

BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

Resolution No. 5522

In the Matter of
Reinstituting within the BART
Customer Code of Conduct
facial masking requirements
within the paid areas of the
transit system.

WHEREAS, new variants of life-threatening airborne diseases, such as COVID-19, may arise very quickly; and

WHEREAS, transit systems may cause the rapid spread of such variants in the absence of adequate preventative measures; and

WHEREAS, the ability to rapidly respond to such threats requires that sound public policies be set in place to address such threats of disease with all deliberate speed; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors believes that the best science should be applied to the decision to deploy appropriate safety measures in order to promote the safety of riders throughout the BART system; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors understands that there are times when new and evolving circumstances may pose uncertainties that nevertheless require the exercise of sound judgment to avert worsening the risk of spreading a serious contagion; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors desires to timely act in the best interests of the riding public to ensure public confidence in the safety of its mass transit service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Board of Directors of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District sets in place a mandate that every natural person within the paid areas (areas within the fare gates of the train stations) of the BART system wear a face mask over their nose and mouth (facial mask) until and inclusive of October 1, 2022 unless further extended by Board resolution.
2. The Board of Directors will agendize an action item at the September 22, 2022 Board meeting to determine if the mandate should be extended.
3. Children ages 2 and under, as well as people who suffer medical conditions that prevent them from wearing facial masks, are exempt.

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4. The Customer Code of Conduct shall be amended to reflect this requirement.
5. Failure to abide by this Code of Conduct requirement will result in the immediate removal of the rider from the paid areas of the BART system.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District, this 28 day of July, 2022 by the following vote:

AYES: 6

NOES: 2

ABSENT: 1



PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

April B. A. Quintanilla

DISTRICT SECRETARY