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## ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT RESOLUTION NO. 25-034

## A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 35<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

WHEREAS, nationwide approximately 57 million people have a disability; and

**WHEREAS,** on July 26, 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to ensure the civil rights of people with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the ADA established a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS,** the purpose of the ADA, as a civil rights law, is to ensure that people with disabilities enjoy the same rights, privileges, and opportunities as all other Americans; and

WHEREAS, the ADA has expanded opportunities for Americans with disabilities by reducing barriers, changing perceptions, and increasing their participation in community life; and

WHEREAS, the ADA prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in all areas of public life, including jobs, transportation, and all public and private places that are open to the general public, and

WHEREAS, this historic act was the world's first comprehensive declaration of equality for people with disabilities, and its passage made the United States an international leader on this human rights issue; and

WHEREAS, AC Transit's Board of Directors created the formerly known Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) to review, comment, and advise the Board of Directors and District staff regarding the implementation and enhancement of planning programs and services for seniors and people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the AAC transitioned into the General Manager's Access Committee (GMAC), which was created, and the General Manager appoints individuals with disabilities or representatives of groups with disabilities to advise the General Manager and staff on accessibility-related matters; and

WHEREAS, AC Transit has and will continue to seek input and advice from the GMAC and the broader communities it serves regarding, but not limited to, accessible features on new vehicle purchases, bus stop amenities, signage, information technology and advocacy in support of legislation on behalf of the District; and

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WHEREAS, AC Transit recognizes the progress made by reaffirming the principles of equality and inclusion and recommitting our efforts to maintaining the District's ADA compliance; and

**WHEREAS**, acknowledging the abilities and contributions of people with disabilities can only serve to enrich our communities and enhance our diversity.

**NOW THEREFORE,** the Board of Directors of the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District does resolve as follows:

**Section 1.** That we, the AC Transit Board of Directors, recognize the significance of the efforts and advocacy of people with disabilities throughout the United States to secure access, inclusion, equality, and independence for people with disabilities.

**Section 2.** That we continue to seek the guidance of the disability community and consumer advocates in the continued development and provision of fully accessible services.

<u>Section 3.</u> That we recognize the progress that has been made by reaffirming the principles of equality and inclusion.

**Section 4.** This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage by four affirmative votes of the Board of Directors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of October 2025.

	Diane Shaw President
Attest:	
inda A. Nemeroff	_
Roard Administrative Officer/District Secretary	

I, Linda A. Nemeroff, District Secretary for the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors held on the 8th day of October, 2025, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

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NOES:	
ABSENT:	
ABSTAIN:	
	Linda A. Nemeroff
	Board Administrative Officer/District Secretary
Approved as to Form and Content:	
Aimee L. Steele	
General Counsel/Chief Legal Officer	

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