

**ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 24-035**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REALIGN FINAL NETWORK PLAN AND REALIGN+ SERVICE
ADDITIONS, APPROVING THE TITLE VI SERVICE AND EQUITY ANALYSIS, AND AUTHORIZING
THE FILING OF A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2022, the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (District or AC Transit) Board directed District staff to begin a system-wide network redesign process, including a budget allocation to augment staff; and

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2023, District staff and its consultant team began work on AC Transit Realign (Project), a network redesign process including a comprehensive assessment of market conditions and service, an extensive customer preferences survey, and an outreach and engagement strategy designed to reach deep into communities to especially solicit lived experiences from harder to reach populations; and

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2023, the Board received an overview of existing conditions findings including summaries of existing service, demographics, ridership, a summary of the over 15,000 collected survey responses, and associated draft guiding principles for the Project based on existing conditions findings; and

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2023, the Board approved Reliability, Equity, and Frequency as the guiding principles for the Project; and

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2023, the Board received a report including proposed Realign near-term draft network scenarios based on the Project guiding principles, with a Balanced Coverage Service scenario that roughly maintains the level of coverage and frequency operated currently, and a Frequent Service scenario that reinvests service network coverage to provide increased service on major streets for near-term implementation; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2024, the Board received a report on a refined draft final plan proposal incorporating feedback provided during the fall of 2023, based primarily upon the Balanced Coverage scenario, after which it directed staff to extend the Realign process by six months; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2024, the Board received a report with strategies to underpin future plan updates, including a specific focus on lines with low on-time performance, directing more frequency on high-ridership lines and in equity priority communities; and

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2024, the Board received an overview of a Draft Final Plan balancing reliability improvements with service frequency in line with the priorities and Board direction discussed in March 2024; and

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2024, the Board approved setting four public hearings on the Realign Draft Final Network Plan, as well as a future package of staffing-dependent and funding-dependent service enhancements noted as “Realign+” service additions, on September 9, 2024,

at 6:00 p.m., September 10, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., and September 11, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, notice of these public hearings were published in accordance with AC Transit Board Policy No. 110; and

WHEREAS, a Notice of Public Hearing was printed in the following newspapers in the AC Transit service area on the following dates: The Post News Group (Oakland Post and El Mundo Oakland) on August, 16, 23, 30 and September 6, 2024; the Bay Area News Group in the Fremont Argus, Oakland Tribune, Hayward Daily Review, Alameda Times-Star, and West County Times on August 23 and 30, 2024, and September 6, 2024; and the Sing Tao Daily (Chinese) on August 21, 28, and September 4, 2024.; and

WHEREAS, on August 20, 2024, and August 21, 2024, multi-lingual copies of the Notice of Public Hearings in English, Spanish, and Chinese were sent by email to the municipal clerks of city councils, county boards of supervisors, and school districts within the Project area; and

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2024, a copy of the Notice of Public Hearings was posted on the District's website and was available for public review in the District Secretary's Office located at 1600 Franklin Street, Oakland, California; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the aforementioned notices, the District prepared take-one brochures explaining the Project and the times and places of the public hearings, as well as car cards which were placed on District buses in the Project area commencing on August 11, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned take-one brochures were placed on the buses between August 11, 2024 and September 11, 2024; and

WHEREAS, eNews and social media posts announcing the dates, times, and locations of the public hearings were sent on August 8, 12, 19, and 22, 2024, and September 8, 10, and 11, 2024; and

WHEREAS, emails to policymakers and community groups announcing the dates, times, and locations of the public hearings were sent on August 8 and 19, 2024, and September 3, 2024; and

WHEREAS, at the public hearings District staff and the Board received oral and written comments from individuals on the Realign Draft Final Network Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors was provided with copies of oral and written public comments received prior to the final public hearing and considered those comments, as well as comments received at the public hearing prior to making its decision; and

WHEREAS, District staff prepared a final service equity analysis per Board Policy 518 finding no disparate impact or disproportionate burden associated with the proposed Realign Final Network Plan;

WHEREAS, given that the operation of public transit service is generally effective at reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, the proposed service on new streets would have a negligible environmental impact.

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

Section 1. With respect to California Environmental Quality Act compliance, the Board determines:

1. Implementation of the Final Realign Network Plan, including service on new streets, would have a negligible environmental impact and qualifies for a “common sense” exemption.
2. The General Counsel is directed to file a Notice of Exemption with Alameda and Contra Costa Counties and any other parties as required.

Section 2. With respect to Title VI compliance, the Board approves the service equity analyses set forth in Attachment 5 to Staff Report 23-250k.

Section 3. Board approves the proposed Realign Final Network Plan and Realign+ service additions, including service on new streets, as set forth in Attachment 2 to Staff Report 23-250k.

Section 4. The proposed Realign Final Network Plan shall go into effect no earlier than the Spring 2025 sign-up.

Section 5. Realign+ service enhancements will be implemented contingent on District staffing and budget availability.

Section 6. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage by four affirmative votes of the Board of Directors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of October 2024.

Joel B. Young
President

Attest:

Linda A. Nemeroff
Board 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 9th day of October 2024, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:
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