



June 28, 2016

Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Attn: Stem Heminger, Executive Director
375 Beal Street, Suite 800
San Francisco, CA 94105-2066

Re: Plan Bay Area 2040 – SMART Phase 3 Compelling Case

Dear Mr Heminger:

The City of Cloverdale is writing to express support for including Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit's (SMART's) Phase 3 rail extension project north from Sonoma County Airport to the existing Cloverdale train station in Plan Bay Area 2040. SMART's Phase 3 rail extension projects will include passenger and freight rail improvements along a 24 mile stretch of rail from the Sonoma County Airport through the Town of Windsor, City of Healdsburg and the City of Cloverdale.

SMART's Phase 3 rail extension project will reinforce land use and transportation integration in the San Francisco Bay Area per Senate Bill 375, assist the Bay Area region including Sonoma County attain GHG emission reduction targets and will address key goals of Plan Ara 2040 including:

- Climate Protection
- Preservation of Open Space
- Transportation System Effectiveness
- Equitable Access
- Economic Vitality

SMART's Phase 3 rail extension project addresses both Category 1 (Benefits not captured by the Travel Model) Compelling Case Criteria in that the projects supports interregional or recreational corridor and provides access to international airports via connections to the Sonoma County Airport. In addition, the project supports Category 2 (Federal Requirements) Compelling Case Criteria by providing a cost-effective means of reducing CO₂, PM, or ozone precursor emissions and improving transportation mobility/reduces air toxics and PM emissions in communities of concern such as the City of Cloverdale.

The City of Cloverdale sincerely believes that SMART's Phase 3 rail extension project addresses MTC's Compelling Case criteria and requests that MTC incorporate this project into the preferred scenario in Plan Bay Area 2040.

The City of Cloverdale looks forward to working with our partners including SMART, MTC and the Association of Bay Area Governments on the development of a long range plan to improve the region's transportation network and do our part to reduce GHG emissions.

Sincerely,



Mary Ann Brigham
Mayor

cc: Farhad Mansourian, SMART General Manager