

SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. 200915-079

WHEREAS, Like other Bay Area transit systems, the health of riders and transit workers continues to be San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency'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

WHEREAS, On August 19, 2020, the SFMTA, under authority delegated by the Planning Department, determined that the Riding Together: Bay Area Healthy Transit Plan is not a "project" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Sections 15060(c) and 15378(b); and

WHEREAS, A copy of the CEQA determination is on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors, and is incorporated herein by reference; and, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors endorses the implementation of the Riding Together: Bay Area Healthy Transit Plan on the SFMTA transit system and 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 San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency will report monthly on the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's performance in aligning with the baseline health measures set forth in the Riding Together: Bay Area Healthy Transit Plan.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of September 15, 2020.



Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency