



ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT

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**Agenda
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ded Action: Consider receiving an update on the District's involvement in the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) Blue Ribbon Task Force.

Sponsors:

Enactment Date:

Attachments: STAFF REPORT, Att.1. BRTF 5-29-20 Presentation, Att.2. DRAFT Bay Area Transit Health-Safety Plan Presentation 6-15-20, Att.3. BRTF Intro Letters from GMs 5-29-20, Att.4. BRTF Letter from GMs 6-15-20

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Board of Directors - Regular Meeting	07/08/2020	Received				Pass
<p>Action Text: MOTION: WALLACE/SHAW to receive an update on the District's involvement in the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) Blue Ribbon Task Force. The motion carried by the following vote:</p> <p>Notes: Director of Legislative Affairs and Community Relations Claudia Burgos presented the staff report, advising that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Program and Allocations Committee voted on the second allocation of CARES Act funding, which would provide an additional \$33.8 million to AC Transit, for a total of \$114.2 million.</p> <p>Director Shaw asked if there was any money specifically for paratransit. General Manager Michael Hursh advised that there was no monies carved out for paratransit, but the public transit health and safety plan under development does include it.</p> <p>Vice President Ortiz asked if CARES Act funding had any restrictions on how it is spent. Mr. Hursh advised that there are very few restrictions and the message from the federal government was to draw down the money and spend it.</p>						

Director Peeples expressed concern about what rich techies are calling connectivity, which takes service away from poor people to provide it to places that have been gentrified. He wanted to ensure that the District was advocating for poor people/local residents and not letting people who have greater access to email and the web to take money away from local riders. Mr. Hursh agreed saying that the District is aware of the situation and is advocating for the local ridership base.

President Wallace commented that the District needed to provide more service on nights and weekends.

Director Young asked if the District anticipated any other distribution of money from MTC or the federal government. Mr. Hursh advised that the District is not anticipating another allocation but are looking for other funding sources through the California Transit Association and the District's federal lobbyist.

Public Comment:

Sheldon Simmons, Division 4 Operator, commented on passenger limits due to Covid-19, saying that the bus is full at first pick-up. Simmons asked if there is any plan to use "shadow" buses or expanding pick-up limits.

Ben Fong commented that the District should use this opportunity to work with other transit agencies to improve transit coordination between transit agencies/districts, costs, and rider transfers between systems.

Hayden commented on the need to integrate fare payment to improve connectivity; also, in the interest of bus operator and passenger safety, longer busses should be used to increase rider capacity.

Ayes: 7 President Wallace, Vice President Ortiz, Director Harper, Director Shaw,
Director Williams, Director Peeples, Director Young
