

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SONOMA-MARIN AREA RAIL TRANSIT DISTRICT ADOPTING AN ADDENDUM TO THE DISTRICT'S 2006 FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE HEALDSBURG EXTENSION PROJECT MODIFICATIONS AND APPROVING THE MODIFICATIONS

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors ("the Board") of the Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District ("SMART") hereby finds as follows:

1. Procedural History

1.1 In furtherance of the SMART passenger train and bicycle-pedestrian pathway project (the "SMART Project"), on July 19, 2006, the Board certified the SMART Project Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR State Clearinghouse No. 2002112033) ("2006 FEIR"), which evaluated the overall passenger rail project, which included the entire rail work, rail stations, bridges, and pathway project. On July 16, 2008, the Board certified a Supplemental EIR ("2008 SEIR") which evaluated the addition of weekend service and three additional station sites as alternatives for the Novato South Station.

1.2 Staff has identified the need to make minor modifications related to the implementation of the Healdsburg Extension Project, including Russian River Bridge reconstruction clarification and refinements; 4 new pedestrian pathway bridges; pathway relocations; and minor refinements related to utility, culverts and track work. Staff has presented the Board with information, including environmental review in compliance with CEQA for approval of these modifications. Accordingly, staff has prepared this Addendum to the 2006 FEIR ("the Addendum") pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, title 14, §15000 *et seq.*). A true and correct copy of the Addendum is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by this reference. The Addendum analyzed the potential environmental impacts of the proposed modifications related to the implementation of the Healdsburg Extension Project.

2. Findings

2.1 (1) The impacts associated with the modifications to the Healdsburg Extension Project would be essentially the same as those previously identified in the SMART project 2006 FEIR and 2008 SEIR and would not have any new significant effects or substantially more severe impacts on the environment than those previously analyzed; (2) The Healdsburg Extension Project Modifications are feasible and are adopted.

3. CEQA Compliance

3.1 Public Resources Code section 21166 provides that when an EIR has been prepared for a project, no subsequent or supplemental EIR shall be required unless substantial changes in the project or the project circumstances will require major revisions of the EIR, or new information, which

was not known and could not have been known when the prior EIR was certified, becomes available. (See *also* State CEQA Guidelines, §15162.) State CEQA Guidelines Section 15164, subdivision (a), provides that the lead agency shall "prepare an addendum to a previously certified EIR if some changes or additions are necessary but none of the conditions described in Section 15162 calling for preparation of a subsequent EIR have occurred." An addendum need not be circulated for public review or comment, but must be considered by the agency before making its decision on the project. (State CEQA Guidelines, § 15164, subds. (c), (d).)

3.2 The impacts related to development of passenger rail service including the rail work, rail stations, bridges, and pathway project were identified and analyzed in the 2006 FEIR and 2008 SEIR. The Addendum considers the Healdsburg Extension Project modifications in light of the 2006 FEIR previously prepared for the project. The analysis provides an assessment of the potential short-term and long-term impacts of the Healdsburg Extension Project modification compared to the original footprint and related components assessed in the FEIR and a description of the relevant mitigation measures that would reduce or eliminate impacts. Specifically, the Addendum considers and discloses the difference in impacts, if any, on visual/aesthetics, air quality, water resources, energy, parks and recreation, biological resources, archaeological resources, historical resources, geology, soils and seismicity, hazardous materials, land use and planning, noise, public facilities and safety, and transportation.

3.3 The Addendum discloses and the Board finds that there is no new information of substantial importance that was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the Board certified the 2006 FEIR or the 2008 SEIR. The Addendum shows that modifying the Healdsburg Extension Project and related components will not result in a new significant environmental effect or a substantial increase in the severity of the effects relative to those examined in the 2006 FEIR and 2008 SEIR.

3.4 The Addendum further discloses and the Board finds that the mitigation measures already identified in the 2006 FEIR and 2008 SEIR would ensure that impacts associated with the Healdsburg Extension Project modification would be less than significant.

3.5 Consistent with CEQA Guidelines, the Board has reviewed the information regarding the Healdsburg Extension Project modifications and determined that it is appropriate to prepare an Addendum to the 2006 EIR.

3.6 The Board finds that the Addendum has been completed in compliance with CEQA, that the Board has independently reviewed and analyzed the Addendum and supports the conclusions contained therein.

4. Evidence in the Record

4.1 In making the findings and determinations set forth above and, in the exhibits, attached hereto, the Board, on occasion, references specific evidence in the record. No such specific reference is intended to be exclusive or exhaustive. Rather, the Board has relied on the totality of the evidence in the record of these proceedings in reaching its decisions herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board, based on the foregoing findings and the record of these proceedings, hereby declares and orders as follows:

1. The foregoing findings and determinations set forth herein, are true and correct, are supported by substantial evidence in the record, and are adopted as set forth herein.
2. The Board has reviewed and considered the information contained in the 2006 FEIR, the 2008 SEIR and this Addendum to the 2006 FEIR, and has considered the environmental effects of the proposed Healdsburg Extension Project Modifications in Sonoma County.
3. The Board hereby adopts the Addendum to the 2006 EIR and approves the Healdsburg extension modifications.
4. The Board hereby authorizes and directs the filing of a notice of determination in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines.
5. The Clerk of the Board is designated as the custodian of the documents and other materials that constitute the record of the proceedings upon which the Board's decisions herein are based. These documents may be found at the SMART Office, 5401 Old Redwood Highway, Suite 200, Petaluma, California, 94954.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District held on the 17th day of December, 2025, by the following vote:

DIRECTORS:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Chris Coursey, Chair
Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District

ATTEST:

Kyreen Jorgensen, Clerk of Board of Directors
Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District