



2021 REDISTRICTING PROJECT

AC Transit
District Secretary's Office

5 Ward Map



Existing Ward Boundaries

Geographic Area:

- 2 Counties (Portions of Alameda & Contra Costa)
- 13 Cities
- 8 Unincorporated Areas

Represented by a Seven-Member Elected Board of Directors:

- 5 Ward Representatives
- 2 At-Large Representatives
- Board Members must live in the ward they represent or within the District for at-large members.

Cities with Split-Representation:

- Berkeley
- Oakland
- San Leandro
- Hayward

Redistricting

- **Redistricting is the process of adjusting the existing ward boundaries.**
 - Occurs every 10 years following the completion of the federal decennial census.
 - Necessary to equalize population.
 - Necessary to bring the existing wards into compliance with all redistricting criteria.

Applicable Laws/Requirements:

- U.S. & California Constitutions (equal population/one person, one vote; equal protection; ban racial discrimination)
- Federal Voting Rights Act (all levels of government reflect the racial and ethnic diversity of the people they represent; protects against gerrymandering)
- California Elections Code 22000 (sets forth process and timeline for redistricting and recommended redistricting criteria)
- Transit District Law (grants authority to the Board to approve ward boundaries)
- Board Resolution (Board approved redistricting criteria)

Redistricting Criteria

- **Equal Population**

- Sum of the population for each city and all census-designated places (unincorporated areas) within the District divided by the number of wards.
- Maximum deviation +/-5%

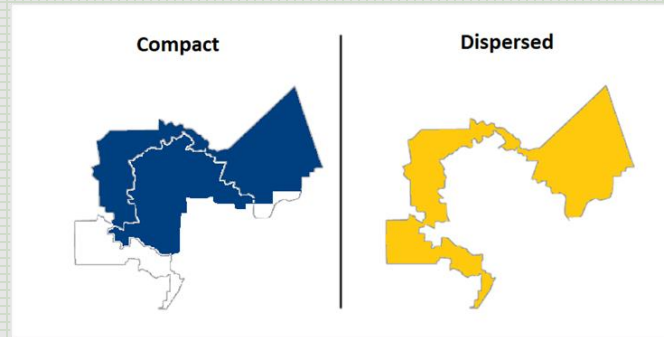
- **Communities of Interest**

- A contiguous population which shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single ward for purposes of its effective and fair representation. Some examples of relevant social and economic characteristics include, but are not limited to: income levels, educational backgrounds, housing patterns, cultural and language characteristics, employment and economic patterns, health and environmental conditions.

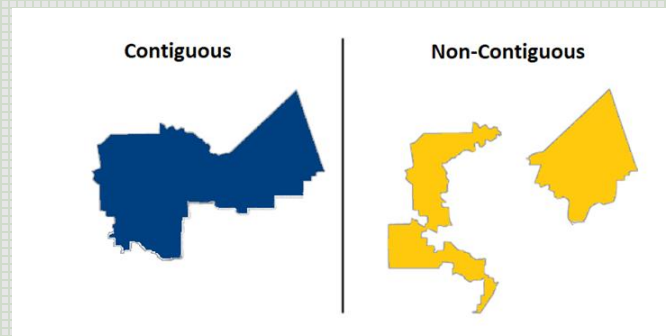
Redistricting Criteria, cont.

- **Compactness, Cohesiveness & Contiguity**

- **Compactness** refers to the shape of the ward and how tightly it is drawn.



- **Contiguity** means all parts of a ward are physically connected to each other.



Redistricting Criteria, cont.

- **Integrity**

- Keeping cities and census-designated places intact to the extent practicable.

- **Topography**

- Drawing lines that are easily understood using the artificial and natural physical features of an area.

- **Geography**

- Natural features of a place.

Proposed Timeline/Next Steps

October	
October 4-8, 2021	Meetings with individual Board Members to identify communities of interest in each ward.
Wednesday, October 27, 2021	Board review/approval of outreach plan.
November/December	
Wednesday, November 10, 2021	Report to the Board - update on the redistricting project and overview of current boundaries (TENTATIVE).
Wednesday, December 8, 2021	Report to the Board - overview of Draft Redistricting Plans.
January	
Monday, January 3, 2022	Distribute outreach materials.
January 24 - February 4, 2022	Hold public outreach meetings to receive comments, recommendations and draft maps. Meetings may be a combination of in-person and virtual as health and safety conditions permit.
February	
Wednesday, February 23, 2022	Board of Directors receives final recommendation(s) based on public input and sets public hearing re the adoption of a final plan.
March	
Wednesday, March 23, 2022	Board of Directors holds Public Hearing and renders decision on adoption of a Redistricting Plan.
April	
Monday, April 4, 2022	Submit required information to elections officials in both counties including metes and bounds description and a GIS shapefile.