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SUBJECT: SMART 65% Civic Center Station Design Plan Comments

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Dear Mr. Mansourian,

We are pleased to provide the following review comments regarding SMART's 65% design level plans for the Civic Center Station to be constructed just north of McInnis Parkway. As you know, we have been collaborating with your staff over the past two years in the development of our Civic Center Drive Improvements (CCDI) project design concepts for roadway improvements that will support intermodal connectivity in the northern Civic Center campus area. We also appreciate SMART's receptiveness to allow local agencies to help guide certain station design amenities/features.

We appreciate that SMART is receptive to the County's desire to incorporate certain station design element alternatives (such as historic lighting fixtures, shelter paint color, handrail powder coating/finishing, path/walkway surface treatments, wayfinding signage, site furnishings and landscaping/irrigation). Our expectation is that the County meet with SMART to reach agreement on these as well as other items that need to be coordinated between our agencies. The agreement would include identification of scope of work responsibilities, cost sharing and future maintenance.

Over the past year we have also collaboratively identified preferred locations for transit stops and accessible parking facilities. Our CCDI project scope will include construction of transit stops and we are collaborating with Marin Transit staff to identify value-added amenities (shelter, lighting, trash receptacle, signage) for which they would contribute funding.

It is our understanding that SMART (in collaboration with the City of San Rafael) will be refining details for accessible parking facilities to the north of the rail tracks (between the Highway 101 right-of-way and Civic Center Drive). These facilities are not shown on the 65% plans.

The plans do not identify the proposed location of SMART patron parking. SMART and the County have had conceptual discussions in recent years regarding limited use of the Veterans' Memorial Auditorium (VMA) parking lot. The City of San Rafael Station Area Plan also identifies potential parking along McInnis Parkway. We would like further information from you so that we can reach an agreement on SMART patron parking.

It is our understanding that the crossing control equipment structure has been relocated (from the area now designated as bike parking) to the north side of the rail tracks adjacent to the Highway 101 embankment and will not pose a visual eyesore for the welcoming experience that the County endeavors to create with our CCDI project. Our current 60% CCDI design, contemplates bicycle parking improvements in a nearby location to the south (near the McInnis Parkway traffic signal). We wish to collaborate with your design team to identify a mutually agreeable location to avoid unnecessarily redundant bicycle facilities.

We would also like to take this opportunity to confirm that the County is developing construction logistics with your design team. Since the County's CCDI project construction will occur after rail crossing improvements are installed and will result in significant centerline realignment, required 'quiet zone' medians cannot be constructed by SMART until the CCDI improvements are constructed. Accordingly, we intend to bid and construct median improvements on SMART's behalf as part of the CCDI project. The detail can be incorporated into the cooperative agreement.

We recognize that close coordination between the County, SMART, the City of San Rafael and Marin Transit is paramount in delivering seamless intermodal transportation improvements in this important corridor. We look forward to working with you and your staff to successfully implement the Civic Center SMART Station.

Sincerely,

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Raul M. Rojas
Director of Public Works

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Re: SMART 65% Station Designs

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Marin Council of Mayors and
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Dear *Kathrin & Mathew* President Sears and Mr. Hymel:

Gary Phillips
Transportation Authority of Marin

We are pleased to provide you with SMART's 65% design plans for the downtown San Rafael and Civic Center stations in San Rafael and Hamilton and Atherton stations in Novato for your feedback. The station construction is part of a design-build contract that includes several other major elements of the SMART system. Construction of the SMART stations will begin this year and continue into 2015.

David Rabbitt
Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

Carol Russell
Sonoma Mayors and Councilmembers
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The enclosed stations designs represent our attempt to balance both functionality and available funding. The design focuses on essential infrastructure, such as platforms, lighting and parking, while preserving opportunities for enhancements in the future. The design is certainly not finalized, but a starting point at this point in time. Should the City wish to include some betterments of its own, SMART is open to it as long as the City can fund the betterments and they don't interfere with train operations.

Kathrin Sears
Marin County Board of Supervisors

Shirlee Zane
Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

We have been coordinating work with the County since 2011 as part of the SMART Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). The County of Marin Public Works staff has been regular attendees at the monthly TAC meetings, attending 28 meetings. Recently, SMART staff met with the Public Works Director and Planning Directors on June 4th to review the Civic Center stations site layout plans. This meeting included key representatives from our Design-Build Team: Lead Architect and Design-Build Lead Designer, as well as SMART's Chief Engineer, Senior Planner and staff engineer. The purpose of this meeting was to provide County staff with an "over-the-shoulder" review of the preliminary 65% level plans with a focus on functionality and interface with City facilities such as road and sidewalks. County staff gave us valuable input given the limited right-of-way and available funding.

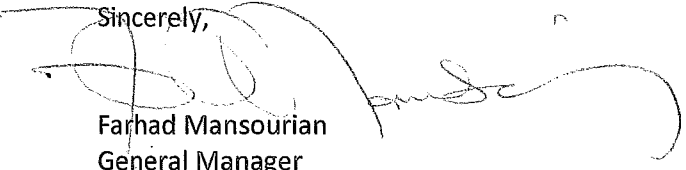
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In order for us to incorporate your feedback in a timely matter and to maintain our construction schedule, we would appreciate hearing from you by September 15th 2014. We look forward to continuing to work with the County.

Sincerely,



Farhad Mansourian
General Manager

Enclosures: 1. 65% Station Plans
 2. June 4th Meeting Notes

CC: SMART Board of Directors, w/enclosures
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 Raul Rojas, Public Works Director, County of Marin, w/enclosures
 Bill Gamlen, SMART
