

RESOLUTION NO. 2020.09.31**BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SANTA CLARA VALLEY
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY****ENDORING THE *RIDING TOGETHER: BAY AREA HEALTHY TRANSIT PLAN* A
BASELINE SET OF MEASURES THAT ALONG WITH OTHER BAY AREA TRANSIT
AGENCIES, WILL BE IMPLEMENTED TO ENSURE THE HEALTH OF TRANSIT
RIDERS AND WORKERS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.**

WHEREAS, the *Riding Together: Bay Area Healthy Transit Plan* provides a baseline set of measures that VTA, along with other Bay Area transit systems will implement to ensure the health of transit riders and workers during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Along with other Bay Area transit systems, the health of riders and transit workers continues to be VTA'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 presents 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*, that outlines a baseline set of measures 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, locally informed by Santa Clara County Public Health Department directives and intended to evolve as transit systems continue to monitor rider and employee health and collaboratively take steps to respond to changing conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority 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 further

RESOLVED, That through the method established for transit system reporting of health metrics related to the COVID-19 pandemic, that the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority will report monthly on its performance in aligning with the baseline health measures set forth in the *Riding Together: Bay Area Healthy Transit Plan*.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Board of Directors on September 3, 2020 by the following vote:

AYES: CARR, CHAVEZ, CORTESE, DIEP, JONES, HENDRICKS, LICCARDO, MCALISTER, NUNEZ, PERALEZ, RENNIE

NOES: NONE

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