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SMART launches into the New Year with an Expanded Service Schedule

Petaluma, CA— On Wednesday, January 1, 2020, the Sonoma-Marina Area Rail Transit District (SMART) will launch a [new schedule](#) featuring expanded service on weekdays, more train trips, earlier service on weekends, and better connections to regional transit services.

A SMART train will now be arriving every 32 minutes to each of the twelve SMART stations connecting Sonoma and Marin counties. This increased frequency will provide more flexibility for work commutes and recreational trips alike.

Making Connections: The new 2020 train timetable is the result of a coordinated effort to offer more efficient connections between SMART and regional transit agencies. **Arrivals and departures of SMART trains at the Larkspur station is timed with Golden Gate Transit's [Larkspur Ferry](#) heading to and from San Francisco.** SMART riders will also enjoy a train schedule that is better synced with bus service from Santa Rosa CityBus, Sonoma County Transit, Marin Transit, Petaluma Transit and Golden Gate Transit – creating improved connectivity and ease of use for riders across the North Bay.

Recreation & Tourism: Tourists visiting San Francisco can now add Sonoma and Marin counties to their itinerary! From the Ferry Building in San Francisco's Embarcadero, visitors can catch a northbound ferry and be in Marin County within 30 minutes, where they'll be met by a SMART train heading north to San Rafael, Novato, Petaluma, Cotati, Rohnert Park and Santa Rosa. Plus, with the Larkspur Ferry's newly expanded weekend service visitors can make a full-day of it enjoying beautiful hiking and biking trails, strolling historic waterfronts, visiting antique shops, enjoying fine dining, and sampling some of California's best beers and wines. The possibilities for recreational and leisure activities in Sonoma and Marin counties abound!

Weekender Pass: Winter weekends and holidays are full of fun possibilities with free transfers between the ferry and the train during January and February, 2020. In celebration of the new Larkspur station, SMART and Golden Gate Transit are offering free transfers between the two services on weekends and holidays. With the purchase of a ferry ticket heading north into Larkspur, riders can get a Weekender Pass that is good for a free trip on the

SMART train. Similarly, with purchase of a train fare heading south into Larkspur, riders can receive a Weekender Pass good for a free Ferry trip into San Francisco.

\$12 Sail & Rail Combo Ticket: Traveling between Marin and San Francisco just got easier and more economical. For a flat rate of \$12, riders can purchase a one-way combo ticket for travel on both ferry and train. Riders can now connect to San Francisco for much less than the cost of gas, bridge tolls and parking fees. The new combo ticket is ideal for travel during non-commute hours and for leisure trips.

The Sail & Rail combo ticket may be used anytime on Weekends and Holidays. On Weekdays the combo ticket is available for any SMART train and during the following times for ferry trips:

- Weekdays southbound departing Larkspur by ferry any time after 8:20 AM
- Weekdays northbound departing San Francisco any time before 3:30 PM

The Sail & Rail combo ticket is only available for purchase using SMART e-Ticket App. Download the app at Apple or Google Play stores.

More information at SonomaMarinTrain.org

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