

Agenda Item 4: General Manager's Report



January 4, 2023

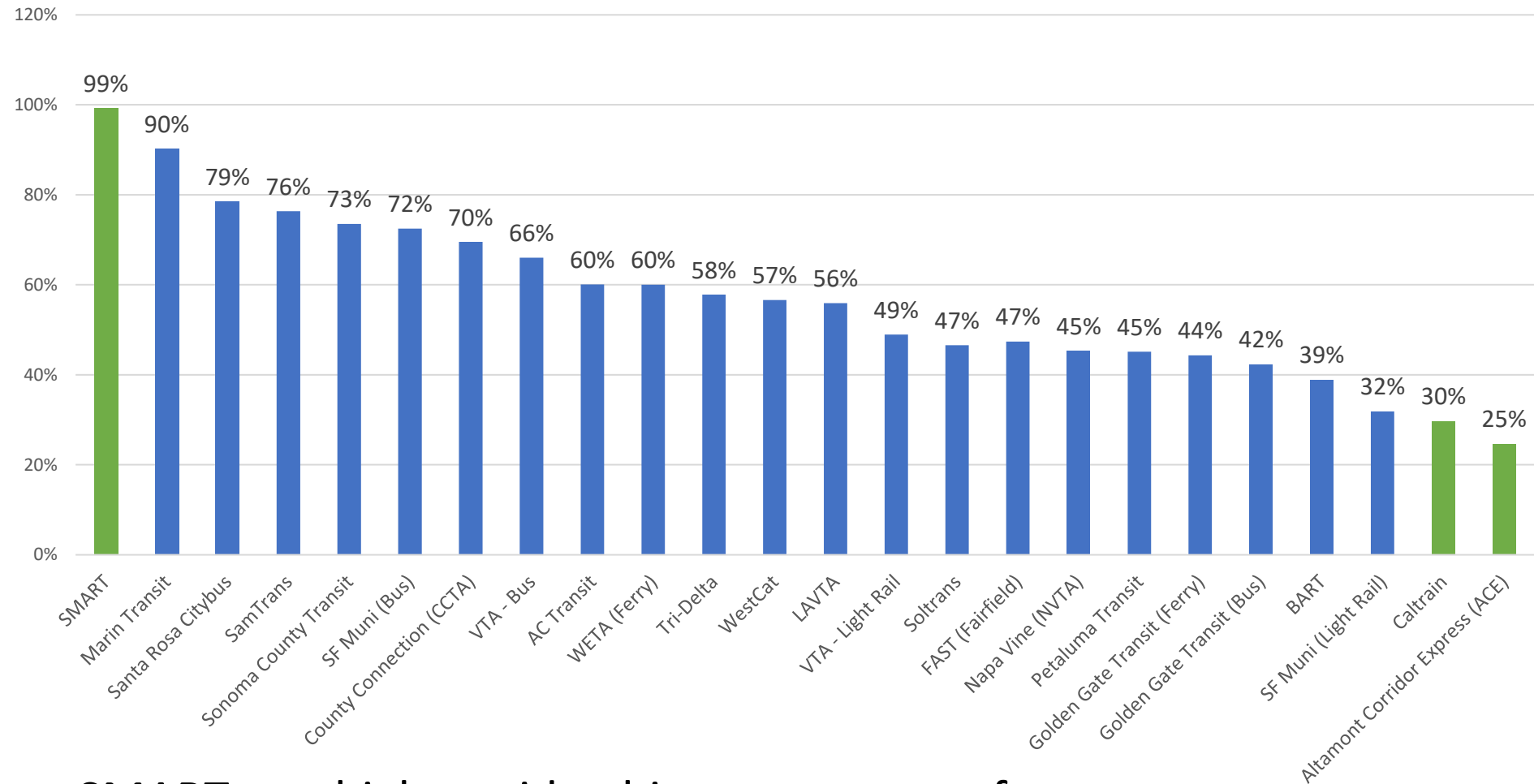
General Manager's Report

- Emergency Bridge Repair (Update)
- Ridership
- Grant Applications
- Downtown Santa Rosa Parking
- January Service Change
- Storm Watch
- Questions

Emergency Bridge Repair (Brazos Branch)

- November 2, 2022 - Board approved emergency contract (Agenda item A) and its companion, Resolution No. 2022-37
- As required by Public Contract Code, the Board of Directors must review the emergency action at its next regularly scheduled meeting and thereafter.... at every regularly scheduled meeting until the emergency action is terminated.
- This item is on today's consent calendar
- Update
 - No change from last Board Meeting
 - Long-lead bridge timbers ordered and expected to arrive in January 2023
 - Contractor will return to make permanent repairs in January/February timeframe

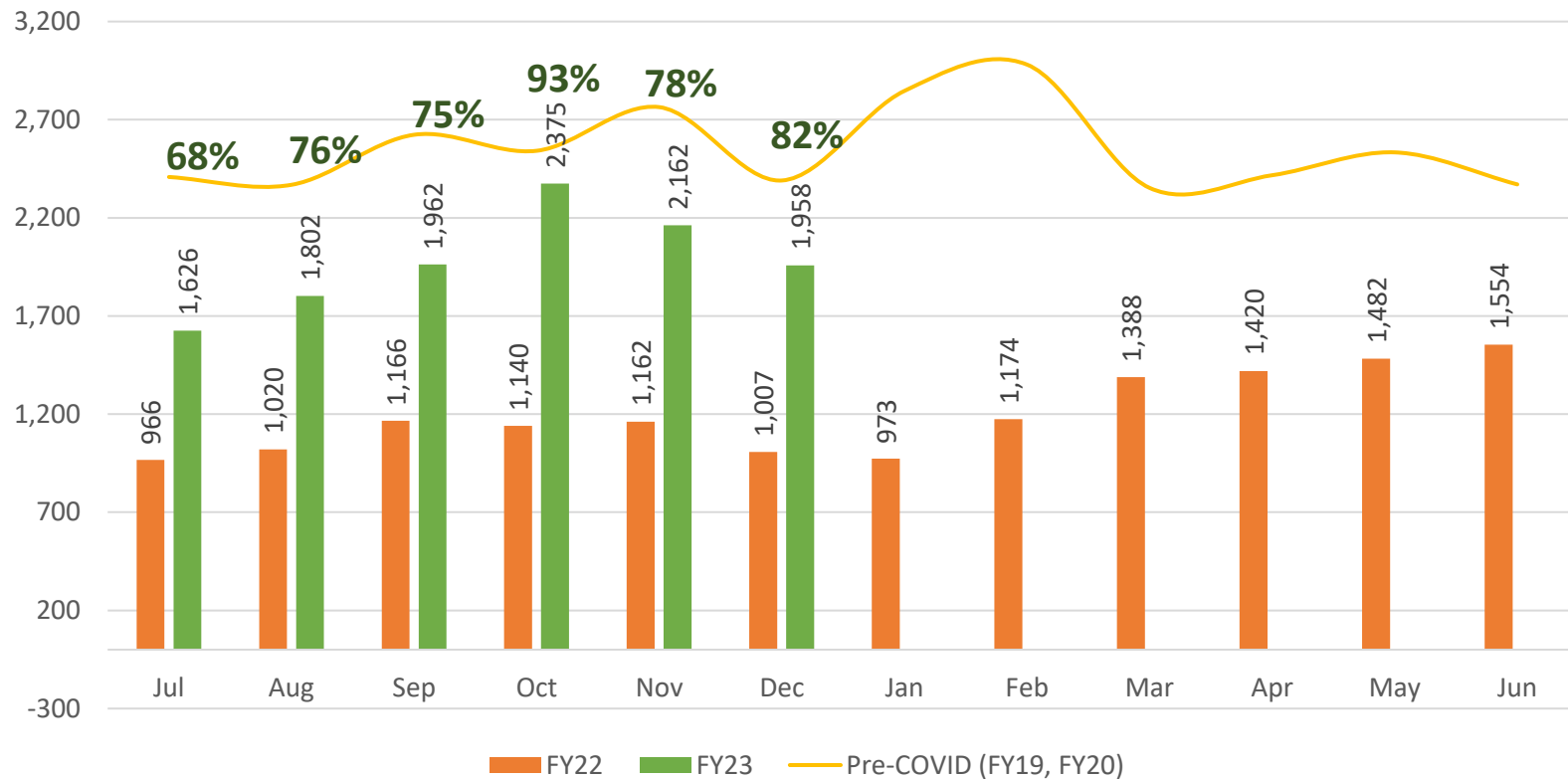
Ridership Recovery (Oct 2019 vs. Oct 2022)



SMART saw highest ridership recovery rate for October in the Bay Area



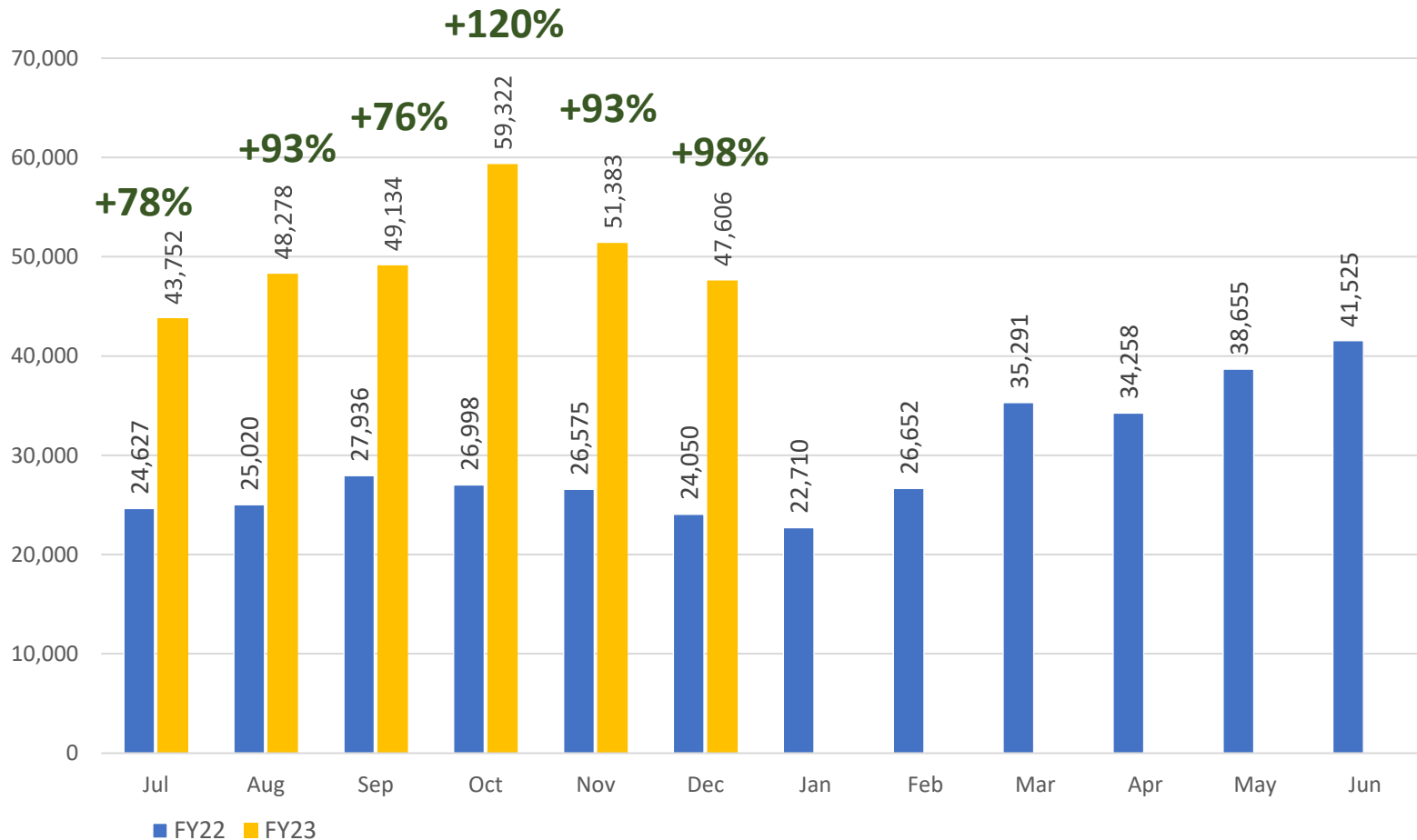
Average Weekday Ridership



December weekday boarding were 1,958

- 94% above December 2021
- Down 9% from November
- 82% of Pre-Covid Boardings

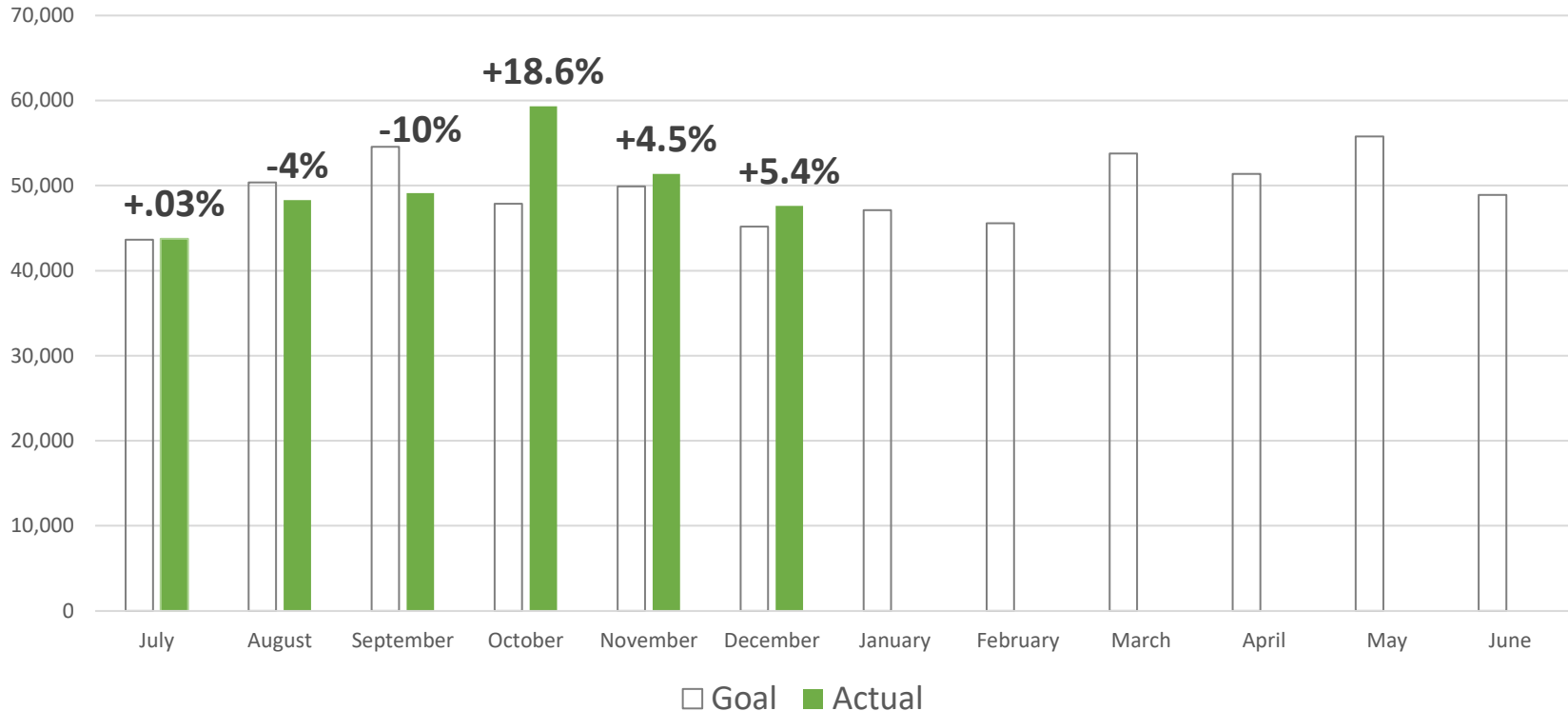
Monthly Ridership (FY22 vs FY23)



December total monthly ridership up 98% over last year

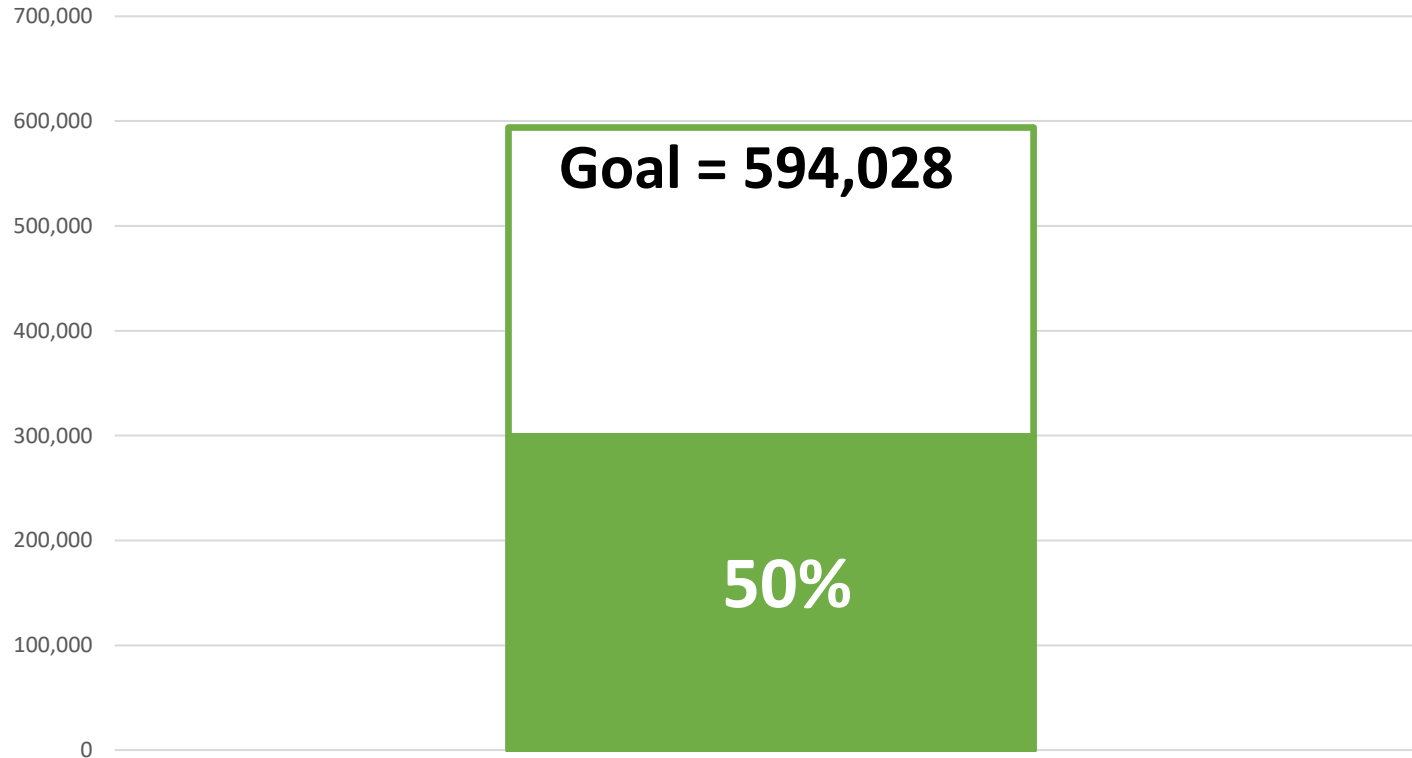


Annual Ridership Goal



- Established ridership goals by month due to fluctuation
- Met ridership goal each month except August and September

Annual Ridership Goal



Mid-Year, SMART is at 50% of goal

- 299,475 boardings

Grant Applications

SMART has three Major grant applications pending:

- Solutions for Congested Corridor Funds- \$30M for Windsor (June)
- Consolidated Rail Infrastructure & Safety Improvements (CRISI) Grant - \$30M for rail systems to Healdsburg (June)
- Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) -\$125M Windsor to Healdsburg (January)

TIRCP Letters of Support (43):

- SMART District Legislative Delegation (1)
 - Joint Letter: Congressman Jared Huffman and Congressman Mike Thompson
- SMART District State Legislative Delegation (5)
 - Senator Mike McGuire, Senator Bill Dodd, Assemblymember Jim Wood, Assemblymember Marc Levine, and Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry
- Local Jurisdictions - SMART Corridor Beneficiaries (14)
 - Sonoma County Board of Supervisors, Marin County Board of Supervisors, Mendocino County Board of Supervisors, 3rd District, City of Ukiah, City of Cloverdale, City of Healdsburg, Town of Windsor, City of Santa Rosa, City of Rohnert Park, City of Cotati, City of Petaluma, City of Novato, City of San Rafael, and City of Larkspur



Grant Applications

TIRCP Letters of Support (Continued):

- SMART District - Transportation Agencies and Advocates (7)
 - Great Redwood Trail Agency, Humboldt Transit Authority, Mendocino Transit Authority, Sonoma County Transportation Authority/Regional Climate Protection Authority, Transportation Authority of Marin, Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition, and Marin Bicycle Coalition
- SMART District – Education & Health Institutions (8)
 - Santa Rosa Junior College, Sonoma State University, Cloverdale Unified School District, Kaiser Permanente, Providence, Alliance Medical Center/Clinica Alianza, Alexander Valley Healthcare, and Sutter Health
- SMART District – Business & Economic Development (6)
 - Sonoma County Economic Development Board, Cloverdale Chamber of Commerce, Healdsburg Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau, Windsor Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center, Greater Ukiah Business & Tourism Alliance, and Sonic (Public-Private Partner)
- SMART District – Community Organizations (2)
 - Generation Housing, and Joint Letter from La Familia Sana, Corazon Healdsburg, Nuestra Comunidad



Santa Rosa SMART Commuter Parking

- City of Santa Rosa partnering with SMART to offer a Commuter Parking rate in two lots close to the Downtown Santa Rosa Station
- Monthly rate reduced from \$50 to \$31 for transit commuters
- Commuters can park for up to 72 hours
- Commuters submit Clipper verification every 3 months



Santa Rosa SMART Commuter Parking

- Two lots under freeway; less than 5-min walk from SMART
 - Lot 14: 5th & Morgan (68 spots)
 - Lot 13: 3rd & Morgan (97 spots)
- Pilot began on January 1st



January Service Change

- SMART made a minor service change this week due to a Golden Gate Ferry schedule change
- One weekend trip moved five minutes later to allow for a 20-minute transfer:
 - Trip 10 moved from 6:25pm NB to 6:30pm NB
- Marketing and Outreach:
 - Printing new paper schedules
 - Posted patch over existing schedules on platforms
 - Sent Nixle alerts



Storm Watch

December recorded 15 days of rain

- Twice the average for December
- Ground is saturated
- More rain on the way

Significant storm forecasted for Wednesday and Thursday

- Up to 6 inches of rain
- Wind gusts ranging 35-55 MPH
- Chance for flooding and downed trees and power lines

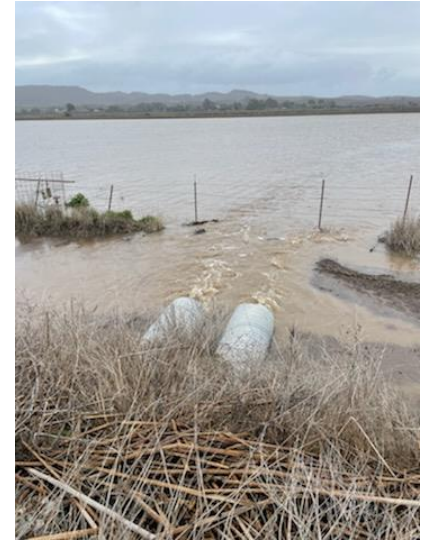
Long range forecast calling for on/off rain through mid-January



Storm Watch

Action Plan

- Proactively clearing drains
- Addressing suspect branches
- Ordered extra ballast
 - Freight and Passenger Rail
- Ensuring equipment is ready
 - Generators, chainsaws, dump trucks, etc.
- Conducting hi-rail inspections
 - Inspecting bridges, culverts, and ditches
- Attending daily EOC Meetings
 - Marin County
 - Sonoma County
- Remaining vigilant and focused on mitigating/minimizing delays



Questions?

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