

WHAT IS SMART?

SMART (Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit) is a public agency that will operate a passenger train and bicycle/pedestrian path planned to run from Cloverdale in Sonoma County to the San Francisco-bound ferry at Larkspur Landing in Marin County. In phase I, the train and bike-walk path will run from North Santa Rosa to San Rafael with a proposed SMART Connector dedicated bus service between Cloverdale, Healdsburg, Windsor and Santa Rosa as well as San Rafael to Larkspur. Together, they will serve 70% of the potential riders.



WHO IS SMART?

The SMART right-of-way for the rail service and bike-walk path is publicly owned. As established in the state legislation that created the SMART District in 2003, SMART is governed by a Board of Directors that includes five elected officials from each county and two members from the Golden Gate Bridge District's Board of Directors.



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THERE IS A TRAIN COMING TO TOWN

You approved it, we're building it.

Almost 70% of voters of Marin and Sonoma voted to fund SMART in 2008 to provide a train and bicycle alternative to Highway 101 in the North Bay. At SMART, we're making it happen.



HOW IS SMART SMART FOR THE NORTH BAY?

Jobs for the North Bay:

SMART means jobs for the North Bay. There will be 1,000 new jobs created now that construction contracts have been awarded — and more jobs to come over the next three years of additional construction. In addition, SMART will help solve chronic traffic congestion that keeps businesses from locating or expanding in the North Bay.



An Alternative to Highway 101:

The SMART train and bike-walk path will provide a comfortable and relaxing way to get out of your car to get where you need to go — for work or for fun. And do work or have fun along the way. For every driver who leaves his or her car behind, traffic improves for everyone.



A Cleaner Environment:

The completed SMART train will take thousands of cars off of Highway 101, which will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, particulate matter, and pollution that creates smog. The bike-walk pathway will also encourage healthy and environmentally-friendly commuting.



WHEN WILL SMART BE COMPLETED?

Like most large public works projects, SMART will be constructed in phases. Current plans call for the first 38-mile phase between North Santa Rosa and downtown San Rafael to be operational by 2015 or 2016. Plans are in the works to extend service from Cloverdale in Sonoma County to Larkspur Landing in Marin as SMART receives additional funding as the economy improves.

WHAT KIND OF TRAINS WILL SMART RUN?

Built in America and fully compliant with federal Buy America standards, the environmentally-friendly diesel train cars were selected for low noise levels, fuel efficiency, air quality and lowest cost in a public bidding process. For example,



these leading-edge trains will meet Tier 4 pollution standards and produce less than 1/2 the CO₂, 1/8 the NO_x and 1/5 the particulate matter of a locomotive-hauled train.

HOW WILL SMART BE PAID FOR?

In 2008 voters approved a 20-year, one-quarter cent sales tax to fund SMART by a 69.6% supermajority. For Phase I, SMART will use this revenue stream to issue bonds to construct 38 miles of track, 9 stations, 1 tunnel, 20 bridges and 12 new trains. SMART is also leveraging your tax dollars by applying for regional, state and federal funds to help pay for the project — to the tune of tens of millions so far.

For more information about SMART, visit our website at www.SonomaMarinTrain.org

