

HEALDSBURG EXTENSION PROJECT



ABOUT THE PROJECT

QUIET ZONES

Cities and counties can establish Quiet Zones, which are specific sections of a railroad where routine use of the train horn at grade crossings is prohibited, with certain exceptions.

In conjunction with SMART's extension to Healdsburg, the Town of Windsor, the County of Sonoma and the City of Healdsburg plan on establishing a Quiet Zone between the Town of Windsor and Northern Healdsburg. This process involves the local jurisdictions working together with the Federal Railroad Administration to demonstrate that federally required safety criteria are met prior to establishing a Quiet Zone. To reach this point, the local jurisdictions, California Public Utilities Commission, Federal Railroad Administration, and SMART review each crossing. The local jurisdictions and regulatory staff confirm that the appropriate improvements—such as upgraded gates, warning devices, or features like roadway medians are in place to ensure that each crossing remains safe without the routine use of the train horn. Once all requirements are met, the Quiet Zone can be formally established by the local jurisdiction via Federal Railroad Administration approval.

Once approved and established, routine train horn use at designated crossings will be prohibited, except in emergency or safety-critical situations, such as emergencies, a vehicle stopped on the track, SMART maintenance personnel or a trespasser near the track, a grade crossing malfunction, such as a broken gate arm or equipment failure, during testing, and/or at the train engineer's discretion.

Despite the establishment of a Quiet Zone, the public will hear the bell onboard the train at grade crossings and the bells at grade crossings.



SMART is extending its regional passenger rail and pathway system service northward from Windsor to Healdsburg.

The project will add roughly nine miles of track, construct a new SMART station in Healdsburg, and extend the SMART multi-use pathway for active transportation along the rail corridor.

Critical infrastructure upgrades—including improved grade crossings, bridge rehabilitation/replacement, modern signaling, and safety systems—are part of the project.

A design contract was awarded in 2025 and passenger service is planned to start by late 2028.

The extension is funded through a combination of federal, state, regional, and local grants, reflecting strong support for expanding sustainable transportation, reducing congestion, and enhancing regional connectivity.



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PRELIMINARY EXTENSION SCHEDULE

DESIGN	CONSTRUCTION	TESTING	SERVICE
SEPT 2025 - DEC 26	JAN 27 - NOV 28	NOV 28 - DEC 28	DEC 28



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