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Ms. Adrienne Tissier, Chair
Metropolitan Transportation Commission
101 Eighth Street
Oakland, CA 94607

Re: Plan Bay Area – SMART Cloverdale Extension

Dear Chair Tissier,

The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors supports the inclusion of the Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit (SMART) district Cloverdale Extension project in the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) long range transportation plan - Plan Bay Area.

The Cloverdale Extension will take the SMART rail line to the Cloverdale Depot, approximately four miles from the Mendocino County line. Once in service, Mendocino County residents and visitors will be able to use the SMART train via the Cloverdale location. In addition, it will become possible to consider transit frequency improvements between Ukiah and Santa Rosa. Mendocino Transit Authority would have the option of reorganizing services to meet the SMART train at the Cloverdale Station and provide residents of Mendocino County with two to four times the frequency of service over today's single trip each way between Ukiah and Santa Rosa.

It is important to Mendocino County that the SMART Extension to Cloverdale be included in the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Plan Bay Area document as it is a project that will service Mendocino County's residents, families and visitors providing interregional benefits. SMART services proximate to Mendocino County will provide Mendocino County's residents with the following:

- The option to save money on travel costs as gas prices rise;
- The ability to have basic, efficient transit access to economic, education and health care opportunities in the Bay Area;
- An opportunity to reduce vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions from travel; and
- Economic opportunity within Mendocino County as SMART will provide greater visitor access to recreational and tourism destinations outside the Bay Area.

Additionally, improvement of the rail line to Cloverdale is an important step in eventually restoring rail service to Mendocino County.

We thank you for your consideration of our request for inclusion of the SMART Cloverdale Extension project in your Plan Bay Area. The SMART project will help each of our regions achieve our respective and statewide goals of sustainability and economic vitality.

Sincerely,

John McCowen, Chair
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

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