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Honorable Board of Directors  
Marin County Transit District  
3501 Civic Center Drive  
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## **Subject: March 2024 Monthly Information Packet**

Dear Board Members:

On February 5, 2024, the Marin Transit Board of Directors approved a recommendation to revise the 2024 Board meeting calendar. The Board will meet in even numbered months and in May for a total of seven meetings per year. Staff will provide routine information to the Board and public on its website in odd numbered months when the board does not meet. This is the first of the planned information packets.

### **[Attachment 1: General Manager's Report \(February and March\)](#)**

This report includes the General Manager's Report for activities in January and February 2024. Highlights include: the TAM Citizens Oversight Committee tour of Marin Access Facilities and the Marin Sonoma Narrows project and updates on the Marin Sonoma Transit Coordination study.

### **[Attachment 2: Monthly Monitoring Report \(December 2023\)](#)**

Overall, Marin Transit experienced strong systemwide ridership growth in December 2023. Total ridership was 11% higher than the previous year (December 2022) and 7% lower than pre-COVID (December 2019).

### **[Attachment 3: Federal Legislative Report \(January and February 2024\)](#)**

The report identifies Congressional actions and federal funding opportunities and announcements. One item of note is that FTA issued a "Dear Colleague" letter that consolidates FTA's existing guidance and highlights tools available to transit agencies to address trends and challenges in federally funded bus procurements, including information about managing component prices, modifying contracts, lowering vehicle contract and production costs, and reducing unnecessary customization.

### **[Attachment 4: Quarterly Performance Report for the Second Quarter of FY 2023/24](#)**

This report summarizes the operational performance of Marin Transit services for the second quarter of FY 2023/24 from October 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. The Quarterly Performance Report provides detailed route-level



statistics, analyzes trends, and evaluates performance measures established under Measure A and Measure AA.

In the second quarter of FY 2023/24, Marin Transit carried a total of 757,931 passengers systemwide. This represents a ridership increase of 8% compared to the second quarter of the previous fiscal year and is 7% lower than pre-pandemic ridership (Q2 FY2019/20).

**[Attachment 5: Catch-A-Ride Pilot Program Initial Findings](#)**

On July 1, 2023, Marin Transit initiated a 12-month pilot program changing the Catch-A-Ride program to a voucher-based program which offers riders the choice of two types of vouchers for use with external providers. Initial findings on pilot program performance based on its first six months indicate that the program is successful, ridership is growing, and subsidy per trip has decreased compared to the previous Catch-A-Ride program. Staff will present a formal evaluation of the pilot program later this year.

**[Attachment 6: Marin Transit Comments on the Northgate Town Square DEIR](#)**

Today Marin Transit staff submitted a letter commenting on the Northgate Town Square Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR). We indicated our strong support for this redevelopment of the Northgate Mall into a transit-oriented, mixed-use development. Our comments are related to realizing the full potential of this transit-oriented development, and to ensuring there are no unintended negative impacts to bus riders and bus services from this project. Our comments are briefly listed here and discussed in more detail in the letter: 1) the DEIR does not quantify the number of new bus transit trips that will be generated by the project, and therefore does not analyze potential impacts of these new riders on existing bus services and riders; 2) the DEIR does not examine potential delay to existing bus services operating adjacent to the site; 3) the project does not offer transit improvements or incentives to attract new transit riders or encourage more transit use; and 4) some minor edits and corrections are needed to accurately describe current bus routes and services.

**Contracts:** The General Manager did not approve any contracts valued between \$50,000 and \$150,000 this month.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy E. Whelan".

Nancy Whelan  
General Manager