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Deborah Fudge, Chair
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Dear Chair Fudge and Ms. Hames:

The understanding of the Marin Board of Supervisors is that the SMART Board has voted to move forward with phasing of the Measure Q rail and bike/pedestrian pathway, with the first phase originating from Railroad Square in Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, and terminating at the Marin County Civic Center. Our understanding is that the SMART Board also stated that "bus bridges" will be provided from the Civic Center to the San Rafael Transit Center and the Larkspur Ferry Terminal. Our Board has several questions regarding the logistics of the Marin Civic Center as a terminus for the train for the duration of the initial phase, as this represents a difference from the implementation plan when Measure Q was passed.

As our Board's representative to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Supervisor Kinsey recently requested that MTC perform an analysis on the long term viability of the SMART rail project. We assume this analysis will provide an independent review of SMART's financial assumptions, including revenue. We request that the Marin Board of Supervisors be furnished with the results of this and any other independent reviews of the SMART assumptions, as well as responses to the questions above, prior to the SMART board taking action to approve any bond debt obligations on behalf of Marin taxpayers.

In addition, we have several questions regarding the implication of a southern terminus of the SMART line being at Civic Center, since the land adjacent and south of the Civic Center station (rail platform) is owned and managed by the County of Marin. We understand that SMART has presented to the public a potential alternative station site across Civic Center Drive and has moved forward with draft designs at both locations. Questions include, but are not limited to:

- What is the final location for the Civic Center Station rail platform?
- Would more parking be required with the Civic Center as the terminus than is stated in SMART's EIR?
- How would the volume of SMART ridership projections going both directions be changed with the Civic Center as the terminus?
- What will be the bus routes and frequency to and from the Civic Center station from the San Rafael Transit Center and Larkspur Ferry Terminal?
- What is the process envisioned by SMART to identify and address any related land use questions?

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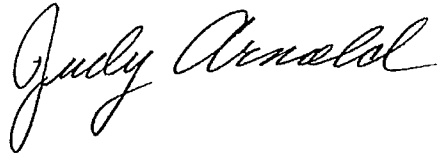
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- Assuming the land use questions are identified and resolved, has SMART allocated adequate funds for a traffic study to assess whether there is adequate access for Marin riders from the surrounding area and points south of the Civic Center, as well as for any additional parking or other impacts that may be created because of the different implementation plan?

We look forward to your timely response.

Respectfully submitted,



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