



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
September 16, 2026 - 1:30 PM**
5401 Old Redwood Highway, 1st Floor
Petaluma, CA 94954

1. Call to Order [\[04:07 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording\]](#)

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Chair Coursey called the meeting to order at 1:30pm. Directors Cader Thompson, Colin, Garbarino, Kelley, Lucan, Pahre and Rabbitt were present. Directors Fleming, Jacobs, Paulson and Vice Chair Sackett were absent.

General Manager Cumins introduced Chief Financial Officer, Troy Bingham who shared a few words.

Public Comment
None

2. Approval of the August 19, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes [\[05:51 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording\]](#)

MOTION: Director Kelley moved approval of the August 19, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Director Lucan seconded. The motion carried 8-0-0-4 with Directors Fleming, Jacobs, Paulson and Vice Chair Sackett absent.

Public Comment
None

3. Board Member Announcements [\[06:51 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording\]](#)

Directors Cader Thompson, Garbarino and Kelley spoke.

4. General Manager's Report [\[08:36 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording\]](#)

General Manager Cumins provided a PowerPoint presentation, which is posted on SMART's website. Highlights include:

- Contracts/Procurements over \$100k

- Ridership Report
- Redwood Bikeshare
- SCT Route 40X Connection
- Transit Month
- Planning for the Future Update
- Questions

Director Fleming arrived at 1:39PM

Board Comments [15:01 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Chair Coursey commented on Redwood Bikeshare and the 1st/last mile and thanked the regional support.

Director Kelley asked about long-term funding for SMART Connect.
General Manager Cumins responded to Director Kelley's question.

Chair Coursey commented on the regional collaboration regarding Sonoma County Transit and SMART to connect Sonoma Valley.

Public Comment:

Susan Kirks and General Manager Cumins responded

5. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items [19:55 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

The following individual spoke under Public Comment:

- Susan Kirks and Chair Coursey responded

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6. Consent [22:38 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]
- a. Accept Monthly Ridership Report – August 2026
 - b. Approve Monthly Financial Status Report – June 2026
 - c. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-31 to make various changes to the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Adopted Budget - Amendment #3
 - d. Adopt Resolutions 2026-32 and 2026-33 authorizing increased amounts for the filing of SMART's annual applications for State Transit Assistance and State Transit Assistance State of Good Repair funding

Public Comment

None

MOTION: Director Kelley moved approval of Consent Agenda, as presented. Cader Thompson seconded. The motion carried 9-0-0-3 with Directors, Jacobs, Paulson and Vice Chair Sackett absent.

7. Consideration of Healdsburg Station Location and Request Direction to conduct

Public Outreach, *Presented by Planning Manager, Zoe Unruh, Co-presenter, Chief Engineer, Bill Gamlen* [23:18 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

General Manager Cumins provided an introduction
Chair Coursey requested clarification regarding the decision-making body, General Manager answered

Chief Engineer, Bill Gamlen presented first part [27:55 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]
Chair Coursey asked about the total estimated cost and was answered by Chief Engineer, Bill Gamlen

Planning Manager, Zoe Unruh Presented second part [33:51 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Board Comments [47:22 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Director Colin commented about parking, existing infrastructure and the type of outreach

Director Rabbitt asked about distance to walk, parking and the percentage of ridership. General Manager Cumins and Planning Manager, Zoe Unruh answered
Director Fleming asked about the roundabout and funding. General Manager Eddy Cumins answered

Director Garbarino commented on the renderings

Director Lucan asked about tailoring the outreach. Planning Manager, Zoe Unruh answered. Director Lucan asked about noise and General Manager Cumins answered.

Chair Coursey asked about distance to downtown and Planning Manager, Zoe Unruh answered

Director Kelley asked about pedestrian controls, parking count, refurbishing depot buildings and outreach. Chief Engineer, Bill Gamlen and General Manager answered

Public Comments [01:05:41 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Janet Seal

Alan Zetterburg on Behalf of David Lawrence

Mark Horn

David Hagele and Chair Coursey asked for help from Healdsburg Council regarding outreach

Kathryn Phillip

Mark McMullen

Mary Flores

Director Kelley asked about an at-grade pedestrian crossing and Sonoma County Transit engagement. General Manager Cumins answered.

Coursey acknowledged receipt of Mr. McMullen's public comment letter.
General Manager Cumins spoke to collaboration with Sonoma County Transit.

Director Rabbitt left the meeting at 2:38PM

Chair Coursey, on behalf of the Board, provided direction to staff to conduct additional public outreach regarding the location of the Healdsburg station.

Director Pahre complimented Staff.

Director Kelly also commented about a quiet zone ordinance and upgraded infrastructure no matter where the station is located

Closed Session [01:29:46 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

8. Conference with Legal Counsel regarding existing litigation pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(a);
Number of cases: One (1) Case: Hickey v. Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District (SMART) - Superior Court of California, County of Sonoma – 25CV01946

9. Report Out Closed Session [01:52:15 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

District Counsel Sutherland reported out of Closed Session at 4:39 PM on the following:

10. Conference with Legal Counsel regarding existing litigation pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(a);
Number of cases: One (1) Case: Hickey v. Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District (SMART) - Superior Court of California, County of Sonoma – 25CV01946

Report Out: No reportable action.

11. Next Board of Directors Meeting, **October 21, 2026 – 1:30 PM** – 5401 Old Redwood Highway, 1st Floor, Petaluma, CA 94954
12. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 3:18 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kyreen Jorgensen
Clerk of the Board

Approved on: _____