



ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT

Master Minute Order

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**Agenda
Section:**

Meeting Body: Board of Directors -
Regular Meeting

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ded Action: Consider the adoption of Resolution No. 20-042 endorsing the Riding Together: Bay Area Healthy Transit Plan as a baseline set of measures that AC Transit, along with other Bay Area transit agencies, will implement to ensure the health of transit riders and workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sponsors:

Enactment Date:

Attachments: STAFF REPORT, Att.1. Resolution 20-352 Healthy Transit, Att.2. Riding Together Bay Area Healthy Transit Plan

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Hearing Date:

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History of Legislative File

Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting	09/09/2020	Adopted				Pass
Action Text: MOTION: HARPER/YOUNG to adopt Resolution No. 20-042 endorsing the Riding Together: Bay Area Healthy Transit Plan with the understanding that the District will develop an implementation plan with ATU Local 192 to ensure the health of transit riders and workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. The motion carried by the following vote:						
Notes: There was no presentation of the staff report.						
Public Comment:						
<p>Jovanka Beckles, candidate for the Ward 1 Board seat, was compelled to speak on behalf of the members of ATU Local 192 and transit riders, stating her opinion that the plan did not go far enough to meet the needs and protections of the public or bus operators. The Board was asked to develop a strong implementation plan soon.</p> <p>Hayden Miller commented in support of reducing social distancing on the buses from 6 feet to 3 feet, but the enforcement of masks needed to be enforced and hand sanitizer needed to be available on every bus.</p> <p>Derek Sagehorn, East Bay Transit Riders, commented in support of the letter written by Public Advocates and suggested that there be more public engagement in developing the Riding Together: Bay Area Healthy Transit Plan to provide better</p>						

standards.

Emily Wheeler commented that AC Transit must develop stronger standards than those developed by MTC to better support operators and riders.

Bonnie Lockhart urged the Board not to endorse the Riding Together: Bay Area Healthy Transit Plan because it unfairly treats, and doesn't have the support of, the people who ride and drive public transit.

Megan Steffen commented that investing in the reputation of AC Transit with strong safety measures for riders/operators will benefit the system.

Yvonne Williams, President of ATU Local 192, urged the Board not to adopt the Riding Together: Bay Area Healthy Transit Plan, which she believed was crafted without the support of riders and operators, saying it does not address more comprehensive employment protection plans. Strongly against shrinking the social distance measure from six feet to three feet.

Kennard Plummer, Assistant Business Agent for ATU Local 192, asked the Board not to adopt the Riding Together: Bay Area Healthy Transit Plan, saying that it would implement operational measures affecting rider and operator safety without discussion with the union or public.

Director Williams asked the General Manager to comment on what the District is doing to address operator concerns with regard to personal protective equipment, hand sanitizer, etc. Mr. Hursh explained that while the Blue Ribbon Task Force plan resulted from the work of 23 transit agencies to develop minimum standards, the AC Transit plan was far more stringent and locks in the six-foot social distancing requirement which the Board can change when it feels it is appropriate to do so. He added that the District is committed to providing operator shields and PPE; however, there has been a delay in getting these items on buses due to the large demand for them and limited supply of materials. In addition, operator shields will be installed before fare collection resumes in October and District staff has been working with the union and drivers committee. Operator and passenger safety is the highest concern. Director Williams was appreciative of the efforts that have been made to address the concerns of the bus operators.

Director Peeples commented that it was important to adopt the broad policy document and then work on the implementation in coordination with ATU and passengers.

Ayes: 6 Vice President Ortiz, President Wallace, Director Harper, Director Peeples, Director Young, Director Shaw
Nays: 1 Director Williams
