

Measure I: Rebuttal to Ballot Argument Against

The same band of naysayers who opposed SMART in 2008 hasn't given up. Now they're piling numbers on top of irrelevant numbers hoping to confuse you into voting no.

Here's what you need to know: Measure I doesn't increase your taxes; Measure I renews and extends SMART's existing sales tax.

By ensuring SMART's financial stability, Measure I allows SMART to compete for new regional, state and federal construction funds to complete the line to Healdsburg and Cloverdale - and continue to qualify for \$6 million a year in state money for operations.

SMART's still in its infancy. It's been just over two years since the trains began providing a green alternative to Highway 101. As with any transformative project, it takes time to maximize its potential.

In just over two years, SMART's carried over 1.6 million passengers- a number that's likely to grow. For perspective, the Larkspur Ferry carries 50% more riders per year now than it did when it began. With the Larkspur Station open - allowing passengers to connect to San Francisco on the Ferry - SMART has a bright future.

While traffic on 101 still causes headaches, SMART provides an alternative, helping reduce congestion and greenhouse gases. We've invested in SMART's vision for the future. Our money has been more than doubled by state and federal matching funds to the tune of \$328 million.

Now's not the time to pull the plug. Now's the time to protect and expand an alternative to traffic on 101.

Stay Green, Keep SMART. Vote Yes on Measure I.

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