

WESTERN CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION 2020-06

ENDORISING THE RIDING TOGETHER: BAY AREA HEALTHY TRANSIT PLAN AS A BASELINE SET OF MEASURES THAT WCCTA, ALONG WITH OTHER BAY AREA TRANSIT AGENCIES WILL IMPLEMENT TO ENSURE THE HEALTH OF TRANSIT RIDERS AND WORKERS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

WHEREAS, Like other Bay Area transit systems, the health of riders and transit workers continues to be WCCTA's number one priority; and

WHEREAS, Despite an unprecedented loss of ridership due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many riders continue to depend on Bay Area systems for essential travel; and

WHEREAS, Survey data increasingly suggests that the majority of riders will return to transit when allowed to do so; and

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic has presented transit systems with an historic set of challenges, including the need to adjust protocols and procedures to ensure a safe operating environment; and

WHEREAS, Since the start of the pandemic, transit systems have collaborated with each other and with regional leaders, transit workers, rider advocates, public health experts, and others to create the Riding Together: Bay Area Healthy Transit Plan, which outlines a baseline set of measures that transit systems will implement to protect riders and workers; and

WHEREAS, The Riding Together: Bay Area Healthy Transit Plan provides guidance in the areas of vehicle disinfecting, physical distancing, face coverings, touchless payments, ventilation, employee personal protective equipment, testing, contact tracing, and employee wellness assessments; and

WHEREAS, The Riding Together: Bay Area Healthy Transit Plan will coexist and complement system specific plans developed by individual transit agencies; and

WHEREAS, The Riding Together: Bay Area Healthy Transit Plan is a living document and is intended to evolve as transit agencies continue to monitor rider and employee health on their systems and collaboratively take steps to respond to changing conditions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That WCCTA supports the implementation of the Riding Together: Bay Area Healthy Transit Plan on our system and throughout the Bay Area to keep transit riders and workers healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That through the method established for transit system reporting of health metrics related to the COVID-19 pandemic, that WCCTA

will report monthly on WCCTA's performance in aligning with the baseline health measures set forth in the Riding Together: Bay Area Healthy Transit Plan.

Regularly passed and adopted this 10th day of September 2020 by the following vote:

AYES: 7 (Chavez, Kelley, Bailey, Powers, Hansen, Tave, Martinez-Rubin)

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0



Norma Martinez-Rubin, Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST: 

Clerk to the Board