Marin Transit Safety Management Policy Statement

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Marin Transit is committed to developing, implementing, maintaining and constantly improving processes to ensure that all activities associated with transit service maintenance, operations, and delivery reflect a balanced allocation of organizational resources, achieve the highest level of safety performance, and meet the established District’s standards.

The General Manager (GM) will act as the Accountable Executive. Each of Marin Transit’s operations contractors will have a designated Chief Safety Officer who will directly report to the GM. The GM and Chief Safety Officers will ensure that all employees have the means to report on safety concerns and suggestions without the risk of retaliation. All levels of management and all employees are accountable for the delivery of this highest level of safety performance, starting with the GM.

In making this commitment Marin Transit will:

- Ensure that appropriate resources are allocated to support the management of safety in transit vehicle operation, maintenance and all aspects of transit and paratransit service delivery;

- Encourage an organizational culture that consistently fosters safe practices and effective employee safety reporting and communications, and manages safety with the same attention to results as afforded to all other District management systems;

- Integrate the management of safety among the primary responsibilities of all managers and employees;

- Clearly define for all staff, managers, employees, and contractors, their accountabilities and responsibilities for the delivery of the organization’s safety performance and the performance of our safety management system;

- Establish and operate activities to identify and analyze hazards and evaluate safety risks. This includes an employee safety reporting program to identify safety concerns.
and potential hazards, and eliminate or mitigate such risks to maintain a level of safety performance that meets this Plan’s objectives and targets;

- Ensure that no action will be taken against any employee who discloses a safety concern through the employee safety reporting program and is integral to effective management practices, unless such disclosure indicates beyond any reasonable doubt an illegal act, gross negligence, or a deliberate or willful disregard of regulations or procedures. Employees will be responsible for identifying and reporting on operation and maintenance safety hazards. They will also report on policies and procedures the District may need to be modified, safety events, and all information required to evaluate the causes of an event;

- Comply with and exceed legislative and regulatory requirements and standards, wherever possible;

- Ensure that sufficiently skilled and trained human resources are assigned to implement safety management processes;

- Ensure that all staff are provided with adequate and appropriate safety-related information and training, are competent in safety management matters, and are allocated only tasks commensurate with their skills;

- Establish and measure Marin Transit's safety performance against realistic and data-driven safety performance targets; and

- Ensure the timely delivery of externally supplied systems and services to support bus and paratransit operations and meet our safety performance standards.