

Alameda Contra Transit District 1600 Franklin Street Oakland, CA 94612 Attn: Board of Directors

### April 16, 2025

## **RE:** Attendance at the 2025 APTA Mobility Conference

Dear Members of the Board:

I attended the 2025 APTA Mobility Conference (the "Conference"). Pursuant to Board Policy No. 155, below is a written summary of the information learned at the Conference. If you have any additional questions, feel free to contact me.

- 1. Overview: The 2025 APTA Mobility Conference in Austin, Texas, brought together over 2,200 professionals from the public transportation industry to discuss trends, innovations, and challenges.
- 2. Here are the key takeaways:

## a. <u>Focus on Innovation</u>:

- i. The conference showcased advancements in AI, autonomous vehicles, and integrated transit solutions.
- ii. Texas transit agencies presented success stories, emphasizing economic growth and sustainability.

## b. Strategic Mobility Toolkit:

- i. APTA Chair MJ Maynard-Carey highlighted the importance of tailoring transit solutions to community needs, integrating fixed routes, micro-transit, on-demand services, and autonomous vehicles.
- c. <u>Funding and Advocacy</u>:
  - i. APTA President Paul P. Skoutelas celebrated robust federal funding and emphasized the need for proactive strategies to secure future investments.
  - ii. Outreach efforts to policymakers were discussed to ensure continued support for public transportation.
- d. New Metrics for Success:

i. Agencies were encouraged to adopt broader metrics like sustainability, accessibility, and economic impact, moving beyond traditional ridership numbers.

# e. International Bus Roadeo:

i. The event celebrated excellence in bus operations, with 380 participants demonstrating their skills in safety and efficiency.