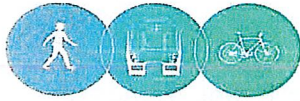


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Date	Name	5. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items
10/31/20	Michael Lipton	<p>Multiple accidents at intersection of San Pedro and Los Ranchitos in San Rafael. Multiple changes are needed at this location for safety reasons.</p> <p>First slow the train down to no more than 10 miles per hour from the civic center stop to past the intersection with a similar requirement in the other direction. The train is too fast in this area and the conductor has no time to stop the train due to the speed. Also add stop signs at San Pedro at each side of intersection to make people stop instead of driving through.</p> <p>SMART needs to do something here. Even if a driver is at fault, action needs to be taken to Minimize the risk of further accidents.</p>
Date	Name	6. Consent 6a. Approval of Monthly Financial Reports 6b. Approve a Resolution Designating the General Manager and Chief Financial Officer as Authorized Agents to Submit applications for Disaster Assistance with the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services. 6c. Approval to Amended a Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of an Affordable Housing Sustainable Communities grant to the State of California Strategic Growth Council and Department of Housing and Community Development and authorizing entering into a Standard Agreement with project parties
Date	Name	7. Approve a Resolution Authorizing the General Manager to Execute Contract Amendment No. 1 to CV-PS-19-001 with GHD, Inc. for Engineering Design and Support Services – Petaluma, Penngrove, and Santa Rosa Various Non-Motorized Pathway Segments for an amount of \$191,300 for a total contract amount not-to-exceed of \$1,140,401
Date	Name	8. Update on Bond Refinancing (Information Only)
Date	Name	9. Appointment of Chief Financial Officer and Approval of Employment Contract
Date	Name	10. Update Overview of SMART District-Wide Post Incident Response Procedures and Evaluation Process.
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Date	Name	11. Next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors, November 18, 2020- 1:30 PM
		12. Adjournment



FRIENDS OF SMART

October 30, 2020

Via email

Chair Eric Lucan and Members of the SMART Board
Farhad Mansourian, General Manager

Dear Chair Lucan, Board Members, and Mr. Mansourian:

In these difficult times, Friends of Smart commends the sincere effort that the Board has made to reach out for additional public input, both through your well-attended listening sessions and your consideration of an expanded role for the Citizens Oversight Committee (COC). We understand that you are in the process of formalizing this increased opportunity for public comment; and we believe that one of the more effective ways that you have proposed to do so would be to retain the COC with its Measure Q Strategic Plan responsibilities, and to form a new committee ("SMART Advisory Committee" (SAC))? The specific charge of the SAC would be to receive public input at regularly scheduled and open meetings; to allow the issues to be discussed thoroughly; and to ensure that all Board Members are informed of such discussions and recommendations of the SAC in a timely way. There is a significant difference between fiscal oversight and the role that such a SAC would play, and it would provide opportunities for the public to express their thoughts well beyond the three minute period allowed at the beginning of SMART Board meetings.

Friends of Smart respectfully requests that it be granted a formal position on any SAC or other committee so established. We have been a core supporter of SMART from the days when it was only a good idea (through ballot measures, grand jury investigations, and the like). We have maintained a diverse and knowledgeable membership and our goal has always been to support SMART through open discussion and sharing of ideas. We may have not always agreed with positions that SMART has taken and our communications may not have always been as direct and trusting as we both desire; but we know that especially in these times of unprecedented medical and financial uncertainty, we all need to work together.

In light of this request, on 10/28/20 we convened a special meeting of our most active members for the purpose of updating and re-stating our mission and processes. The statement is not quite finalized; but for the interim it must suffice to state our mission is to help make SMART a social as well as an engineering success.

There is no other group that studies and discusses SMART to the depth that Friends of SMART does. What we seek is a way to make the results of our studies and deliberations available to SMART in a less formal way than in public comment times at Board meetings or via letters. Ideally there would be discussion at the time the thoughts are shared.

We would be honored to be granted a voice in SMART's future, and we are committed to taking that responsibility seriously and to working with SMART in a positive way.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack Swearengen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jack" and last name "Swearengen" clearly distinguishable.

Jack C. Swearengen, Chair

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