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Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit District
5401 Old Redwood Highway
Petaluma, CA 94954

Re: Support for the SMART Initiative: Safe, Modern and Accessible Rail and Transit

Dear Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) Board of Directors,

On behalf of the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to express strong support for the SMART Initiative: Safe, Modern and Accessible Rail and Transit which will come before Sonoma County voters in the June 2, 2026 primary election.

The SMART system plays an important role in the North Bay's transportation network, connecting communities throughout Sonoma and Marin counties. The rail and pathway system helps reduce congestion on the Highway 101 corridor and provides a more environmentally friendly transportation option for regional travel.

If approved by the voters, the SMART Initiative would extend the existing voter-approved quarter-cent sales tax for 30 years beyond its 2029 sunset. Designed to renew and protect the funding voters first approved in 2008, this initiative ensures that the SMART system can continue operating and expanding its vital service throughout the North Bay.

Importantly, all revenue from the quarter-cent sales tax would be subject to independent audits, public reporting, and review by citizen's oversight committees – ensuring accountability and transparency in the public's investment.

The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors recognizes the important role the SMART system plays in the North Bay's transportation network and supports the SMART Initiative's efforts to sustain and strengthen this critical investment in public infrastructure.

Sincerely,


Rebecca Hermosillo, Chair
Sonoma County Board of Supervisors