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August 21, 2018

Ron Brown, Foreperson
Marin County Civil Grand Jury
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 275
San Rafael, CA 94903

The Honorable Judge Paul Haakenson
Marin County Superior Court
P.O. Box 4988
San Rafael, CA 94913-4988

Dear Foreperson Brown:

Thank you for your recent report, *Yellow Bus for Traffic Congestion Relief*, dated June 8, 2018. Pursuant to Penal Code 933.05, I am writing on behalf of the Town of Corte Madera, to respectfully respond to the report.

The report requests that the Town respond to Recommendation R2, R4, R7, R8 and R10. The Town's response to the report's recommendations were approved by the Town Council at the August 21, 2018 Town Council meeting, and is included below. Please note that the Town has already implemented one of the five recommendations requested for response. The Town believes that this is a reflection of the Town of Corte Madera's commitment to working toward traffic congestion relief in our region.

Please accept our appreciation for the service you provide to the residents of Marin County, and for addressing this important issue. Should you have any questions regarding this response, please contact the Town Clerk, Rebecca Vaughn, at 415-927-5085 or rvaughn@tcmmail.org.

Sincerely,

Bob Ravasio
Mayor

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT

Report Title: **Yellow Bus for Traffic Congestion Relief**

Report Date: **June 8, 2018**

Response Date: **September 1, 2018**

Agency Name: Town of Corte Madera

Agenda Date: August 21, 2018

Response by: Bob Ravasio

Title: Mayor

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered R10 have been implemented. (Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)
- Recommendations numbered R2, R8 require further analysis.
(Attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the grand jury report.)
- Recommendations numbered R4, R7 will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.

Date: 8/30/18 Signed: Robert P. Ravasio

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The Town of Corte Madera views a Yellow School Bus program as directly advancing three of its top priorities—reducing traffic congestion, increasing school attendance, and enhancing public safety. The Town fully supports, and is committed to participation in, a collaborative effort to investigate the potential of a unified Yellow Bus Program.

However, the Town’s ability to commit resources to this effort will be contingent on the prior completion of rigorous analysis (primarily on the part of Marin Transit and the school districts, with municipalities assisting where appropriate) demonstrating that the program would be cost-effective in achieving these goals.

R2. All municipalities should work with Marin Transit to secure ample locations for bus parking and a location for bus maintenance by the end of 2018.

Response: This recommendation requires further analysis. The Town is willing to have this conversation, however, past evaluation has shown that the Town does not have sufficient existing space or facilities to accommodate bus parking or to house bus maintenance facilities within Town limits. The Town will continue to evaluate potential sites in the future. The 2018 deadline is unrealistic and Marin Transit will likely continue to seek viable options.

R4. Marin Transit should facilitate negotiations for a financial arrangement across the full group of participants that would distribute any tax revenue lost by a municipality or the County for providing a parking or maintenance facility.

Response: This recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted as the response is directed to Marin Transit not the Town. The Town is in agreement that, “the lack of an in-county bus parking area and maintenance facility significantly impacts the cost and quality of bus service,” and is willing to participate in this conversation at such time that Marin Transit initiates the discussion.

R7. School districts (with or without existing YSB programs) and municipalities within the urbanized area of the County should join and actively participate in the YSB committee providing guidance to Marin Transit on YSB issues, such as cost allocations, bell times and routes. The initial meeting should be held by October of 2018.

Response: This recommendation will not be implemented at this time as further analysis is needed. Marin Transit and the school districts should complete this analysis and provide that information when completed.

Coordination among the Marin municipalities, school districts and transportation-related agencies would certainly be beneficial, particularly in garnering support for implementation of a funding allocation that would reduce Yellow School Bus Program’s reliance on funding from our local budgets. The Town has contributed financially to the Tiburon Peninsula Traffic Relief JPA’s Yellow Bus Program for the past four years, and is willing to have this conversation and assist peripherally with the research and planning process. However, the Town currently does not have available staffing or financial resources to

contribute to the establishment of a Yellow School Bus program without sacrificing other essential services or timely delivery of planned road and infrastructure improvements.

R8. The YSB committee should work toward the establishment of a coordinated YSB for K-8 program for the urbanized areas of Marin with the goal of beginning the coordinated program by the 2019-2020 school year.

Response: Further analysis is needed as stated above. The Town is willing to participate in this conversation, particularly if it can be demonstrated that costs could be reduced and/or funding increased for the Yellow School Bus Program that we currently participate in through the Tiburon Peninsula Traffic Relief JPA.

R10. The County and municipalities of the urbanized corridor should make financial support of all YSB programs a part of each year's budgeting process.

Response: This recommendation has been implemented. For the past four years, the Town of Corte Madera has included funding in its budget, in the amount of \$25,000 annually, for participation in the Tiburon Peninsula Traffic Relief JPA's Yellow Bus Program.