

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-01

**CALTRAIN BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**CALLING FOR THE ACCOMMODATION OF
BICYCLES ONBOARD BART AT ALL TIMES**

WHEREAS, Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) provides vital regional transportation in the Bay Area for business commuters, students, tourists, and residents; and

WHEREAS, bicycles help solve the "last mile" problem by providing a convenient and flexible means for passengers to access the stations and reach their final destinations while reducing both traffic congestion and the need for costly automobile parking facilities; and

WHEREAS, bicycling provides health benefits to communities by reducing both air pollution and noise pollution, and bicycling provides health benefits to riders through exercise to help curb the steep rise in health problems such as hypertension, diabetes, and obesity in America today; and

WHEREAS, the New York City Metropolitan Transportation Authority subway, the busiest subway in the United States, allows bicycles onboard at all times; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Metro, Montreal Metro, and many other transit systems worldwide allow bicycles onboard at all times; and

WHEREAS, bicycling in the Bay Area has increased significantly in recent years and bicycle access to BART has increased over 20 percent in the last two years; and

WHEREAS, bicycles onboard BART is a socially beneficial intermodal transportation solution that reduces or eliminates reliance on the automobile, thereby lowering our dependence on fossil fuels as well as our production of carbon emissions and other climate-changing greenhouse gases; and

WHEREAS, our nation's dependence on imported petroleum and our contribution to global climate change are two of the most critically important issues in the world today; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has taken a leadership position in the United States to encourage responsible land use, develop petroleum alternatives, and implement solutions to climate change; and

WHEREAS, allowing bicycles onboard BART at all times will enhance transit access and connectivity for cyclists at the Millbrae Intermodal Terminal, which provides a critical connection between BART and Caltrain riders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the undersigned, express our appreciation for BART's efforts to support and serve bicyclists and bicycle commuters through allowing bicycles onboard most trains in most directions, through the provision of bike stations and secure bike parking options, through improved station access, and through pilot programs to assess the viability of allowing bicycles onboard at all times; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we, the undersigned, urge BART to allow bicycles onboard at all times at the earliest possible opportunity.

Regularly passed and adopted this 21st day of March 2013 by the following vote:

AYES: BRAZIL, DHEBAR, PROVENCE, SAUM, SONN,
TURNER, VANDERLIP, FORSELL

NOES: BRINSFIELD

ABSENT: NONE



Chair, Caltrain Bicycle Advisory Committee

ATTEST:


BAC Secretary