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What is your name?
Eris Weaver, Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition

Q2
2. Approval of the April 7, 2021 Board Minutes
Respondent skipped this question

Q3
5. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items
Respondent skipped this question

Q4
6. Consent. Approval of Monthly Financial Reportb. Approval of Resolutions Authorizing the Annual Filing of Grant Applications for Various State and Federal Fund Programs
Respondent skipped this question

Q5
7. Performance Measures – Part 2 (Informational/Discussion)
I am very happy to see pathway usage listed in staff recommendations for performance metrics! We have been asking for this for some time - thank for listening and incorporating our request! Please contact us if you would like assistance in determining good locations for conducting counts and/or surveys on the Sonoma County sections.

Q6
8. Welcome Back Campaign (Informational/Discussion)
Respondent skipped this question
Q7

9. Approval of Capital Improvement Projects for Fiscal Year 2022-2029

It is very gratifying to see the staff recommendation allocating two-thirds of the $21.4 million in capital funding to completion of the pathway! Thank you for making this a priority.

We also support the recommended improvement of at-grade crossings.

We do understand your logic behind dedicating the funds to design and environmental clearance in order to leverage outside funding; however, you can't ride a bike on a “shovel ready” grant proposal! We would like to see some sort of balance between waiting for construction grants versus spending to get some segments built more quickly; cyclists will want to see more miles of pavement on the ground as proof of progress when the next ballot measure comes around.
To: David Rabbit, SMART Chair and SMART Boardmembers  
From: Mike Arnold and Jim Schmidt  
Subject: Performance Metrics Data – Agenda Item 7  
Date: April 21, 2021 

We again commend your CFO for introducing operating performance measures. We have reviewed the SMART performance measures that staff recommends to the Board, and the graphical format in which the metrics are presented. We show those graphical metrics below side-by-side with the same information displayed in a more informative format for national commuter rail systems.

We believe the revised format enables Board members to more fully understand and interpret how SMART compares to their commuter rail counterparts. We also display additional performance metrics which are readily available from the National Transit Database profile – and require no extra effort for staff data collection or presentation. The Board now has the priority task to carefully interpret these operating results and take decisive actions to achieve par with other national and local providers.

- For all three staff metrics, SMART performs in the bottom quartile of national commuter systems.
- At cost of $1.50 per passenger mile and average 25.6 mile trips, SMART cost is $38.35 per passenger, also in the bottom performance quartile of all commuter rail systems.
- For operating cost per revenue mile and for passenger trips for revenue mile, SMART again is in the bottom quartile of all commuter rail systems.
- For the added three performance metrics we graph – SMART is again in bottom quartile.
- FY19/20 shows worse performance than preceding years.
- Clearly, the Board must recognize that SMART’s performance is subpar across the spectrum; the Board is urged to take decisive actions to bring SMART’s poor performance up to competitive standards.

[See pages 2-5 for the Performance Metrics of SMART vs. Commuter Rail Systems in U.S.]

Additional graphics present below the same performance metrics information for other North Bay transit providers. Here there are two distinct types of transit service – intercounty regional service offered by SMART and Golden Gate Transit and local community services offered by Marin and Sonoma County agencies. What is remarkable is the sharply superior performance of Golden Gate Transit relative to SMART in the same corridor. Golden Gate Transit caries twice as many passengers, at two/thirds the cost per passenger, and at 68% lower subsidy support than does SMART.

Clearly, SMART needs to aggressively improve its performance – by reducing costs and dramatically increasing its ridership.

[See page 6 for Comparisons of SMART vs. Other North Bay Transit Agencies]
Performance Metrics: SMART vs. Other Commuter Rail Systems in the U.S.

Note: Graphs on the left hand side: proposed by staff in Board packet April 21, 2021. Graphs on the right hand side contain the same data from NTD provided in different format.
Performance Metrics: SMART vs. Other Commuter Rail Systems in the U.S.

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The graphs compare SMART with other commuter rail systems in the U.S. in terms of passenger trips per revenue mile and average fare per passenger.
Performance Metrics: SMART vs. Other Commuter Rail Systems in the U.S.

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**Operating Costs per Passenger ($)**

**Farebox Recovery (%)**
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![Bar chart showing tax subsidy per boarding for various commuter rail systems in the U.S.](chart.png)
### Performance Metrics: SMART vs. Other North Bay Transit Agencies

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Note: Operating Costs per Passenger and Farebox Recovery are reported on each transit agency by the MTC in their published annual report, “Statistical Summary of Bay Area Transit Operators.”
Dear SMART Directors,

Attached is a joint letter from MCBC, SCBC, and Transportation Alternatives for Marin. In it, we jointly reiterate our requests made in advance of the last board meeting. The letter also provides a list of the segments that we consider the highest priority for completion.

For reference, attached is a list of all unbuilt pathway segments within the two counties, and their status and estimated cost (provided by SMART staff).

If you have any questions or concerns about these recommendations, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Warren J. Wells, AICP
Policy and Planning Director
Marin County Bicycle Coalition
cell: (410) 703.9898 | marinbike.org
pronouns: he, him, his

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April 16, 2021

Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit
Board of Directors
5401 Old Redwood Highway, Suite 200
Petaluma, CA 94954

Dear Directors,

The SMART Board of Directors faces a crucial choice during its April 21, 2021 Board meeting to approve the Capital Improvement Plan to include in the FY 21-22 budget and the Short Range Transit Plan. Will you allocate money to the SMART Pathway, completing the promise made to the voters of Marin and Sonoma Counties in 2008? Or will you choose to spend the limited funding on comparatively minor improvements to the already-running train?

As presented by staff at the April 7, 2021 meeting, SMART has $21.6M available for capital projects through FY29. However, at this same meeting the Board was presented with $2.6 billion in potential needs, a daunting amount. It is our firm stance that there is no better use of the limited funds than advancing progress on the SMART multi-use pathway. Such an amount, if prioritized in the areas where it is most needed, and fully leveraged with state and regional grants, could substantially complete the pathway in Marin and Sonoma Counties.

Completing the unbuild segments between Larkspur and Windsor would use only two percent of the total $2.6 billion wish list; completing it to Cloverdale, four percent.

The Marin County Bicycle Coalition (MCBC), the Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition (SCBC), and Transportation Alternatives for Marin (TAM) urge the SMART Board to approve a Capital Improvement Plan on April 21, 2021 that includes the following capital investments and commitments:

1. Invest $4 million per year for 5 years in the unbuild SMART Pathway segments (except the Marin-Sonoma Narrows) and use such funds to:
   a. Complete all outstanding environmental clearances, both CEQA and NEPA
   b. Bring all unbuild segments to at least 30% engineering design
   c. Provide matching funding for external grants
2. Ensure the construction of at least one pathway segment in each county per year in each of the next 5 years starting in 2022.

Ideally, the funds would be fully leveraged against outside grants, as advised by staff at the April 7, 2021 meeting. However, material progress on the pathway is also of critical importance. The
everyday rider does not particularly care which segments have been designed or cleared - she only notices a segment once she and her family can ride or walk on it. If grants cannot be secured to leverage funding, pathway construction should be self-funded.

Though exigencies may dictate the order in which pathway segments are completed, MCBC, SCBC, and TAM have prioritized unbuilt segments based on pathway connectivity and the benefits that their completion would bring about. The highest priority pathway segments in Marin County, as specified by MCBC and TAM, are as follows (in descending order of priority):

1. Highway 37 Bay Trail (northern connection)/Hannah Ranch Road to Rowland Boulevard (south of Costco)
2. State Access Road to Highway 37 Bay Trail (southern connection).
3. Rowland Boulevard (north of Costco) to North side of Novato Creek
4. Puerto Suello Hill to North San Pedro Road
5. McInnis Road to Smith Ranch Road

The highest priority pathway segments in Sonoma County, as specified by SCBC, are as follows (also in descending order of priority):

1. Lakeville to Payran (Petaluma)
2. Petaluma River to Lakeville (Petaluma)
3. Guerneville Road to Airport Boulevard (Santa Rosa)
4. Third Street to Sixth Street (Santa Rosa)
5. Main Street to Railroad Ave (Penngrove)

Commuters on the SMART train are presented with a seamless experience. Riders of the pathway have nothing comparable. If the train had as many gaps as the SMART Pathway, riders traveling from Downtown Novato to Civic Center Station would have to exit and reboard the train three times! No one can doubt that this would affect the transit experience, and yet this is the reality that riders of the pathway experience.

It is said that a budget, more than anything, is a statement of values. At the upcoming Board meeting, SMART can firmly demonstrate that it values the riders of the SMART Pathway, and help build back the trust of the community upon which it depends. Approving a Capital Improvement Plan that invests $20 million to complete the SMART Pathway is the best action the Board can take to gain the public support needed to pass the sales tax reauthorization.

Respectfully,

Warren Wells, AICP  
Policy & Planning Director  
Marin Co. Bicycle Coalition

Eris Weaver  
Executive Director  
Sonoma Co. Bicycle Coalition

Patrick Seidler  
President  
Transportation Alternatives for Marin
# Capital Investment to Complete the SMART Pathway in Marin and Sonoma County

**Total Estimated Cost for Unbuilt Pathway Segments in Marin County**

$26,092,939

**Total Estimated Cost for Unbuilt Pathway Segments in Sonoma County**

$23,292,778

**Total Estimated Cost for Unbuilt Pathway Segments in Marin and Sonoma County**

$49,385,717

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**Total Segments (*) & Funded Train Segments**

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$268,779 $3,752,380 $3,976,438 $232,500 $35,086,106 $1,069,514 $49,385,717

(*) = Excluding Missing Segments

This document modifies SMART’s Pathway Segment Summary - UPDATED March 2021 DRAFT to include all Pathway segments described in Measure Q that remain unbuilt.

4/16/2021
Chair Rabbit and Members of the SMART Board, I am writing to express my strong support for the staff's recommendation to advance all unbuilt segments to shovel-ready status. However, since people cannot ride or walk on a pathway that is merely shovel-ready, I urge the Board to set a goal of opening one segment of pathway in Marin per year starting in 2022, which might require SMART to its own money on construction. This commitment would both fulfill the initial promise of the agency, and increase the electoral chances of a future ballot initiative. The best thing SMART can do to win the trust of the bicyclists and voters of Marin is to finish the pathway. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

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Alejandro Moreno S.
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628-253-6441
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Alexander Mallonee

Santa Rosa

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Allen D. Sisk
707.508.7060
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Sincerely,
Amanda Hoehler

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Anastasia Fiandaca, San Rafael, CA

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Andrew Wernick, Sausalito, CA

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Andy G
slownoma@icloud.com
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The real reason I originally voted in favor of the smart train back in 2008 was the promise of a bike path. Thirteen years later and this promise has still not been fulfilled.

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Andy Willbanks

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Anissa Bouziane
Envoyé de mon iPhone

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Ann and David Thalman
Lucas Valley

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Annamarie Howard
79 Scenie Road
Fairfax, CA 94930

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I would like to see the full construction of the segment of the SMART Pathway from Puerto Suello Hill to North San Pedro Road in North San Rafael.

This gap closure in North San Rafael’s portion of the North-South Greenway is an important link to meet the goal of providing safe and comfortable access along the full length of the Greenway for all ages and abilities. It is listed as a proposed project in San Rafael’s 2018 Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan and its completion will serve as an important connection in the County’s and the region’s bicycle and pedestrian transportation network. The current alternative routes do not meet the needs of most abilities of bicyclists (1) because there is constrained space and visibility around curves along Los Ranchitos with no room for expansion due to slopes on either side of the roadway, and (2) because an uncomfortably steep slope exists on Merrydale heading down from Puerto Suello Hill toward Point San Pedro Road.

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Anne Coyne, San Rafael BPAC member

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Yours sincerely,

BJ Rolph

Barbara Josephine Rolph
256 Sycamore Avenue
Mill Valley, California 94941

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Barbara Phillips

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Bernie Album
1666 Creekview cir.
Petaluma, CA 94954

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What are you waiting for? It’s time to act now. If we don’t give people viable options, they will never get out of their cars

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Beverly Schor
Petaluma resident and bike rider

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I repeat…finish the pathway!!

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Carol Stern
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Corte Madera, Ca

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Charles(Chad) Donohue
73 Ashford Ave.
Mill Valley CA. 94941
415.716.3893

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Petaluma Resident

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Chris Fillinger
Novato Ca

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Christian Franklin
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Lagunitas, CA 94938

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From: Cynthia Spigarelli
To: Leticia Rosas-Mendoza
Subject: SMART Capital Improvement Plan
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 6:03:44 PM

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415-609-7972

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Dani Sheehan-Meyer
707.486.3387
dsheehan@sonic.net

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Please follow staff’s recommendation and move all unbuilt segments to shovel-ready status. Please make the path a real priority rather than a back-burner issue as it has been so far. Without the support of the bicycling community the original SMART initiative would never have passed, and its time we take the issue seriously.

Sincerely,

Daniel R. Meltzer
Marin County voter

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Daniel Wonnacott RN

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Dave de la Fuente
Rohnert Park, CA

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Thanks so much for listening and for your service.

Best,
Dave Rhoads
San Rafael, CA

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David Kahn
Retired PFD BC
1906 Castle Drive
Petaluma, CA 94954

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I understand that you will be making decisions regarding capital improvements for the SMART rail system, including the bike paths. I supported the SMART train from its earliest announcement because of the proposed bike paths that would accompany its construction. I would use the train more frequently if it provided access to biking opportunities in other parts of Marin and Sonoma counties, so please see the path expenditures as means of expanding train ridership. You sold me on the idea from the beginning and now its time to deliver on the promise.

David Schneider

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PS - I am a new resident in the area and partially moved for the road cycling opportunities.

Many thanks!

Sent from (c) 972-571-4242

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Donald Herzog
45 E Manor Drive
Mill Valley, CA 94941

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Yours truly, Dorothy McQuown, Ph.D.
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SMART has pulled back from its original commitment to complete a complete pathway the entire length of the SMART track. This was the reason why many people voted for SMART - and the absence of a continuous pathway is the reason many voters have withdrawn their support for SMART. I believe that quick action on this matter would do much to repair SMART's damaged reputation.

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Dr Geoffrey Fletcher
Marin County

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Dr. Carl Mears
101 Ross Street, Apt. 2
Cotati, CA 94931.

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The multi-use path was a key promise made by SMART to get the initial funding approved and the failure to follow through with budget for its construction is a key reason why voter approval of future funding is problematic. We want the safe and separate pathway which was promised, not lines painted on the roads which are unsafe and few people use.

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Dr. John W. Cruz
Sebastopol

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Drew C Norton

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I worked as a volunteer making calls on that campaign, and now, 13 years later, with demand for safe, multi-use alternative transportation pathways exploding, it is truly the time to fulfill this promise. Please vote to do everything possible to complete the many unbuilt pathway segments that require funding. Thank you for considering my opinion.

Erik Schmidt  
1800 Lincoln Village Circle, Apt. 2245  
Larkspur CA 94939  

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I’m not happy with the progress to date, but progress can be made to keep transportation clean and healthy in Marin.

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Best,

Elton Slone

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The bicycling community of both counties has been among the strongest supporters of SMART. I ask that you please acknowledge this reality and allocate future funds with respect to our needs and wishes.

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Dear Board Members:

I am very happy to see pathway usage listed in staff recommendations for performance metrics! We have been asking for this for some time - thank you for listening and incorporating our request. Please contact us if you would like our input in determining good locations for conducting counts and/or assistance in conducting surveys on the Sonoma County sections.

It is very gratifying to see the staff recommendation allocating two-thirds of the $21.4 million in capital funding to completion of the pathway! Thank you for making this a priority.

We also support the recommended improvement of at-grade crossings.

We do understand your logic behind dedicating the funds to design and environmental clearance in order to leverage outside funding; however, you can’t ride a bike on a “shovel ready” grant proposal! We would like to see some sort of balance between waiting for construction grants versus spending to get some segments built more quickly; cyclists will want to see more miles of pavement on the ground as proof of progress when the next ballot measure comes around. I realize that may be sort of a vague request, and that our previous request to complete one segment per year may be, at the other end of the spectrum, unrealistically specific – I just want to acknowledge that we know funding is a moving target as we also note the public’s desire for concrete outcomes (pun intended).

Thanks for your consideration, and I look forward to tomorrow’s discussion.

Eris Weaver
Executive Director
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BTW: I recently flew into Santa Rosa airport and intend to fly more frequently to visit family in Seattle. It will be quite convenient to take SMART to the airport.

Thank you......Gary Gross

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The Bicycle Coalitions have asked Friends of SMART to join with them in urging the Board to continue to solidify and increase its commitment to building the Multiple-Use Pathway. Friends of SMART supports the Train and the MUP. We recognize that there are complex constraints (such as landowner lawsuits) and tradeoffs that make prioritization between rail and pathway very difficult. We wish to suggest an additional approach that could benefit all parties: urge the State to apply some of its billions of dollars in reserves to enable local agencies to build more active transportation networks.

The value of the SMART pathway depends not only on its own continuity, but on its connections to the bicycle-pedestrian networks of each city that it passes through. In that light we wish to direct your attention to the proposal (below) by the California Bicycle Coalition. It may still be in its draft stages, but it might become a candidate for CTC support.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jack Swearengen, Chair
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Proposal for a Connected Bikeway Network Grant Program
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The Connected Bikeway Network Grant Program will fund expedited planning and construction of whole networks of bikeways, other infrastructure, and related programs as necessary to enable many times more people to choose bicycling. It will prioritize low-income people and people of color in historically disadvantaged communities, and include the incentives necessary to overcome political obstacles to the creation of bikeways where the impacts to parking and traffic are controversial.

It will demonstrate what we have claimed all along but have been unable to prove: that connected, low-stress
bikeways that are attractive and comfortable for most people, including the majority of people who currently consider bicycling to be too dangerous or too inconvenient for most trips, will be effective at transforming our communities into more equitable, safer, healthier, and happier places, where bicycling is an important part of the transportation system.

**What are the obstacles to building complete networks, and why do our current programs not help us overcome those obstacles?**

Filling the gaps in bikeways to make a connected network can require politically challenging decisions: the removal of a traffic lane at a congested intersection or of parking in front of popular businesses. It may require the purchase of right-of-way along a canal or river or abandoned railway. Without safe connections through such gaps, people on bikes are forced into traffic, or on to the sidewalk, or on long inconvenient detours. Such gaps are dangerous. Too many people know the experience of approaching an intersection on a bicycle only to discover the bike lane disappears when they need it most. While some people ride anyway, most recognize the danger after one attempt and avoid bicycling in the future. A community’s multimillion dollar investment in bikeways can fail to enable its residents to choose bicycling as a safe and convenient way to accomplish most short trips because of the refusal to make a much less costly but more politically difficult change.

Current bikeway funding programs do not help much to address the gaps in connectivity. The Active Transportation Program does provide an advantage to projects that claim to close a gap in the network, but it is difficult to evaluate the veracity of that claim or the importance of that gap in a community-wide network. Faced with a choice of two proposals, a popular $2 million bike path that doesn’t impact parking and traffic, or a popular $2 million bikeway that does, local leaders will choose the politically easy one every time, and still be rewarded with funding and a ribbon-cutting. Because of the understandable bias toward politically easier projects, it will be a very long time before the incremental approach to building a bikeway network will make meaningful progress toward meeting the state’s goals for increasing bicycling.

**How can a bikeway network grant program overcome those obstacles?**

A program to fund whole networks can change the conception of a “bike project” from a single route or small set of routes, to a system of routes and related infrastructure and programs. The “bike project” will transform from a not particularly important project of a few million dollars to an extremely important project worth tens of millions of dollars. It dramatically raises the stakes for jobs and economic development and brings in new stakeholders such as labor unions and business leaders.

In order to be effective in compelling leaders to support such an ambitious project, including the elements that require tradeoffs with parking and traffic, it should have the following characteristics:

- It should provide sufficient funding. The “Connecting Canoga Park” proposal recently funded by the ATP gives an idea of the necessary scale of such a project. Funding levels should be in the $50 to $75 million range, equal to the cost of a few miles of road widening but capable of improving transportation options for an entire community. But sufficient funding is not enough.

- Funding should be available on a competitive basis only, with a straightforward and transparent evaluative process. The incentive to close the gaps in a network only works if the entire grant is contingent on closing those gaps. With $75 million at stake, local leaders will be pressured to support the politically difficult changes necessary to implement the network.

- It should allow for non-infrastructural programs that complement the bikeway infrastructure. This is
essential to be inclusive of communities that are not historically engaged with planning or politics. Programs will help to encourage use of the new facilities, promote their benefits, and mitigate their impacts.

- It should include an extensive outreach and planning element to support communities that wouldn’t otherwise be able to plan such networks. With plans in place, even network projects that aren’t funded will have momentum and community support and the possibility of being funded by other sources.

- It should prioritize disadvantaged communities. A community-wide bikeway network will support the economic and physical well-being of its residents. That benefit should accrue to people who have historically suffered the disbenefits of our transportation system.

How Could These Characteristics Be Expressed in Guidelines?

The guidelines should specify a two-phase grant program: a generously funded planning phase open to most communities who apply; and an implementation phase open to phase one participants and awarded to the communities whose plans are best at completing a bikeway network. Award levels will be predetermined, so that planners are challenged to propose the best plan with a constrained amount of funding. Local matches will not be necessary. Unlike most active transportation plans, this plan must be fully approved and environmentally cleared so that every element is “shovel-ready.” When construction funding is available, it can be completely constructed in three to five years.

In the planning phase, communities will identify the geographic area and the destinations within that area to be served by the proposed network. In order for destinations to be considered connected for purposes of this plan, bikeways, including intersection treatments, must meet a high standard of safety in order to attract the majority of people who do not like to bike with traffic. Detours to avoid traffic stress must be short and convenient. Wayfinding must be crystal clear.

Each plan will be evaluated using a GIS-based tool that provides an empirical analysis of how well the proposed network connects the identified destinations. Each applicant will use the same tool, developed by Caltrans for this purpose, and will know its score as it develops its network. In this manner, leaders will have the incentive to approve elements that have traffic impacts because they will see how each improvement increases their score (and the likelihood of them winning the grant).

The winning proposals will show some combination of a high and highly-improved connectivity score resulting from the project. Evaluation will consist merely of verifying the GIS data submitted by the applicant, and a ranking of each proposal using the connectivity score.

Some important definitions and clarifications.

How will smaller communities compete with larger communities? The program should be divided into several tiers for communities of different sizes. Each tier should have a specific award size, e.g. $20 million for smaller communities, $45 million for medium communities, and $70 million for larger communities.

What are the criteria for an eligible community? The “geographically defined community” is a region on a map that includes diverse land uses, including at least housing, jobs, schools, and parks. It should meet the following criteria:

- It should be relatively contiguous (e.g. not gerrymandered).
- It should fit within the defined population range for its tier (i.e. include a minimum number of people and
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- It should include a minimum number of schools and jobs.
- It should include a specific minimum percentage of census tracts identified as disadvantaged according to a state definition. Local variations of that definition are not allowed. This will limit eligible applicants to those communities whose residents have borne the brunt of the impact of historical transportation decisions.

How are destinations within a community determined? Each community will be asked to identify a certain precise number of destinations that serve its residents and visitors. Guidelines will specify specific destinations that must be included, such as schools, parks, transit stations, employment centers, grocery stores, significant shopping districts, health care facilities, community centers, senior centers, libraries, and other key community destinations. Destinations may be weighted based on trip volume.

What kinds of non-infrastructure programs may be implemented? Each community’s proposal should include a minimum amount of spending on programs. The grant will provide tremendous flexibility for the local community to determine what non-infrastructure programs will best serve its residents. There is no maximum amount, although programs do not count toward the connectivity score that will determine the winning proposals. Examples of non-infrastructure programs may be support for community bike shops in disadvantaged neighborhoods, safe routes to school education, street festivals in commercial districts to mitigate the loss of parking, transportation demand management services, etc.

What is the definition of a connected bikeway?
The GIS tool will be programmed to consider only low-stress bikeways as connections in its analysis of connectivity. To qualify as a connected bikeway, the facility must meet the needs of the “interested but concerned” potential bike rider as defined by the FHWA in its Bikeway Selection Guide. Any changes to pedestrian infrastructure must improve walking conditions and upgrade the infrastructure to meet ADA requirements.

What if a community’s network grant application isn’t funded? The program has positive implications even for those proposals that aren’t funded, because each community will have a huge set of “planned and approved” projects eligible for funding from other sources, and strong political and public support for the funding thanks to the outreach process during the planning phase.

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When I voted to support the SMART train, one of the main reasons was to support the building of bike paths. I think it’s still an important feature of the SMART train project.

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Janet Lourenzo
Marin County voter and resident

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I voted for this SMART train, as a cyclist, because I was advised that a path, separate from the road, would be offered from Petaluma to Novato. This changed, and now the "path" became a frontage road, permitting impatient motorists to bypass the gridlock on the highway, and drive precariously close to cyclists, at speeds close to 65mph in a 45mph zone.

Cyclists are vulnerable, subjected to animosity by drivers. By providing dedicated pathways, not shared with motorists, helps protect people that choose to commute by bicycle.
As a consequence from the change from having a dedicated pathway, to a bicycle lane, in the late summer of 2015 my close friend, Tony Leonardi, was struck by a motorist, nearly killing him. A vertebrae shattered "burst fracture" in his back, from the impact of a vehicle to his body. He had to learn to walk again, and to this day, he deals with chronic nerve pain. This was on his commute between Petaluma and Novato. Tony's life will never be what it was. This injury is irreversible -
I personally have had batteries, beer bottles, and coins thrown at me. I have been struck by an entire big gulp, thrown by a passenger of a Toyota truck travelling at highway speed. I have been physically threatened, I have been run off of the road- multiple times. Commute hours are the most dangerous time to commute by a cyclist on a public road, especially one that subject a cyclist to commuting motorists.

My Friend, Jeffrey Baker, was commuting from his home in Novato, to his work in Petaluma, he was struck by a van. It nearly killed him. Blood poured from his ears and nose. He now has no sense of smell, cannot taste food, visually disabled, walks with a limp, and his injuries are irreversible as well. He has a lot of metal hardware in his lower back.

Take care of cyclists, commit to the original plan, not taking care of unfunded liabilities for state and county employees, but rather, the original commitment for pathways, that allow for safe passage for cyclists.

I apologize for being blunt, but these are two of my close friends, and I care for them, like family.

Jason Clymer
Clymer Auto Parts
7426 Redwood Blvd
Novato, CA 94945
415-897-1188
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Jason Hoorn
Sonoma County Supervisorial District 2
2155 Schaeffer Rd
Sebastopol, CA 95472

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Best,

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Jay Daniel
ride coordinator
Petaluma Wheelmen Cycling Club

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Jay Monahan
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Thank you very much for your time and consideration.
I am from Sonoma County and I know that until the pathway for bike/ped is completed, I am not supporting the train. O.k. a bit stark, but you get the point. We want the path done. No excuses.
Thanks for listening.
Jayne Rosenberg

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Sent from my iPhone

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Jeff Grey
Novato, CA

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Jeff Jorgensen and Deborah Moskowitz
69 Medway Road
San Anselmo, CA 94960
443.454.2275

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Janet and Jeff Zanetto

"I read so I can live more than one life in more than one place."
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Best Regards,
Jeff

Jeffrey M. Landry
Jefflandrysf@gmail.com
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Mill Valley

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Jennifer

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Sincerely,

Jenny Bard
Santa Rosa, CA

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Jerry Cahill
cahill@calfox.com
Cell: 415 264 0647

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Jim Galsterer
5th District, Sonoma County
75 years old
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Jim Robertson

My other car is an S-Works Roubaix SL5
now with auto transmission: Dura Ace Di2
and NOW with carbon wheels and hydraulic discs

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Hello SMART board:

Thank you for promising to budget money for the bike/ped pathway. This is, to put it mildly, long overdue.

We are looking forward to the day when high-quality bike paths run from Cloverdale to Larkspur, as promised when SMART was approved by voters, and a big reason I have voted for SMART.

Sincerely,

-Jim Avera

Santa Rosa, CA

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Jimmy Donaghy
Lifelong Santa Rosan
Longtime cyclist

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Dear Chair Rabbit and Members of the SMART Board,

I am writing about the SMART Capital Improvement Plan, specifically regarding the staff recommendation to advance all unbuilt segments to shovel-ready status.

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Best,
Joe Harvey
415-472-7262
San Rafael, CA 94903

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Joe Runco
662 Idylberry Road, San Rafael

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I may not be local, but I would be a prime "tourist" SMART user, traveling throughout Sonoma and Marin via train, to lodging and attractions. Pls help enjoy all the great things these counties offer, without my having to get into a car.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.
Joel Gartland
Palo Alto, CA

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Joel Schmukler

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As a lifelong cyclist, I have been waiting for this pathway to be completed. I am hoping that it will be completed as soon as possible so that I can enjoy it in my lifetime.

John Burns
1920 Saint Augustine Way
Petaluma CA 94954
(707) 318-4180
jandcburns@att.net

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John Green
4570 Daywalt Road
Sebastopol

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707/849-7439
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Sausalito, CA
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- Jon

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Avid cyclist, bike commuter, and current Greenbrae resident

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Karen Wiener
Owner, The New Wheel
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karen@newwheel.net
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Katherine

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-Katie Kelly, San Anselmo

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Keith Buckley

Exercise everyday to feel better!

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Kelly Bennett
Fairfax

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We voted for the SMART Train with the promise of the multi-use trail accompanying it. This has not been successful.

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Ken & Sarah Reid
Santa Rosa, CA

Multi-use advocates, bicycle commuter who uses the SMART Trail but finds it unsafe to cross at specific intersections.

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I also want to note that SMART ridership would undoubtedly increase if the bike paths are finished. For example in Petaluma, the second largest city on the SMART line, there is no safe bike access to the station from any direction. SMART ridership would undoubtedly increase if people can more easily get to the station. Finishing the pathway would be a win for both cyclists and rail riders.

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Ken Cushman
Bike Petaluma

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Ken Wells, Trails Director
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Thanks. Kenneth

Kenneth Perlmutter PhD
Founder, Family Recovery Institute
San Rafael, CA
415 322-0939

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Sausalito Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee, Vice Chair

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Kit Lofroos

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With gratitude and respect,
Laurie Lynn Hogan

Laurie Lynn Hogan, MBA
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Cotati, CA 94931
carrotlover@sonic.net

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I am a Sonoma homeowner who moved to the county, in large part, because of the tremendous opportunities for walking and biking to most of my everyday needs, and to access such amazing outdoor environments here. I am so grateful for the work and investment made, so far, in making Sonoma County such a wonderful place for healthy, active transportation options.

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Again, I appreciate your leadership across and within the counties. These are exciting opportunities to benefit the health, safety, and livability of even more people!

Thank you very much for your time and consideration,
Leah Shahum

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Chair Rabbit and Members of the SMART Board,

I am writing in support of dedicating funding to a multi-use pathway along the SMART line. This is the proposal developed by the Sonoma and Marin County Bicycle Coalitions, allocating $4M/year over the next five years to the multi-use pathway. This money would advance the unbuilt segments to shovel-ready status and is the best use of the currently available funding. Additionally, SMART should ensure that at least one segment is completed per year in each county (spending its own money if necessary), to restore trust in the voters and riders that the pathway is being advanced.

Funding this multi-use pathway is critical for health and climate action in the North Bay—part of vision for SMART (and why I voted for the original measure).

I appreciate the work of SMART and the willingness to put funding to these community priorities.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Lee Hackeling

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--Lee Larsen

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Leslie Schaaf, Novato resident and Smart supporter.

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Linda Gloystein

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Lisa Engelbert

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Chair Rabbit and Members of the SMART Board,

As a resident of Sebastopol / Santa Rosa the work that SMART has done all the way to Larkspur is awesome. I am excited to really count on the reliability of the train and trail from my home to the City… without the use of a car… biking part of the time when train schedules are less consistent.

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I strongly support for the staff’s recommendation to advance ALL unbuilt segments to shovel-ready status. Please set a goal of opening at least one segment of pathway in Marin per year starting in 2022. Funding for this can be included in any request for Federal infrastructure funding. This commitment would both fulfill the initial promise of the agency, and increase the electoral chances of a future ballot initiative.

Lorene Jackson
San Rafael

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-Luigi 415.525.7496 [cell+text]

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Thank you,
Madeleine Clare

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Thank you very much for your time and consideration.
Regards, Magnus Barber
(SF resident, but frequent bike/transit visitor to Marin for both business and pleasure)

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Marc Edwards

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M. Whitman

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Dear Chair Rabbit and Members of the SMART Board,

I am writing to also express my support for the proposal developed by the Sonoma and Marin County Bicycle Coalitions. I do like the train, but I supported the train because of the promise of bike paths.

I urge SMART to allocate $4M/year over the next five years to the multi-use pathway. This money would advance the unbuilt segments to “shovel-ready” status and is the best use of the currently available funding. Additionally, SMART should ensure at that a least one segment is completed per year in each county (spending its own money if necessary), to restore trust in the voters and riders that the pathway is being advanced.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Regards,

Marek

Marek Mierzwinski
3802 Clear Ridge
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

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Please keep your promise to complete the bike path!!

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Marguerite Finn
Board Member of the PBAB of Santa Rosa

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In the era where we all feel the effects of climate change directly, your swift action is needed now to support a pathway to give the public alternate routes for zero GHG emission commuting. Please do this today!

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Maria Hensel
Bicycle Coalition Member

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Marianne Tamm
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After so many years of broken promises it's time for SMART to start being useful to more citizens. This is such a small amount of money in the grand scheme of things. Get these paths in and I bet the next bond will pass. Then we'll know we can trust the SMART board. (I voted for SMART initially, but not the last time.)

Thank you.

Marie Piazza

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Thank you very much for your time and consideration.
This is a very important issue.

Cheers, Mario

Live and let live...

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I supported SMART in the past due to the inclusion of the bicycle/pedestrian pathway in the plans. Please deliver what was promised.

Thank you

Marjorie M Thomas
Marin Resident/Property Owner/Bicyclist

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I want to voice my support for the proposal developed by the Sonoma and Marin County Bicycle Coalitions. I urge SMART to invest $4 million annually over the next five years in the multi-use pathway.

This investment is the best use of the currently available funds by advancing the unbuilt segments.

Additionally, SMART should ensure at least one segment is completed per year in each county (spending its own money if necessary), to restore trust in the voters and riders that the pathway is being advanced.

Given our climate crisis it is imperative that SMART invest in projects to offer people safe, climate friendly ways to travel.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Marjorie Stein
Santa Rosa

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Mark Ayala

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Mark H Goldstein
415-902-1048

Chairman
www.ucsfhealthhub.com

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Watch the 2nd Annual UCSF Digital Health Awards celebration.

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Chair Rabbit and Members of the SMART Board,

I voted for SMART the first time around but since SMART didn’t keep its promise for the multi-use path I did NOT vote more support the second time around. SMART needs to make good on the path.

Thanks.

Marlene Buono

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I voted for the initial tax measure because I was led to believe that the pathway would be included. I have been sorely disappointed to find that it has not been nor any great move to have it done soon.

I am 74 y.o.a. and sure hope to have the pathway completed a.s.a.p. so that I can enjoy using it. I was a bicycle commuter from July 1973 until July 2018. I still bicycle for chores & recreation here in Marin County 4-5 days/week.

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Marty Rayman
Kentfield, CA

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Chair Rabbit and Members of the SMART Board,

Let’s make bike travel a priority! At a meeting a couple years ago in Petaluma re the road diet for Petaluma Blvd S, audience members objected to making changes merely to suit recreational cyclists: we need to change the reality and the perception of viable bike commuting.

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Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Mary Davies

PS: What attention is being paid to convenient bike parking safe from theft?

Mary E. Davies
731 Mountain View Av
Petaluma, CA 94952
206-547-5264

“The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it.”
Robert Swan, Arctic explorer and climate activist
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Best,

Matt

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Dear Members of the SMART Board,

I support the multi-use pathway proposal developed by the Sonoma and Marin County Bicycle Coalitions. I urge SMART to make pathway funding and construction a high priority.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Matt Muldoon
Petaluma
707-695-0201

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This commitment would both fulfill the initial promise of the agency, and increase the electoral chances of a future ballot initiative. I would not have voted for SMART when it was originally approved if it were not for the pathway. I didn’t vote for the recent measure because the promised pathway is no where near complete.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Best,
Matt

Matt Petri
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Larkspur, CA 94939
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Please make it happen!

Thanks,

-Matt
Homeowner
Mill Valley, CA
415-378-3613

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Matthew Fabiano

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Melinda

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Michael Gassen
Tam Valley

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Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Best wishes,

Michael J. Freeman
3507 Flintwood Dr
Santa Rosa, Ca 95404

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Michele Rodriguez
Fairfax CA
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Mike

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Members of the SMART Board--

I strongly support your staff’s recommendation to advance all unbuilt segments to shovel-ready status. I also urge the Board to set a goal of opening at least one significant, useful segment of pathway in Marin per year starting ASAP which might require SMART to finance the work.

These steps would fulfill the initial promise of the agency, and increase the electoral chances of a future ballot initiative. The best thing SMART can do to win the trust of the bicyclists and voters of Marin is to finish the pathway.

Thank you.

Mike Ferro
C St., San Rafael

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May I remind you that the only reason SMART exists in the first place is because of the votes for the bicycle path. The multi-use path is very important to transportation. It is the only reason I voted for SMART. The multi-use path IS part of SMART. Finish the multi-use path – the whole path - ASAP.

Very sincerely,
Mike Gaspers
San Anselmo

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Mike Houston
Registered Voter for 38 years

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Mike Pechner
weather@sonic.net

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Sincerely,
Mimi Torres

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Moritz Steiner

89 Woodside Dr, San Anselmo, CA 94960

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-Morris Beazley
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Nancy Grover

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Nathan Spindel
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Neil Hancock, 8166 Arthur St, Cotati, CA 94931

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Nicolle Henneuse
Integral Communication
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Patty Sanders bike rider

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Sent from Peter's iPhone
Peter@PeterEkman.com

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Sincerely,
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Randy Potter
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Raoul Wertz  
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Santa Rosa

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148 Alconbury Way, Novato, California

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Santa Rosa, CA

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Swayne Family Ranch LLC

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I have (or has that become a had been?) been a strong supporter of the Project from the start, and damn it, HONOR what you agreed to. Period. Many, Many Many, supported the train as much for the pathways, as for the Train, and it was marketed and sold and voted for as such.

SMART (YOU) DID say that the bike and pedestrian pathways were a priority, and we the Voters voted and chose accordingly, and, you have neither honored the agreements, nor followed through, and it is time to honor what was bought and promised.

I could go on and repeat myself. I could add more supporting details, and gush about how great "you" are and all the good "you" have done, and thank you this and that, and please this and that, and butter "you" up, etc, etc, etc, and yes, you have done some good, and accomplished some things, and just know, you need to do better.

The way the pathways have been sluffled and put off as secondary (and less) is a disgrace, false advertising, and in my estimation, criminal.

Honor the commitment and make it so.

Sierra Salin from an insecure nondisclosed location somewhat near the South East Central North West fringe of Nonspecific realty and YES I am a long time Marin Voter, bicyclist, walker, driver, train rider, and human in training.

If we are going to go anywhere, or do anything, why bother with half assed? Do what was agreed to and do the pathways.

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Steve Eagleton
415-720-7222

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SMART has the chance to make Marin better by getting people out of their cars into the train and using bikes to get to the train – please, please fulfill the promise Smart made when we voters approved this years ago. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Steve Giordomenica
415-847-2292
lifezzgood@outlook.com

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Mill Valley, CA

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Susan Lautze
Novato

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Last year, voters shot down measure I. While I voted for Measure I, I understand that the cycling community felt betrayed by SMART’s broken promises. I feel that with Biden’s proposed infrastructure plan, SMART can make it happen.

Already, traffic is getting bad. I wish that SMART would market a little better. How about a billboard on the most congested parts of 101? I am a lover and believer of SMART but the $12 one way is hard to stomach for those who don’t have a monthly pass. I hope coupled with the infrastructure bill and better marketing, with the support of cyclists, SMART can complete the biking and walking paths and make the train more accessible for everyone.

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Susan Gibbs, cyclist and fan of the Smart train!

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Susie Albrecht
Guerneville
Member, Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition

I bike, and I vote!

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We bike and we vote, and we want to see more bike-friendly, safe ways to move about this beautiful county we live in!

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Sincerely,
Suzanne Olyarnik

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Thank you,

Ted White
Former Executive Director,
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In community,
Terri Moon

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Terri Moon, MS
Mediation, Empathy & Heart-Based Communication (NVC) Trainings

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I voted for the SMART train in 2008 because I wanted the MUP. So far it hasn’t been developed in tandem with the train, and funds have been diverted to buy extra trains blah blah blah. When are we going to get the MUP?

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How about restoring the trust of the voters and riders?

Thanks,

Terrie Noll

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Stay Healthy All!

“Remember Get Vaccinated- Wear a Mask - Save a Life”

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The Rich
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Tiff Chang
San Rafael Resident

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Dear Sir/Madam:

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Thanks,

Tom Andrews
Novato

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In 2008 I voted in favor of the SMART system. I live in San Anselmo, so it’s highly unlikely that I will ever benefit from the SMART train system.

But I am a cyclist. The promise of bike paths from Larkspur to Cloverdale was the selling point to why I voted in favor of the SMART system in 2008.

Last year I voted NO for Measure I. SMART train service has been running since 2017 and there are still large gaps of bike paths not completed. I also did not appreciate the threat of no further bike path construction if Measure I failed. To me that’s bait and switch. What I was promised in 2008 was now being used to extort my vote.

It’s now 2021. Finish what you promised. Until then, I will never vote in favor of any ballot measure for SMART funding.

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Tom Kansora
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Thank you for your service,

Tom Maunder

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107 Truman Drive
Novato, CA

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thanks for reading,
Tony Markwick
1101 Grand Ave
94901.

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Tucker Bierbaum
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Walter Kopp
San Anselmo
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415 269-9895

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Warren Simmonds

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8425 Spring Drive
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