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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Community Outreach | Presentations and Community Events



In August, students across Sonoma and Marin counties went back to school. SMART has been participating in several community events that focus on gearing up for back-to-school season. SMART attended the Sonoma County Office of Education event at the beginning of the month and made great connections with educators in the community. Many were interested in bringing SMART's Rail Safety Education Program to their school and we are currently coordinating presentation dates.

The City of Santa Rosa hosted a community event centered around bike safety, with the Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition, and law enforcement partnerships. The Communications and Marketing team attended the event to share information about railroad safety and encourage families to try the SMART train, many for the first time.

Our outreach staff has participated in the following community events and presentations:

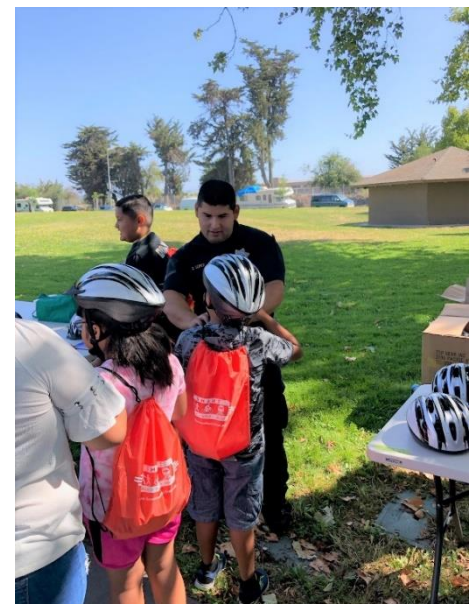
- August 22, 2019 | Novato Economic Development Advisory Commission (Novato)
- August 17 | Street Smarts Back-to-School Bike Blast (Santa Rosa)
- August 15, 2019 | Presentation: Sons in Retirement (Santa Rosa)
- August 9 | Sonoma County Office of Education Back-to-School Event (Santa Rosa)
- August 3 | Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa)

Community Outreach | Safety Education and Awareness

Back-to-school season also means that teachers are interested in bringing their classes onboard the SMART train for field trips. SMART has a platform safety briefing program that teaches kids about public transit and safety. The Communications and Marketing team helps coordinate a trip on the train that includes a presentation from an outreach team member, who have all been trained as Operation Lifesaver Authorized Volunteers. To learn more about SMART's Rail Safety Education Program and to request a free presentation for your school or community group, please visit:

<http://BeTrackSMART.org/rail-safety-education/>.

Students received new bike helmets and had them fitted by Santa Rosa law enforcement. SMART provided safety themed giveaways and information on service.



Community Outreach | Construction Outreach



The Communications and Marketing team has been active in conducting extensive outreach regarding construction, track work, and systems testing. On August 10, the Communications and Marketing team coordinated a bus bridge between the Novato San Marin and the Novato Hamilton stations in order for construction crews to do track work for the new Novato Downtown station. This work was successfully completed on time.



Staff volunteers assisted SMART passengers with making their connections during the bus bridge on August 10, 2019.

In preparation for the opening of the Larkspur extension, the community outreach team performed canvassing in San Rafael to notify residents about overnight systems testing. Over 1,000 doorhangers with information about testing were distributed to neighborhoods in the San Rafael and Larkspur area that would be impacted by the noise associated with testing, which included Lincoln/San Rafael Hill, downtown San Rafael, Picnic Valley, Bret Harte, and California Park. Testing notifications were posted on SMART's social media channels, reaching over 23,700 users. Information was also publicized on SMART's website and e-newsletter. Print advertisements were placed in the Sunday edition of the Marin Independent Journal and all of the Marinscope papers. SMART placed geotargeted digital ads in key areas of San Rafael and Larkspur. The campaign has achieved more than 10,000 impressions to-date.

SMART also partnered with the City of San Rafael, the County of Marin and the City of Larkspur to push testing notifications via their social media platforms—Nextdoor, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. The City of San Rafael made multiple Nextdoor posts and reached 32,000 people, and the County of Marin also contributed and reached 5,500 using Nextdoor. The County of Marin's Nextdoor posts covered the relevant Larkspur neighborhoods. The City of Larkspur posted testing information on the city website, Facebook and Twitter.

MARKETING

Marketing Programs | SMART Advertising

Advertisers are eager to promote their brands on SMART. Advertising sales continue to be strong as SMART moves closer to opening the Larkspur and Novato Downtown stations. Advertising at these



new SMART stations is open for advance booking, and several advertisers have already secured spots at the Larkspur Station. SMART's train fleet has also expanded with the addition of four new train cars, increasing advertising inventory for possible advertisers. Those that are interested to learn more about advertising opportunities on board SMART or at train stations can visit:

<https://www.SonomaMarinTrain.org/advertising>.

Digital Programs | Social Media

SMART's social media channels continue to see steady growth across all platforms. Facebook and Twitter are instrumental in providing updates for testing notifications, service advisories, and information on all of SMART's marketing programs. Service delay information is published on Twitter, as well as Nixle, to provide timely updates to as many people as possible. In the month of August, over 30,000 impressions were made on SMART's Twitter page each day.



Media | News Coverage

- August 30, *SMART eyes closing 90-minute Marin-Sonoma service gaps with revised schedule, extension to Larkspur* (North Bay Business Journal)
- August 30, *Smart Testing Equipment Between San Rafael, Larkspur Friday-Sunday* (SF Gate)
- August 29, *Editorial: SMART has no choice but to test at night* (Marin Independent Journal)
- August 29, *SMART eyes closing 90-minute service gaps with revised schedule, extension to Larkspur* (Santa Rosa Press Democrat)
- August 28, *San Rafael residents lose sleep with SMART trains launching overnight testing* (KTVU, Channel 2)
- August 27, *Sleep-deprived Marin residents protest SMART's overnight horns* (Marin Independent Journal)
- August 25, *North Bay's SMART train, beloved but not bustling looks to extend sales tax* (San Francisco Chronicle)
- August 24, *Dick Spotswood: SMART train tax proposal will make difference between expanding, contracting service* (Marin Independent Journal)
- August 23, *SMART begins testing passenger trains on new Larkspur extension* (KGO Channel 7)
- August 23, *Overnight Testing Begins Along SMART Train's New Larkspur Extension* (KPIX Channel 5)
- August 23, *Smart Testing Train Control, crossing warning systems to Larkspur extension this month* (SF Gate)
- August 22, *SMART to begin overnight testing on Larkspur extension* (Marin Independent Journal)
- August 22, *SMART predicts 'modest growth' in fare revenue as it confronts deeper financial uncertainties* (Santa Rosa Press Democrat)
- August 21, *SMART board vets strategy for financial future, tax renewal* (Marin Independent Journal)
- August 21, *SMART train to test new route to Larkspur* (Larkspur-Corte Madera Patch)
- August 21, *Sonoma County officials shaping pitch for early renewal of transportation sales tax in 2020* (Santa Rosa Press Democrat)
- August 20, *Dick Spotswood: Housing at Northgate is a better idea than Costco* (Marin Independent Journal)

- August 20, *Emergency alert system under scrutiny after delayed warning of possibly toxic smoke from Santa Rosa fire* (Santa Rosa Press Democrat)
- August 19, *Options to extend Sonoma-Marín commuter trains to Solano could cost as much as \$1B* (North Bay Business Journal)
- August 19, *Crews respond to fire at storage yard north of Rohnert Park* (Santa Rosa Press Democrat)
- August 19, *Crews respond to fire at storage yard north of Rohnert Park* (Rohnert Park Patch)
- August 19, *Multiple vehicles burn at junkyard near Santa Rosa* (KTVU, Channel 2)
- August 19, *Multi-Vehicle Fire Burning South of Santa Rosa* (KNTV, Channel 11)
- August 14, *Sales tax renewal next stop for SMART* (Cloverdale Reveille)
- August 12, *CA: SMART board laying groundwork for sales-tax renewal amid looming financial crisis* (Mass Transit Magazine)
- August 12, *SMART confronts looming financial crisis while laying groundwork for tax renewal* (Petaluma Argus Courier)
- August 12, *SMART says it faces multimillion-dollar deficits without sales-tax renewal for Sonoma-Marín commuter line* (North Bay Business Journal)
- August 12, *Revenue Woes Threaten to Take SMART Train Off the Rails* (KCBS Radio)
- August 10, *Santa Rosa's Railroad Square draws tourists, locals with its shops, eateries and nightlife* (Santa Rosa Press Democrat)
- August 10, *SMART board laying groundwork for sales-tax renewal amid looming financial crisis* (Santa Rosa Press Democrat)
- August 10, *SMART faces uncertain financial future at 2-year mark* (Marin Independent Journal)
- August 8, *CA: SMART says it faces multimillion-dollar deficits without sales-tax renewal* (Mass Transit Magazine)
- August 8, *SMART's 'gloomy' forecast says service cuts loom without sales-tax renewal* (Petaluma Argus Courier)
- August 7, *SMART says it faces multimillion-dollar deficits without sales-tax renewal* (Santa Rosa Press Democrat)
- August 6, *SMART to unveil key cost projections ahead of closely watched sales-tax decision* (Santa Rosa Press Democrat)

- August 5, *Guest Editorial: Petaluma's second SMART station is in reach* (Santa Rosa Press Democrat)
- July 30, *Dick Spotswood: Public transportation only makes sense when it qualifies as mass transit* (Marin Independent Journal)
- July 29, *City's 2nd train station revived* (Santa Rosa Press Democrat)
- July 26, *Novato wetlands flood control project slated for 2020* (Marin Independent Journal)
- July 25, *Editorial: Safety should be SMART's top concern* (Marin Independent Journal)
- July 24, *Rohnert Park approve overnight parking ban in five lots, including park-and-ride near SMART* (Santa Rosa Press Democrat)

LARKSPUR EXTENSION PROJECT

- Track construction is complete.
- Work at the Larkspur Station consists of constructing the parking lot and installing station amenities.
- Train control and communications systems installation work is complete.
- First phase of train testing began on August 23rd and will continue for 2 or 3 weeks.
- Track construction to prepare for the Novato Station Downtown Station was completed during the first weekend in August.



First train crossing 2nd Street in San Rafael in over 60 years

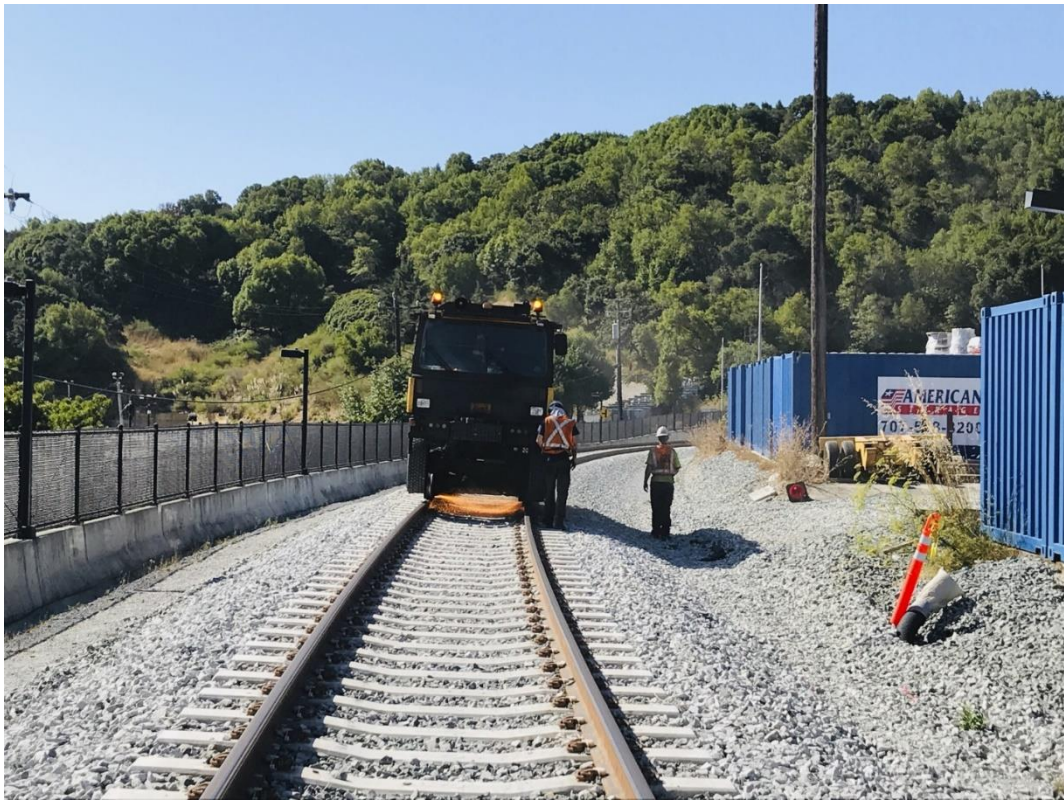


First Train to Larkspur Station Ever!

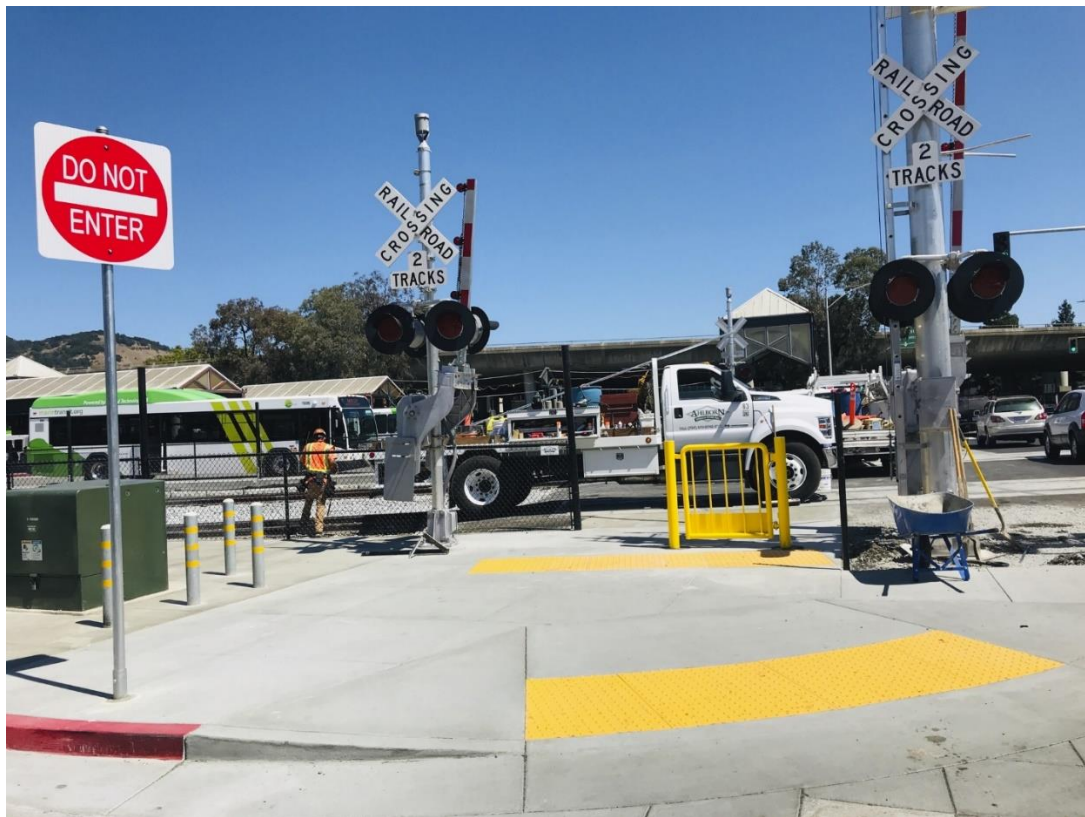


Larkspur Station Construction – Preparing for paving





Rail Gridding South of the Cal Park Tunnel



2nd Street - Installing pedestrian channelization fencing



Bettini Transit Center – Installing a new Platform Shelter



Novato Downtown Station - Track construction

WINDSOR EXTENSION PROJECT

- Procurement is on-going for a Civil Design-Build Contractor
- Environmental permitting is underway.



Windsor Extension - Mitchell Lane Grade Crossing current condition

PATHWAY

Payran to Southpoint Multi-Use Pathway

- Bridge foundation construction is complete.
- Existing pile removal and streambed mitigation is complete.
- Backfilling and grading around the pedestrian bridge started in preparation for the bridge coming in September.



Old Pile Removal from the Petaluma River



Pedestrian Bridge – North Abutment construction

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

- Installation of pedestrian channelizing fence have been completed for the following locations:
 - a) Caulfield Ln (Petaluma)
 - b) Washington St (Petaluma)
 - c) Lakeville Rd (Petaluma)
 - d) W. Payran St (Petaluma)
 - e) South Point Blvd (Petaluma)
 - f) Golf Course Drive (Rohnert Park)
 - g) Hearn Ave (Santa Rosa)
 - h) Sebastopol Rd (Santa Rosa)
 - i) 3rd St (Santa Rosa)
 - j) 6th St (Santa Rosa)
 - k) 7th St (Santa Rosa)
 - l) 8th St (Santa Rosa)
 - m) 9th St (Santa Rosa)
 - n) College Ave (Santa Rosa)
 - o) Guerneville Rd (Santa Rosa)
 - p) W. Steele Ln (Santa Rosa)
 - q) Piner Rd (Santa Rosa)
 - r) San Miguel Rd (Santa Rosa)

- Installation of pedestrian channelizing fence are underway for the following locations:
 - s) Bellevue Avenue (Santa Rosa)
 - t) Southwest Boulevard (Rohnert Park)
 - u) Golf Course Drive (Rohnert Park)
 - v) Roblar Drive (Novato)
 - w) North San Pedro (San Rafael)
 - x) Civic Center Drive (San Rafael)
 - y) Mission Ave (San Rafael)
 - z) 5th St (San Rafael)



College Avenue Santa Rosa- Pedestrian channelizing fence



Guerneville Road Santa Rosa - Pedestrian Channelizing Fence



8th Street, Santa Rosa – Pedestrian Channelizing Fence



Southwest Blvd., Rohnert Park - Preparation for Installation of Pedestrian Channelizing Fence

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Trespassers reported in Rohnert Park near Golf Course drive. Two males were reported by the train crews near the tracks. Sonoma County Sheriff responded to assist Code Compliance. The males were issued citations for trespassing and were released from the scene.



A couple was contacted behind SMART equipment near 8th Street in Santa Rosa and appeared to be staying at that location. Code Compliance contacted them and the female became extremely agitated when Code Compliance told her to remove her tent. After a verbal argument, she and her partner eventually left the area with all of their belongings.

A female was contacted sleeping along the pathway in Santa Rosa. When she was told to move along, she stated her husband went to retrieve a new chain for her bike so they could leave the area. Code Compliance left the area and return an hour later to confirm she had departed.



While conducting patrol, Code Compliance contacted a group of “regulars” along the pathway in Santa Rosa drinking and smoking. They were moved along without incident.



A couple was moved along from Santa Rosa after being contacted sleeping on SMART property.



Train crews reported a female was in Petaluma near the tracks possibly holding a knife. Code Compliance responded along with Petaluma Police and contacted the female. Code Compliance located a revolver within arm's reach of the female laying on the ground. The scene was turned over to Petaluma Police upon their arrival and the female was arrested.



Train staff dealt with a medical emergency on board one of the trains. The passenger was contacted and had become very ill and disoriented. Staff called medical personnel who was waiting on the platform and took the man to a hospital.

Staff has been receiving complaints from our contractors in Larkspur regarding repeat homeless in the area. Code Compliance responded and removed the repeat trespasser.



Train crews and Code Compliance have had an ongoing issue with an individual urinating on the platforms, having no fare and bothering passengers. Police have dealt with him in Novato and San Rafael on several occasions, and we are working with agencies to find a solution.

Train crews reported a female trespasser in the area north of Golf Course Drive. Code Compliance immediately responded and contacted a suicidal female. The female was extremely distraught and made references to ending her life. Rohnert Park police responded to the scene and took her to be evaluated by a medical professional. If it was not for our observant train crew and quick response from code compliance the outcome could have been drastically different.

Safety staff attended the following meetings: Sonoma County Police Chiefs, Marin County Fire Prevention Officers, Sonoma County Fire Prevention Officers and a regional Bay Area fire prevention meeting.

VEHICLE ENGINEERING

Cummins and Nippon Sharyo have completed 16 of the 18 engine modifications.

DMU 115-118 are available for revenue service, but due to delays in WIFI installation are only used as needed. WIFI installation is scheduled to begin the week of September 9th.

DMU 110 arrived back on SMART property Saturday August 27. It is undergoing safety testing by SMART Technicians prior to being placed into revenue service.





SMART's wheel truing machine is actively truing wheels.

OPERATIONS

MAINTENANCE OF WAY:

- A Signal Technician gave resignation notice in August, bringing our headcount down to 6. We have begun interviews to backfill the position.
- Staff continues to provide on track safety protection for the pedestrian safety improvement contractor and their subcontractors.
- Confined Space Entry training was completed for SMART's Facility Maintenance staff.
- The 2019 track surfacing project was completed with the placement of 2,500 tons of ballast and 7.5 miles of track surfaced.
- Interviews were conducted to fill newly authorized Track Laborer positions with two candidates selected to move forward in the hiring process.
- A walking inspection of the Larkspur extension was conducted with SMART Engineering and Contractor representatives.
- Blood Born Pathogen awareness training was completed for 2/3 of the Maintenance employees with the remainder scheduled for early September.
- Facilities team completed repainting parking lot pavement markings at the Novato San Marin station.
- Staff spent 41-man days in August flagging for various contractors and outside agencies.

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE:

- Changed out Auxiliary Powered System filter on entire fleet due to filters being very dirty with the potential of clogging the system. This would cause the system to overheat and burn up the auxiliary powered system. This system channels the amperage throughout the Diesel Multiple Unit appropriately.
- Replaced tray table on Diesel Multiple Unit 103 due to vandalism.
- Replace engineer seat on Diesel Multiple Unit 103 due to seat back not staying upright position.
- Replaced master controller on Diesel Multiple Units 112 and 114 due to crew reporting system is not responding properly.
- Performed mid-year maintenance on 6 Diesel Multiple Units.
- Performed hour oil change on 6 Diesel Multiple Units.
- Automatic Train Control maintenance performed on 5 Diesel Multiple Units. This maintenance keeps us compliant with Federal Regulatory Association regulations in regards to positive train control.
- Changed out passenger side window on Diesel Multiple Units 103 and 105 due to window having a crack from an object thrown at the trains.
- Replaced vestibule curtain on Diesel Multiple Unit 114 due to it being torn.
- Performed wheel truing on 12 axles which allowed us to have our wheels back in service a lot sooner, than sending them to Utah.

TRANSPORTATION:

- Promoted one Engineer-Conductor to Controller/Supervisor.
- Hired two Conductors in July 2019.
- Conducted Interviews for Engineers-Conductors the week of August 5th.

SMART Transportation Dept. Training:

- SMART's Engineers/Conductors have started training on the Larkspur Extension which includes taking a physical characteristics test and a check ride with a Designated Supervisor of Locomotive Engineers (DSLE) over the new Larkspur Extension.
- Emergency Preparedness Training (DMU Emergency Evacuations Training using the window pulls and ladder placement) and (Fire Extinguishing Training).
- Emergency Preparedness Training and Diesel Multiple Unit Emergency Evacuations Training using the window pulls and ladder placement.

REAL ESTATE

PRIVATE CROSSINGS

Staff has completed research of property records for a private crossing at the request of a property owner on the Brazos Branch that is immediately adjacent to the tracks. Staff has drafted a Private Crossing Agreement to be negotiated with the private owner. Staff has also researched property records for private crossings at the request of a large developer south of the Cloverdale Station and immediately adjacent to the tracks.

PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS

Downtown Petaluma Station Property - Staff is working with the proposed purchaser of the property on a final Purchase and Sale Agreement. Part of the agreement includes working the Union Pacific Railroad on determining the location of a fiber optics easement. Staff will work with the proposed buyer to finalize details of the property sale.

Downtown Santa Rosa Station Property - Staff will continue working with the developer on due diligence issues.

Larkspur Extension Project - Staff is continuing to work on a Land Exchange Agreement with the City of San Rafael. Staff is working to finalize the legal descriptions and plats that Land Exchange. The agreement will need to be approved by the City of San Rafael. Staff is working with Pacific Gas & Electric Company on an aerial easement and on an access to Pacific Gas & Electric facilities near the new Larkspur Station.

Track work – Research continues on property rights for both SMART and property owners regarding the location of track.

Pathway - Coordinating with the adjacent property owners and local municipalities regarding securing any necessary land rights to accommodate the construction of the pathways and interim access and laydown area needs.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Leasing:

MB Hospitality (Marriot Hotel)- 90-day lease- Downtown Santa Rosa Railroad Square property
Fiberco Inc. (Telecommunications Contractor)- 30-day lease extension was granted until August 8, 2019.

Special Event Completed:

Tour De Fox Wine Country – Santa Rosa – August 24

Special Event Requests:

Ragnar Race – October 25

Right of Entry Permits Issued:

PG&E – Pole Replacement- Bailhache Avenue, Healdsburg
City of Cotati – Repavement Project- Cotati
PG&E – Vegetation trimming/removal extension
PG&E – Pole Replacement – West Robles, Santa Rosa
PG&E – Gas Line Work – Hopper Street, Petaluma
PG&E – Gas Line Work – Piner Road, Santa Rosa
PG&E – Pole Replacement – Rohnert Park Expwy, Rohnert Park
PG&E – Gas Line Work – Olive Street, Novato
PG&E – Gas Line Work – Windsor Road, Windsor

Staff is continuing working on issuing Right of Entry Permits/License with:

Clearheart Drilling – Pot Holing – Windsor River Road
Subtronic Corporation- Boring Activities Windsor Road
West Coast Solar Company – Solar Project – Lagunitas Brewing – Petaluma
Sonic – Numerous Access Permits issued for work on fiber optics lines.
Metro-MCI – request to connect to Sonic fiber line
COMCAST – Staff is still working to finalize outstanding license agreement fees. Fiber Optic installation verifications in 7 locations. Agreements to be revised.
Marin County Flood Control/City of San Rafael – Clearing of vegetation – Drainage Channel

HUMAN RESOURCES

CURRENT OPEN RECRUITMENTS:

- Engineer-Conductor
- Controller Supervisor
- Signal Technician
- Rail Information Systems Specialist
- Assistant Engineer – Rail Systems
- Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor

INTERVIEWS:

- Engineer-Conductor
- Rail Information Systems Specialist
- Operations Manager

LABOR CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS:

- Labor Negotiations with the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers and Operating Engineers Local 3 are ongoing. The contracts expired on June 30, 2019.
- HR Principal Analyst Colleen Day-Flynn has been working with Operations Staff to review and update current training programs.
- SMART will be holding benefits open enrollment from September 9th through October 4th for the 2020 plan year. Open enrollment will be held using a new online system available through the District's Payroll and HR system vendor, IBS.

GRANTS, LEGISLATION, PLANNING AND REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

LEGISLATION

SB 742 (Allen): This legislation makes several changes to existing law related to operation of intercity rail feeder bus service. This SB 742 legislation would remove an existing restriction limiting intercity rail feeder bus service to passengers solely connecting to and from an Amtrak Intercity Rail service in California. In other words, currently people are only allowed to purchase a ticket on an Amtrak Thruway Intercity Rail feeder bus if they are also purchasing an Amtrak Intercity Rail ticket for the same journey. In the SMART corridor, the Amtrak Route 7 feeder bus travels between McKinleyville and Petaluma onward through Napa and Vallejo to Martinez at the Amtrak rail station. The SMART Board unanimously supported this bill and that support was communicated in a letter to the bill author on May 16, 2019. The bill passed from the Senate 37-0 and is currently in the Assembly, where it was referred from the Transportation Committee to the Appropriations Committee on a 15-0 vote on July 8, 2019, passed to the full Assembly from the Appropriations Committee on a 17-0 vote on August 21, where it is currently scheduled for a third reading.

REGIONAL AND LOCAL PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Sonoma County Transportation Authority – Call for Projects for Transportation Plan and Sales Tax Reauthorization: The Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) has issued a Call for Projects, for priority transportation projects seeking inclusion in the SCTA’s long range Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP). The CTP will be updated to provide a list of projects to be included in the next regional plan, Plan Bay Area 2050, and to “document a prioritized list of projects, which will be necessary to program future funding to projects and for potential future sources of funding, including a possible local sales tax measure.” The CTP call for projects is being used as an opportunity to identify priority projects that Sonoma County jurisdictions would like to see considered included in a possible sales tax expenditure plan. Up to ten ranked projects of any mode except transit may be submitted per jurisdiction and up to five ranked transit projects may also be submitted. Submittals are due September 4, 2019.

Solano Transportation Authority (SYS) SMART Station and Solano Express Feasibility Study: The 2018 California State Rail Plan identifies a 2040 vision that includes new east-west rail service along the Highway 37 and Highway 12 corridors that connects a Solano County hub with the SMART rail line. As a follow up to this Plan, SMART conducted an engineering feasibility study that concluded that the proposed service is feasible. As a follow up to the SMART engineering feasibility study, STA issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to conduct the SMART Station and SolanoExpress Feasibility Study in Solano County. This study calls for a consultant to provide a comprehensive analysis of the existing conditions in Solano County along the SMART corridor, including land-use, rail facility conditions, biological conditions and integration potential for SolanoExpress, regional thru way bus, and active transportation. Staff is actively participating in the RFQ vendor selection process, including attending consultant interviews on Friday August 30 in the STA offices, and will be involved with the study as it progresses over the next 8-12 months.

Regional Mapping and Pedestrian Wayfinding Prototype Testing – Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) has contracted City ID to audit existing conditions and perform on-site temporary implementation at designated pilot transit stations across the Bay Area. SMART’s Santa Rosa Downtown Station was selected as one of these test sites. On a single day (that has yet to be determined), City ID will install temporary on-site maps with site-specific artwork and perform user-testing. The results of the user-testing will be compiled and used in the finalization of creating a suite of maps. Staff is attending meetings and coordinating with MTC on this project.

Local Planning Department Notification and Coordination Tracking: SMART Planning staff tracks and reviews all notices sent by local jurisdictions for projects occurring adjacent to or nearby the railroad tracks. To date in 2019 staff has received and reviewed **114** different notices.

SYSTEM ACCESS PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Transit Coordination Meetings:

- August 7, 2019 - Staff attended the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) monthly Transit Finance Working group meeting.
- August 14, 2019 – Staff attended Sonoma County Transportation Authority’s monthly Transit Technical Advisory Committee meeting.
- August 20, 2019 – Staff hosted a local transit coordination meeting in preparation for the initiation of SMART services to Larkspur.

BICYCLE ACCESS AND PARKING

Bike Share: The Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) and Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) are working jointly to launch a Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) funded bike share system in close proximity to not-yet-selected SMART stations along the corridor. SCTA and TAM have been jointly managing this program, including the procurement process. Solicited vendor proposals are under evaluation and negotiations are underway with the finalists. Conservative estimates are that the program would launch by Spring 2020. SMART will continue to collaborate on program implementation moving forward.

BikeLink™ Lockers: SMART installed one additional BikeLink electronic locker quad on June 20, 2019, at the Novato Hamilton station due to high user demand through the prior year. SMART’s Larkspur and Downtown Novato Station construction have included installation of BikeLink lockers on site. BikeLink is preparing to launch Clipper Card integrations with their lockers throughout the SMART system. Users will be able to enroll with BikeLink to use their existing Clipper Card to access bike lockers, instead of having to carry and use a separate BikeLink card. BikeLink anticipates launching this Clipper functionality on BikeLink lockers at SMART stations Fall 2019.

BUILD DISCRETIONARY TRANSPORTATION GRANTS:

The Federal Department of Transportation issued a Notice of Funding Availability for \$900 million in competitive BUILD Discretionary Transportation Grants with submittals due July 15, 2019. SMART submitted a request for \$15.9 million of BUILD funds for the Russian River Bridge Rehabilitation and Healdsburg Station project. Letters of Support have been received from Senator Feinstein, Congressman Thompson, Congressman Huffman, SMART's California Legislative Delegation, the City of Cloverdale, the City of Healdsburg, the Town of Windsor, the County of Sonoma, the County of Marin, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the Sonoma County Transportation Authority, and the Transportation Authority of Marin. Decisions on the program will be announced by November 12, 2019.

