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Dear Metropolitan Transportation Commission Chair Pedroza,

Please find attached a letter of support for Plan Bay Area 2050 Amendment from the Town of Windsor, California.

Sincerely,

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Commissioner Alfredo Pedroza, Chair
Metropolitan Transportation Commission
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Re: Plan Bay Area 2050 Amendment - Support

Dear Chair Pedroza,

On behalf of the Town of Windsor, we are pleased to support the pending amendment for the Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District (SMART) expansion north connecting Healdsburg to the SMART Rail and Pathway network.

SMART is experiencing unprecedented ridership growth as the pandemic and fire traumas fade and the new North Bay travel patterns emerge. Starting Spring 2025, the SMART system will cover 48- of the 70-mile voter approved railroad, with 14 stations and 37 miles of pathway open to the public. SMART is providing more service on both weekdays and weekends than was originally planned and the frequency is attracting new riders every day. When combined with SMART's new short line freight railroad services, the entire system is critical to the economic development of North Bay communities and industries.

SMART's Windsor extension construction is fully underway, and our community is excited by the opportunity the railroad brings. The old railroad tracks that have been a physical presence in our town since our inception are on the cusp of providing modern public benefits. Since 2001, the Town of Windsor has been preparing for the return of passenger rail through the development of the award-winning Town Green Village and supporting walkable housing development. Windsor has a certified Housing Element and has received California Pro-Housing designation. We have developed a long-standing commitment to creating a healthy and diverse community. The operating railroad, connecting Windsor with our neighbors to the south and to the north, is a keystone component of this planning initiative.

Our Windsor businesses look forward to the extension of SMART rail service north to expand reach for employees, attract new customers and visitors, and ultimately drive economic growth in an environmentally sustainable manner.

We thank you for your consideration of this TIRCP request to bring SMART to our neighbors to the north and to match our voters' commitment to a healthier transportation future. And we cordially invite you to visit us when the train arrives in 2025.

Sincerely,

Rosa Reynoza
Mayor

CC: Town Council