

BOARD POLICY

Subject Category: **BOARD & GENERAL
ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT

I. PURPOSE

- A. The United States Surgeon General's report, "**The** Health Effects of Involuntary Smoking," concludes that:
- Involuntary smoke is a cause of disease, including lung cancer in health non-smokers;
 - The simple separation of smokers and non-smokers within the same airspace may reduce, but does not eliminate, the exposure of non-smokers to environmental tobacco smoke.

In light of these findings, the District has determined a Smoke-Free Workplace policy should be established.

- B. The perceived benefits of a smoke-free policy would be to: (1) reduce a potential health risk for our workers; (2) reinforce the District's concern for the overall health of all workers; and (3) potentially decrease the District's health care costs.

II. POLICY

All AC Transit buildings are established as Smoke-Free Workplaces.

III. EFFECTIVE DATE

This policy shall take effect and be implemented January 1, 1992.