December 11, 2018

Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

SUBJECT: Ross Valley Yellow Bus Transportation Services Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JEPA)

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATION: At the request of Supervisor Rice, consider approving Ross Valley School Bus Transportation Services Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JEPA)

BACKGROUND: At the request of Supervisor Rice, we bring to your Board consideration of a new joint exercise of powers agreement (JEPA) to formalize governance and oversight of yellow school bus services in the Ross Valley School District. Currently such services are managed by the Marin County Transit District (Marin Transit) and funded with contributions from several partners to help mitigate traffic in the congested Ross Valley corridor during school hours. Marin Transit will remain manager of yellow school bus transportation services under the new JEPA.

The JEPA, consisting of the County, the Towns of Fairfax and San Anselmo, and the Ross Valley School District, is anticipated to play an advisory role regarding service needs, pass prices, fares, schedules, and general policy advice to Marin Transit as the manager of yellow bus services.

Member Agencies will each have two representatives, including an elected official and a staff member, with the elected official having voting rights. There will be no budget authority, and no provision of the JEPA requires any party to make any specific financial commitments.

The term of the Agreement will commence January 1, 2019 and will continue unless terminated earlier by mutual agreement of the Parties. Any Member Agency may terminate its membership for any reason with written notice thirty (30) days' notice.

FISCAL IMPACT: Some staff time (within existing resources) will be dedicated to attending meetings. While the County may partially fund some share of operating costs, there will be no budget authority associated with the JEPA and no requirement that any party make any specific financial commitments.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Matthew H. Hymel
County Administrator