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Sonoma-Marine Area Rail Transit Board of Directors
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Dear Chair Lucan and SMART Directors:

While it has been a long, complex, and sometimes circuitous, journey to arrive at this juncture, on behalf of the City of Petaluma, I would like to confirm our staunch support for the actions before you regarding SMART's commitment to the construction of Petaluma's second station at Corona Road and N. McDowell Boulevard:

- 1) Re-establishing a second Petaluma Station at Corona Road and N. McDowell Boulevard in Petaluma;
- 2) Authorizing the use of \$8 million in proceeds from the sale of the Downtown SMART property to fund the design and construction of second station at Corona;
- 3) Authorizing the General Manager to enter into a related agreement with the City of Petaluma regarding the Corona Station Project and Downtown Depot lease and authorizing the General Manager to issue a Change Notice Proposal to existing Systems and Civil construction contractors.

As the second largest city in Sonoma and Marin Counties, Petaluma has awaited the development of our second station for many years. It is not surprising that securing this second station and getting it built and operational continues to be a top priority for our City Council and Petaluma community. As you know, our Downtown Petaluma Station continues to be the one of SMART's most popular stops, next only to the downtown San Rafael and Larkspur Stations. Your commitment to establishing the Corona Station will further expand Petaluma SMART ridership and contribute to SMART's success as a regional transportation provider and to SMART's long-term fiscal health.

Although we all are facing an uncertain economic future, one thing remains constant: the ongoing need to invest in reliable, equitable, and sustainable public transportation. It is essential to the health of our community, our environment, and our economy. As a longtime partner of SMART, the City of Petaluma is committed to working together to bring this second station to fruition.

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I would like to thank your General Manager Farhad Mansourian, General Counsel Tom Lyons, and Director David Rabbitt for their assistance in getting us to this crucial place in the process. Your SMART staff is very dedicated, hard-working, and passionate about public service and my staff and I are appreciative of their professionalism and service to our community.

Again, thank you for your consideration and commitment to Petaluma.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peggy Flynn".

Peggy Flynn
City Manager