



ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT

Master Minute Order

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Agenda
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ded Action: Consider authorizing the Board President and General Manager to send a letter of support to Congressional leaders in support of H.R. 7389 the "Freedom to Move Act." [Requested by Director Beckles - 12/9/20.]

Sponsors:

Enactment Date:

Attachments: STAFF REPORT, Att.1. DRAFT Letter, Att.2.HR 7389
Freedom To Move Act, RED FOLDER - Farebox
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Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting	01/13/2021	Approved as modified				Pass
Action Text:	MOTION: Beckles/Williams to Approved as modified Consider authorizing the Board President and General Manager to send a letter of support to Congressional leaders in support of H.R. 7389 the "Freedom to Move Act." The motion carried by the following vote:					
Notes:	<i>[At the request of Director Peebles, a memorandum discussing the District's various sources of revenue was provided at the meeting for the Board's information. The memorandum is incorporated into the file by reference.]</i>					

There was no presentation of the staff report.

Director Peebles cautioned that as the District moves toward a fare free system, it needed to have a strategy to address the other funding sources that have statutory provisions that rely on farebox recovery. He added that funds are needed to cover not only the lost farebox revenue, but also other subsidies that are bound by farebox recovery. Director Shaw added that changes would also need to be made to state law to continue receiving the current funding from the state. She asked that this be part of the District's state advocacy program.

Director Beckles shared a brief overview of the Freedom to Move Act saying that it would promote public transportation for the good of all by doing three things: 1) support state and local efforts to implement a fare free transit system; 2) invest in efforts to improve the safety and quality of public transit service in low income and historically underserved communities; and 3) reducing transit equity gaps. In receiving the grant, grantees would also be required to review their fare evasion policies and end such policies along with the criminalization of fare evasion. Director Beckles also requested that copies of the letter be sent to the District's congressional delegation and requested that the Board approve the letter of support.

Public Comment:

Jimmy Lee, Sunrise Bay Area and East Bay DSA, addressed the benefits of reliable fare-free travel for youth and was encouraged and hopeful of the Freedom to Move Act passage.

Nick Travaglini expressed support for the passage of the Freedom to Move Act.

Maddie Grace shared a personal story to show support for the Freedom to Move Act and fare-free transit.

Ruscal Cayangyang, Climate Emergency Mobilization Task Force, echoed the support expressed by others for the passage of the Freedom to Move Act.

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