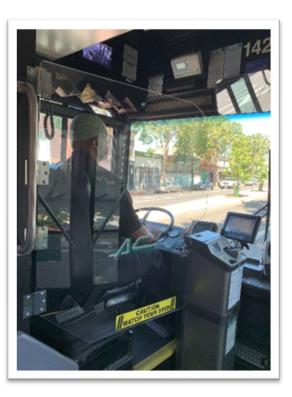
Bus Social Distancing – An enhanced redesign of the bus aisle caution tape barrier was implemented in response to operator feedback. The caution tape barrier is used as part of our rear boarding process; however, operators reported the previous design did not provide adequate deterrent for passengers. Team members from Transportation and Maintenance worked together on the new design, which certainly stands out and fulfills the intended purpose.



COVID-19 Operator Shield – In response to operator safety concerns, the maintenance team at CMF developed a shield designed to provide a layer of protection from passing riders. Pictured below is the initial design for a Gillig bus that was approved in collaboration with the AC Transit Safety Committee and ATU Local 192. Staff is working on designs for the rest of the bus fleet and is targeting to have this project completed by August 2020.





Door Hangers- External Affairs Representative, Chantal Reynolds, worked with the City of Oakland Mayor's Office to get door hangers placed on AC Transit busses. The door hangers provide information to passengers and the public about free testing sites in the city of Oakland open to all Alameda County residents and employees. AC Transit added safety messaging reminding passengers to wear face coverings, use hand sanitizer, and practice social distancing.



Transportation – From Superintendents to Timekeepers, our staff is working diligently to lead by example. With new safety precautions and social distancing measures introduced in the workplace, our Division leadership team has embraced the changes with great stride.



Hayward Chamber Board of Directors - AC Transit External Affairs Representative Diann Castleberry was nominated and appointed to the Hayward Chamber Board of Directors.

APTA Leadership Role- As part of AC Transit in the APTA leadership role, **Manjit Sooch**, **Director of Systems and Software Development**, **Department of Innovation and Technology and Chair of APTA Research and Technology Committee**, is **appointed by APTA to serve on APTA's Mobility Recovery and Restoration Task Force.** The Task Force will help restore public confidence in the Transit Systems while advising the state and the transportation industry on recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. The task force is chaired by Phillip Washington, CEO of LA Metro. The task force will focus on three distinct Priority Areas:

- Communicating the Public Transit Narrative, Advocacy and Rebuilding Public Confidence
- Recovery & Restoration of Service
- Transit Leadership in the Post-COVID-19 Mobility Landscape

Manjit Sooch was asked to serve on the Priority Area: Transit Leadership in the PostCOVID-19 Mobility Landscape, chaired by Kimberly Slaughter, Senior Vice President, HNTB. The goal of Transit Leadership in Post-COVID-19 Mobility Landscape is to determine the Future of Transit in the Post-COVID-19 landscape where 1) COVID recedes, and ridership returns Post-COVID conditions 2) COVID recedes, and ridership returns to 50% or 3) the second wave of pandemic possibly in the winter causing lockdown and stay-at-home conditions.

The Task Force's timeline is to complete its work by September 1.

Leading the COVID-19 Response – Chief Operating Officer Sal Llamas was invited by the APTA Standards Development Program to participate in a Pandemic Virus Service Restoration Checklist (PVSRC) Technical Advisory Group (TAG). Over the past two-

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weeks, 38 subject matter experts (SMEs) worked diligently to quickly create a white paper intended to address a specific problem, designed to inform and invite comments. Titled "Developing a Pandemic Virus Service Restoration Checklist" the White Paper was published on May 21, 2020 and contains the TAG's best-practice recommendations for developing a checklist to aid transit agencies in service restoration after a pandemic virus has impacted the agency's ability to deliver normal service. This is another example of AC Transit recognized as a leader in the industry.

Zero Emissions Programs – Although the pandemic situation created unprecedented challenges for the District, staff muscled forward through unpredictable adversity to advance our Zero Emissions Programs. Currently, the District operates 26 zeroemission buses (ZEBs) out of two facilities, Oakland and Emeryville and awarded a contract for two more ZEBs. Looking ahead, staff will request approval from the Board to purchase 40 more ZEBs in 2020. Remarkable coordination, innovative strategic thinking, and amazing creativity went into developing AC Transit's Zero Emissions Bus (ZEB) Rollout Plan. Staff will present the ZEB Rollout Plan and Resolution to Adopt the Plan during the June 10th Board of Directors meeting, well in advance of the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Innovative Clean Transit (ICT) Regulation deadline of July 1, 2020.



Spring has Arrived on the BRT

Line! -Nearly all major BRT construction is now complete, and the corridor is coming to life! Hundreds of new trees have been planted, decorative hardscaping is being installed, and native appearing landscaping is between Oakland and San Leandro. Additionally, multicultural, community-inspired artistic enhancements are being installed at BRT stations. The artwork reflects the unique personality of neighborhood along each BRT's 9.5 mile-long route and



incorporates a multi-mile long poem titled "Urban Flow." The themes of the artwork are reflected in the BRT buses that will begin carrying passengers this summer!



APTA Recovery Task Force Participation

A number of staff participate in APTA Recovery efforts as follows:

Manjit Sooch is a member of the APTA Mobility Recovery and Restoration Task Force, which is reporting to the Committee Chair Phil Washington along with 35 other APTA Committee Chairs.

Salvador Llamas is a member of the APTA Restoration of Service Advisory Group and is developing a Pandemic Virus Service Restoration Checklist.

Beverly Greene is a member of the APTA Marketing & Communications Committee "Recovery/Reset" Task Force focused on communicating to riders and advocating for funding.

COVID Webinars - Staff continues monitoring and participating in COVID-19 related webinars and town halls hosted by industry organizations, community stakeholders and elected officials. The webinars below have been covered by Legislative Affairs and Community Relations during the month of May.

5/1/2020	City's Pandemic Response Update and business share coping strategies	Hayward Chamber - Latino Business Roundtable
5/5/2020	VIA Reimagined Townhall	VIA
5/4/2020	Congressional Black Caucus First Responders and Frontline Workers	Congressional Black Caucus

5/5/2020	GoToWebinar - CTA: Addressing the Impacts of Covid-19 through Effective Messaging	California Transit Association (CTA)
5/5/2020	Assemblymember Rob Bonta Town Hall COVID Update	Assemblymember Rob Bonta
5/6/2020	Webinar: Optimizing Online Engagement for Planning	MetroQuest
5/6/2020	Weekly COVID-19 briefing for local, state and federal elected officials	Alameda County Health Care Services Agency and the Office of Emergency Services
5/7/2020	Webinar: What happens next? A conversation led by Industry Experts	California Special District Association (CSDA) - Trimble
5/7/2020	Rep. Eric Swalwell Facebook Live Town Hall w/A. Sandoval, a AC Public Health Nurse	Congressmember Eric Swalwell (CA-15)
5/7/2020	Rep. Ro Khanna Town Hall	Congressmember Ro Khanna (CA-17)
5/7/2020	Bay Area Council Transportation Chiefs	Bay Area Council
5/7/2020	Managing Transit Funding and Financing during the COVID-19 Pandemic	АРТА
5/7/2020	Mayor Libby Schaff's Special Online Budget Town Hall	Oakland Mayor Libby Schaff
5/8/2020	Asm. Bill Quirk Tele-Townhall re: COVID-19 - Housing and Homelessness	Assemblymember Bill Quirk
5/12/2020	Unemployment Benefits Town Hall	Assemblymember Kansen Chu
5/13/2020	Weekly COVID-19 briefing for local, state and federal elected officials	Alameda County Health Care Services Agency and the Office of Emergency Services
5/18/2020	Hayward Unified School District (HUSD) Service Coordination Mtg - Covid Social Distancing	HUSD Cabinet (includes Superintendent)
5/18/2020	Hayward Unified School District (HUSD) Virtual Town Hall	HUSD - 500 participants
5/19/2020	Berkeley Chamber of Commerce Outbreak Response	Berkeley Chamber of Commerce
5/19/2020	Rep. Ro Khanna Town Hall	Congressmember Ro Khanna (CA-17)
5/19/2020	San Leandro Chamber Covid Re-Opening Best Practices for Keeping Everyone Safe	San Leandro Chamber
5/20/2020	Webinar: Public Engagement in COVID	Nelson-Nygaard
5/20/2020	Webinar: Online Business Forum - 10 Weeks In (COVID)	San Leandro Chamber of Commerce