

Board of Directors Meeting: February 15, 2023 – Public Comments

Date	Name	2. February 1, 2023 – Board Minutes
		None
Date	Name	5. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items
2/12/23	Mateo Aparicio	Attached
Date	Name	6. Consent
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Accept Monthly Ridership Report – January 2023 b. Determine there is a continued need for emergency action and continue to approve contract No. FR-ER-22-001 for emergency repairs to the Timber Trestle Bridge at Railroad Slough, MP-B38.97, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$425,000 c. Approve Contract Amendment No. 1 with Sierra-Cedar in an amount of \$36,200 for a total not-to-exceed of \$211,200 d. Approve a Resolution revising Policy HRM-0021, Hiring Policy and Procedure to no longer include a requirement for proof of vaccination for COVID-19 and to rescind HRM-0025, COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing Policy effective February 28, 2023
		None
Date	Name	7. Approve Appointments to the Citizens Oversight Committee - Presented by General Manager Cumins
		None
Date	Name	8. Planning for the Future – Extensions (Discussion Only) - Presented by General Manager Cumins
2/13/2023	Tom Conlon	Attached

#1

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Q1

What is your name?

Mateo Aparicio

Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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Q3

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Hello, my name is Mateo Aparicio. I am a senior at Credo High School in Cotati.

I wanted to take a moment to express my concern about a significant gap in the weekday schedule. I've noticed that there are no northbound trains available between 1:08 pm and 3:16 pm. This is a significant inconvenience for myself and other students at Credo High School who need transportation during these times.

This gap seems especially unnecessary, as there are trains available in the southbound direction at 1:39 pm and 2:43 pm. While I understand that these are not peak commuter hours, if you are able to run southbound trains, I see no reason why you can't run northbound trains as well.

I kindly request that the board consider introducing additional train service during these times. Credo High students who rely on the train for transportation, as well as the wider community, would appreciate it.

Q4

Respondent skipped this question

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Q5

Respondent skipped this question

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Q6

Respondent skipped this question

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#2

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Q1

What is your name?

Tom Conlon

Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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Q3

Respondent skipped this question

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Q4

Respondent skipped this question

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RE AGENDA ITEM #8:

The Staff Report on this item lacks sufficient information on the "Listening Session" and "Survey" research methods for the SMART Board and members of the public to be able to have a great deal of confidence in the conclusions presented here.

How many and where were the "series" of Listening Session actually held?

Were the Listening Session locations chosen in some reasonable proportion to the number of voters in Sonoma & Marin Counties, or were certain geographical areas likely over-represented by the approach that was used?

How many responses were collected from likely voters in Sonoma Valley, the greater Sebastopol area, Marin City or Sausalito?

What sampling efforts (if any) were made to reduce self-sampling and non-response bias in the Listening Sessions and Survey?

Is it possible that some individual respondents (and or group representatives) submitted similar comments into multiple data collection channels (e.g., by attending multiple listening sessions, completing multiple surveys, sending direct emails, etc.)? Or were substantially similar comments by individuals merged to avoid over-counting?

What efforts were made to include the perspectives of people who don't speak English as their primary language, or who may not drive or use a computer?

How was the raw qualitative data scored to perform the "content analysis" which produced the "Top Five Themes (No Particular Order)" findings?

Can the raw survey data and scoring be made available to the public for independent review?

A cursory review of the responses presented in Attachments 2, 3, and 4 do not appear to confirm the "strong majority" finding claimed in Attachment 1. How was this determined?

It would be helpful if some verbal response to these questions could be included in the Presentation of this Item, and also captured in the minutes to this meeting.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.
