RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 46

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, PENINSULA CORRIDOR JOINT POWERS BOARD STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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ENDORSING 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 Caltrain'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 public transit 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" (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 Caltrain

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 District will report

monthly on its performance in aligning with the baseline health measures set forth in the

Plan.

Regularly passed and adopted this 3rd day of September, 2020 by the following

vote:

AYES:

Bruins, Chavez, Collins, Heminger, Stone, Walton, Zmuda, Davis, Pine

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

None

Chair Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board

ATTEST:

District Secretary