



EXECUTIVE DECISION DOCUMENT

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BOARD INITIATED ITEM: Yes				
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Approve Response to 2025-2026 Contra Costa County Civil Grand Jury Report No. 2608

PURPOSE:

To obtain Board approval of responses to findings and recommendations contained in the 2025-2026 Contra Costa County Civil Grand Jury Report No. 2608 "BART at a Crossroads: Structural Deficit, Governance Accountability, and the Choices Ahead."

DISCUSSION:

On May 28, 2026, the 2025-2026 Contra Costa County Civil Grand Jury issued a Final Report entitled "BART at a Crossroads: Structural Deficit, Governance Accountability, and the Choices Ahead" ('Report'), which contained 44 findings and 20 recommendations relating to the financial condition, cost structure, and governance of BART, positing that BART's "fiscal crisis demands a Board and oversight apparatus capable of receiving complete, timely, and independent analyses of agency performance." The Report states the Civil Grand Jury found conditions in which that capability is not fully supported.

BART welcomes the opportunity to respond in detail to each of the findings and recommendations to describe its position, provide explanatory information, and add clarifying details.

In conformance with the statutory response requirements, staff has proposed agreement or disagreement with the Report findings (supplemented by a narrative response), and has attempted to provide brief, but comprehensive responses to the Report recommendations. These proposed responses are provided as Attachment A and are accompanied by the Report for reference.



FISCAL IMPACT:

Board approval of the responses has no fiscal impact; BART has already implemented or plans to implement some of the recommendations as described in Attachment A, and any new initiatives that may be recommended would be determined as part of future budgets as applicable.

ALTERNATIVES:

Direct staff to amend responses based on Board input.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Attachment A, Responses from the BART Board of Directors to the 2025-2026 Contra Costa County Civil Grand Jury Report No. 2608 "BART at a Crossroads: Structural Deficit, Governance Accountability, and the Choices Ahead."

MOTION:

The Board approves the attached Responses from the BART Board of Directors to the 2025-2026 Contra Costa County Civil Grand Jury Report No. 2608 "BART at a Crossroads: Structural Deficit, Governance Accountability, and the Choices Ahead" and directs staff to transmit the Responses to the 2025-2026 Contra Costa County Civil Grand Jury.