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Dear Commissioner Pedroza:

During my 12 years on Cloverdale City Council, i served in many capacities - one of which was as a member on the SMART Board.

Cloverdaliens had worked hard across the Northern part of the County to see that the SMART initiative was passed. Since then, we have been paying the required taxes to help keep SMART alive and growing. When changes in the economy challenged the plans for development of the rail line, the possibility of putting Cloverdale on the “back burner” or eliminating it had to be seriously considered. I took a stand defending Cloverdale as a viable part of Sonoma County and future transportation.

When the Board took the vote, Cloverdale was included and has remained a part of the plan ever since.

Ours is a small town surrounded by rural County area and we often have to work hard to keep recognition and inclusion for ourselves and those around us. Even with the threat of exclusion, Cloverdaliens, as we are all considered, have not panicked or turned bitter. Rather, even during difficult economic times, we continue to work supporting SMART for the community.

Please include Cloverdale as an end point when you amend your Plan Bay Area 2050+. We are a part of the County and Bay Area with a valuable potential ridership. We have been involved in SMART at a deep level from the beginning, working for it and supporting it even though at this point in time there are few benefits.

Thank you for giving us your time and consideration,

Carol Russell