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## SMART will implement further temporary reductions to service levels on Monday, April 6

*Petaluma, CA*— Due to a significant decline in ridership resulting from the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis, the Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit District (SMART) will implement further reductions to weekday train service, effective Monday, April 6, 2020. The modified weekday schedule will operate 16 train trips daily, serving all stations and will remain in effect until further notice. With this new round of reductions, SMART has scaled back its weekday service by 50%. Additionally, all weekend service remains suspended.

During the COVID-19 health crisis, SMART's ridership has declined by 90%. The agency will continue to monitor ridership and may implement additional service level changes as needed.

## **Trip Planning**

Under the modified schedule, some train departure times have been changed in order to provide adequate coverage for mid-day travelers. Riders are advised to check the online schedule at <u>https://sonomamarintrain.org/schedules-fares</u> before starting a trip. A printable PDF version of the <u>modified schedule</u> is also available online. Other transit agencies have modified their service schedule as well—visit <u>511.org</u> for updates about other transit services.

## **Social Distancing Protocols**

SMART continues to maintain a twice-daily thorough onboard cleaning and sanitation of all trains. Social distancing protocols are posted on all stations and trains.

For more information about SMART schedules and fares or help planning your trip, call SMART Customer Service at (415) 455-2000 or visit <u>SonomaMarinTrain.org</u>

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