

Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit District

Healdsburg Community Meeting

October 22, 2026

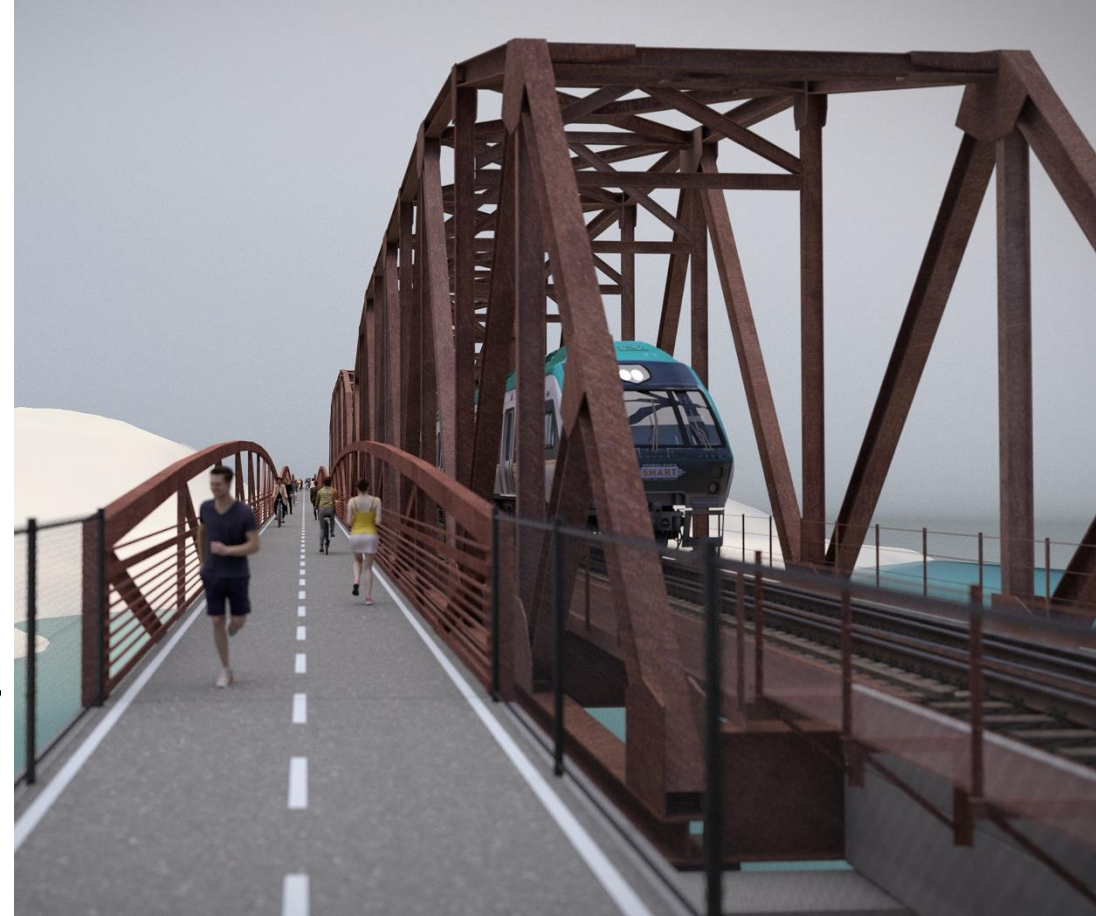


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Project Update

- **First Construction Package:**
Phase 2A: Windsor Station to Front Street
- **Phase 2A Construction Start:** Spring 2027
- **Phase 2B Construction Package:** Spring 2027
Front St. To North St. (includes a station)



SMART Board Direction

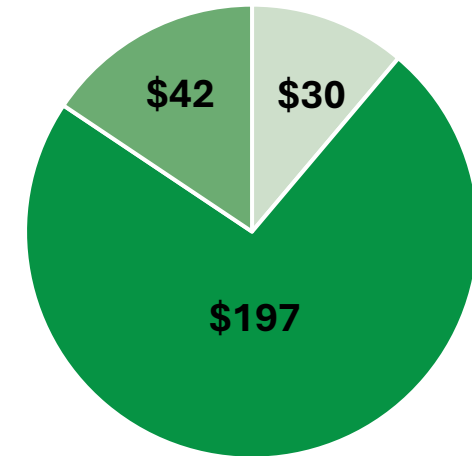
- On September 16, 2026, the SMART Board directed staff to initiate public engagement around the SMART station location in Healdsburg, including engaging Healdsburg's City Council and the public through a survey and community meeting

Why does the station location matter?

- The location of the station is critical to how useful and effective the station is at serving peoples travel needs
- The region, state, and federal government have funded this project
- It is important to achieve the maximum regional benefit for this major regional investment

The project is a significant state and regional investment towards mobility for Marin and Sonoma

Project funding (\$s in millions)



■ Federal
■ State (SCCP, LPP-C, and TIRCP)
■ Regional (RM3 and Measure M)

Regardless of Station Location

- The train will go through the roundabout on its way to Geyserville and Cloverdale
- Sidewalks and connecting bus transit services will need to work for people
- A pedestrian track crossing at the Depot/Hudson Street area connecting the Ward Street neighborhood will be constructed
- SMART's property at the Depot/Hudson area will be developed with housing
- SMART will pursue renovation of the Depot buildings along with development of SMART property



Station Location Options

Depot / Hudson Street



Depot/Hudson Street Location

- **Proximity to the historic depot, residential areas and destinations in south Healdsburg:**
 - The Depot/Hudson site is adjacent to Healdsburg's historic rail depot and approximately 0.38 miles, or an eight-minute walk, from the Healdsburg Plaza. The location is near established residential neighborhoods, as well as businesses, schools, and visitor destinations in south Healdsburg.
- **Greater flexibility for station facilities:**
 - The site has more land available immediately surrounding the proposed station, providing greater flexibility for station facilities and currently has 48 parking spaces.
- **Greater opportunity for high-density housing development:**
 - It is also located near more of the City's undeveloped land that is identified for future high-density housing and mixed-use development.
- **Consistent with existing City planning direction:**
 - The site has been assumed as the SMART station location in previous City planning efforts and is included in the City's Station Area Specific Plan planning area. The City Council identified Depot/Hudson as its preferred location in February 2024 and reaffirmed that preference in September 2026.

Depot/Hudson Street Location

- **Fewer existing destinations nearby:** The site is farther from the Plaza and currently has fewer established commercial, employment, dining, and visitor destinations within walking distance.
- **Ridership and growth depend on development build-out:** Future station-area development could increase the number of destinations and activity near the station over time, however, that will depend on future land-use decisions, private investment, infrastructure capacity, and market conditions.
- **Bus connections would require improvements:** Improvements to local and regional bus service connections and other transportation access would be needed to support convenient connections to and from the station.

Vine St/West Plaza/Downtown





Vine/West Plaza/Downtown Location

- **Proximity to Healdsburg Plaza and downtown destinations:** The Vine/West Plaza/Downtown site is located on Vine Street between North Street and Matheson Street, adjacent to the West Plaza parking lot and approximately 0.2 miles, or a four-minute walk, from the Healdsburg Plaza.
- **Integration with existing downtown environment:** The station would operate within an active downtown environment where train service would be integrated with existing vehicle, pedestrian, bicycle, bus, parking, and other activity.
- **Potential to serve existing travel activity:** Its location is within the established downtown area where a greater number of trips beginning or ending in Healdsburg occur, which the train could alternatively serve, while providing opportunities to better connect with existing local and regional bus services.

Vine/West Plaza/Downtown Location

- **Proximity to jobs, businesses, and services:** The site would place rail service closer to a greater concentration of existing jobs, businesses, schools, services, and daily activity in downtown Healdsburg.
- **More limited space for station facilities and parking:** With more limited space for station facilities and parking, the station design would require changes to portions of the West Plaza parking area owned by SMART and other existing public spaces, including removal of some trees to accommodate station operations and the multiuse pathway.
- **Less flexibility for future station-area development:** The amount of undeveloped land near the site is limited, which may constrain opportunities for larger-scale station-area development, although redevelopment, infill, and other forms of development could occur over time

Frequently Asked Questions

- Why does proximity to destinations, jobs, and bus transit matter when the walk difference is between 4 minutes and 8 minutes?
- How many parking spaces are required for a Healdsburg station?
- Is there a difference in the traffic impact between the two locations?
- Will there be a parking impact at the West Plaza parking lot, regardless of the station location?
- Will tree removal be required as part of the project?
- Is there a difference in costs between the two station locations?
- Can SMART build two stations in Healdsburg?

Next Steps

- The survey is open through November 30th
- SMART will return to the Healdsburg City Council on December 7th
- The SMART Board will consider the input received and results of the survey at their December 16th meeting



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OPEN UNTIL NOV. 30

Link in bio or
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to fill out the survey

Find the survey directly at
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