

**CITY OF CLOVERDALE
CITY COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION NO. 020-2020

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLOVERDALE ENDORSING 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.

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 City Council of the City of Cloverdale finds that Measure I would advance Goal CE-1 (Circulation Element) in the City of Cloverdale's General Plan and is consistent with the General Plan land use goals and policies, to reduce pressure on roads, conserve energy and commitment to encourage development near the station to provide 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.

The foregoing Resolution No. 020-2020 was duly introduced and adopted by the City Council of the City of Cloverdale at its regular meeting held on the 26th day of February 2020, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	(4)	Councilmembers Bagby and Brigham, Vice Mayor Turner, and Mayor Wolter
NOES:	(0)	None
ABSTAIN:	(0)	None
ABSENT:	(1)	Councilmember Cruz

Approved:



Gus Wolter, Mayor

Attested:



Irene Camacho-Werby, City Clerk

I, IRENE CAMACHO-WERBY, City Clerk of the City of Cloverdale, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of Resolution No. 020-2020 adopted by the City Council of the City of Cloverdale on the 26th day of February 2020.

