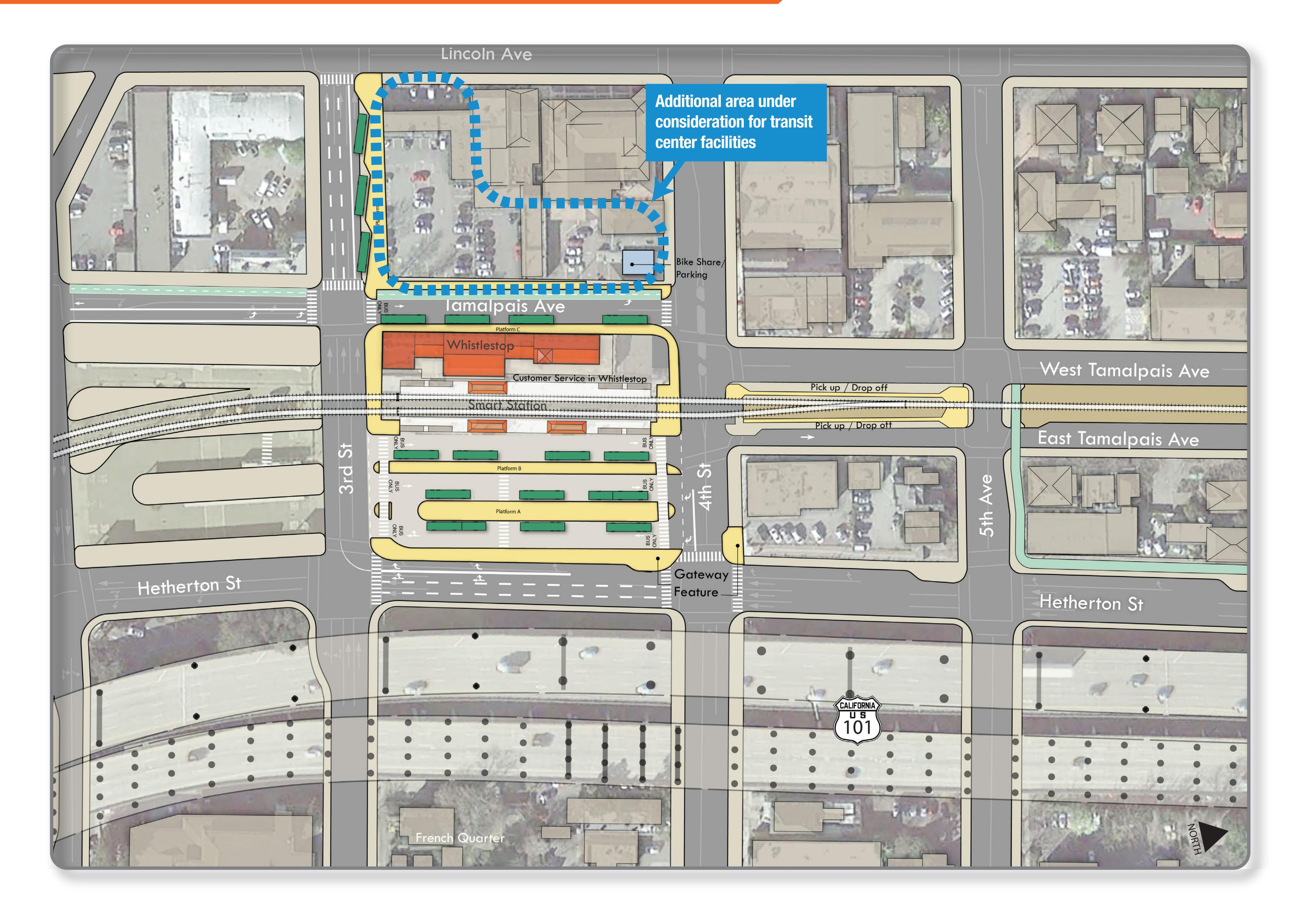


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Se espera que el Aviso de Preparación del Borrador del Informe de Impacto Ambiental para el Proyecto de Reemplazo del Centro de Tránsito San Rafael publique el martes 16 de octubre y esté disponible para su revisión por un período de comentarios de 30 días.

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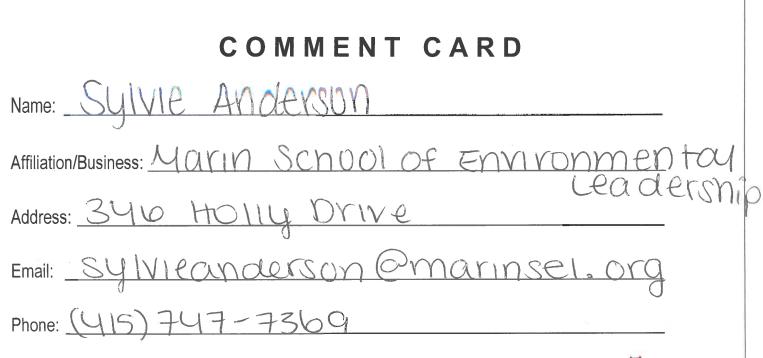
Se espera que el Aviso de Preparación del Borrador del Informe de Impacto Ambiental para el Proyecto de Reemplazo del Centro de Tránsito San Rafael se publique el martes 16 de octubre y esté disponible para su revisión por un período de comentarios de 30 días.

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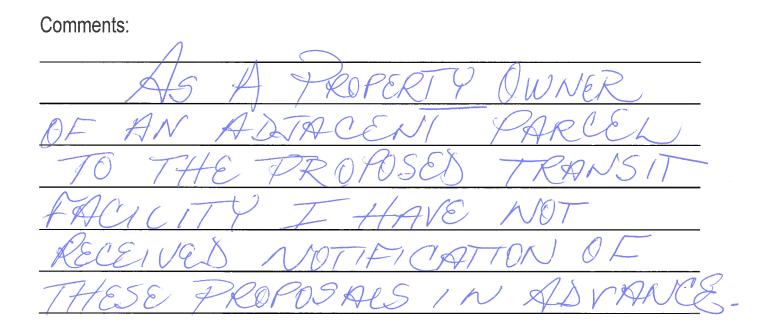


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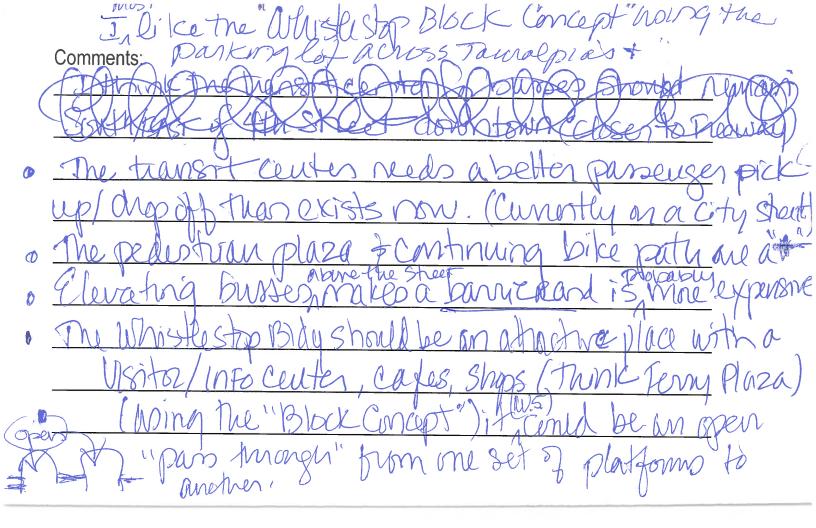
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Comments: I do not see any of MCBC's previous feedback, nor like routes adopted in the City of SK's Bike/Ped Master Plan + Station Area Plan A corporated. Our highest priority is the creation of all ages + abilities like rules on yn St. and Tanapais West. The pick-up/drop-off zones and bis bays on Tamelpais are incompatible with this vision.

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Comments: Bicycle & pedestrian safety, circulation, access, parking, case of use are all very important to me.

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Comments: DIT is vitally important that under the "Cultural Resources" Segment of the EIR, a thorough evaluation of all historic buildings in the transit Conter area be made. The NWP depot, The two gueen anne's at 5th & Hetherton, Can be a vital part of "reflecting San Ratael's history and culture. D If placemating Components mean elements that give an economic, esthetic, and Caltural Identity to the area, the NWP depot is a perfect pistorio resource that could be used In this way if it is preserved for adaptive rease

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Comments: In mostly alone when I take public he: next transit, so keeping the transit center close (to) to the SMART train would be my preference. I don't want the transit center located to the other side of the highway. to title a good at ry option Lt Grateway looks

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Comments:

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We would like to see a logical taxi

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In marin county -



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IMPACT ON AVAILABLE PARKING.

WILL ALSO SUBMIT ADDITIONAL ONLINE.

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"WHISTLE STOP BLOCK" Comments: FHIST CATICAL SHORT + SAFE PETTESTRIAN, POUTE 15 BEST ON PLAN = 411 Street gateway" POUTES TO + FROM; AND ROUTE 11 OK ON PLANS: ACROSS FWY W/ HEATHERSTON SAIFT INTERNAL TO BUS / TRAIN BOUTE IN NG ON RANSE WORTH OF YTH 2 STORY REUSE DED SITE AS COMMUTER PARKING IS DIMINISITED - WHAT PLANS ARE AFOST ? ( PARKING ??, ? FUDD + BEVERAGE VENDORS? NEED A CONTRALIZED FACILITY SMART BELAUSE WE HAVE FAILED IN 2 PREVIOUS PLANS TO 1. ELEVATENTRACKS OVER 3 RD, 4th + 5TH STRUETS 2. TO CONNECT FUTURE ENDOF SON THIS TIME, LET'S WORK TO MINIMILE LINE CLARKSPOR TO 100 YARDS OF FERRY INSTEAD OF 1/5 MILE. THE NUMBER OF STEPS STAIRS, AND MATOR. ROAD CROSSINGS IN GETRING BETWEEN WHAT WERE THEY BUSSES AND FROM BUSSES TO SMART TRAINS THINKING? ITS AT LEAST (300' TO FERRY, AND WHEN IT RAINS

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Comments: ENCREASED FOOT TRAFFIC ACROSS BUSY HIGHWAYS - BAD IDEA, WOULD ELIMINATE ALL SPLIT PROPOSALS 2) EVERYTHING LOCATED TOGETHER (TRAIN + RUS) is BETTER 3) BEST OPTIONS - Two STORY Whistlestop BLOCK PROCESS is MOUING TOO SCOULY

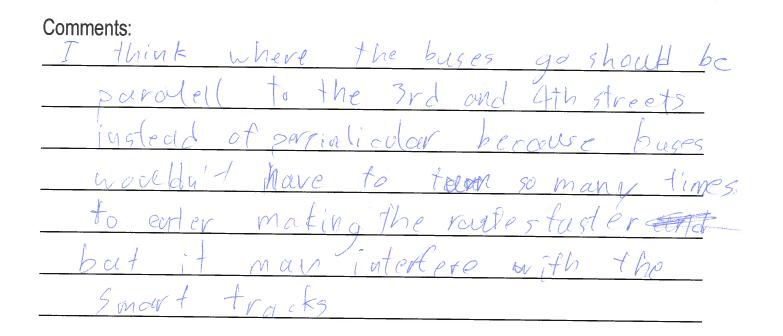
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Comments: ubits from schools like san Ratael tundreds of Davidson Middle School ric he 35 bus P route for their commute to and from an - They taxe long and dangerous walks between school and the transit center, busy intersections t totalong time. 15 and have to wai us routes should in drop locly or - These sc STOP - is sc ter this that duled school arrival/dismissal times. This would much mo 4 faster safer and easier for students.

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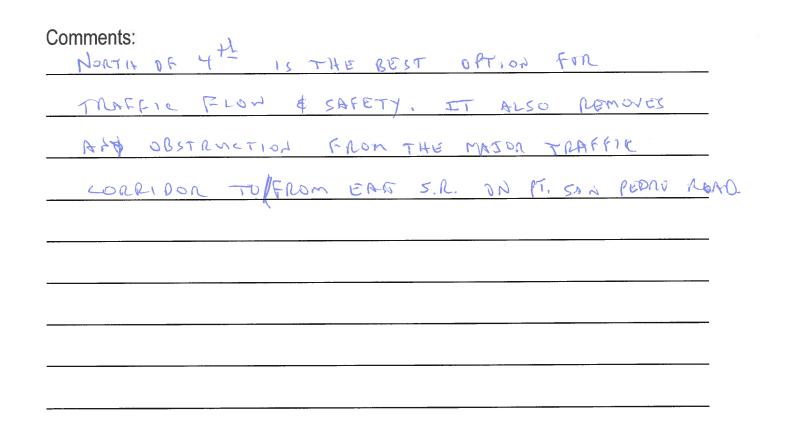
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Comments: (1) 2. Story out D north of 4th a very cold as plicence too-seems remote to station 4th St guteway - don't move the 5th Ave Vic, vales absorbutly here I wis clock worse than before. There are 2 important buildings on the "Bost" south part (tam to lincoln) okay if the busses are moved off tam, " 3RD. The taxe office (therois) & (towern) on 4th Threat be presenved no boot! 5) Aross Freeway looks designans for pidestrians

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Comments: Not enough notice of meetings - There were meetings befor this one? No notice that I could see. B what provision for parking ?" 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Too crowded to moring = need each aption expland to Total Canchana

COMMENT CARD Name: Pat Soberans Affiliation/Business: Transit vider (no car! in Marin!) Address: 455 Freitas Pkwy #223 San Rafael CA94903 Email: <u>mizpat@omail.com</u> Phone: 415-300-3047 Comments may be submitted following the meeting via email to SRTC@goldengate.org.

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Comments: Preferred location is outside Project Area! Why not consider to block of Irwin/Grand/ 2nd/3rd? Yes it's more street to cross for SMART commuters- but they are a small fraction of commuters and riders. That's giving more weight to a small number of riders. Instead you're putting us in unsafe areas + designs - crossing featherton! Waiting under the freeway in Earthquake country & ma place that's pone to flooding! Think of us, please!

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15 there even a safety element in the EIR? Comments: SAFETY FIRST! Passengers racing from one bus to another at this major transfer point must be protected from traffic on city streets! We look for buses and drivers look for us so the current protected SRTG agnerally safe. Only the Two Story Concept provides similar protection for us. Next best is North of 4th st but half of the SETC is under the freeway-in earthquake country! Why want the block of Irwin/Grand/Dud/Brd in the Project Area?

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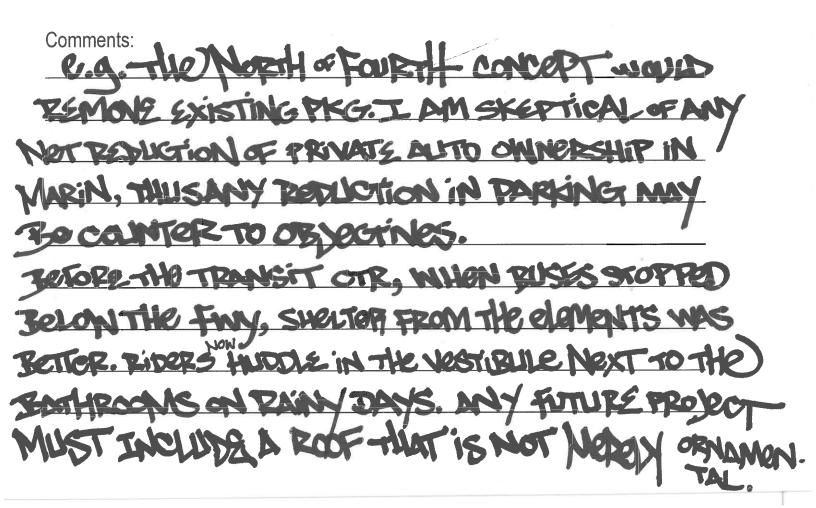
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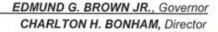
on your project objectives there is no parking. we need parting - not less - more Comments: Main concern: Parking If it is popular & it already is ve need parking ie. access to transportation. Already not enough, not close enough not dean gor safe enough tets fix this \* This meeting was somewhat obtuse. Lile the hand out.

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STATE AGENCY COMMENTS





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November 30, 2018

Mr. Raymond A. Santiago Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District 1011 Anderson Drive San Rafael, CA 94901-5318

Dear Mr. Santiago:

Subject: San Rafael Transit Center Replacement Project, Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report, SCH #2018102042, Marin County

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) reviewed the Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the San Rafael Transit Center Replacement Project (Project) located in Marin County. CDFW office received the NOP on October 24, 2018. On November 20, 2018, the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) provided CDFW an extension to submit comments until November 30, 2018.

CDFW is a Trustee Agency with responsibility under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for commenting on projects that could impact fish, plant, and wildlife resources [Pub. Resources Code, § 21070; CEQA Guidelines § 15386, subd. (a)]. CDFW is also considered a Responsible Agency if the project would require discretionary approval pursuant to the California Endangered Species Act (CESA), the Native Plant Protection Act, or Fish and Game Code section 1600 et. seq. [Lake and Streambed Alteration (LSA)], or other provisions of the Fish and Game Code that afford protection to the state's fish and wildlife trust resources. CDFW offers the following guidance as to the scope and content of the environmental information to be included in the EIR, which may include detail about significant environmental issues, reasonable alternatives, and mitigation measures (CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15082 and 15375).

CDFW offers the comments and recommendations below to assist the District in adequately identifying and/or mitigating the Project's significant, or potentially significant, direct and indirect impacts on fish and wildlife (biological) resources associated with the proposed Project.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Project would replace the existing San Rafael Transit Center, also known as the C. Paul Bettini Transit Center, owned by the District, which operates Golden Gate Transit regional and inter-county bus transit services. The transit center is located in downtown San Rafael at the intersection of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Hetherton Streets. Due to the southward expansion of the Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) transit system, and the construction of two sets of tracks through the middle of the existing transit center, the transit center must be relocated to another location in downtown San Rafael.

The NOP includes a description of five preliminary Project alternatives to be analyzed in the EIR. CDFW recommends that the EIR identify a preferred alternative, from the preliminary alternatives evaluated and the No Project alternative.

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The EIR should incorporate a complete Project description, including reasonably foreseeable future phases of the Project, that contains sufficient information to evaluate and review the Project's impact to biological resources (CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15124 and 15378). Please include a complete description of the Project components below:

- Footprint area of permanent features and temporarily impacted areas, such as staging areas and access routes.
- Plans for any proposed buildings or structures, ground disturbing activities, fencing, paving, stationary machinery, landscaping, and stormwater systems.
- Operational features, including level of anticipated human presence (describe seasonal or daily peaks in activity, if relevant), artificial lighting/light reflection, noise, traffic generation, and other features.
- · Construction schedule, activities, equipment types and crew sizes.

Additionally, the EIR should specify if CDFW is anticipated to be a Responsible Agency that is expected to use the EIR in its decision making for the Project [CEQA Guidelines, § 15124, subd. (d)(1)(A)].

### ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

The proposed Project is located on the highly developed downtown area of San Rafael. However, two of the preliminary Project alternatives identified in the NOP require covering portions of Erwin Creek (a tributary to San Rafael Creek). The EIR should quantify the linear feet of creek that would be covered.

Sufficient information regarding the environmental setting is necessary to understand the Project's, and its alternative's (if applicable), significant impacts on the environment (CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15125 and 15360). CDFW recommends that the CEQA document prepared for the Project provide baseline habitat assessments for special-status plant, fish and wildlife species located and potentially located within the Project area and surrounding lands, including all rare, threatened, or endangered species (CEQA Guidelines, §15380).

Habitat descriptions and species profiles should include information from multiple sources: aerial imagery, historical and recent survey data, field reconnaissance, scientific literature and reports, and findings from "positive occurrence" databases such as California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB). Based on the data and information from the habitat assessment, the CEQA document can then adequately assess which special-status species are likely to occur in the Project vicinity.

CDFW recommends that prior to Project implementation surveys be conducted for specialstatus species with potential to occur, following recommended survey protocols if available. Survey and monitoring protocols and guidelines are available at: https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Survey-Protocol.

Botanical surveys for special-status plant species, including those listed by the California Native Plant Society (<u>http://www.cnps.org/cnps/rareplants/inventory/</u>), must be conducted during the blooming period for all sensitive plant species potentially occurring within the Project area and require the identification of reference populations. Please refer to CDFW protocols for surveying and evaluating impacts to rare plants available at: <u>https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Plants</u>.

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# IMPACT ANALYSIS AND MITIGATION MEASURES

The CEQA Guidelines section 15126.2 requires that the EIR discuss all direct and indirect impacts (temporary and permanent) that may occur with Project implementation. This includes evaluating and describing potential impacts such as those listed below.

- "Take" of, and other impacts to, special-status species. For example:
  - Injury or mortality to individuals, or loss or modification of breeding, sheltering, dispersal, and foraging habitat including vegetation removal, alteration of soils and hydrology, and removal of habitat structural features (e.g. burrows, snags, roosts, overhanging banks).
  - Permanent and temporary habitat impacts from ground disturbance (quantified), noise, lighting, reflection, air pollution, traffic or human presence.
- · Physical barrier impacts to species movement.
- Degradation or loss of sensitive natural communities and aquatic resources.

CEQA applies to significant project-related environmental impacts, including cumulative impacts. Therefore, a clearly defined threshold by which the significance of impacts is measured is necessary. Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines identifies significance thresholds for biological resources impacts, including Mandatory Findings of Significance if the Project has the potential to substantially reduce the population or restrict the range of rare, threatened, or endangered species, among other impacts (Pub. Resources Code, §§ 21001, subd. (c) and 21083; CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15380, 15064, and 15065). These thresholds as generally sufficiently comprehensive for biological resources; however, wetlands impacts should also include wetlands that may *not* be protected under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

The EIR also should identify reasonably foreseeable future projects in the Project vicinity, disclose any cumulative impacts associated with these projects, determine the significance of each cumulative impact, and assess the significance of the Project's contribution to the impact (CEQA Guidelines, §15355). Although a project's impacts may be insignificant individually, its contributions to a cumulative impact may be considerable; a contribution to a significant cumulative impact, for example a reduction of available habitat for a special-status species, should be considered cumulatively considerable.

Based on the comprehensive analysis of the direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of the Project, the CEQA Guidelines sections 15021, 15063, 15071, 15126.2, 15126.4, and 15370 direct the Lead Agency to consider and describe all feasible mitigation measures to avoid potentially significant impacts identified in the EIR. The EIR should discuss take and impact avoidance and minimization measures for special-status species. CDFW, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the National Marine Fisheries Service may provide technical assistance on mitigation measure development, as resources are available. Mitigation measures must be incorporated as enforceable project conditions to reduce potential impacts to biological resources to less-than-significant levels or minimize significant impacts as feasible.

### **Regulatory Requirements**

## California Endangered Species Act and Native Plant Protection Act

Please be advised that a CESA Incidental Take Permit (ITP) must be obtained if the Project would result in "take" of plants or animals listed under CESA or the Native Plant Protection Act (NPPA), including candidate species, either during construction or over the life of the Project. Issuance of an ITP is subject to CEQA review and documentation. The CEQA document must

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specify impacts, mitigation measures, and a mitigation monitoring and reporting program. If the Project may impact CESA listed species, early consultation is encouraged, because significant modification to the Project and mitigation measures may be required for an ITP.

CEQA requires a Mandatory Finding of Significance if a project is likely to substantially impact threatened or endangered species (CEQA §§ 21001(c), 21083, & CEQA Guidelines §§ 15380, 15064, 15065). Impacts must be avoided or mitigated to less-than-significant levels unless the CEQA Lead Agency makes and supports Findings of Overriding Consideration (FOC). The CEQA Lead Agency's FOC does not eliminate the Project proponent's obligation to comply with Fish and Game Code § 2080.

#### Lake and Streambed Alteration

CDFW requires an LSA Notification, pursuant to Fish and Game Code section1600 et. seq., for Project activities affecting lakes or streams and associated riparian habitat. Notification is required for any activity that may substantially divert or obstruct the natural flow; change or use material from the bed, channel, or bank including associated riparian or wetland resources; or deposit or dispose of material where it may pass into a river, lake or stream. Work within ephemeral streams, washes, watercourses with a subsurface flow, and floodplains are subject to notification requirements. CDFW will consider the CEQA document for the Project and may issue an LSA Agreement. CDFW may not execute the final LSA Agreement (or ITP) until it has complied with CEQA as a Responsible Agency.

#### FILING FEES

CDFW anticipates that the Project will have an impact on fish and/or wildlife, and assessment of filing fees is necessary (Fish and Game Code, § 711.4; Pub. Resources Code, § 21089). Fees are payable upon filing of the Notice of Determination by the Lead Agency and serve to help defray the cost of environmental review by CDFW.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Deborah Waller, Environmental Scientist, at (707) 576-2880 or <u>Deborah.Waller@wildlife.ca.gov</u>; or Ms. Karen Weiss, Senior Environmental Scientist (Supervisory), at <u>Karen.Weiss@wildlife.ca.gov</u>.

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## San Rafael Transit Center Replacement Project – Notice of Preparation (NOP)

Dear Mr. Santiago:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced project. In tandem with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), Caltrans mission signals a modernization of our approach to evaluating and mitigating impacts to the State Transportation Network (STN). Caltrans' *Strategic Management Plan 2015-2020* aims to reduce Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT) by tripling bicycle and doubling both pedestrian and transit travel by 2020. Our comments are based on the NOP. Additional comments may be forthcoming pending final review.

### **Project Understanding**

The Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District), in coordination with the City of San Rafael, Marin Transit, Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM), and Sonoma-Marin Area Transit (SMART), proposes to replace the transit center in downtown San Rafael. The proposed San Rafael Transit Center Replacement Project is needed primarily to preserve and enhance the functionality and effectiveness of the transit center following the implementation of the SMART Phase 2 line to Larkspur and the resulting loss of some of the transit center facilities. A new transit center solution in downtown San Rafael would address near-term and long-term transit needs while improving the desirability and usability of transit for both residents and regional commuters. Regional access to the project site is provided either at southbound US 101/2<sup>nd</sup> Street or at northbound US 101/Mission Avenue interchanges.

The District has identified five preliminary alternatives described below.

 Two-Story Concept includes six bus bays on the ground level and 12 bus bays on the upper level. The Two-Story Concept is bounded by 4<sup>th</sup> Street to the north, Hetherton Street to the east, 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to the south, and Tamalpais Avenue to the west. Mr. Raymond Santiago, Principal Planner Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District November 20, 2018 Page 2

- Across-the Freeway Concept has two options: the first would include a three-bay transit island on Hetherton Street between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets, and the second option would shift Hetherton Street to the west to allow for on-street bays on the east side of Hetherton Street between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets. This concept also incorporates the area underneath US 101, which would eliminate some existing Caltrans Park and Ride stalls and require covering Erwin Creek, a tributary of San Rafael Creek. The Across-the Freeway Concept is bounded 5<sup>th</sup> Street to the north, Irwin and Hetherton Street to the east, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to the south, and Tamalpais Avenue to the west.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Street Gateway Concept would accommodate three curbside bus bays and preclude southbound right-turn movements from Hetherton Street to 4<sup>th</sup> Street. This concept is bounded by 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the north, Hetherton Street to the east, and SMART track to the west.
- Whislestop Block Concept co-locates the proposed transit center on the same block as the existing SMART station. The Whistlestop building would either be relocated, reconfigured, or restored and used for customer service functions with the proposed transit center. This concept is bounded by the 4<sup>th</sup> to the north, Hetherton Street to the east, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to the south, and Lincoln and Tamalpais Avenues to the west.
- North of 4<sup>th</sup> Street Concept would accommodate 17 bus bays within the block and require the customer service center, restrooms, and pick-up/drop-off function area be located offsite. This concept would occupy the entire block of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the north, Irwin Street to the east, 4<sup>th</sup> Street to the South, and Hetherton Street to the west. This concept would also eliminate some existing parking stalls in the Caltrans Park and Ride lot and require covering Erwin Creek across the full length of the block.

## **Operations** Analysis

Please submit a Travel Demand Analysis analyzing project-related trip generation, distribution, and turning movements within the STN. The analysis of state facilities is necessary to determine the scope and significance of issues that may arise from the project's potential conflicts. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) does not exempt these types of operational concerns from evaluation.

## **Cultural Resources**

The project area is extremely sensitive for cultural resources, especially archaeological deposits, as several archaeological sites have been recorded immediately adjacent to the proposed work. As part of the environmental review for the proposed project, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5, we recommend that the Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District conduct a cultural resource technical study that at a minimum includes a records search at the Northwest Information Center of the California Historical Resources Information System

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(CHRIS), a field survey of the project area by a qualified archaeologist and a qualified architectural historian, and Native American consultation.

If an encroachment permit is needed for work within Caltrans right-of-way (ROW), we may require that cultural resource technical studies be prepared in compliance with CEQA, Public Resources Code (PRC) 5024, and the Caltrans Standard Environmental Reference (SER) Chapter 2 (http://www.dot.ca.gov/ser/vol2/vol2.htm). Should ground-disturbing activities take place within Caltrans ROW and there is an inadvertent archaeological or burial discovery, in compliance with CEQA, PRC 5024.5, and the SER, all construction within 60 feet of the find shall cease and the Caltrans District 4 Office of Cultural Resource Studies (OCRS) shall be immediately contacted.

### Right-of-Way

Any use of State ROW whether permanent or temporary will require a lease approved by the CTC. Some of the alternatives remove parking spaces from State's park and Ride lots, the loss of these parking spaces and the impacts on surrounding neighborhoods shall be evaluated. New connections to State's owned streets will require an encroachment permits.

## Hydrology

Please provide calculations to evaluate the effect of covering or modifying Erwin Creek as part of a Caltrans Encroachment Permit application.

### Vehicle Trip Reduction

In Caltrans' *Smart Mobility 2010: A Call to Action for the New Decade*, this project falls under **Place Type 2 Close-in – Compact Communities**, which are comprised primarily of housing with scattered mixed-use centers and arterial corridors forming the skeleton of the transportation system. Transit is available to connect neighborhoods to multiple destinations, with an emphasis on serving commute trips. Given this Place Type and intensification of use, which typically leads to high levels of VMT and corresponding low levels of active transportation, we encourage the Lead Agency to establish a Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program including the elements described below to promote smart mobility and reduce regional VMT and traffic impacts to the STN.

- Project design to encourage walking, bicycling, and convenient transit access;
- Install secured bicycle storage facilities;
- · On-site showers and lockers for active transportation users;
- Fix-it bicycle repair station(s);
- Bicycle route mapping resources;
- Electrical vehicle (EV) charging stations and designated parking spaces for EVs and clean fuel vehicles;