



November 23, 2020

AGENDA ITEM 4 D

**RESOLUTION FOR CONDUCTING CRTPA MEETINGS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

TYPE OF ITEM: Consent

**STATEMENT OF ISSUE**

Counsel has recommended the Board adopt the attached resolution regarding face coverings for meeting participants during the pandemic.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Option 1: Resolution 2020-11-4D

Option 2: As desired by the CRTPA Board

**ATTACHMENT**

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## **CRTPA Resolution 2020-11-4D**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCY REGARDING POLICIES PERTAINING TO FACE COVERINGS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING FOR IN-PERSON MEETINGS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.**

***WHEREAS**, “Corona virus Disease 2019” (COVID-19) is a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans through respiratory transmission and presents with symptoms similar to those of influenza; **and***

***WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; **and***

***WHEREAS**, Governor Ron DeSantis, in Executive Order Number 20-51 directed the State Health Officer and Surgeon General, Dr. Scott Rivkees, to declare a public health emergency in the State of Florida, pursuant to his authority in section 381.003 15, Florida Statutes; **and***

***WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida (hereinafter "Board"), executed emergency ordinance No. 20-15, finding that COVID-19 presents a danger to the health, safety, and welfare of the public; **and***

***WHEREAS**, the continued operation of businesses providing goods and services is necessary to the economy of the State of Florida and to Leon County; **and***

***WHEREAS**, Governor DeSantis has issued a series of executive orders to re-open Florida; **and***

***WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is spread through airborne transmission from individuals sneezing, speaking, and coughing, and infectious droplet nuclei can spread for a great distance, although how far is not fully understood at present; **and***

***WHEREAS**, the re-opening of the State will lead to more contact between individuals and the potential for increased community spread of the disease; **and***

***WHEREAS**, since April of 2020, the Leon County Board of County Commission has proactively directed the implementation of numerous efforts, including an aggressive communications campaign, to encourage persons in the County to practice social distancing, wash and sanitize their hands, clean high touch surfaces, and wear face coverings as community mitigation strategies to increase containment of COVID-19; **and***

**WHEREAS**, the continued operation of local government and businesses providing goods and services is necessary to provide essential goods and services to the public and visitors and to support the local economy; **and**

**WHEREAS**, Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA), resides in Leon County; **and**

**WHEREAS**, on June 23, 2020, the Leon County Board of County Commissioners amended Emergency Ordinance 20-15 requiring the of face covering in governmental facilities; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the CRTPA had suspended all public meetings due to COVID-19; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the CRTPA shall began public meetings beginning in November 2020, which will allow members of the CRTPA as well as members of the public to attend the meetings and interact; **and**

**WHEREAS**, in light of COVID-19, the CRTPA wishes to continue to conduct its meetings in an open and safe manner.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. The CRTPA has the authority to execute this *Resolution* pursuant to its Bylaws.
2. For all CRTPA public meetings, whether in Leon County, or any other location, regardless of whether the meetings occur in the geographical boundaries of the CRTPA, the CRTPA adopts the portion of the policy of Leon County Amended Emergency Ordinance No. 20-15, only as it relates to the requirement of wearing face coverings in a public setting and social distancing.
3. A "face covering" is a material that covers the nose and mouth and that fits snugly against the sides of the face so there are no gaps. It can be secured to the head with ties or straps or simply wrapped around the lower face. It can be made of a variety of materials, such as cotton, silk, or linen. Coverings with materials made of multiple layers is highly encouraged. A cloth face covering may be factory-made or sewn by hand, or the cloth face covering can be improvised from household items. The CDC has posted additional information regarding how to make, wear, and wash a cloth face covering at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>.
4. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) official definition of social distancing is "remaining out of congregate settings, avoiding mass gatherings, and maintaining distance (approximately 6 feet or 2 meters) from others when possible."

5. This Resolution establishes that the CRTPA has determined that face coverings and social distancing are mandatory for all CRTPA meetings, for the foreseeable future, and this Resolution shall remain in full force and effect, until rescinded by the CRTPA Board.
6. All participants in any CRTPA Board meeting are required to adhere to the requirements outlined in herein when attending a CRTPA public meeting.

**DONE, ORDERED, AND ADOPTED THIS 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020**

**CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCY**

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**Randy Merritt, Chairman**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Greg Slay, Executive Director**