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2 **WHEREAS**, low income people, many of whom have experienced displacement and
3 have long commutes requiring multiple transit services, are among the most adversely affected
4 the Bay Area’s poorly integrated public transportation system, experiencing a significant
5 financial burden from needing to pay multiple separate transit fares or being forced into costly
6 vehicle ownership; and
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8 **WHEREAS**, regions with high-ridership public transportation systems are, by contrast,
9 characterized by highly integrated networks of quality local and regional transit services that
10 make traveling without a private automobile convenient and easy for all types of trips, featuring
11 aligned routes and schedules, coordinated transfers, high quality transit hubs, common branding
12 and customer information, and other common regional customer experience standards; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, regions that have successfully integrated and simplified transit fares have
15 experienced many broad social benefits, including a shift in travel from private cars to public
16 transit, an increase in overall public transit usage, and expanded mobility options and cost
17 savings for riders; and
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19 **WHEREAS**, a well-functioning and coordinated transit system plays a critical role in
20 supporting public health and safety during an emergency, with 31% of Bay Area essential
21 workers relying off public transit to get to work. It also plays a critical role in supporting an
22 economic recovery. During and in the aftermath of major disruptions to our transit system, close
23 coordination among agencies facilitates prioritization of the most critical needs, efficient
24 deployment of resources, and clear communication to customers.
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26 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the City of Albany affirms commitment to
27 working collaboratively with State agencies, MTC, municipalities and other public agencies
28 develop a highly integrated regional transportation system that provides convenient, seamless,
29 and affordable transit for customers; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Albany supports the Seamless Transit Principles listed in Exhibit A and agrees to be publicly listed as a supporter.



NICK PILCH, MAYOR

Attachment: Exhibit A – Seamless Transit Principles



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PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
ALBANY, The 7th day of December, 2020, by the following votes:

AYES: Council Members Barnes, Maass, McQuaid, Nason and Mayor Pilch

NOES: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAINED: none

RECUSED: none

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this
8th day of December, 2020.

Anne Hsu
CITY CLERK