

## RESOLUTION NO. 5657-20

### **RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE “RIDING TOGETHER: BAY AREA HEALTHY TRANSIT PLAN” AS A BASELINE SET OF MEASURES THAT UNION CITY TRANSIT, ALONG WITH OTHER BAY AREA TRANSIT AGENCIES, WILL IMPLEMENT 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 Union City Transit & Paratransit’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**, there is a financial cost to Union City Transit & Paratransit to implement the recommendations, these costs are borne out of the \$1.9 Million Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) resulting in no impact to the General Fund;


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Union City hereby endorses the implementation of the “Riding Together: Bay Area Healthy Transit Plan” on Union City Transit & Paratransit 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 Union City Transit & Paratransit will report monthly on Union City Transit & Paratransit’s performance in aligning with the baseline health measures set forth in the “Riding Together: Bay Area Healthy Transit Plan”.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Union City at a regular meeting held on the 22nd day of September 2020, by the following vote:

- AYES: Councilmembers Gacoscos, Patiño, Singh, Vice Mayor Duncan, Mayor Dutra-Vernaci
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None
- ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED:  
  
 CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI  
 Mayor

ATTESTED:  
  
 ANNA M. BROWN  
 City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
  
 KRISTOPHER J. KOKOTAYLO  
 City Attorney