



# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

June 28, 2021

PRESIDENT  
Dennis Rodoni  
4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Office of the Secretary of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

VICE PRESIDENT  
Judy Arnold  
5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

**RE: Support for Caltrans – SMART Rail System Windsor Extension Project/  
Application for RAISE Funds**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT  
Damon Connolly  
1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT

On behalf on the Marin County Board of Supervisors, I write in strong support of Caltrans' request for \$25 million in Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) funds to complete the SMART Rail System Windsor Extension Project.

Katie Rice  
2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT

The start of SMART's passenger rail services in 2017 was an important milestone for the San Francisco North Bay community. The service provides Marin County's residents and workers with options beyond the automobile for getting to jobs in and beyond our county. The fires that devastated Sonoma County in 2017, 2019 and 2020 also caused us to consider the value of having SMART as an option for workers in emergencies. The free service SMART provided during the aftermath of those disasters, the approach SMART has taken to develop a low-income fare program, and fare changes SMART has made to welcome back riders after the COVID-19 pandemic have illustrated the role transit can play in helping to restore a community to health.

Stephanie Moulton-Peters  
3<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT

Now that SMART has completed the Marin County stations of the rail system, including connection to Larkspur Ferry services in 2019, our task is to complete the rest of the network. Extending rail service north to the Town of Windsor is critical to the future growth of SMART ridership and the continued financial success of the system. The SMART Windsor Station has always been predicted to be one of the highest ridership stations along the corridor and connecting that station, with its residences, transit-oriented land use patterns and Town Green destination events to our job centers, colleges and services to the south is an important step in building transportation resiliency for our community.

Matthew H. Hymel  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
CLERK OF THE BOARD

Diane Patterson  
ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE BOARD

The extension of SMART rail services to Windsor is also an important step toward helping us meet our goals to reduce climate impacts, provide equitable access to opportunity and support our public's health.

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The SMART Windsor Project is 30% complete and federal support to complete construction is critical. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Dennis Rodoni, President  
Marin County Board of Supervisors

Cc: Honorable Senator Dianne Feinstein  
Honorable Senator Alex Padilla  
Honorable Congressman Jared Huffman  
Marin County Board of Supervisors