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**SMART will offer NEW midday train service and improved connections to the Golden Gate ferry**

*Petaluma, CA* – On September 7, the Board of Directors of the Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) District approved expansions to the train schedule that include new midday service on weekdays and better connectivity to the Golden Gate ferry.

The new schedule which will go into effect on **October 3, 2022**, is the product of many months of extensive outreach through listening sessions, online surveys, and customer input.

**Midday service on weekdays:**

The addition of two midday trips will allow SMART to better serve school commuters and employees. The midday trip will depart southbound from the Sonoma County Airport station at 10:22 a.m. and northbound from the Larkspur station at 12:15 p.m.— bringing the total number of weekday trips to 38 per day.

The new schedule also features a northbound train departing at 3:27 p.m. from Larkspur, which will address an afternoon service gap, provide a new ferry connection, and better serve Larkspur area employees, in addition to improved alignment with the Petaluma City School District’s new schedule.

**Improved connection with the Golden Gate ferry:**

The new schedule improves weekday connections to San Francisco by meeting the 11:20 a.m. northbound ferry and 12:10 p.m. southbound ferry. Additionally, **three weekend trains** have been changed to better align with the arrival and departure of the Golden Gate ferry at Larkspur, facilitating the use of public transit for weekend leisure trips.

“SMART’s new schedule improvements are a direct result of listening to public input and request from riders. The new midday train and alignment with the Golden Gate ferry will ensure that SMART continues to be a reliable, climate-friendly, and affordable transportation alternative for commutes and leisure trips,” said SMART Board Chairman David Rabbitt.

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