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ded Action: Consider receiving a preliminary report on the development of AC Transit's Vaccination Plan for COVID-19 vaccinations.

Sponsors:

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Attachments: STAFF REPORT, Att.1.COVID-19 vaccine — what employers need to know _ Kaiser Permanente, Att.2. COVID-19 Vaccination Plan - Alameda County

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Board of Directors - Regular Meeting	01/13/2021	Received				Pass
Action Text: MOTION: WILLIAMS/ORTIZ to receive a preliminary report on the development of AC Transit's Vaccination Plan for COVID-19 vaccinations. The motion carried by the following vote:						
Notes: General Counsel Jill Sprague presented the staff report.						
Director Shaw inquired about a more detailed vaccination plan, which she hoped would entail the rollout of vaccines and how many vaccinations the District planned to accomplish each week, at each division, etc. Ms. Sprague advised that these details would be outlined in the plan, but a key piece of information was the willingness of employees to get the vaccine.						
President Ortiz was disappointed in the report, saying that it lacked specifics even though there was advanced notice that a vaccine was coming. She also wanted to know about the District's work with BART to develop a vaccination plan for paratransit drivers who work for a third party and not directly for either transit agency. Accessible Services Manager Mallory Brush advised that staff is not suggesting that AC Transit or BART administer the vaccine but rather ensure that paratransit drivers are in the same tier with other essential workers. She added that Transdev (who operates the paratransit service) is developing their own plan for the						

broker's staff and service providers and believed that AC Transit and BART involvement elevated the need to prioritize drivers who work for private companies. President Ortiz suggested that Transdev discuss their vaccination plans with their unions.

Director Williams asked about feedback from the unions. Ms. Sprague advised that the union's support the vaccine and have been instrumental in getting transit workers to the front of the line and in helping to allay the concerns of the workers. Director Williams commented on the need for a robust outreach/information campaign, saying that he would like to see townhalls with ethnically diverse medical professionals that can answer questions and assess the situation in a culturally competent manner. Media Affairs Manager Robert Lyles advised that staff has had preliminary meetings with Kaiser to make physicians of color available to address a myriad of myths and an array of medical concerns. Kaiser has yet to commit their participation but appears to be receptive to the District's request.

Director Beckles appreciated the work of staff to ensure workers are in line to receive the vaccine. She shared that she was alarmed by the number of positive COVID cases since she joined the Board and urged that workers be vaccinated as soon as possible. She also shared her experience in receiving the vaccine which was similar to the flu shot. She trusts the vaccine and supports close collaboration with the unions on a timely rollout of the vaccine.

Public Comment:

Sheela Gunn-Cushman expressed happiness with Board member advocacy of Covid-19 vaccination and promoted the use of bus coaches and messages showing transit operators being vaccinated to promote vaccination information and education.

Nathaniel Arnold, ATU Safety Committee, provided a viewpoint about the District's need to be mindful of the nation's history related to people of color and medical experimentation as it develops its Covid-19 vaccination public information campaign.

Ayes: 7 President Ortiz, Vice President Young, Director Walsh, Director Beckles,
Director Williams, Director Shaw, Director Peeples
