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Good Afternoon,

Attached, please find a letter of support for the proposed amendment to Plan Bay Area 2050. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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VIA EMAIL

September 5, 2024

Commissioner Alfredo Pedroza, Chair
Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Bay Area Metro Center
375 Beale Street, Suite 800
San Francisco, CA 94105

Re: Plan Bay Area 2050 Amendment - Support

Dear Chair Pedroza,

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

Despite the fire and pandemic challenges of the last few years, the City of Healdsburg continues to work diligently in preparation for the arrival of SMART rail services. We are all working hard to meet our regional housing goals and build up our stock of affordable housing, which for us includes committing millions of local dollars and providing access to good paying jobs located along the SMART corridor.

Our employers and businesses need workers and visitors to be able to get to Healdsburg by rail - reliably, affordably and in an environmentally friendly manner, without overburdening our constrained parking supply. The extension of SMART rail services through the northern half of Sonoma County is critical to the continued efforts of our city and our neighboring communities to grow in a sustainable manner. We are committed to building affordable housing and workforce housing and providing climate friendly transportation options for our residents to get to school, work and recreational activities in our neighboring communities. Our recent California Pro-Housing designation is one progress step towards fulfilling our community's local and regional housing needs.

We thank you for your consideration of this request to match our voters' commitment to a healthier transportation future.

Sincerely,

Jeff Kay, City Manager
City of Healdsburg