

Board of Directors Meeting: October 20, 2021 – Public Comments

| Date | Name | 5. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items |
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| 10/19/2021 | Friends of SMART | See attachment |
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| Date | Name | 6. Consent |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Accept Monthly Ridership Report – September 2021 b. Approve budget changes related to the carryforward of funds in the amount of \$10,957,546 from Fiscal Year 2021 to Fiscal Year 2022 |
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| Date | Name | 7. Approve Appointment of General Manager and Approval of Employment Contract |
| | | None |
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| Date | Name | 8. Closed Session - Conference with Labor Negotiator Farhad Mansourian, General Manager pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 |
| | | <p style="text-align: center;">Agency Designated Representative: General Manager Employee: Unrepresented Employees</p> |
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FRIENDS OF SMART

10.19.21

Farhad Mansourian, General Manger
Board of Directors, SMART
Staff SMART

For the public record the Friends of SMART would like to submit the following announcement of appreciation for the General Manager's service and accomplishments.

Thank you Farhad for building us a railroad. Among the many accomplishments the FoS wishes to recognize major achievements and wish you well in your retirement.

Exemplary notations are leading the SMART board of directors and staff that worked together in a cohesive manner, while recognizing and respecting professional consensus.

The additional funding and endless grant sourcing required to leverage our tax revenue is pretty impressive and allowed a fiscally responsible operation through to the advent of the Covid Pandemic. The drastic cuts then necessary, and just as Larkspur station opened, were painful but SMART leveraged the tax relief opportunities to the full extent of its eligibility.

The challenges of establishing the right of ways, safety implantations and the steady progress on the MUP is also due to your leadership.
Credit goes where credit is due; you are leaving quite a legacy.

Thank you for your service and we look forward, with you, in looking to what the future holds.

Sincerely,

Friends of SMART
Citizen's advocacy for the SMART Rail & Trail