

Board of Directors Meeting: September 17, 2025 – Public Comments

Date	Name	2a. Approval of the July 16, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes
		None
Date	Name	2b. Approval of the August 20, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes
		None
Date	Name	3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items
9/13/2025	Shelley Werner	See Attached
9/14/2025	Keith Korbel	See Attached
9/15/2025	Steve Hackett	See Attached
9/16/2025	M CP	See Attached
Date	Name	<u>Consent Calendar</u> 6a. Accept Monthly Ridership Report – August 2025 6b. Authorize the General Manager to execute contract amendment No. 8 to the Nossaman LLP, Legal Services Contract in order to increase the contract amount by \$400,000 6c. Authorize the Chair to Execute the three-year Collective Bargaining Agreement between Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local Union Number 665
		None
Date	Name	7. Authorize the General Manager or his designee to execute Agreement No. MK-PS-24-001 with FivePaths, LLC for a not to exceed amount of \$303,300 to develop and launch a new website and maintain the new website for an initial term of three years. Additionally, authorize the General Manager to execute up to two (2) optional one-year extensions thereafter – <i>Presented by Communications & Marketing Specialist Allison Mattioli</i>
		None

Date	Name	8. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-25, amending Resolution No. 2025-19, the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Adopted Budget to increase appropriation authority and modify position authority. - Presented by Chief Financial Officer Heather McKillop
		None
Date	Name	9. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-26, awarding a Progressive Design-Build Phase I Agreement to Stacy and Witbeck/Herzog, A Joint Venture in an amount of \$21,754,398.54 to complete Phase 1 work consisting of field investigations, surveys, and engineering design to a 65 percent level – Presented by Chief Engineer Bill Gamlen
		None
Date	Name	Hearing 10. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-27, Resolution of Necessity to acquire real property interests by eminent domain for the SMART pathways project (See attached list of Assessor Parcel Numbers (APNs) and owners) - Presented by General Manager Eddy Cumins
9/4/2025	Karen Alves	Request to Appear at Hearing via Zoom and attached comment with map dated 9/16/2025 See Attached
9/8/2025	Jimmy Pacciorini	Request to Appear at Hearing – See Attached
9/12/2025	Reed Ripley Stewart, Wald, & Smith, LLC	Written Objections to Resolution of Necessity on behalf of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charles J. Hildebrand • The Stacy R. Horton & Linda R. Lockwood Community Trust • Cecic-Karuzic Family Trust See Attached
9/13/2025 – 9/16/2025	Various	101 Letters in Support of Adoption of the Resolution of Necessity See Attached



Smart train bike trail

From shelsun <shelsun@sonic.net>

Date Sat 9/13/2025 8:32 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Hello,

I am a cyclist in sonoma County and have been riding the train trail since it's inception. I have appreciated the extension and am looking to further completion of the trail. Please support the funding of this wonderful addition to our county. Thank you.

Shelley Werner

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Continuing the bike path alongside the train.

From Keith Korbel <korbelly@hotmail.com>

Date Sun 9/14/2025 7:46 AM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

My name is Keith Korbel and I have been a Sonoma County resident for 43 years. I am also a cyclist that uses the bicycle SMART path as much as possible. Please continue this project as efficiently as possible. Anytime we can get people out of cars and onto our public transportation networks is a great thing for everyone.

Thank you,

Keith Korbel

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Please continue support for the multi-use SMART pathway

From Steven Hackett <steven.c.hackett@gmail.com>

Date Mon 9/15/2025 7:49 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear SMART Board,

I am writing you to encourage you to continue funding development of the multi-use pathways along the rail line. These pathways are a very important for providing safe walking and cycling routes to work, doctor visits, grocery shopping, and other reasons for travel. Holes in the pathways substantially degrade the value of the overall system by undermining connectivity and forcing walkers and bicyclists onto busy roadways.

Please do not pull back from supporting the multi-use pathways!

Steve Hackett
Santa Rosa, CA

Sent from my iPhone

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Beautiful Petaluma Riverfront Promenade - IT'S TIME TO TRESTLE!

From M CP <marioque9@gmail.com>

Date Tue 9/16/2025 11:05 AM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>; pflynn@cityofpetaluma.org <pflynn@cityofpetaluma.org>; cityclerk@cityofpetaluma.org <cityclerk@cityofpetaluma.org>; david@davidrabbitt.com <david@davidrabbitt.com>; civic@petalumawomansclub.com <civic@petalumawomansclub.com>

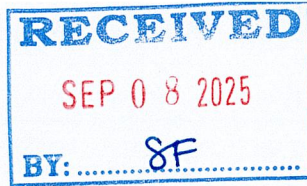
I support that the City of Petaluma and SMART commit staff and funds NOW to rehabilitate the dilapidated Petaluma Riverfront Trestle into a beautiful riverfront promenade.

Please share this email with the Petaluma City Council members and the SMART Board Members.

It's Time To Trestle!

Thank you.

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September 4, 2025

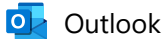
Re: Smart Notice dated Aug 28, 2025
To Karen Hives, owner, 388
Windsor River Rd. Windsor, Ca
Hearing September 17, 2025 @
11:30 via Zoom.

Please ~~note~~ my response to this
hearing mentioned above, that
I intend to be in the Zoom
meeting per the Clerk of the Board
in a conversation September 4th.

Karen Hives
(707) 328-9719
Mailing Address
256 La Quinta Dr.
Windsor, Ca
95492

Mailed To:


SMART
c/o Clerk of the Board
5401 Old Redwood Hwy Ste 200
Petaluma, Ca 94954



Outlook

Re: SMART Board of Directors Packet - September 17, 2025

From Karen Alves <sums@pacbell.net>
Date Tue 9/16/2025 4:52 PM
To Samantha Frias <sfrias@sonomamarintrain.org>

 1 attachment (762 KB)
SMART MAP Eminent Domain.pdf;

Hi Samantha,
Attached is the elementary map I added to. I added the Round-A-Bout and the SMARK bridge over the the drainage ditch to the south of our parking easement.
Thank you for adding it to the Board binder.

Warm Regards,
Karen Alves

On Monday, September 15, 2025 at 02:07:22 PM PDT, Samantha Frias <sfrias@sonomamarintrain.org> wrote:

Hello Karen,

As requested, attached is the September 17, 2025 SMART Board of Directors Meeting packet.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Samantha

Samantha Frias

Administrative Assistant | Interim Clerk of the Board
Gender Pronouns: she/her, they/them

Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District (SMART)
5401 Old Redwood Hwy, Suite 200
Petaluma, CA 94954
Office: 707-285-8185
www.sonomamarintrain.org



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Pedestrian Crossing to Platform

Round
Bout

066-660-COM-000

Trail Cross over to
Bill Beadie Dr &
Johnson St.

Pictometry International, NMD, NASA, Sonoma Veg Map, Maxar, Microsoft

My Condo
HOA
Sidewalk
To Pedestrian
Crossing

APN: 066-660-COM-000

Address: 370, 378, 380, 388, 398 Windsor River Road
Windsor, CA 95492

EXHIBIT "A"

Not to Scale

Easement Area

Railroad Corridor

Property Line

For Illustrative Purposes Only



September 8, 2025

Board of Directors
Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District
Attention: Clerk of the Board
5401 Old Redwood Hwy, Suite 200
Petaluma, California 94954

Per your Notice of Hearing regarding the SMART bicycle and pedestrian pathway dated August 28, 2025, I am giving notice that I would like to be in attendance for the proceedings. As stated in your letter and referenced by Civil Procedure Section 1240.030, I am giving notice to appear within the required 15-day period.

Date of Hearing: Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Place of Hearing: Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District
5401 Old Redwood Highway, 1st Floor
Petaluma CA 94954

Owner: Pacciorini Family LLC. Assessor Parcel Number: 006-051-074 located at 704
Petaluma Blvd. North, Petaluma CA 94952

Sincerely



Jimmy Pacciorini





Written Objections for 9.17.2025 Hearing re Resolution of Necessity to Acquire Interest in Real Property by Eminent Domain—Hildebrand, Lockwood & Horton, and Cecic-Karuzic

From Reed Ripley <ripley@swslegal.com>

Date Fri 9/12/2025 12:26 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Cc Thomas S. Stewart <stewart@swslegal.com>; Holly Bond <bond@swslegal.com>; Grant E. Houske <Houske@swslegal.com>; Stuart Talley <stuart@ktblegal.com>; Steven M. Wald <wald@swslegal.com>

 1 attachment (255 KB)

9.12.2025 Written Objections for 9.17.2025 Hearing re Resolution of Necessity to Acquire Interest in Real Property by Eminent Domain.pdf;

Hello,

Please find attached written objections sent on behalf of the identified landowners, ahead of the Board's upcoming September 17, 2025, meeting regarding Resolutions of Necessity to acquire pathway easements in the landowners' property by eminent domain.

Please confirm receipt and that these comments will be filed today and accordingly entered into the record during next week's meeting.

Thank you,
Reed Ripley

Reed W. Ripley | Attorney
Stewart, Wald, & Smith, LLC
2100 Central, Suite 22
Kansas City, MO 64108
Office: 816.303.1500
Direct: 816.299.4086
Fax: 816.527.8068
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www.swslegal.com
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September 12, 2025

+ STL KC

Sent via E-mail and Mail: board@SonomaMarinTrain.org

Board of Directors, Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District

Attn: Clerk of the Board

5401 Old Redwood Highway, Suite 200

Petaluma, CA 94954

**Re: *SMART Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathway*
Written Objections to Resolution of Necessity for Acquisition of Pathway Easement**

Dear SMART Board of Directors,

This letter provides written objections in lieu of attending the Board's upcoming hearing regarding consideration of adoption of Resolutions of Necessity to acquire a pathway easement, sent on behalf of the following landowners who received a Notice from Eddy Cumins, SMART General Manager:

Landowner	Assessor Parcel Nos. Subject to Notice
Charles J. Hildebrand 2505 Laguna Vista Dr. Novato, CA 94945	047-213-027 137-011-022
The Stacy R. Horton & Linda R. Lockwood Community Trust, c/o Stacy R. Horton & Linda R. Lockwood P.O. Box 993 Penngrove, CA 94951	047-166-039
Zelko Cecic-Karuzic and Paula Cecic-Karuzic, trustees of the Cecic-Karuzic Family Trust 2320 Grosse Ave. Santa Rosa, CA 95407	134-111-68

As SMART and the Board are well aware, our firm represents nearly 70 landowners against SMART in relation to its illegal construction of its recreational pathway, including the three above-identified landowners (the "Landowners"). We submit these written objections at the above-identified Landowners' specific request—however, these written objections apply equally to all Landowners whose property is subject to SMART's upcoming September 17 Hearing regarding potential Resolutions of Necessity to acquire a pathway easement over and across the Landowners' properties.

Accordingly, the Landowners submit the following written objections in place of personal appearances at the Hearing, intended to become part of the Hearing's official record pursuant to the Notices and Cal. Govt. Code § 1245.235, each of which renders the Notice inadequate and any Resolutions of Necessity relying on the Notice invalid:

- 1) **SMART Has Failed to Properly Identify the Property Intended to Be Acquired**—SMART has identified the intended acquisition as “A pathway easement in the railroad corridor abutting your property.” There are multiple problems with this description:
 - a. The bounds of the proposed pathway easement are not identified. Considering SMART has already illegally constructed its pathway over and across these Landowners' property, a failure to specifically describe the already-existing pathway easements is unacceptable.
 - b. SMART fails to acknowledge that the pathway easement would run over and across the Landowners' property, not simply “abutting” the Landowners' property, as the Landowners own the corridor land at least to its centerline. As demonstrated more specifically in SMART's Offer Letters to the Landowners, SMART has consistently failed to recognize this, despite a ruling from October 2024, in Sonoma County District Court, holding that 1) SMART only holds an easement in the corridor, not fee title; and 2) SMART's railroad easement does not give SMART the right to construct its pathway.
 - c. SMART's failure to acknowledge the limits of its rights in the corridor, and in turn, failure to acknowledge the Landowners' rights, is merely a continuation of an argument that SMART has already lost. Moreover, egregiously, SMART has actively represented the opposite of the Court's holdings in correspondence to Landowners, including in the Offer Letters sent pursuant to § 7267.2, stating that the property rights are “uncertain” and that SMART believes it holds the rights to build its pathway. Inherently, SMART cannot properly identify the Landowners' property to be acquired when it continues to pretend the Landowners' property does not exist.
- 2) **SMART has Failed to Provide Offers of Just Compensation for Damages Pursuant to Cal. Govt. Code § 7267.2**—SMART's *de minimus* offers of just compensation are inadequate to satisfy § 7267.2's requirements, as follows:
 - a. Setting aside SMART's incredibly low and invalid valuation of the corridor land upon which the pathway easement would run (a valuation of \$0, increased to a nominal \$1,000 each to avoid taking proceedings, for incredibly valuable Sonoma County land), SMART completely failed to acknowledge its obligation to compensate Landowners for damages to their adjacent properties.
 - b. Despite SMART having only recently constructed its pathway, Landowners are already and routinely experiencing issues involving trash, noise, privacy concerns, and security concerns. These damages are not speculative—they are already happening,

and SMART's failure to recognize them and offer appropriate just compensation is a complete failure to comply with the requirements of § 7267.2.

- 3) **SMART's Intended Acquisition is Illegal Because Federal Law Preempts Eminent Domain Proceedings Involving a Rail Corridor Within the Surface Transportation Board's Jurisdiction**—Finally, the Landowners note that the proposed eminent domain proceedings run afoul of federal preemption because the proposed acquisition directly interferes with the Surface Transportation Board's regulation of rail transportation.
- a. SMART's railroad corridor is still entirely within the STB's exclusive jurisdiction over the construction, acquisition, operation, abandonment, or discontinuance of rail corridors.
 - b. Uniformly, both the STB and Circuit Courts have struck down eminent domain proceedings involving a corridor that is, or may be, used for rail transportation even where a section of corridor is not currently used for actively operating trains.
 - c. SMART's proposed proceedings directly interfere with rail transportation, and if SMART proceeds down this path, the Landowners intend to challenge the proceedings' legality based on federal preemption.

The Landowners respectfully request the Board's consideration of the above-identified objections.

Very truly yours,

STEWART, WALD & SMITH, LLC



Reed W. Ripley



Item 10: Please adopt Resolution No. 2025-27

From Carla Wiking <smallfriendly@gmail.com>

Date Sat 9/13/2025 5:07 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. This will be an invaluable asset to our community and environment. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

Carla Wiking

95405

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From Sam Bassetti <swbassetti@gmail.com>

Date Sat 9/13/2025 4:19 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

Sam Bassetti [95405]

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From Genevieve N. Franklin <star.navar@gmail.com>

Date Sat 9/13/2025 4:31 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear SMART Board Members,

Dear SMART Board Members,

I'm a long-time resident of Santa Rosa.

I remember how excited my husband and I were when we first voted for the SMART train dream. Years later, it's in your hands to ensure that this continuous pathway project is completed efficiently. In our current physical and psychological environments, healthy and climate-supporting means to live and move about from day to day are more important than ever.

My sweet companion is no longer alive, but I hope that for the sake of all of our community you do everything you can to counter challenges to its completion and specifically at this point to vote YES on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27.

Thank you for all you have contributed to making this a reality.

Genevieve N. Franklin (on my behalf and that of Donn Franklin)

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From Ann Foster <afoster@sonic.net>

Date Sat 9/13/2025 4:35 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Sonoma County resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the county. I am a frequent user of Santa Rosa businesses and would prefer to use a combination of bike/train options to travel into Santa Rosa and then back home as I am trying to reduce time spent in the car on 101.

I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

Ann Foster (95448)

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Item 10 - Resolution No. 2025-27.

From Charles Reed <chazreed@comcast.net>

Date Sat 9/13/2025 4:39 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

I'm a resident of Coffey Park and I've been waiting years for the segment of the SMART trail that runs from Santa Rosa North to Airport to open. Don't allow opportunistic groups to further delay the construction of this section. Use what legal means the County has to complete this project. Vote yes on Resolution No. 2025-27.

Sincerely,
C.E. Reed
95403

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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SMART PATH

From raturner <raturner@sonic.net>

Date Sat 9/13/2025 4:43 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Windsor resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

Ramona Turner 95492

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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From Mike Miller <mikemiller00@gmail.com>

Date Sat 9/13/2025 4:55 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa residents, we have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. We support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

Mike & Viki Miller

95409

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Smart path for bikes

From Beth Power <beth.power@att.net>

Date Sat 9/13/2025 4:56 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

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Dear Board Members,

I'm a Santa Rosa resident, & have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path to access the train and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

Beth Power 95404

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From Deborah Curle <dcurle77@att.net>**Date** Sat 9/13/2025 4:56 PM**To** Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

D. Curle (zip code 95425)

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From Joe Stein <joeaarons@gmail.com>

Date Sat 9/13/2025 4:58 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27.

Sincerely,

Joe Stein, ZIP code 95404

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From Mark Simpson <dudeacct99@yahoo.com>

Date Sun 9/14/2025 12:01 AM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

I am an active member of Bikeable Santa Rosa, and, as a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

Mark Simpson
95405

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From Jason Wiking <jasonwiking@gmail.com>

Date Sat 9/13/2025 5:13 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

Jason Wiking 95405

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Please vote yes!

From Michelle Klimek <msfalcin@icloud.com>

Date Sat 9/13/2025 5:18 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

Michelle Klimek
95409

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Subject: Item 10: Please adopt Resolution No. 2025-27

From Avery Figueroa <averyfig@gmail.com>

Date Sat 9/13/2025 5:28 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

Avery Figueroa 95405

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Item 10: Please adopt Resolution No. 2025-27

From Kristiina <kkristiinakk@gmail.com>

Date Sat 9/13/2025 5:29 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city.

And not less important - have a safe and continuous bike bath connection communities, where everyone can enjoy healthy exercise while being outside.

I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

Kristiina Grumley [95404]

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Item 10

From Steve Saxe <sgsaxe@gmail.com>

Date Sat 9/13/2025 5:29 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board,

Completing the SMART path is a critical element in making Santa Rosa and Sonoma County a safe and pleasant place to ride a bicycle. I encourage the Board to use its legal powers to accelerate the build-out and minimize cost and effort by voting YES on Resolution No 2025-27.

Steve Saxe
Santa Rosa 95404

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From Jorge DaCosta <jorgemdacosta@hotmail.com>

Date Sat 9/13/2025 5:33 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

Jorge DaCosta

95404

Santa Rosa, CA

Mobile phone: (510) 368-1264

Home phone: (707) 708-7726

jorgemdacosta@hotmail.com

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From Karin Burger <karinbur@sonic.net>

Date Sat 9/13/2025 5:50 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Sonoma County resident, I have been looking forward to completion of the SMART path for use both in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for traveling and commuting by bike throughout the cities that SMART serves. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27.

Sincerely,
Karin Burger (Petaluma, 94952)

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From Steven Pollock <jacksonp2008@gmail.com>

Date Sat 9/13/2025 6:04 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

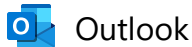
I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

-Steven Pollock

(415) 827-3525

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From tga3seb@icloud.com <tga3seb@icloud.com>

Date Sat 9/13/2025 6:15 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Cc Anne Abrams <aabrams@sonic.net>

Dear Board Members,

My wife and I have been supporters of and advocates for the SMART system since it was proposed in 2006. Despite the disappointing vote on Proposition R, we continued to voice support for SMART as an integrated transportation system linking Sonoma County to the greater Bay Area transit systems.

We are highly gratified to witness the steady success and growth of the entire system, especially including the valuable and essential pedestrian and bike corridor through Santa Rosa and beyond.

We have patiently waited for and celebrated each new connection, route enhancement and the growing network of railside trails. However the pace of development has been a bit of a disappointment. We urge you to take all reasonable actions to expedite completion of the SMART trail connections through the City.

Accordingly we urge you to adopt Resolution No. 2025=27 as a means to economically hasten the completion of this well directed investment in our communities future.

Thank you for you consideration.

Tom and Anne Abrams

1702 Barlow Ln.

Sebastopol, CA 95472

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Resolution No. 2025-27

From Zoe Sahmali <zoeshahmali@gmail.com>

Date Sat 9/13/2025 6:23 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, I've been looking forward to the completion of the SMART path - not only to better access rail services but also as a safe and convenient way to bike through the city. I encourage the board to use its legal authority to help move this project forward quickly and in a way that keeps costs low for taxpayers. I kindly ask you to vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27.

Zoe Sahmali

zoeshahmali@gmail.com

Zip Code 95495

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Item 10: Please adopt Resolution No. 2025-27, thank you!

From celiajoyce@gmail.com <celiajoyce@gmail.com>

Date Sat 9/13/2025 6:29 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27.

My daughter and I ride SMART and love it! We also bike and have friends up and down the corridor and can't wait to be able to include and encourage more people in using both the train and the path!

Thanks, Celia - pedestrian, bicyclist, grateful and proud resident of 95403 ZIP Code!

Celia de Mello Lam
+1.510.672.0008 mobile

Sent from mobile device, please excuse typos or errors.

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From Samantha Feld <sami.feld@gmail.com>

Date Sat 9/13/2025 7:17 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident and County of Sonoma employee who works near the airport and regularly rides the SMART train, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike to work and through the city. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

Samantha Feld

95401

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Item 10: Please adopt Resolution No. 2025-27

From Nora Crocker <nora.croc@gmail.com>

Date Sat 9/13/2025 7:29 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

Nora Crocker 95409

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From nancy@nancyvallance.com <nancy@nancyvallance.com>**Date** Sat 9/13/2025 7:32 PM**To** Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>**To:** Board@SonomaMarinTrain.org**Subject:** Item 10: Please adopt Resolution No. 2025-27

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,
Nancy Vallance 94941

Nancy C Vallance

Principal

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Item 10: we're in favor of Res # 2025-27

From Ken M <kenmerc@gmail.com>

Date Sat 9/13/2025 7:52 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

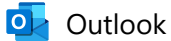
Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, my kids and I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27!

Thank you for your time and efforts to make this amazing path a reality!

Ken Mercado

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From Joyce Chang <joyce666chang@gmail.com>

Date Sat 9/13/2025 8:01 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

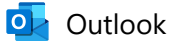
Dear Board Members,

As a Healdsburg resident who cycles avidly, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,
Joyce Chang
Healdsburg, CA 95448

Sent from my 128GB iThing

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Item 10: Please adopt Resolution No. 2025-27

From Aaron Stainthorp <aaron.stainthorp@gmail.com>

Date Sat 9/13/2025 8:11 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

I live in Santa Rosa and I think it is critical for our community to both have the SMART train and an active transportation network.

The SMART path is the critical link to connect our communities for bikers and allow more North Bay residents to travel by bike.

Building a bike trail is straightforward and like a non-controversial use of SMART own property. It has always been a publicly voiced aspect of the plan and private land owners using legal threats to derail progress should not be the reason we lower our ambitions.

I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

Aaron Stainthorp, 95405

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Item 10 - Please adopt Resolution No. 2025-27

From Barbara Phillips <caramiacavys@yahoo.com>

Date Sat 9/13/2025 8:27 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

Barbara Phillips (95404)

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Item 10: Please adopt Resolution No. 2025-27

From Katy Jamshidi <katy.metzler@gmail.com>

Date Sat 9/13/2025 8:32 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

Katy Jamshidi, 95405

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Item 10: Please adopt Resolution No. 2025-27

From Mario <mpdebello@gmail.com>

Date Sat 9/13/2025 8:51 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27. I regularly ride what paths there are but have to do some sometimes risky workarounds to complete my routes.

Sincerely, Mario De Bello

Live and let live...

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Subject: Item 10: Please adopt Resolution No. 2025-27

From Cris Eggers <criseggersroads4all@gmail.com>

Date Sat 9/13/2025 9:31 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a cyclist (I ride for transportation as well as recreation) and a Santa Rosa resident, I have been anticipating the completion of the final connections of the SMART path. This completion will make it possible for me and other cyclists to travel safely to the SMART stations and also provide a way for residents to commute safely by bike throughout the county.

With many other residents, I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. I urge you to vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27 to support the expedition of this long-awaited completion.

Sincerely,

Cris Eggers

Santa Rosa, 95404

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Bike Committing

From Michael Lipelt <eclecticdr@gmail.com>

Date Sat 9/13/2025 10:05 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

Michael Lipelt

Santa Rosa

Long term supporter of SMART rail line and bike path

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Item 10: Please adopt Resolution No. 2025-27

From Jonathan Kaiser <jonathanr.kaiser@gmail.com>
Date Sat 9/13/2025 10:08 PM
To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

I live in Windsor, and work as a County Employee in Santa Rosa. Having the Windsor SMART multi-use pathway is a significant improvement to peoples' ability to move about Windsor while off busy roadways. Accessing a SMART station off a roadway is benefiting the pedestrian and driver alike. Connecting together North West Santa Rosa with safe alternatives to driving will help keep more people safe.

For what it is worth, I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,
Jonathan Kaiser, 95492

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Item 10: Please adopt Resolution No. 2025-27

From Lisa <zsazsagemini@gmail.com>

Date Sat 9/13/2025 10:54 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27. I have been waiting patiently for this to pass as I love to ride my bike, but I'm 70 years old now and I do not want to go onto the busy streets where the gaps are. Please consider the people and their welfare.

Kindly,

Ms. Watson
95401.

<https://pages.ils.org/ltn/gba/SanFran24/lwatson#in-memory-of-my-mom!>

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Item 10: Please adopt Resolution No. 2025-27

From Ryan Petersen <inthe10ring@yahoo.com>

Date Sat 9/13/2025 11:01 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

Ryan Petersen, 95405

Sent from my iPhone

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From Veronica Jacobi <ronijacobior@gmail.com>**Date** Sat 9/13/2025 11:12 PM**To** Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>**Subject:** Item 10: Please adopt
Resolution No. 2025-27

Dear Board Members,

As Santa Rosa residents and a former City Councilwoman, we have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. We strongly support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

Veronica Jacobi and David Gougler,
95401

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Item 10: Please adopt Resolution No. 2025-27

From Peter Tran <peter.tk.tran@gmail.com>

Date Sun 9/14/2025 11:08 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

Peter Tran

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From Steven Courteau <ob98ed@hotmail.com>

Date Sun 9/14/2025 12:17 AM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

As a North Bay resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

Steven Courteau, 94901

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Yes on Resolution No. 2025-27

From Will Hemphill <willnhemphill@gmail.com>

Date Sun 9/14/2025 12:54 AM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

I urge you to vote yes on the upcoming Resolution No. 2025-27. Using eminent domain to avoid such blatantly frivolous lawsuits is a necessary step in ensuring the efficient completion of important infrastructure projects like this one.

As I'm sure you know, transportation networks get their value from how many useful places they can reasonably connect people to. A continuous, safe path that connects multiple city centers in the north bay would be enormous added value to our growing bike network. No addition to the network stands to be more tax-efficient than this one. This is potentially the easiest win in local bike infrastructure possible right now.

You have my, and many other Santa Rosans', full support in the use of eminent domain to continue the efficient construction of this path. I personally go out of my way to use this path whenever possible because of how much more peaceful it is to ride on. The continued (efficient) construction of this path matters a lot to me.

Thank you for your consideration and all the work you've done to get the SMART train and its multi use path to this point. I truly see it as the future of transit in Sonoma County.

Best regards,

Will Hemphill, 95409

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From Tracy P <raceytracy3@yahoo.com>**Date** Sun 9/14/2025 5:37 AM**To** Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,
Tracy Patton
95409

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From alizandercpr@gmail.com <alizandercpr@gmail.com>

Date Sun 9/14/2025 6:28 AM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. The more safe paths we have for cycling the more cyclists we will see. Less traffic, accidents and injuries is major win for everyone. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

Alison Zander

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From Laura Shumaker <laura.c.shumaker@gmail.com>

Date Sun 9/14/2025 7:28 AM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

Laura, 95404

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Multiuse path

From Amanda Hernandez <damandaz13@yahoo.com>

Date Sun 9/14/2025 8:04 AM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,
Amanda Aragon
95404

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From a h <amandarice04@yahoo.com>

Date Sun 9/14/2025 8:07 AM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Please adopt Resolution No. 2025-27

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

Amanda Hernandez

95404

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From Andrew Rich <andrewnrch@gmail.com>

Date Sun 9/14/2025 8:15 AM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board,

I work near the airport station and live in Santa Rosa. Please pass item 10 from September's board meeting. You have the authority— please use it.

Sincerely,

Andrew rich

95401

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From Jack James <123jacksonjames@gmail.com>

Date Sun 9/14/2025 8:37 AM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I commute by bike along Fulton Rd everyday to get to work, and the path from SR downtown to SC Airport Stations would significantly impact my commute. It would make my ride faster, safer, and more enjoyable.

I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

Jackson James 95401

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Resolution N. 2025-27

From Rick Coates <rcoates@sonic.net>

Date Sun 9/14/2025 10:30 AM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

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*Promoting Ecotourism and Green Travel
213 Elbridge Ave. #G, Cloverdale, CA 95425
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September 14, 2025

Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit

Re: Great Redwood Trail

Board@sonomamarintrain.org

Subject: Item 10: Please adopt Resolution No. 2025-27

Dear Board of Directors,

EcoRing is a nonprofit organization that promotes ecotourism and green travel in the North Bay. Our Partners are businesses in the tourism industry in Sonoma, Marin and San Francisco counties. We also advocate for the infrastructure that would allow tourists to travel safely without their automobiles using rail transit and bicycle paths.

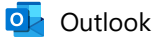
EcoRing strongly supports the completion of the multi-use pathway between Santa Rosa North Station to the Airport Station. We encourage you to adopt Resolution N. 2025-27 in order to quickly complete the project in a way that minimizes cost.

Sincerely,



Executive Director

rcoates@sonic.net or 707-889-4981



Subject: Item 10: Please adopt Resolution No. 2025-27

From Kleader <kleader@sonic.net>

Date Sun 9/14/2025 11:56 AM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

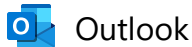
As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

Katherine Leader
4726 Foulger Dr.
Santa Rosa
95404

Sent from my iPhone- please pardon any errors!

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Item 10: Please adopt Resolution No. 2025-27 and take action on the Jennings Pedestrian Crossing

From Nicholas Sande <nsand3@gmail.com>

Date Sun 9/14/2025 11:58 AM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Hi SMART board members,

I live in Santa Rosa near the Santa Rosa North Smart station. I bike to work every day along the smart trail and have been eagerly waiting for improvements and expansion to the trail in my neighborhood. I've especially been waiting for the trail expansion up to Airport Blvd. I'm looking forward to the day I can cruise up to the airport with my carry-on in tow on my bike - let's make it happen soon! I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27. Also, let's see some action on the Jennings pedestrian crossing. It's frustrating to see that nothing has happened.

Sincerely,

Nick Sande

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SMART Train Path

From Constance Freeman <constancefreeman1@gmail.com>

Date Sun 9/14/2025 12:02 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. My son and his friends use the train and the path every day to commute to school.

I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Kindly,

Connie Freeman
153 Park Royal Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

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Yes on Resolution No. 2025-27

From Marlina Eckel <meckel@sbcglobal.net>

Date Sun 9/14/2025 12:32 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

I regularly use the existing SMART bicycle paths and look very forward to the completion of the northern segments. These segments will provide additional safety to our vulnerable bicycle population, many of which are seniors.

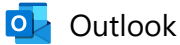
As a Sonoma County resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city.

I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Healthy Regards,
Marlina Eckel
Cotati, CA
94931

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From Tony Lee <dr_tony_lee@yahoo.com>**Date** Sun 9/14/2025 1:08 PM**To** Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,
Tony Lee
94952

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From Rex Burington <rexwillb@gmail.com>**Date** Sun 9/14/2025 1:16 PM**To** Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Sonoma County resident and avid cyclist, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through Santa Rosa. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

Rex Burington [94931]

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From Kyra Lefferts <kyra.lefferts@sportsbasement.com>

Date Sun 9/14/2025 2:08 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Sebastopol resident working in Santa Rosa, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

Kyra Lefferts 95472

Kyra Lefferts *(she/her)*

Sports Basement Santa Rosa

Assistant General Manager

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From Johanna Silverthorne <johannasilverthorne@gmail.com>

Date Sun 9/14/2025 3:21 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. We've come so far; don't miss this chance to help the project reach completion!

I fully support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. PLEASE vote YES on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27.

Sincerely,

Johanna Silverthorne

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Subject: Item 10: Please adopt Resolution No. 2025-27

From Frank Simmons <mainstreetfrank@sbcglobal.net>

Date Sun 9/14/2025 3:58 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Rohnert Park resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for riding my bike through the city. I regularly use the completed sections and find them much safer than the streets.

I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

Frank Simmons [94928]

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From Steven Aquilino <saquilino102@gmail.com>

Date Sun 9/14/2025 4:29 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,
Steven Aquilino
Zip Code 95492

e-mail: saquilino102@gmail.com

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From Alfred Mascy <world_cyclist@icloud.com>

Date Sun 9/14/2025 5:34 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

I conduct bicycle rides on Monday, Wednesday & Friday with riders in their 60's and 70's and safety is our major protocol. We often use bike trails to avoid heavy automobile traffic. In particular, the SMART trails have been very helpful as we cross Santa Rosa from north to south. The link from the North Station to Airport Blvd would increase our road safety.

Please vote Yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27.

Thank you,

Alfred Mascy

95409

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Adopt Resolution 2025-27

From Molly Mazzella <bikegem@gmail.com>

Date Sun 9/14/2025 11:40 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As Sonoma County residents we have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the County.

We support the Board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way minimizes cost to taxpayers.

Please vote yes on adopting Resolution NO. 2025-27.

Sincerely,

John and Molly Mazzella

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From Mark Eichstaedt <mark@eichstaedt.com>

Date Mon 9/15/2025 9:16 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Sonoma County resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27.

Mark Eichstaedt 95492

Mark Eichstaedt
917 Birkdale Ct
Windsor, CA 95492

415-722-3221

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Resolution # 2025-27

From Gmail <richcollins4@gmail.com>

Date Mon 9/15/2025 8:23 AM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

To All SMART Board Members,

It's been some years now since I voted to support SMART. While some things have been a big disappointment, such as using diesel instead of electricity, I have been pleased with the progress of the project. Occasionally I've used the SMART train but mostly I use the path. Living in Santa Rosa, the path has been a great safe way to get across parts of the city safely. I've been waiting for completion of the SMART path to travel farther. Both to access the train as well as just getting around. I recently read that there have been holdups to extending the path. If necessary to complete the path I support the Board using eminent domain. The path has always been part of the plan and I'd like to see it completed. Please vote yes on Resolution 2025-27.

Thanks,

Rich Collins
1107 Pippin Circle
Santa Rosa, CA 95407

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Item 10: Please adopt Resolution No. 2025-27

From Kevin Gilleran <kevin@gilleranenergy.com>

Date Mon 9/15/2025 8:30 AM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Cc 'Jessi G' <jessicathetesol@gmail.com>

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,
Kevin



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Item 10: Please adopt Resolution No. 2025-27

From Doug Smith <rooksmith@gmail.com>

Date Mon 9/15/2025 9:14 AM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Members,

As a **Sonoma County** resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

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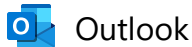
Best regards,

Doug Smith
15403 Thomas St,
Glen Ellen, CA 95442

510.915.5437 (cell and text)

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/dougs1/>

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Agenda Item 10 - Support of Resolution No. 2025-27

From Amy Jolly <amybjolly@gmail.com>

Date Mon 9/15/2025 10:06 AM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support you using your legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

In Joy

Amy B Jolly

95405

"Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it." The Talmud

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From Michelle Klimek <msfalcin@gmail.com>

Date Mon 9/15/2025 10:09 AM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

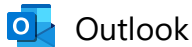
Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support you using your legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

Michael Klimek 95409

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Agenda Item 10 - Support of Resolution No. 2025-27

From Abby Arnold <abby@abbyarnold.com>

Date Mon 9/15/2025 10:12 AM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board members:

As a Santa Rosa resident, I am looking forward to the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support you using your legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27.

Very truly yours,

Abby Arnold

Homeowner, Montgomery Village

Abby Arnold

abby@abbyarnold.com

(310) 922-3636 (cell)

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Continue efforts to extend the SMART path!

From Kristin Kiefer <kkiefer.2012@gmail.com>

Date Mon 9/15/2025 10:35 AM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, cyclist, public transportation user, environmentalist, and supporter of art, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city and the north Bay Area. I recently rode on the SMART path from downtown Santa Rosa to SOMO Village to attend Old Caz's Anniversary Party. Biking along the SMART path is a great way to get to and from the event responsibly. We had a lot of fun along the way and look forward to making more regional trips by bike!

I support you using your legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Kristin Kiefer

95401

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Agenda Item 10 - SUPPORT for Resolution No. 2025-27

From Adrian Covert <covert.adrian@gmail.com>

Date Mon 9/15/2025 10:39 AM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

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Greetings,

Please see the attached letter from Santa Rosa YIMBY in support of Resolution No. 2025-27. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Adrian Covert

Local Lead

Santa Rosa YIMBY

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September 15, 2025

The Honorable Chris Coursey, Chair
SMART Board of Directors
5401 Old Redwood Highway
1st Floor Petaluma, CA 94954

Re: Agenda Item 10 - Resolution No. 2025-27 (SUPPORT)

Dear Chair Coursey and Members of the Board,

Santa Rosa YIMBY is an all-volunteer association of over 400 Santa Rosa residents dedicated to building Santa Rosa into an affordable, vibrant, low-carbon city for all. Central to that goal is the availability of a safe active transportation network of protected and/or separated pathways for pedestrians and cyclists. Perhaps no single project is more important to advancing this goal than the completion of the SMART pathway between Santa Rosa North Station and the Sonoma County Airport Station. When completed, this missing segment would unlock a safe, active transportation alternative from Cotati all the way to Windsor Station, and help Santa Rosa and other cities along the corridor achieve their local emissions reductions, active transportation, and VMT reductions goals.

For these reasons we believe the SMART pathway project is clearly in the public interest; that it is planned and located in a manner most compatible with the greatest public good and least private injury; that the interests in the subject properties are necessary for the project; and that a fair offer of just compensation has been made to the property owner(s). The project should resume without further delay, which is why we respectfully ask the Board to adopt Resolution No. 2025-27.

Best,



Adrian Covert
Local Lead
Santa Rosa YIMBY



SMART pathway support

From Paul Jolly <pauljolly65@yahoo.com>
Date Mon 9/15/2025 10:41 AM
To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support you using your legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

Paul Jolly

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From Carla Grady <carladgrad@gmail.com>

Date Mon 9/15/2025 10:49 AM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Members of the Board,

Like most bicycle enthusiasts in Sonoma County, I intend to use all sections of the bike path adjacent to the SMART rail when they are fully completed. I am horrified to learn that people are opposing its completion for any reason whatsoever, but especially as a form of extortion. Bike paths along rail lines are fabulous wherever they have been established, and we have been awaiting the full extension of ours for a long time.

Please use your legal powers to help complete the project as quickly as possible, without caving to the interests of those filing crazy lawsuits against it.

Please vote YES on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Dr. Carla Grady, retired SRJC prof.

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Agenda Item 10 - Support of Resolution No. 2025-27

From Taylor Hines <tayhines@yahoo.com>
Date Mon 9/15/2025 11:31 AM
To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support you using your legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

Taylor Hines
Santa Rosa, 95403

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Agenda Item 10 - Support of Resolution No. 2025-27

From Ben Hough <benhuff322@gmail.com>

Date Mon 9/15/2025 12:06 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As someone living in Santa Rosa who commutes to Windsor, I'm avidly awaiting for the completion of the SMART path — both as a safe way to bike to work and as an easy link to rail service. I urge you to use your authority to push this project forward quickly and in a way that keeps expenses reasonable for the community. I hope you'll vote in favor of Resolution No. 2025-27.

Best regards

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In support of Resolution No. 2025-27

From David Liebman <dliebman03@gmail.com>

Date Mon 9/15/2025 12:27 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear SMART Board of Directors,

As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support you using your legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

David Liebman (Zip code) 95407

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From Robert Quail <rquail@cfk.com>

Date Mon 9/15/2025 12:50 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident and Board Member of the Santa Rosa Cycling Club, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection bike riding through the County from Cloverdale to Petaluma and points south. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Quail

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Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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Subject: Agenda Item 10 - Support of Resolution No. 2025-27

From Jared Lyons <jared.lyons10@gmail.com>

Date Mon 9/15/2025 1:12 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path both for accessing rail services and as a safe bike commuting route through the city. I urge you to use your legal authority to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes costs to taxpayers.

Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27.

Sincerely,

Jared Lyons

ZipCode 95403

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Finish the Smart Path!

From Anila Roberts <anilapet@sonic.net>

Date Mon 9/15/2025 2:07 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

To: [Sonoma-Marin](#) Smart Train Board

Subject: Item 10: Please adopt Resolution No. 2025-27

Dear Board Members,

As a Cotati resident, I have been anticipating the long promised completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and especially as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. Biking the Smart Path to get around Sonoma County is a pleasure. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers.

Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

Anila Roberts



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From Lori Barekman <lbarekman@gmail.com>

Date Mon 9/15/2025 2:43 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members

I am someone who commutes to work by bicycle in Santa Rosa. I support the board in using legal means to complete the SMART train bike path as quickly as possible. One of the reasons that I voted for the SMART train initially was because there was to be a bike path component to allow fellow Sonoma county residents (and visitors) to safely bike in this region. Please vote Yes on Resolution no. 2025-27.

Thank you,

Lori Barekman

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From Lauren Fuhry <la.fuhry@gmail.com>

Date Mon 9/15/2025 3:02 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support you using your legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27.

Sincerely,

Lauren Fuhry
95405

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From Christina Panza <xtpanza@yahoo.com>

Date Mon 9/15/2025 4:04 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I fully support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27!

Sincerely,

Christina Panza

1452 Monroe St.

Santa Rosa, CA 95404

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From Tom Helm <tomhelm@sonic.net>

Date Mon 9/15/2025 4:48 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support your using your legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

Tom Helm 95409 Zip code

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Item 10: Please adopt Resolution No. 2025-27

From Jerry Wilkinson <jerrywilkinson@gmail.com>

Date Mon 9/15/2025 4:51 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

As a Petaluma resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

Jerry Wilkinson
94954

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From Mary Hackett <arcatahackett@gmail.com>

Date Mon 9/15/2025 5:19 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Regards,

Mary Hackett 95404

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From Abigail Smyth <abigail_smyth@yahoo.com>

Date Mon 9/15/2025 6:27 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear SMART Board Members,

As a Petaluma resident and regular user of the SMART path in Sonoma and Marin Counties, I am eager to see the pathway completed all the way to Cloverdale. The SMART path is more than a recreational amenity — it connects communities, supports local businesses, provides safe transportation alternatives and promotes health and well-being for residents of all ages.

I urge you to adopt Resolution No. 2025-27. This will ensure the long-term benefits for our region and reflect the will of the many community members who rely on and value this resource.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to investing in infrastructure that serves the greater good.

As ever,

Abigail Smyth

Petaluma, 94952

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Agenda Item 10 - Support of Resolution No. 2025-27

From Melissa Hough <melissashosking@gmail.com>

Date Mon 9/15/2025 6:31 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support you using your legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

Melissa Hough, 95403

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Item 10: Please adopt Resolution No. 2025-27

From Ari DeMarco <AwwRats@protonmail.com>

Date Mon 9/15/2025 6:32 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

Ari DeMarco, 95405

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Agenda Item 10 - Support of Resolution No. 2025-27

From Todd Schram <tjschram@gmail.com>

Date Mon 9/15/2025 6:35 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a cyclist, train commuter and employee in the Sonoma County Airport Business Park, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through Santa Rosa as well as the rest of the county. I support you using your legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

Todd Schram

Petaluma, 94952

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Support of Resolution No. 2025-27

From Gavin W <gwaters50@gmail.com>

Date Mon 9/15/2025 6:39 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

I support you using your legal powers to ensure the path project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers.

Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

Gavin Waters

Sebastopol

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Agenda Item 10 - Support of Resolution No. 2025-27

From B L <bl_88@hotmail.com>**Date** Mon 9/15/2025 6:46 PM**To** Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city, to the Airport Business Park where many residents work, and completing the connection to the Town of Windsor and beyond.

I support you using your legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers.

Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

Brian Lee
Santa Rosa, 95405

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From John Mendoza <johnnymendoza001@gmail.com>

Date Mon 9/15/2025 7:19 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

As a Cloverdale resident and employee in northern Santa Rosa, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support you using your legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

John Mendoza [95425]

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From Brianna Hanson <briannahanson@gmail.com>

Date Mon 9/15/2025 7:48 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, and SMART fan, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support you using your legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

Brianna Hanson

95405

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Please adopt Resolution No. 2025-27

From Steven Hackett <steven.c.hackett@gmail.com>

Date Mon 9/15/2025 7:52 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Board,
Please adopt Resolution No. 2025-27 and continue your commitment to the SMART pathways.

Steve Hackett
Santa Rosa CA

Sent from my iPhone

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Support for Resolution 2025-2027

From Chris Silano <csilano9@gmail.com>

Date Mon 9/15/2025 10:42 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Hello,

I'd like to express my support for the SMART train and the resolution 2025-2026 that will help continue the momentum of this important project for keeping all areas of Sonoma County connected through multi-modal transit.

As a Santa Rosa home owner, pedestrian, cyclist, parent, SMART train passenger and driver of a personal vehicle, I support this resolution.

Please vote yes on resolution 2025-2027

Chris Silano

Santa Rosa

95401

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Agenda item 10 — Support of resolution 2025-27

From Stephen Maples <stephenrmaples@gmail.com>

Date Tue 9/16/2025 7:24 AM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support you using your legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

Stephen Maples, 95405

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Item 10: Please adopt Resolution No. 2025-27

From Minona Heaviland <minona@gmail.com>

Date Tue 9/16/2025 6:33 AM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members-

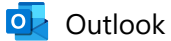
As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

The SMART path is critical infrastructure to support the rail line because people need to be able to safely get to destinations near each stop, and the path will allow folks to use bikes or scooters to get the first or last mile when they travel by SMART train.

Thank you for supporting the completion of SMART infrastructure because it cannot function as envisioned with an incomplete path.

Thank you,
Minona Heaviland
95404

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Outlook

Completion of SMART Path

From David Wayte <davidwayte@gmail.com>**Date** Tue 9/16/2025 7:19 AM**To** Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,
David Wayte 95405

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Santa Rosa Bike Pathway

From Michael Hurley <michael.hurley04@gmail.com>

Date Tue 9/16/2025 8:03 AM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Cc Michael Hurley <michael.hurley04@gmail.com>

Dear Board Members,

As a Rohnert Park resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support you using your legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

Michael Hurley 94928

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From Derek Douglas-Hecker <derekd_h@hotmail.com>

Date Tue 9/16/2025 8:18 AM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Sonoma County resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike throughout the county. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

Derek Douglas-Hecker 94952

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Item 10: Please adopt Resolution No. 2025-27

From Phillip Plummer <phillip.plummer1@gmail.com>

Date Tue 9/16/2025 10:30 AM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

Phillip Plummer [95409]

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Item 10: Please adopt Rosolution No. 2025-27

From Sophie <sdekansky@gmail.com>

Date Tue 9/16/2025 2:25 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

As a Santa Rosa resident, I have been eagerly awaiting the completion of the SMART path for use in accessing rail services and also as a safe connection for commuting by bike through the city. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed quickly and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Please vote yes on adopting Resolution No. 2025-27

Sincerely,

Sophie de Kansky

95405

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Item 10: Please adopt Resolution No. 2025-27

From Lisa Peters <lisalisa914@gmail.com>

Date Tue 9/16/2025 2:31 PM

To Board Questions <board@sonomamarintrain.org>

Dear Board Members,

I am a Santa Rosa resident and an avid bike rider. I have been very pleased and excited to watch the initiation and fantastic growth of the Smart Train. Now I eagerly await a continuous SMART path. I support the board in using its legal powers to ensure the project is completed without delay and in a way that minimizes cost to taxpayers. Thank you in advance.

Please vote YES on adopting Resolutions No. 2025-27

Sincerely,
Lisa Peters
95404

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