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March 18, 2026

Sonoma- Marin Area Rail Transit Board of Directors  
5401 Old Redwood Highway, Suite 200  
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**SUBJECT:** Federal Awards Reports in Accordance with the Uniform Guidance  
(Single Audit)

Dear Board Members:

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Accept SMART's Fiscal Year (FY) 2024/2025 Single Audit.

**SUMMARY:**

SMART prepares two major financial reports each fiscal year: the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and the Single Audit. The ACFR for FY 2024–2025 was presented to and accepted by the Board in November 2025. As noted at that time, completion of the Single Audit was delayed due to the late release of the Office of Management and Budget's annual Compliance Supplement, which auditors must use when conducting federal compliance testing.

In FY 2024–2025, SMART managed five federal grants totaling \$6,789,602. The independent auditors issued an unmodified opinion on SMART's compliance with federal grant requirements. The audit:

- Found no material weaknesses in internal controls.
- Identified no findings required to be disclosed under federal regulation 2 CFR 200.516(a).
- Identified one reporting-related finding involving a single Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) quarterly report.

The finding concerned one instance in which federal cash receipts and disbursements were reported for the quarter rather than on a cumulative basis, as required by the FRA.

The reporting error had no impact on federal billings, no questioned costs, and no effect on the grant's underlying financial activity. In accordance with federal requirements, SMART prepared a Corrective Action Plan, which is included in this packet along with the auditor's summary of the finding. SMART has:

- Updated procedures to clearly distinguish reporting requirements across federal agencies.
- Implemented a review step to ensure all FRA reports are checked for accuracy before submission.

These actions strengthen SMART's internal controls and support continued compliance with federal grant requirements.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.

Sincerely,

/s/

Heather McKillop  
Chief Financial Officer

Attachment(s):     1.) Federal Awards Reports in Accordance with the Uniform Guidance  
                          2.) Corrective Action Plan

Federal Awards Reports in Accordance  
with the Uniform Guidance  
June 30, 2025

# Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District

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**Independent Auditor’s Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards**

To the Governing Board of the  
Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District  
Petaluma, California

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of the passenger and freight enterprise funds of the Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District (District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise District’s basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated November 6, 2025.

**Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered District’s internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of District’s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of District’s internal control.

*A deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of District’s financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

### **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Menlo Park, California  
November 6, 2025



**Independent Auditor’s Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program; Report on Internal Control over Compliance; and Report on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance**

To the Governing Board of the  
Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District  
Petaluma, California

**Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program**

***Opinion on the Major Federal Program***

We have audited Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District’s (District) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on the District’s major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2025. The District’s major federal program is identified in the summary of auditor’s results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2025.

***Basis for Opinion on the Major Federal Program***

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for the major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the District’s compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

### ***Responsibilities of Management for Compliance***

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the District's federal programs.

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the District's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the District's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

## Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we did identify a certain deficiency in internal control over compliance that we consider to be significant deficiency.

*A deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiency in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2025-001 to be a significant deficiency.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

*Government Auditing Standards* requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the District's response to the internal control over compliance findings identified in our compliance audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The District's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

## Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance

We have audited the financial statements of the passenger and freight enterprise funds of the District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated November 6, 2025 which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Uniform Guidance and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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Menlo Park, California

March 6, 2026

Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District  
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards  
Year Ended June 30, 2025

| Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/<br>Program Title or Cluster Title                         | Federal Financial<br>Assistance Listing | Expenditures                   |
|---|---|--------------------------------|
| <b>U.S. Department of Transportation</b>  |   |                                |
| Federal Transit Cluster:  |   |                                |
| Federal Transit Formula Grants:   |   |                                |
| SMART 5307 - 3 - SMART Pathway - San Rafael   | 20.507                                  | \$ 1,036,535                   |
| SMART 5307 - Preventive Maintenance   | 20.507                                  | <u>3,770,292</u>               |
| Total Federal Transit Cluster   |   | 4,806,827                      |
| <br>Community Program Funding Healdsburg Design   | <br>20.534                              | <br><u>182,856</u>             |
| <br>SMART Suicide Prevention Program  | <br>20.301                              | <br>50,620                     |
| Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI)<br>- Windsor Extension Systems | <br>20.325                              | <br><u>1,749,299</u>           |
| <br>Total U.S. Department of Transportation   |   | <br><u>6,789,602</u>           |
| <br>Total Federal Financial Assistance  |   | <br><u><u>\$ 6,789,602</u></u> |

**Note 1 - Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (schedule) includes the federal award activity of the Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District (District) under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2025. The information is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the District.

**Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

Expenditures reported in the schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. When applicable, such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. No federal financial assistance has been provided to a subrecipient.

**Note 3 - Indirect Cost Rate**

The District does not draw for indirect administrative expenses and has not elected to use the de minimis cost rate of up to 15%.

**Section I – Summary of Auditor’s Results**

Financial Statements

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| Type of auditor's report issued   | Unmodified    |
| Internal control over financial reporting:                                    |               |
| Material weakness identified?   | No            |
| Significant deficiencies identified not considered to be material weaknesses? | None Reported |
| Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?                         | No            |

Federal Awards

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Internal control over major federal programs:  |            |
| Material weaknesses identified?  | No         |
| Significant deficiencies identified not considered to be material weaknesses?  | Yes        |
| Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major federal programs:  | Unmodified |
| Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Uniform Guidance 2 CFR 200.516 (a): | No         |

Identification of major programs:

| Name of Federal Program   | Federal Financial Assistance Listing |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI)<br>- Windsor Extension Systems | 20.325                               |

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs: | \$ 750,000 |
| Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?                                   | Yes        |

**Section II – Financial Statement Findings**

None reported.

**Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs**

**2025-001 U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Railroad Administration Assistance  
Listing 20.325, CRISI Windsor Extension Systems**

**Agreement Number: 69A36519400600CRSCA, Federal Identifying Number: FR-CRS-0013,  
Award year: 2019, amended 2022**

**Compliance Requirement: Reporting**

**Type of Finding: Significant Deficiency in Internal Control over Compliance**

*Criteria:* Title 2 CFR §200.302 requires non-Federal entities to establish and maintain internal control over Federal awards that provides reasonable assurance that the entity is managing Federal awards in compliance with Federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the Federal award.

Title 2 CFR §200.328 and the terms and conditions of the award require recipients to submit financial reports in the form and manner prescribed by the Federal awarding agency, including the Federal Financial Report (SF-425), prepared in accordance with the form’s instructions. The SF-425 instructions require federal cash receipts and disbursements to be reported on a cumulative basis and require accurate identification of the basis of accounting.

*Condition:* We identified an instance in which one quarterly SF-425 did not reflect cumulative federal cash receipts and disbursements as required by the SF-425 instructions. Instead, the report reflected only current-quarter federal cash activity. No additional cash reporting errors were identified by the audit, and the other SF-425 lines were prepared correctly.

*Cause:* The condition resulted from limitations in the consistency of review procedures over SF-425 preparation, particularly during periods of staff absence. While a reporting process was in place, review controls did not consistently ensure that all SF-425 data elements, including cumulative cash presentation, were verified prior to submission.

*Effect:* The condition resulted in the submission of federal financial reports that did not fully conform to SF-425 reporting instructions. The errors did not affect allowable costs, cash drawdowns, reimbursements, or the maximum Federal share under the award. However, incomplete or inaccurate reporting increases the risk that federal agencies may rely on information that does not fully reflect the recipient’s financial status for monitoring purposes.

*Questioned Costs:* No questioned costs are associated with this matter.

*Context/Sampling:* No sampling was used. We tested four of four SF-425 reports.

*Repeat Finding from Prior Year(s):* No

*Recommendation:* We recommend that management continue to strengthen review procedures over SF-425 preparation, including documented review of cumulative cash reporting and verification of all report attributes, particularly during periods when backup personnel are responsible for report preparation.

*Views of Responsible Officials:* See the separately issued Corrective Action Plan.

None reported.

## Corrective Action Plan - Federal Award Finding

### **Finding 2025-001**

Federal Agency Name: US DOT, Federal Railroad Administration

Assistance Listing: 20.325

Program Name: Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI)

**Initial Year Finding Occurred:** Fiscal Year 2025

### **Reporting Finding Summary:**

The auditor identified an instance in which one quarterly SF-425 (report) did not reflect cumulative federal cash receipts and disbursements as required by the reporting instructions. Instead, the report reflected only the current quarter's ended federal cash activity. No additional reporting errors were identified by the audit, and the other reporting lines were prepared correctly.

### **Auditor's Recommendation:**

The auditor recommends that management continue to strengthen review procedures over SF-425 preparation, including documented review of cumulative cash reporting and verification of all report attributes, particularly during periods when backup personnel are responsible for report preparation.

### **Management's Response:**

Management concurs that an error occurred on one SF-425 report for a single reporting period. The error occurred during a staffing transition and involved a field that FRA does not require, and that had not historically been populated. Additionally, FRA and FTA use the same SF-425 form but apply different reporting conventions; FTA requires the field to be reported quarterly rather than cumulatively, which contributed to the confusion. As noted in the audit finding, this was a reporting error only. There were no questioned costs, no billing inaccuracies, and no impact on the underlying financial activity.

### **Corrective Action:**

Management has implemented the following actions to prevent recurrence:

- Updated internal procedures to clearly distinguish FRA and FTA reporting requirements.

- Implemented a twostep review process in which one staff member prepares all federal financial reports and a second staff member performs an independent review prior to submission.
- Expanded procedure on reporting when primary staff are unavailable, including crosstraining and adding backup for both reporting and review.

These actions strengthen internal controls, ensure consistency across federal reporting, and reduce the risk of future reporting discrepancies.

**Responsible Individual:** Heather McKillop, Chief Financial Officer

**Anticipated Completion Date:** March 2026