

RESOLUTION NO. 3576-20

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WINDSOR
ENDORING THE SMART ¼-CENT RETAIL TRANSACTION AND USE TAX
EXTENSION ORDINANCE (MEASURE I) ON THE MARCH 3, 2020 BALLOT**

WHEREAS, the Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District (SMART) is a rail district created by the State Legislature in 2003 to evaluate, plan, and implement passenger rail service in Sonoma and Marin counties; and

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2008, the voters of Sonoma and Marin Counties approved Measure Q at the General election, and authorized SMART be given the responsibility to administer the proceeds from a ¼-cent retail transaction and use tax; and

WHEREAS, the first phase of the passenger rail system, a 43-mile segment between Northern Santa Rosa and Downtown San Rafael, was completed in 2017 and service began on August 25, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the southern two miles of the passenger rail system was completed to Larkspur with service commencing on December 14, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Measure Q is currently set to expire in 2029; and

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2019, the SMART Board of Directors unanimously adopted Ordinance 2019-01 extending the current ¼-cent retail transaction and use tax for placement on the March 3, 2020 ballot for consideration by the Marin and Sonoma electorate (Measure I); and

WHEREAS, voter approval of Measure I would extend the existing tax for an additional 30-year period through March 31, 2059 and establish an expenditure plan setting forth transportation services, operations, projects, programs and other improvements eligible to be funded, specifying eligibility and other conditions and criteria under which such revenues shall be expended, and making provisions for the adoption of future Sales Tax Expenditure Plan amendments; and

WHEREAS, approval of Measure I would have the following public benefits:

- Help relieve congestion on Highway 101 and local roads which in turn helps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions;
- Support development of SMART service to additional cities, making public transportation more accessible and convenient;
- Support development of more bicycle and walking paths connecting SMART stations; and
- Fund safety enhancements along the rail line.

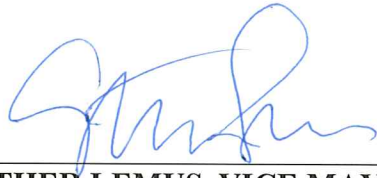
; and

WHEREAS, Measure I would continue the accountability safeguards in the existing tax which include annual audits by an independent accountant and independent oversight by a Citizens Oversight Committee established by the SMART Board of Directors.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Windsor finds that Measure I would advance Goal M-5 (Public Transit) in the Transportation and Mobility Element of the Town of Windsor 2040 General Plan by advancing opportunities for a reliable and integrated transit system for Windsor residents, visitors and employees to connect with the broader region without reliance on the automobile and hereby endorses and supports voter approval of the SMART ¼-cent Retail Transaction and Use Tax Extension Ordinance.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of February 2020, by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS FUDGE, OKREPKIE, SALMON AND VICE MAYOR LEMUS
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	MAYOR FOPPOLI



ESTHER LEMUS, VICE MAYOR

ATTEST:



MARIA DE LA O, TOWN CLERK