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Local Bus Route Restructuring and Service Changes in Northern Marin - Effective Sunday, March 11, 2012

[San Rafael, CA] On March 11, 2012, local bus service changes will go into effect on routes serving Novato, Marinwood, and Terra Linda. Changes include cancellation of Local Route 52, realignment of Local Routes 49, 51 and Community Shuttle 259 and the introduction of Community Shuttle Route 257. These changes align transit service with demand and allow for increased service frequency and coverage in Northern Marin. In addition, these service improvements create a 15-minute, spaced service between Downtown San Rafael, Marin Civic Center and Northgate during weekdays.

Local Novato service coverage on Route 51 will expand south of Ignacio to serve Alameda del Prado and increase in frequency to every 30 minutes during peak travel hours. Weekend service will be added to this route and provide new weekend service to areas of San Marin and Ignacio. Route 49 within Novato will extend north from its current terminus at Ignacio to serve South Novato Boulevard, Downtown Novato and San Marin. Route 49 service south of Novato will be express to speed up travel time to the San Rafael Transit Center and limit weekday service to the 101 bus pads at Marinwood and Lucas Valley, as well as local stops at Northgate and the Marin Civic Center.

An expansion of the Community Shuttles Program serving Marinwood and Terra Linda will occur with the introduction of Route 257 connecting the San Rafael Transit Center, Northgate Mall, Las Gallinas, and Smith Ranch Road. Marin County's Health and Human Services facility at 120 N. Redwood Drive and the Contempo Marin Community will experience new shuttle service with this alignment. Marinwood Route 259 will be realigned to connect to new destinations including Kaiser Hospital and the San Rafael Transit Center. Service between Marinwood and Northgate along Las Gallinas Road will increase in frequency to every 30

minutes during the weekday. Current Route 259 service west of Miller Creek Road on Lucas Valley will be discontinued.

To obtain additional information and details on the upcoming service plan, please visit our website at www.marintransit.org call (415) 226-0859 or email avandoren@marintransit.org. You can also request new brochures for Route 257, 259 and an area-wide brochure for all local Novato serving routes by calling the number above.