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A second round of public workshops on rail station design will be held April 22-29 in cities along the passenger train corridor of the Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District.

SMART staff and the agency's station design consultant, Zimmer Gunsul Frasca Architects LLP, will present station layout concepts and a preliminary look at how station platforms, the SMART multi-use path and other station elements will fit into each of the 10 communities along the corridor from Cloverdale to Larkspur.

A first round of public workshops was conducted in February. Hundreds of interested citizens participated in those meetings, advising SMART and its consultants about each community's individual interests and aspirations surrounding the train and pathway project. ZGF is using information gathered in those workshops to inform its work on the design of the 14 stations.

SMART will add passenger loading platforms and other amenities at all 14 stops along the route: Cloverdale, Healdsburg, Windsor, Santa Rosa (two stations), Rohnert Park, Cotati, Petaluma (two stations), Novato (two stations), San Rafael (two stations) and Larkspur. The design of these platforms – along with benches, canopies, ticket vending machines, bike racks and in some cases park-and-ride lots – will be the focus of the workshops.

“The challenge is to come up with a design that ties the entire 70-mile corridor together, but that also recognizes the unique qualities of each of the 14 station locations,” said Lillian Hames, SMART's General Manager.

ZGF, of Portland, Ore., has an extensive background in station design and the design of other transportation facilities. With a focus on projects that foster sustainability, the firm has garnered numerous awards for its transit-related work, including Portland's MAX light rail system, Portland International Airport, Seattle Streetcar and the light rail station at San Diego State University.

ZGF has partnered with several local firms on the SMART project, including Royston Hanamoto Alley and Abey Landscape Architects of Mill Valley, and MKM & Associates, Brunsing Associates and Green Valley Engineers, all of Santa Rosa.

The SMART Board of Directors has asked that, to the extent possible, a mix of daytime and evening workshops be scheduled. The schedule for the second round is generally opposite that of the first, meaning communities that had evening workshops in February will have daytime workshops in April, and vice-versa. The workshop schedule is below:

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Date	Station	Facility	Address
Thursday April 22 3:00 p.m.	Healdsburg	Healdsburg Community Center at Foss Creek School	1557 Healdsburg Ave.
Friday April 23 2:00 PM	Santa Rosa	City Hall	100 Santa Rosa Avenue
Saturday April 24 2:30 PM	Cloverdale	Cloverdale Senior Center	311 N. Main St
Tuesday April 27 3:00 PM	Cotati- Rohnert Park	Cotati Room – Community Center	216 E. School St.
Tuesday April 27 7:00 PM	Windsor	Regional Library	9291 Old Redwood Highway, Building 100
Wednesday April 28 3:00 PM	Petaluma	Petaluma Community Center Meeting rooms A&B	320 North McDowell Boulevard
Wednesday April 28 7:00 PM	Novato	Hamilton West Wing Auditorium	503 S. Palm Drive
Thursday April 29 3:00 PM	Larkspur	City Hall	400 Magnolia Ave.
Thursday April 29 7:00 PM	San Rafael	San Rafael Corporate Center – Tamalpais Room, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor	750 Lindaro St.