

## **ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE I**

### **VOTE NO on MEASURE I**

At \$2.4 billion dollars in new taxes, Measure I is too much for something that does so little. There's no accountability.

Measure I adds a 30-year extension of Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit District's (SMART) current sales tax, which doesn't even expire for another nine years.

Measure I gives SMART a blank check with our sales tax dollars until 2059 -allowing it to spend tax revenue on things that don't improve transportation. SMART lacks transparency and needs better budget oversight.

SMART has had no material impact on 101 traffic in Marin. BUT they've made Central Marin traffic much worse.

### **COSTLY AND INEFFICIENT**

- For each round trip on SMART, the subsidy is more than \$100. So in addition to the ticket price it costs taxpayers an additional \$100 per round trip for each rider.
- More than 42% of SMART's current sales tax revenue goes to pay interest on its debt.
- Connections to other public transit like Larkspur ferry aren't synced. Passengers will wait up to 90 minutes for train-ferry connections.

### **BROKEN PROMISES**

- In 2008, SMART promised 70 miles of train track. Eleven years later there are only 45 miles.
- SMART - began rail service over three years behind schedule and massively over budget
- SMART promised Marin voters a 70 mile continuous bike path. A fraction of the path has been built, in non-continuous segments. Current plans for Measure spending doesn't include ANY bike path money.

### **POOR MANAGEMENT AND BAD DECISIONS**

- SMART will spend \$65 million for a three mile Windsor track extension that generates few additional riders.
- SMART didn't implement 7 of 8 of a Grand Jury report's recommendations designed to improve the agency's financial oversight and communication with the public.

**Vote NO** on **Measure I** and send a strong message to SMART that they can't waste any more taxpayer money.

### **COALITION OF SENSIBLE TAXPAYERS**

Mimi Willard, President

### **CITIZENS FOR SUSTAINABLE PENSION PLANS**

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