



# ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT

## Master Minute Order

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**ded Action:** Consider receiving ongoing COVID-19 report, including an update on the District's Vaccination Education and Distribution Campaign.

Sponsors:

Enactment Date:

Attachments: STAFF REPORT, Att.1.

Enactment Number:

COVID19\_Update\_PowerPoint, Att.2.California Transit Association - Continue to Prioritize Transit Workers in Vaccine Distribution - 1-25-21, Att.3.Joint Letter to Gov Newsom, Att.4.Bonta Thank You Letter

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	02/10/2021	Received				Pass
<b>Action Text:</b> MOTION: WILLIAMS/ORTIZ to receive the ongoing COVID-19 report, including an update on the District's Vaccination Education and Distribution Campaign. The motion carried by the following vote:						
<b>Notes:</b> Acting Executive Director of Human Resources Nathaniel Kramer presented the staff report highlighting the operator and rider safety measures. Accessibility Programs Manager Mallory Nestor-Brush presented the East Bay Paratransit vaccine plan. Director of Legislative Affairs and Community Relations Claudia Burgos provided an update on external advocacy and funding efforts and the vaccine rollout status. Acting Director of Marketing Nichele Laynes presented a summary of the employee survey results. Media Affairs Manager Robert Lyles reported on the status of the vaccine education campaign which included a two-minute video presentation featuring AC Transit Board members and employees.						
President Ortiz thanked Oakland City Councilmember Rebecca Kaplan for advocating for AC Transit operators to be vaccinated at the Oakland Coliseum site.						
Director Williams asked if the District planned to implement a new recommendation						

from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to double-mask. General Manager Hursh advised that the District is preparing to begin a campaign to inform the riders about the latest recommendation.

Director Williams commented on recent media reports about vials holding an extra dose of the vaccine and asked if there was a way to collaborate with health authorities who administer vaccines to use the extra amount to vaccinate bus operators. General Manager Michael Hursh responded that the District is advocating at local, regional, and state levels to ensure that AC Transit operators are prioritized in line for the Covid vaccine.

Director Williams was concerned about widespread reports of physical discomfort and reactions to the second dose of the vaccine and asked if the District planned to provide time off or address the issue in any other way. Mr. Hursh responded that the District did not have data on the subject since not more than a hundred operators are eligible for immunization. Mr. Hursh further added that the District offers a robust leave management program to care for employees' needs and will work with employees within the confines of the collective bargaining agreement.

Director Shaw encouraged staff to continue to advocate for the prioritization of transit workers and asked if the District would be in a position to delay school service until bus operators are vaccinated. Mr. Hursh responded that the District is seeking to be in the same tier with teachers.

To Director Walsh's question about the response rate to AC Transit's internal employee survey on Covid vaccination, Director of Marketing Nichelle Laynes responded that approximately 600 employees participated in the survey.

Director Peeples commented that staff submitted a letter to Governor on behalf of the Accessibility Advisory Committee to prioritize public transit workers.

Director Beckles shared her personal experience of receiving the Covid vaccine encouraging everyone to get the shot.

**Public Comment:**

**John Minot** commented that it is good that safety is maintained on coaches, but the District needed to continue to be diligent in its Covid-19 safety processes.

**Sheela Gun-Cushman** inquired about clinic location information for disabled riders and expressed concern that the District is unprepared for the return of greater ridership as more passengers return following vaccination.

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

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