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November 18, 2026

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

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Resolutions 2026-37 and 2026-38 authorizing increased amounts for the filing of SMART's annual applications for State Rail Assistance and Low Carbon Transit Operations Program funding.

BACKGROUND:
On May 20, 2026, the Board of Directors approved Resolutions 2026-09 State Rail Assistance (SRA) Funds and 2026-10 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP). These resolutions authorized SMART to submit an SRA application in the amount of $5,086,476 and an LCTOP application in the amount of $864,840. These resolutions authorize applications for higher amounts based on updated fund availability.

The SRA Program provides capital and operations funding specifically to intercity rail and commuter rail operators. SMART budgets these revenues annually based on information provided by the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA). Since the approval of resolution 2026-09, CalSTA informed SMART that SRA funds available for this fiscal year had increased by $68,081, increasing total SRA funds in the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget to $5,154,557.

LCTOP funds come from California Cap and Trade proceeds paid into the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. As part of SB 840's reauthorization of the now-renamed Cap and Invest program, LCTOP's funding cycle is transitioning from a calendar year to a fiscal year. To transition between the two, LCTOP has added a "Cycle B" to this year's grants, which distributes funds generated through the February and May 2026 auctions. SMART received an additional $337,728 with the addition of Cycle B, bringing the total available funding to $864,840.

FISCAL IMPACT: These grant funding increases will reduce the amount of Measure Q money required for the FY27 revenue budget. The operating budget will not change from the Board approved version, resulting in a net $0 change.

Respectfully,

/s/

Annora Borden
Grants and Budget Analyst

Attachments: 1.) Resolution 2026-37
2.) Resolution 2026-38

Resolution No. 2026-37
Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit District
November 18, 2026

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SONOMA-MARIN AREA RAIL TRANSIT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE CERTIFICATION AND ASSURANCES AND AUTHORIZED AGENT FORMS FOR STATE RAIL ASSISTANCE FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE STATE RAIL ASSISTANCE PROJECT, SMART COMMUTER RAIL OPERATIONS 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 Rail Assistance (SRA) for transit projects; and

WHEREAS, the statutes related to state-funded transit project require implementing agencies to abide by various regulations; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1 (2017) named the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) as the administering agency for the SRA; and

WHEREAS, CalSTA has developed guidelines for the purpose of administering and distributing SRA funds to eligible project sponsors (Agencies identified as eligible recipients of these funds); and

WHEREAS, SMART wishes to delegate authorization to execute these documents and any amendments thereto to Eddy Cumins, General Manager, and Troy Bingham, Chief Financial Officer; and

WHEREAS, SMART wishes to implement the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 SMART Commuter Rail Operations Project.

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

1. Authorizes the submittal of the SMART Commuter Rail Operations Project for nomination and allocation request to CalSTA for State Rail Assistance funds for up to $5,154,557.05 in FY2026-2027; and

2. Agrees to comply with all conditions and requirements set for in the Certifications and Assurances and Authorized Agent documents and applicable statutes, regulations and guidelines for all SRA funded transit projects; and

3. Designates Eddy Cumins, General Manager, and Troy Bingham, Chief Financial Officer, to be authorized to execute all required documents of the SRA program and any Amendments thereto with the California Transportation Agency 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-Marin Area Rail Transit District held on the ___ day of _____, 2026 by the following vote:

DIRECTORS:
AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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

ATTEST:

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

Resolution No. 2026-38
Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit District
November 18, 2026

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SONOMA-MARIN AREA RAIL TRANSIT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE CERTIFICATION AND ASSURANCES AND AUTHORIZED AGENT FORMS FOR THE LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP) FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT: SMART TRANSIT OPERATIONS FY26/27 FOR $864,840

WHEREAS, the Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit District (SMART) is an eligible project sponsor and may receive state funding from the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) 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, Senate Bill 862 (2014) named the Department of Transportation (Department) as the administrative agency for the LCTOP; and

WHEREAS, the Department has developed guidelines for the purpose of administering and distributing LCTOP funds to eligible project sponsors (local agencies); and

WHEREAS, SMART wishes to delegate authorization to execute these documents and any amendments thereto to Eddy Cumins, General Manager and/or Troy Bingham, Chief Financial Officer; and

WHEREAS, SMART wishes to implement the following LCTOP project(s) listed above.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit District (SMART) that the fund recipient agrees to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the Certification and Assurances and the Authorized Agent documents and applicable statutes, regulations and guidelines for all LCTOP funded transit projects.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Eddy Cumins, General Manager and/or Troy Bingham, Chief Financial Officer be authorized to execute all required documents of the LCTOP program and any Amendments thereto with the California Department of Transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of SMART that it hereby authorizes the submittal of the following project nomination(s) and allocation request(s) to the Department in FY2025-2026 LCTOP funds:

Project Name: SMART Transit Operations FY26/27
Short description of project: This project supports operations of commuter rail services in the SMART system. SMART operates 48 weekday trips as of FY25/26, an increase of six weekday trips from the prior year. In FY24/25 SMART also opened new stations at Petaluma North and Windsor, which included the addition of three new miles of track.
Amount of LCTOP funds requested: $864,840
Benefit to a Priority Populations: SMART service connects low-income community members to desirable locations for work or activities through rail service and pedestrian pathways.
Amount to benefit Priority Populations: 100% to low-income households
Contributing Sponsor: Metropolitan Transportation Commission

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit District held on the ___ day of _____ 2026, by the following vote:

DIRECTORS:
AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

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

ATTEST:

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