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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**FEDERAL MASK ORDER**

**February 10, 2021**

**Presidential Executive Order 13998**, published on January 26, 2021, authorizing immediate action to require face mask wearing on certain domestic modes of transportation. This includes **Public Transportation such as our Small-Urban Victoria Transit and RTRANSIT Regional Rural Transportation Service**. All agencies receiving federal funds were advised to take immediate action to the extent appropriate and consistent with applicable law, to require face masks be worn in compliance with the following:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Human Services Order Section 361 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 264) and 42 Code of Federal Regulations 70.2, 71.31(b), 71.32(b); and
- Mass-Order-CDC GMTF 01-29-21, Face mask requirements while on public transportation conveyances and at Transportation Hubs.

Specific requirements include:

1. Material should cover the nose and mouth of the wearer.
2. A mask should be secured to the head, including with ties or ear loops.
3. A mask should fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face.
4. Masks do not include face shields.
5. Masks can be either manufactured or homemade and should be a solid piece of material without slits, exhalation valves, or punctures.
6. Medical masks and N-95 respirators fulfill the requirements of this Order.

**Transportation Security Administration – SD 1582/81-21-010 – Security Measures- Mask Requirements – 49 U.S.C. 114** provides further guidance on complying with mask requirements. Failure to comply with mask requirement can result in civil penalties.

Please direct any questions or concerns regarding GCRPC Public Transportation Services to Lisa Cortinas, Director of Transportation Services at [lisac@gcrpc.org](mailto:lisac@gcrpc.org).