**TRANSIT CENTER ALTERNATIVES**

### Project Information
The Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District, in coordination with the City of San Rafael, Marin County Transit, Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM), and Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART), is working on a replacement San Rafael Transportation Center (SRTC). This project includes identification and evaluation of potential sites, an environmental clearance process, and preliminary design for the transit center.

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**WHISTLESTOP BLOCK ALTERNATIVE**

**Benefits**
- Concentrates transit center activity on one block
- Reduces bus travel times (5%-15% in downtown area) and improves reliability relative to current transit center
- Moderate (<10%) reduction in traffic delay
- Passengers don’t have to cross streets to make any transfers
- Opportunity to leverage existing/rebuilt Whistlestop as part of transit function

**Drawbacks**
- Uses land that could be envisioned for other purposes
- Bus driveways on 4th Street between SMART and Hetherton

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**Move Whistlestop Variation**

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**Alternative Locations**

- Whistlestop Block
- 4th Street Gateway
- Under the Freeway

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4th Street Gateway Alternative

Benefits
- Slightly reduces bus travel times relative to current transit center
- Convenient transfers to/from SMART

Drawbacks
- Closes right turns from Hetherton to 4th Street
- Passengers have to cross 4th Street to make some transfers
- Victorian-style houses fronting 5th Avenue would need to be relocated
- Utilizes city blocks otherwise envisioned for other uses
- Several bus driveways on 4th Street

Under the Freeway Alternative

Benefits
- Utilizes otherwise less-developable land
- Moderate (<10%) reduction in traffic delay
- Reduces bus travel times (5%-15% in downtown area) and improves reliability relative to current transit center
- Closer to San Rafael High School

Drawbacks
- Passengers have to cross Hetherton to transfer to SMART
- Passengers have to cross 4th Street to transfer between routes
- Freeway columns limit line of sight and visibility
- Less connected to downtown
- No site control, Caltrans can rescind access to site (i.e repairs to freeway)
- Impacts existing public park-and-ride
- Impacts to Erwin Creek require mitigation