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SMART releases passenger train service schedule

The Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) District today released its passenger train schedule that includes 34 trips each weekday, with more frequent service during peak commute times. The new schedule has the first southbound train pulling out at 4:49 a.m. from the Sonoma County Airport Station, and the first northbound train leaving downtown San Rafael at 6:29 a.m. The last southbound train leaves the Sonoma County Airport Station at 6:49 p.m. and the last northbound train leaves downtown San Rafael at 8:35 p.m. The full 43-mile trip —including stops at all 10 stations— takes 67 minutes. The schedule includes 10 weekend runs on Saturdays and Sundays designed to meet the Larkspur Ferry schedule.

The schedule is also timed to connect with SMART's public transit partners, including Marin Transit, Sonoma County Transit, Golden Gate Transit, Petaluma Transit and Santa Rosa CityBus, to ensure a smooth and seamless commute. SMART's rail service uses Clipper[®] cards for fare collection.

"Working closely with all of our public transit partners, and based on the feedback we received from the public, we added more runs to our schedule including more mid-morning and mid-day runs, and extended the last train runs to be later in the evening," said SMART General Manager Farhad Mansourian. "This schedule is the result of several years of planning, and our recent field tests show we are on the mark in terms of our timing. We are nearing the finish line now."

SMART's initial 43-mile passenger service includes stops at 10 stations: Sonoma County Airport; Santa Rosa North; Santa Rosa Downtown; Rohnert Park; Cotati; Petaluma Downtown; Novato San Marin; Novato Hamilton; Marin Civic Center; and San Rafael. SMART is targeting a late spring opening.