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The Honorable Paul M. Haakenson
Marin County Civil Grand Jury
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Re: Sonoma-Marin Area Transit Board of Directors Resubmitted Response to the Marin County Civil Grand Jury Report 2018-2019: SMART First Mile/Last Mile Options.

Eric Lucan
Transportation Authority of Marin

Dear Honorable Paul Haakenson and Mr. Washington,

Joe Naujokas
Sonoma County Mayors' and
Councilmembers Association

This letter constitutes SMART's response to the above referenced report contained within the Marin County Civil Grand Jury's 2018-2019 Report. The Civil Grand Jury only requested SMART responses to recommendations R1 R3 and R5. Consistent with Penal Code section 933.05 the Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit Board of Directors responds as follow:

David Rabbitt
Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

Chris Rogers
Sonoma County Mayors' and
Councilmembers Association

Shirlee Zane
Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

FINDINGS:

- We agree with the Findings numbered F1- F7

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Recommendation R1 has been implemented, SMART will continue to support Transportation Authority of Marin and Marin Transit efforts.
- Recommendation R3 has been implemented.
- Recommendation R5 has not been implemented.

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- R1. Transportation Authority of Marin and Marin Transit should conduct surveys and pertinent research, using the criteria of convenience, cost, and accessibility to determine optimal "first mile – last mile" connections to SMART Station.

Response: SMART will continue to support Transportation Authority of Marin and Marin Transit efforts to implement this recommendation.

- R3. SMART should complete and publish its feasibility study by July 2019 on the east-west track connecting to an Amtrak station in the East Bay.

Response: SMART has already implemented this recommendation. This feasibility report was presented at SMART's Board of Director's meeting on May 1, 2019. The report has also been widely shared with State, Regional, County/City Stakeholders and the Civil Grand Jury. The report is also posted on SMART's Website: <http://www.sonomamarintrain.org/node/299>

- R5. SMART, Transportation Authority of Marin, Marin Transit should prepare a joint feasibility study for the possible implementation of an autonomous shuttle for connection from the Larkspur SMART station to the Larkspur Ferry.

Response: SMART and Transportation Authority of Marin have already initiated discussions regarding this recommendation. SMART and Transportation Authority of Marin met to review all options for connections between the Larkspur SMART station and the Larkspur Ferry terminal, including the feasibility of an autonomous shuttle concept. Currently, autonomous transit vehicles are being tested on dedicated rights of way where no other vehicles, pedestrians, or bicyclist are allowed. The time frame for additional review of an autonomous shuttle linking the Larkspur Ferry Terminal to SMART Larkspur Station is unknown and presently premature due to current regulation, technology, and funding.

Sincerely,

Gary Phillips, Chair
Board of Directors