

# Options for Imposing Mask Mandate

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# CURRENT STATUS

- No mask mandates at federal, state, or local levels
- Most Bay Area transit agencies, including Caltrain, SFMTA, SamTrans, and VTA, are strongly recommending, but not requiring, that passengers wear masks
- BART has express statutory authority to issue citations for violations of BART safety protocols
- Caltrain requires that its conductors wear masks; 43.7% of passengers currently wearing masks based on recent survey



# JPB'S AUTHORITY

- JPB may issue safety protocols including a requirement to wear masks on trains but does not have authority to enforce a mandate through the issuance of citations or other penalties
- Issuance of citations is limited to certain proscribed conduct, such as fare evasion, smoking, and unruly behavior

# OPTIONS

1. Continue to follow state/county guidance and strongly recommend that passengers wear masks without imposing a mask mandate
2. Impose a mask mandate but without the power to enforce the requirement through the issuance of citations
3. Work with the Legislature and other transit agencies to expand the authority of transit agencies to issue citations to include health and safety protocols issued by the transit agency

# RECOMMENDATION

- Continue to strongly recommend that passengers wear masks
- Authorize staff to work with other transit agencies and the Legislature to expand enforcement authority to include health and safety protocols