



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: May 3, 2022

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

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**Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California, Honoring
and Acknowledging Farhad Mansourian on the Occasion of His Retirement from
Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit Eleven Years as General Manager and
a Total of Forty-Three Years of Exemplary Public Service**

Whereas, Farhad Mansourian has served as General Manager of the passenger rail Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit Agency (SMART) for eleven years as General Manager, as well as serving previously as the Director of Public Works in Marin County for nine years, and;

Whereas, Under the leadership of Mr. Mansourian, SMART transitioned from a voter-approved concept along a lightly-used freight rail corridor to a modern passenger train system operating on 45 miles of rebuilt track between Larkspur and the Sonoma County Airport, using federal and state money to supplement this tax supported project; and

Whereas, Mr. Mansourian has been described by Sonoma County Supervisor and longtime SMART board member David Rabbitt as a champion for the SMART passenger rail system whose strong leadership has been instrumental to making this project a reality; and

Whereas, Long-term plans for SMART call for extension of service to Healdsburg, and eventually to Cloverdale, which is meant to include a parallel bike and pedestrian path; and

Whereas, Mr. Mansourian served for nine years as the Director of Public Works in Marin County, where he began his career as a junior civil engineer after graduating from Sacramento State with degrees in civil engineering and political science, and subsequently rose through the

Marin County Public Works ranks to become the Director in 2002.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors does hereby honor and acknowledge Farhad Mansourian on the occasion of his retirement from the Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit after eleven years as General Manager, and a total of forty-three years of exemplary public service.

Be It Further Resolved that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors thanks Mr. Mansourian for his many years of public service, wishes him well in his retirement and hopes to see him on train 101, the “Farhad Mansourian Train”.

Supervisors:

Gorin: Rabbitt: Coursey: Hopkins: Gore:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.