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September 16, 2026

Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit Board of Directors
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SUBJECT: Increase to Resolution Authorizing the Annual Filing of SMART's State Transit Assistance and State Transit Assistance-State of Good Repair Applications for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATION: 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.

SUMMARY: On May 20, 2026, the Board of Directors approved Resolutions 2026-08 State Transit Assistance (STA) Funds and 2026-11 State Transit Assistance State of Good Repair (STA-SGR). These resolutions authorized SMART to submit an STA application in the amount of \$4,415,709 and an STA-SGR application in the amount of \$370,357. These resolutions authorize applications for higher amounts based on updated estimates from the State Controller's Office.

BACKGROUND:

State Transit Assistance (STA) funds are apportioned from the state to operators based on both local revenues and service area population. STA revenue-based funds are apportioned to SMART directly from the State Controller's Office based on fares and Measure Q funds collected. Population-based funds are apportioned from the State Controller's Office to the regional Metropolitan Planning Organizations, which then allocate those funds to the counties to be distributed between transit operators. SMART also receives revenue-based State Transit Assistance State of Good Repair (STA-SGR) funding apportioned by the State Controller's Office based on fares and Measure Q funds collected.

In June of 2020, the state legislature passed AB 90 to reduce the impact of COVID-19 ridership drops on transit agencies. The legislation froze through June 30, 2026 the distribution ratios for STA funds so that each operator would receive the same proportion of available STA funds through that period regardless of changes to their revenues.

This "hold harmless" provision expired on June 30, 2026. In August, the State Controller's Office released updated estimates based on new ratios. As a result, SMART's annual proportion of the statewide funding increased by 42%, exceeding

the estimates previously released by the State Controller's Office.

Resolution 2026-32 increases the authorization for SMART's STA claim by \$2,107,254 to a total of \$6,522,963. Resolution 2026-33 increases the authorization for SMART's STA-SGR application by \$154,914 to a total of \$525,271.

FISCAL IMPACT: This action will result in an increased revenue budget for operations and state of good repair activities by \$2,107,254 and \$154,914, respectively.

Respectfully,

/s/

Annora Borden
Grants and Budget Analyst

Attachment: 1) Resolution 2026-32
2) Resolution 2026-33

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SONOMA-MARIN AREA RAIL TRANSIT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A CLAIM FOR STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE FUNDS AND DESIGNATION OF THE GENERAL MANAGER AND/OR CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AS THE AUTHORIZED AGENTS TO SUBMIT AND EXECUTE ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE FUNDS ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEARS 2026-2027

WHEREAS, the Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit District (SMART) is an eligible project sponsor and may receive funding from State Transit Assistance (STA) Funds, including STA Revenue Funds (PUC 99314) and STA Population Funds (PUC 99313) for transit projects; and

WHEREAS, the state and regional statutes related to these state transit funds require implementing agencies to abide by various state and regional regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is the regional agency responsible for disbursement of STA funds, including STA Revenue Funds apportioned by the State Controller's Office; and

WHEREAS, MTC has developed guidelines for the purpose of administering and distributing STA funds to eligible project sponsors, described in MTC's Annual Fund Application Manual; and

WHEREAS, the State Controller's Office has apportioned \$3,635,744 in STA Revenue funds available for SMART to claim for Fiscal Year 2026-2027; and

WHEREAS, MTC delegates prioritization of STA Population Funds to the County Transportation Agencies and the transit operators within those counties; and

WHEREAS, the Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) and the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) have established procedures to apportion funds to transit operators within each county, including apportionment of STA Population Funds to SMART; and

WHEREAS, SCTA has apportioned \$1,401,501 available to claim in Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and TAM has apportioned \$308,133 available to claim in Fiscal Year 2026-2027 by SMART; and

WHEREAS, SMART's participation in Marin-Sonoma Coordinated Transit Service Plan (MASCOTS) includes an additional \$1,177,585 apportioned to SMART from Sonoma County STA Population funds; and

WHEREAS, MTC receives those recommended apportionments of STA Population funds and disburses those funds along with STA Revenue Funds directly to transit operators; and

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WHEREAS, SMART wishes to delegate authorization to submit and execute all required STA claim documents and any amendments thereto to the SMART General Manager and Chief Financial Officer; and

WHEREAS, SMART wishes to utilize STA Revenue and STA Population apportionments to implement the SMART Rail Operations Project for Fiscal Year 2026-2027;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Board of Directors of the SMART District hereby

1. Authorizes the submittal of the SMART Rail Operations Project claim for State Transit Assistance Revenue and Population funds in the amount of \$ \$6,522,963 to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for Fiscal Year 2026-27; and
2. Agrees to comply with all conditions and requirements set for in MTC's Annual Fund Application Manual and applicable statutes, regulations and guidelines for all State Transit Assistance funded transit projects; and
3. Designates SMART's General Manager and/or Chief Financial Officer to be authorized to execute all required documents of the State Transit Assistance program and any Amendments thereto with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District held on the 16th day of September 2026 by the following vote:

DIRECTORS:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Chris Coursey, Chair, Board of Directors
Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District

ATTEST:

Kyreen Jorgensen, Clerk of Board of Directors
Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SONOMA-MARIN AREA RAIL TRANSIT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATIONS, SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AND EXECUTION OF FUNDING AGREEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE STATE OF GOOD REPAIR FUNDS FOR THE SMART STATE OF GOOD REPAIR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District (SMART) is an eligible project sponsor and may receive State Transit Assistance funding from State of Good Repair Account (SGR) now or sometime in the future for transit projects; and

WHEREAS, the statutes related to state-funded transit projects require a local or regional implementing agency to abide by various regulations; and

WHEREAS, the State Controller's Office has released the Fiscal Year 2027 SGR apportionments and SMART is estimated to receive \$525,271 in SGR funds; and

WHEREAS, the SMART State of Good Repair Improvement Project is an eligible project per the SGR program guidelines; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1 (2017) named the Department of Transportation (Department) as the administering agency for the SGR; and

WHEREAS, the Department has designated the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) as the regional entity responsible for coordinating the administration of all SGR projects and distribution of SGR funds to eligible project sponsors (local agencies) within the nine county Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, SMART wishes to delegate the submittal of applications, necessary supporting documents and any amendments thereto to SMART's General Manager or his designee,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Board of Directors of the SMART District hereby designates SMART's General Manager, Eddy Cumins, and SMART's Chief Financial Officer, Troy Bingham , to be authorized to execute all required documents of the SGR program and any amendments thereto with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and State of California.

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NOES:

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ABSTAIN:

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