



ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT

Master Minute Order

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**Agenda
Section:**

Meeting Body: Board of Directors -
Regular Meeting

Report Created: 01/18/2022

Final Action: 06/22/2022

ded Action: Consider receiving the Monthly Legislative Report and approval of legislative positions.

Sponsors:

Enactment Date:

Attachments: STAFF REPORT, Att. 1 - Federal Update, Att. 2 - State Update, Att. 3 - State Matrix, Att. 4 - 2022 Federal Advocacy Program, Att. 5 - 2022 State Advocacy Program, Public Comment - Letter from Seamless Bay Area

Enactment Number:

Hearing Date:

Effective Date:

History of Legislative File

Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting	06/22/2022	Received report and approved				Pass
Action Text: MOTION: SHAW/ORTIZ to receive the report and approve staff's recommendations, including the change to a SUPPORT position on AB 919 and SB 1161. Staff is to report back on recent amendments to SB 917 at the next meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:						
Notes: <i>[Written comment received prior to the meeting is incorporated into the file by reference.]</i>						

External Affairs Representative Steven Jones presented the staff report. He added that in addition to the recommendations outlined in the report, staff was also recommending a change in position to SUPPORT on AB 919 and SB 1161.

Public Comment:

Public Speakers expressed support, appreciation, and enthusiasm for the District's work on SB917 (Seamless Transit Transformation Act), and other state legislation. Public Speakers included:

Adina Levin, Seamless Bay Area

David Sorrell, Association for Community Transportation-Northern CA Chapter

John Minot, East Bay Transit Riders Union

Board Discussion:

With regard to staff's reporting on another regional measure, President Ortiz suggested that staff keep a close eye on regional proposals as they may change significantly when they go to the legislature, citing the example of Regional Measure 3 which was initially proposed to only give \$50 million to AC Transit while other transit agencies were proposed to receive significantly more. President Ortiz advised that it was her advocacy efforts in Sacramento and with local legislators that led to the District receiving \$260 million.

Director Walsh asked if the potential administrative burdens of SB 1230 warranted a SUPPORT IF AMENDED position instead of the current WATCH position. Mr. Jones explained that in the interest of making sure the District is not overly burdened, staff wanted to continue to track the bill, saying that a WATCH position was the appropriate position at this point. He added that there were also concerns about funding. President Ortiz asked what amendments could be made to change the District's position. Mr. Jones advised that AC Transit sent a letter to the legislature indicating AC Transit's support in concept for the bill but remained concerned about the statewide application and administration of the program particularly with the purchase of transit passes. He added that if the local air district is not responsible for administering the program, there is a concern that those administrative burdens might be placed on transit operators. These concerns were shared with the author of the bill.

Director Walsh further commented on SB 917, conveying her understanding that there had been recent amendments and wanted to know when staff would be able to brief the Board on those amendments. Mr. Jones advised that staff would prioritize its review of the amendments and report back to the Board. He added that ultimately the bill needed to protect AC Transit's interests and the communities it serves. Director Walsh hoped the District could move to a support position based on the recent amendments. President Ortiz shared that the BART Board was expected to support the bill but wanted to know the position of the other 12 transit agencies involved. Mr. Jones reported that the Napa Valley Transportation Authority is supporting the legislation along with BART, but he was unaware of any other transit agencies that have expressed support.

A motion was made by Director Shaw and seconded by President Ortiz to receive the report and approve staff's recommendations, including the change to a SUPPORT position on AB 919 and SB 1161.

Director Walsh offered an amendment to the motion to include a report back from staff on the amendments to SB 917 at the next Board meeting. The amendment was accepted. Chair Peeples noted that he recently spoke on his own behalf at the Senate Transportation Committee meeting and was the sole speaker against SB 917, saying that what he really wanted to know was how much service AC Transit would

need to cut in order to provide service to counties that are unwilling to support transportation. He added that at this point in the legislative process, critical pieces of legislation come back to the Board fairly quickly.

Ayes: 7 President Ortiz, Vice President Young, Director Beckles, Director Walsh,
Director McCalley, Director Shaw, Director Peoples
