SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors   **DATE:** September 21, 2023

FROM: Director Rebecca Saltzman

SUBJECT: Proposed Update to "Bikes on BART Rules"

During the September 28, 2023 meeting of the BART Board of Directors, I plan to add an action item to the agenda under "BOARD MATTERS" to consider updating the policy of "Bikes on BART Rules". It has been 10 years since the Board has last considered updating this policy. Below is a summary of my proposed changes.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CHANGES

1. Allow bikes on escalators:

Current rule: Bicyclists must use elevators or stairs, not escalators.

Proposed rule: Bikes are allowed on elevators, stairs and escalators.

2. Allow bikes on all cars except the lead car (due to shorter trains):

Current rule: During non-commute hours, bikes are allowed on all trains except the first car or any crowded car.
During commute hours (7:00 to 9:00 AM and 4:30 to 6:30 PM, weekdays), bikes are not allowed in the first three cars of any train.

Proposed rule: Bikes are allowed on all trains except in the first car or any crowded car.

3. Allow passengers to secure bikes instead of holding them on trains:

Current rule: Bicyclists must hold their bikes while on the trains.

Proposed rule: Bicyclists must hold or secure their bikes while on the trains.

4. Clean up language:

Minor changes to clarify or simplify rules, such as the following: not riding bikes in stations, prohibiting gas-powered vehicles in BART stations and on BART trains, and proper bike storage rules for inside stations.

Please see the attachment to this memo, which contains the current "Bikes on BART Rules", a red-lined version with the proposed changes, and a clean version of the proposed policy if all the changes are accepted. This policy would take effect January 1, 2024, to give staff time to update signage and to develop any communication and safety plans.

I look forward to a public discussion of these changes at the next Board meeting.

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Director Rebecca Saltzman