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Directors

Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit District (SMART)
4040 Civic Center Drive, Suite 200
San Rafael, California 94903

Re: Request to extend comment period for the SMART Draft Environmental
Impact Report (DEIR)

Dear SMART Directors:

The Sierra Club Marin requests an extension of time for the public to have adequate time to review the SMART DEIR and provide educated comment on the environmental impacts of this complex project.

We understand that the intended release date of the DEIR is mid November, with a 60 day review period to mid January.

This time of the year is an extremely busy holiday season where many people are either traveling or spending time with family and friends.

The holiday season is not the time of year when people have the opportunity to adequately focus on the DEIR, an important and long awaited document.

We believe that the SMART DEIR would be more readily accepted if the public was given adequate and quality time to review the document.

Thus, due to the lateness of release of the DEIR and the time in the year of its release, the Sierra Club Marin Group is requesting that the review and comment period be extended beyond the anticipated 60-day (mid-January) deadline.

Thank you for your attention to our request.

Sincerely,

Gordon Bennett, Chair
Sierra Club Marin Group