

GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-086

**APPROVE SUPPORT OF SONOMA-MARIN AREA RAIL TRANSIT DISTRICT'S
ONE-QUARTER PERCENT SALES TAX INITIATIVE TO FUND THE
PASSENGER TRAIN AND PATHWAY PROJECT**

October 10, 2008

WHEREAS, the Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit (SMART) District was created by state legislation in 2002 for the purpose of re-establishing passenger train service on the historic Northwestern Pacific Railroad right of way in Sonoma and Marin counties; and,

WHEREAS, the establishment of passenger train service will provide a viable alternative to automobile transportation, as well as provide a safe north-south pathway for bicycles as well as pedestrians; and,

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WHEREAS, the SMART Board has placed Measure Q, authorizing a quarter-cent sales tax to fund the project on the November ballot; and,

WHEREAS, the economic and environmental benefits of the SMART project will benefit residents of the Golden Gate Corridor and the region generally, and,

WHEREAS, the Bridge District has been a long-time supporter of the preservation of the rail corridor as evidenced through its leadership role in the acquisition of major sections the historic right-of-way followed by ownership transfer of the right-of-way to the SMART District; and,

WHEREAS, the Bridge District is directly represented on the SMART Board of Directors and has been an active partner in the development of the planned rail program referenced in Measure Q; and,


WHEREAS, the Governmental Affairs and Public Information Committee, at its meeting of October 10, 2008, has so recommended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District hereby approves support of the Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit (SMART) District's one-quarter percent sales tax initiative (Measure Q) to fund the passenger train and pathway project.

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ADOPTED this 10th day of October 2008, by the following vote of the Board of Directors:

- AYES (14):** Directors Cochran, Eddie, Grosboll, Kerns, McGlashan, Newhouse Segal, Pahre, Reilly, Sanders, Sobel and Stroeh; Second Vice President Ammiano; First Vice President Boro; President Moylan
- NOES (0):** None
- ABSENT (5):** Directors Brown, Dufty, Hernández, McGoldrick and Sandoval

ATTEST: 
Janet S. Tarantino
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Secretary of the District


John J. Moylan
President of the Board of Directors