

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-37

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SAN MATEO COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**ENDORING THE "RIDING TOGETHER: BAY AREA HEALTHY TRANSIT PLAN" AS A
BASELINE SET OF MEASURES 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 the San Mateo County Transit District's (District) number one priority; and

WHEREAS, despite an unprecedented loss of ridership due to the coronavirus (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 public transit riders will return to transit when allowed to do so; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has presented transit systems with a 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" (Plan), which outlines a baseline set of measures that transit systems will implement to protect riders and workers; and

WHEREAS, the 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 Plan will coexist and complement system specific plans developed by individual transit agencies; and

WHEREAS, the 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 the Board of Directors supports the implementation of the "Riding Together: Bay Area Healthy Transit Plan" on San Mateo County Transit District services and on transit services throughout the Bay Area to keep transit riders and workers healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that through the method established for transit system reporting of health metrics related to the COVID-19 pandemic, that the District will report monthly on its performance in aligning with the baseline health measures set forth in the Plan.

Regularly passed and adopted this 2nd day of September 2020 by the following
vote:

AYES: Collins, Fraser, Groom, Guilbault, Pine, Powell, Ratto, Stone, Matsumoto


NOES: None

ABSENT: None



Chair, San Mateo County Transit District

ATTEST:



District Secretary