zero emissions programs, there are no practical alternatives to the course of action recommended in this report.

**PRIOR RELEVANT BOARD ACTION/POLICIES:**

The AC Transit Board adopted Resolution No. 20-047 at its September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 meeting.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Resolution No. 21-037

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