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September 14, 2020

Honorable Board of Directors
Marin County Transit District
3501 Civic Center Drive
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SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution 2020-05 to Endorse Riding Together: Bay Area Healthy Transit Plan

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution 2020-05 endorsing the Riding Together: Bay Area Healthy Transit Plan and direct staff to report the required monthly metrics to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and your Board.

SUMMARY: On August 18, 2020, *Riding Together: Bay Area Healthy Transit Plan*, prepared in collaboration by the Bay Area's transit operators, was released publicly. MTC has requested transit operator Boards to approve resolutions confirming their commitment to health and safety measures and submit a monthly report on health and safety metrics outlined in the plan

BACKGROUND: The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) established a Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force to advise the Commission on the distribution of federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding for transit operations, transit recovery plans, and development of a transformative action plan for transit in the Bay Area.

Starting in May, Bay Area transit operators met to develop a health and safety plan based on relevant information and up-to-date health practices from U.S. and international organizations. These sources include the California Department of Public Health, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization, and the American Public Transportation Association. This plan describes the shared commitment of Bay Area transit operators to their employees and customers to ensure a healthy transit system. It also outlines a communication plan for reaching out to transit customers as operations resume.

The attached resolution acknowledges the collaboration of transit operators in developing the *Riding Together: Bay Area Healthy Transit Plan*. The resolution commits Marin Transit to implement the Plan and adhere to a set of health and safety measures and metrics that operators will report on monthly.

Staff will share the monthly data with your Board and on the regional website healthytransitplan.org via a Metrics Dashboard. Marin Transit is required to report metrics as listed in the table below:

Common Commitments	
All Agencies	
State mandated and properly-worn face coverings	✓
Safe distancing and capacity	✓
Daily cleaning	✓
Sharing data between agencies	✓
Paratransit	
Contact outreach if reported infected customer	✓
Individual Agency Commitments	
Strategic, Plans and Processes	
Plan/process for transportation provider facility staffing (% of occupancy)	✓
Communication strategy and reporting on posted, verbal, email and social distancing communications to include non-English language – internal and external	✓
Individual Agency Metrics	Timing
Customer Facing	
Estimate of face covering compliance – random statistically significant sample across modes, including facilities and vehicles Goal: 95% compliance (allows for non-exempt) Critical metric as the closer physical distancing assumed in this plan is based on face covering compliance, in addition to other measures	Agency data Reported monthly to dashboard
Estimate of vehicle capacity - random statistically significant sample across modes Goal: Estimate of vehicle capacity to allow for physical distancing	Agency data Reported monthly to dashboard
Employee Facing	
Percent (%) of Internal contact tracing completed if confirmed infected employee Goal: 100% of confirmed employees	Agency data Reported monthly to dashboard
Estimated compliance across employee groups for face coverings Goal: 100% (exempt employees counted as compliant)	Agency data Reported monthly to dashboard

The check-marked items indicate Marin Transit's commitment to each action and certifies that the District has or will meet the requirement. At this time, Marin Transit complies with all requirements.

The remaining four metrics in the Customer Facing and Employee Facing categories require monthly reports on quantitative compliance with standards. Marin Transit staff have developed a methodology to conduct monthly audits that meet the sampling and reporting requirements in

the monitoring plan. This requires District staff and contractors to randomly sample transit trips and report their findings. District staff will compile all contractor and staff collected data into a single report.

FISCAL/STAFFING IMPACT: Staff estimates less than eight hours of staff time will be required to collect, assemble, and report on the data required each month. This effort can be completed within existing staff resources and therefore there is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Whelan
General Manager

Attachments:

- A. Resolution endorsing the Riding Together: Bay Area Healthy Transit Plan
- B. Riding Together: Bay Area Healthy Transit Plan
- C. Presentation on Riding Together: Bay Area Healthy Transit Plan



Resolution No. 2020-05

Resolution of the Marin County Transit District Board of Directors endorsing the Riding Together: Bay Area Healthy Transit Plan as a baseline set of measures that Marin Transit, 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 Marin Transit'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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That Marin Transit 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 BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, That through the method established for transit system reporting of health metrics related to the COVID-19 pandemic, that Marin Transit will report monthly on Marin Transit's performance in aligning with the baseline health measures set forth in the Riding Together: Bay Area Healthy Transit Plan.

APPROVED AND PASSED this 14th day of September 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Dennis Rodoni", written over a horizontal line.

Dennis Rodoni, President
Marin Transit Board of Directors

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Nancy E. Whelan", written over a horizontal line.

Nancy Whelan, General Manager