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October 21, 2026

Sonoma- Marin Area Rail Transit Board of Directors
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SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution 2026-35 Honoring Nina West's 20+ Years of Service to the District and Retirement

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Adopt Resolution 2026-35 Honoring Nina West's 20+ Years of Service to the District and Retirement from SMART on October 16, 2026.

SUMMARY:

The District's first full-time employee retired on October 16, 2026, after decades of service to SMART and the surrounding communities that we serve.

BACKGROUND:

Nina West began her career at SMART in May 2006 as the first permanent full-time District employee. After a brief hiatus, she returned in June 2008 and has been here ever since. Nina has been an integral part of SMART's growth from those humble beginnings to our current status as the premier public transportation provider in the North Bay, from a single employee to nearly two hundred employees, and from neglected & overgrown rail infrastructure to carrying nearly 6,000 passengers each weekday. Nina has served in multiple roles at SMART including Clerk of the Board and her current role as the Administrative Services Specialist for the District's largest Department, Operations. Throughout her career, Nina has demonstrated a commitment to professionalism and made her co-workers feel valued and appreciated. She will truly be missed as the "heart of SMART."

FISCAL IMPACT: None

Sincerely,

/s/

Marc Bader
Chief Operating Officer

Attachment: 1.) Resolution 2026-35

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SONOMA-MARIN AREA RAIL TRANSIT DISTRICT

HONORING NINA WEST ON HER RETIREMENT WITH OVER 20 YEARS OF DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYMENT WITH THE SONOMA-MARIN AREA RAIL TRANSIT DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, Nina West has dedicated over 20 years of exemplary service to the Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District, beginning her career as the very first employee of the Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District; and

WHEREAS, throughout her time with SMART, Nina watched the agency grow, worked with three general managers, numerous board of director members, and welcomed many employees; and

WHEREAS, Nina demonstrated outstanding leadership, professionalism, and an unwavering commitment to the goals and mission of SMART; and

WHEREAS, Nina has been a trusted colleague, mentor, and invaluable presence whose institutional knowledge significantly enhanced the efficiency and success of the District's goals; and

WHEREAS, her work ethic, integrity, infectious positivity, and daily contributions have left an indelible mark on the staff in the Operations Department and the District as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Nina will officially retire from public service on October 16, 2026, to begin a well-deserved next chapter of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit that:

1. **Commendation:** The Board formally extends its deepest gratitude and highest commendation to Nina West for years of meritorious public service.
2. **Well Wishes:** The Board, on behalf of the agency staff, wishes Nina West a long happy, healthy, and fulfilling retirement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21ST DAY OF OCTOBER 2026.

Chris Coursey, Chair

Mary Sacket, Vice Chair