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The Honorable Scott Haggerty, Chair Metropolitan Transportation Committee 375 Beale Street, #800 San Francisco, CA 94105

## Dear Chair Haggerty:

We look forward to providing you with an update on the Riding Together: Bay Area Healthy Transit Plan at your September 23 Commission meeting. The attached slides cover progress on the Plan since the Bay Area's transit operators were joined by Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) representatives last month to launch the Plan.

The Plan was developed with input from the MTC-appointed Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force and was informed by local, state, national, and international examples and best practices. It includes a set of baseline measures focused on protecting the health of transit riders and workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Plan does not prevent individual operators from going above and beyond these baseline measures, and it is intended to be a living document that will evolve to reflect changing conditions as the pandemic progresses.

The Plan reflects many steps that Bay Area transit operators have been implementing from the start of the pandemic. Since the Plan was announced, it has been formally endorsed by governing boards representing 16 operators and the remaining 9 operators have plans to take the item to their boards at upcoming meetings.

Implementation of the communications and monitoring components of the Plan are currently underway. A branded, public-facing website, <a href="healthytransitplan.com">healthytransitplan.com</a>, was created to provide a consistent message to riders, workers, and the public about what is covered in the Plan and how it is being applied across our systems. The website includes a dashboard, which will be live on September 28 and updated with data that agencies are tracking and reporting on a consistent basis, providing the public with easy to understand, timely, agency-by-agency reports on the Plan's key metrics. These reports will be updated on a monthly basis. The dashboard will also include links to operator webpages that communicate that we are complying with the Plan along with any agency-specific steps that are being taken to keep riders and workers healthy.

The region's transit operators are continuing to work together to coordinate recovery efforts in a way that provides riders with a common expectation about what we are doing to address the impacts of the pandemic and what they can do to preserve the health of fellow riders and transit workers. We look forward to continuing to work with MTC and the Blue Ribbon Task Force on these critical efforts.

Sincerely,

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