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Raymond Santiago Project Manager
Golden Gate Bridge and Transportation District
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RE: Transportation Committee Update on San Rafael Transit Center

Dear Raymond,

Please convey the following comments for the Transportation Committee's consideration during its meeting this week. Sustainable San Rafael has appreciated the opportunity to work with the District during the years of public involvement in the conceptualizing, design, and review of the proposed San Rafael Transit Center. Much progress has been made towards an exemplary project at the gateway to downtown San Rafael.

We remain concerned that pedestrians and passengers need to be given priority in all aspects of the design, especially those relating to bicycle access. To that end, we strongly endorse the multi-use Option 3 presented at the December 6 public workshop for treatment of bike access at the public plaza fronting the east side of the restored Depot building. This option would integrate bikes and pedestrians in a single shared space, with signage and textured paving to signal cyclists that the space is predominately pedestrian, requiring appropriate speed and care to be exercised by all users.

The multi-use option corresponds with the multi-use bicycle and pedestrian path included in the 2008 SMART ballot authorization, which is fulfilled by the North-South Greenway multi-use path through San Rafael. The one block in the Greenway with the most pedestrian use should likewise be treated with the greatest respect for those on foot as they access buses, trains and the Depot that serves all passengers.

Thank you for your consideration and support of this option.

Sincerely,

William Carney
President, Sustainable San Rafael

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