



# ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT

## Master Minute Order

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**ded Action:** Consider adopting the draft COVID-19 Recovery Plan - Version 1.0; in addition, receive an update on the District's health and safety activities related to bus operations.

Sponsors:

Enactment Date:

**Attachments:** STAFF REPORT, Att.1. Draft COVID-19 Recovery Plan, Att.2. Sample Passenger Overload Data, Att.3. Staff Presentation

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### History of Legislative File

Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting	08/05/2020	Adopted				Pass
<b>Action Text:</b>	MOTION: PEEPLES/WALLACE to adopt the draft COVID-19 Recovery Plan - Version 1.0; in addition, receive an update on the District's health and safety activities related to bus operations. The motion carried by the following vote:					
<b>Notes:</b>	Director of Planning and Service Development Robert del Rosario presented the staff report. His presentation was followed by Safety Manager Tabby Davenport's presentation.					
President Wallace asked when AC Transit would have hand sanitizer on the buses, noting that WestCat already had it on their buses. Director of Maintenance Cecil Blandon advised that staff was looking into providing hand sanitizer on coaches.						
Director Harper observed that MUNI was not practicing social distancing and continues to have high ridership. He further added that the number of COVID cases in San Francisco didn't spike as one would expect and thought that AC Transit may need to rethink the six feet social distance rule on buses. Mr. del Rosario advised that certain criteria needs to be met before AC Transit can relax the social distancing rules. Mr. Davenport advised that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), American Public Transportation Association (APTA) and county						

health advisors still recommend maintaining six-foot social distancing.

Director Harper stressed the importance of directing the bus operators to enforce the mask rules. President Wallace commented that he had observed AC Transit bus operators who successfully instructed riders to wear masks onboard.

Director Harper asked if bus operators would allow riders to open and close windows at their discretion. Mr. Davenport said that the safety team performed tests on buses to understand the flow of air when windows were closed or open and advised against opening the windows. He explained that during the smoke test the air streamed toward the front of the coach when the windows were open. He further added that according to the test results the best way to protect the riders and operators is to keep the windows closed, use the air-conditioning and open the rear hatch.

Director Williams asked staff to share the best practices learned so far in terms of health and safety when dealing with the pandemic. Staff advised that AC Transit is following the industry standards and communicating with other transit agencies across the region to stay abreast of best practices.

Director Williams asked how often the Drivers' Committee, Safety Committee and ATU Local 192 leadership were involved in the health and safety discussions. Mr. del Rosario advised that his team has incorporated feedback received from the committees and continues to collaborate on issues as they arise.

**Public Comment:**

**Temecia Johnson**, a bus operator, asked the Board when AC Transit will send staff to take actual social distancing measurements of coaches and criticized the Board's view on physical distancing.

**Kennard Plummer**, Business Agent ATU Local 192, presented his comments and criticisms of a recent AC Transit safety notice regarding a Covid-19 positive event and the District's methods of handling this kind of event while waiting for the results of an employees' exposure.

**Sheela Gunn-Cushman** was concerned about the use of scented hand sanitizers and multi-chemical cleaning agents on coaches, as she explained she suffers from sensitivities to such chemicals. She also asked about the tie-downs used for wheelchairs.

**Jean Walsh** applauded AC Transit for their attention and work on their plans and said it does seem counter-intuitive to close the coach's windows in a pandemic conditions and perhaps signs should be placed in coaches to explain to riders why windows are set the way they are and how/why to use physical distancing. Ms. Walsh said AC Transit must work on ways to avoid passing riders when coaches are at their rider limits.

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

