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General Manager's Report August/September 2018

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1st Birthday Fest







COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Community Outreach | Presentations and Community Events

On August 18, SMART celebrated its one-year anniversary with SMART Fest—a free festival and community celebration at the Novato Hamilton station. As part of the festivities, and to thank our riders for a successful first year of service, train service was free on August 18 and 19. Additional morning runs expanded service so attendees could take the train to the festival. The event was a huge success. Three-car train sets ran at capacity throughout the weekend, with thousands of passengers taking the opportunity to experience the North Bay on the SMART train. SMART parking lots were also free that weekend at the Sonoma County Airport, Rohnert Park, Petaluma, and Novato San Marin stations.

At the Novato Hamilton station, guests enjoyed live music performances by the doRiaN Mode and Smash City during the celebration. SMART Fest featured several popular North Bay food trucks, including The Frizzled Shallot, Jam’s Joy Bungalow, El Roy’s Mexican Grill, Kona Ice, and Trader Jim’s Floats. Local vendors and community partners set up booths and displays where they offered information on products and services. Numerous transit partners also attended the event, including Clipper, Golden Gate Transit, Transportation Authority of Marin, Marin Transit, and Sonoma County Transit. Children and families enjoyed creating colorful chalk art drawings, free face painting, and delicious sweet treats. SMART’s booth at the festival was a popular stop, where SMART branded giveaways were handed out in celebration of our North Bay community.

SMART began full passenger service one year ago on August 25. Since opening our doors, SMART trains have carried more than 750,000 passengers along the 43-mile alignment from northern Santa Rosa to downtown San Rafael. The system currently operates with 10 stops in Sonoma and Marin counties. The extension to Larkspur is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2019, creating an essential connection to San Francisco through the Larkspur Ferry. The full 70-mile vision includes service to Windsor, Healdsburg, and Cloverdale. The Windsor Extension Project is now fully funded and is scheduled for opening at end of 2021.

Since the last SMART Board meeting, outreach staff has participated in more than a dozen community events and presentations:

- September 19 | Novato Chamber of Commerce: Leadership Novato Presentation (Novato)
- September 17 | Marin Transit Paratransit Coordinating Committee presentation (San Rafael)
- September 12 | School Safety Presentation: Hamilton School (Novato)
- September 11 | Marin County Office of Education Benefits Fair (San Rafael)
- September 10 | Group Trip Safety Briefing: Sun City Lincoln Hills Community Association Seniors (Santa Rosa)
- September 8 | Santa Rosa’s Sesquicentennial Celebration (Santa Rosa)
- August 28 | Group Trip Safety Briefing: Jewish Community Center Seniors (Santa Rosa)
- August 22 | Disadvantaged Business Enterprise: Meet the Primes 2018 (Oakland)
- August 21 | Petaluma Kiwanis Presentation (Petaluma)
- August 18 | SMART Fest Anniversary Celebration (Novato)



- August 7 | National Night Out (Rohnert Park)
- August 4 | Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa)
- July 26 | Group Trip Safety Briefing: Disability Services and Legal Center (Santa Rosa)
- July 24 | Group Trip Safety Briefing: Learning to Learn Preschool (Petaluma)

Community Outreach | Safety Education and Awareness

SMART's Communications and Marketing team remains focused on providing railroad safety information at all community presentations, outreach events, and on social media platforms.

In August, SMART participated in National Night Out, hosted by the city of Rohnert Park and their Department of Public Safety. The annual event was an opportunity for community-building alongside local law enforcement, sharing messages focused on safety and security. SMART provided transit safety information and handed out safety-related giveaways, such as bike flashers and reflective bracelets for children.

September is **Rail Safety** month in California. Safety is an essential part of SMART's social media messaging, electronic newsletters, and public outreach events. This month, SMART kicked off another safety campaign, extending its usual 4-week quarterly campaign to cover 4 months, and taking us through holiday season. In conjunction with Operation Lifesaver, a national nonprofit organization focused on rail safety programs, SMART's outreach programs focus on staying alert and aware near all tracks and trains, and avoiding distractions. SMART's campaign also incorporates some national rail safety messaging as well, including: "Heads Up: Look, Listen, Live"; "Stay Alert, Stay Alive"; and "Dangerous Distractions".

In addition, SMART's safety campaign includes SMART-sponsored special safety events, safety ads, as well as programs for students, the homeless and for drivers' education groups.



SMART’s school safety outreach program continues in high gear this fall, focusing on key areas in both Sonoma and Marin counties, including the San Rafael and Larkspur area in preparation for the extension to Larkspur. Outreach in those areas will focus on schools in San Rafael, where students cross the tracks each day, and areas near Larkspur where train service will be introduced. The program utilizes age appropriate safety materials provided by Operation Lifesaver, the largest rail safety organization in the United States.

Digital Programs | Social Media

Social media is a central component of SMART’s marketing and public outreach efforts. SMART’s social media posts included several safety reminders, information about SMART Fest and free train service, Marin Transit Connect, Clipper information, and reminders to sign up for our Nixle service alerts. Our Facebook reach continues to grow. Posts with the strongest reach during this period focused on our SMART Fest anniversary and free train service.

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We are excited to be able to provide FREE train service on August 18 and 19 to celebrate our first year of service, and to get you to and from our SMART Fest celebration at our Novato Hamilton Station on August 18. Train service will also include extra runs! Are you planning to celebrate with us at SMART Fest?

For more information on SMART Fest, check out our website:
<https://SonomaMarinTrain.org/SMARTfest>



**SMART ANNIVERSARY
FREE SERVICE TRAIN SCHEDULE
August 18 & 19, 2018**

SOUTHBOUND - Sonoma County Airport to San Rafael						
Sonoma County Airport	9:13	10:13	12:13	1:13	3:16	7:23
Santa Rosa North	9:20	10:20	12:20	1:20	3:23	7:30
Santa Rosa Downtown	9:25	10:25	12:25	1:25	3:28	7:35
Roheert Park	9:32	10:32	12:32	1:32	3:35	7:42
Cotati	9:36	10:36	12:36	1:36	3:39	7:46
Petaluma Downtown	9:49	10:49	12:49	1:49	3:52	7:59
Novato San Marin	10:00	11:00	1:00	2:00	4:03	8:10
Novato Hamilton	10:08	11:08	1:08	2:08	4:11	8:18
Marin Civic Center	10:14	11:14	1:14	2:14	4:17	8:24
San Rafael	10:20	11:20	1:20	2:20	4:23	8:30

NORTHBOUND - San Rafael to Sonoma County Airport						
San Rafael	10:52	11:52	1:52	2:55	4:55	8:50
Marin Civic Center	10:58	11:58	1:58	3:01	5:01	8:56
Novato Hamilton	11:04	12:04	2:04	3:07	5:07	9:02
Novato San Marin	11:12	12:12	2:12	3:15	5:15	9:10
Petaluma Downtown	11:23	12:23	2:23	3:26	5:26	9:21
Cotati	11:36	12:36	2:36	3:39	5:39	9:34
Roheert Park	11:40	12:40	2:40	3:43	5:43	9:38
Santa Rosa Downtown	11:47	12:47	2:47	3:50	5:50	9:45
Santa Rosa North	11:52	12:52	2:52	3:55	5:55	9:50
Sonoma County Airport	11:59	12:59	2:59	4:02	6:02	9:57

AM Times
 PM Times
 Special Added AM Run
 SMART FEST Stop

SonomaMarinTrain.org/SMARTfest

👤 6,841 people reached Boost Post

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Thank you, North Bay for celebrating with us at SMART Fest today. What an awesome turnout! Thanks to all of our vendors and to our fabulous bands, The doRiAn Mode and Smash City! A special shout out to our food truck vendors, The Frizzled Shallot, Jam's Joy Bungalow, El Roy's Mexican Grill, Kona Ice, and Trader Jim's Floats! ❤️❤️❤️




2,052 People Reached
 46 Engagements
 309 Clicks
 Boost Post

👍❤️ 39 3 Comments 2 Shares

Media | News Coverage

- September 9, *San Rafael Vets concepts for new transit* (Marin Independent Journal)
- September 9, *California Could See a Beautiful New 300-Mile Hiking Trail Along Its Northern Coast* (Travel Pulse)
- September 9, *Three-hundred-mile hiking trail set to transform California's north coast* (Lonely Planet)
- September 5, *SMART Train looks to expand* (KTVU, Channel 2)
- September 2, *Marin Voice: The SMART train is not at all off to 'an impressive start'* (Marin Independent Journal)
- September 1, *North Coast trail bill re-imagines SMART rail operations extending into Mendocino County* (Santa Rosa Press Democrat)
- August 31, *Texas Man Identified as Pedestrian Struck by SMART Train* (SF Gate)
- August 31, *Pedestrian fatally struck by SMART train in Rohnert Park ID'd as former Texas man* (Santa Rosa Press Democrat)
- August 31, *Man Killed on SMART Train Tracks ID'd* (Rohnert Park Patch)
- August 31, *Man fatally struck by SMART train in Rohnert Park* (Marin Independent Journal)
- August 31, *Pedestrian killed in collision with SMART train* (Napa Valley Register)
- August 30, *Man fatally struck by SMART train in Rohnert Park* (Santa Rosa Press Democrat)
- August 30, *Pedestrian dies when struck by SMART train* (SF Bay)
- August 30, *Pedestrian Struck by SMART Train* (SF Gate)
- August 30, *First report: Man, fatally struck by SMART* (Marin Independent Journal)
- August 30, *Pedestrian Struck, Killed by SMART Train* (Rohnert Park Patch)
- August 30, *Great Redwood Trail Bill Passed State Assembly Today* (Redheaded Blackbelt)
- August 24, *From FRA, a \$200M PTC infusion and an upbeat progress report* (Railway Age)
- August 22, *Editorial: SMART starts strong, but there are promises to fulfill* (Marin Independent Journal)
- August 22, *Petaluma police: Very drunken driver gets stuck on railroad tracks* (Santa Rosa Press Democrat)
- August 22, *Man Drives on SMART Tracks, Arrested For DUI: Police* (Petaluma Patch)
- August 21, *SMART commuter-rail system marks one-year anniversary* (Progressive Railroading)
- August 21, *SMART celebrates one year of service; in it for the long haul* (ScienceBlog.com)

- August 21, *Up Against Legislative Deadline, McGuire Scales Back 'Great Redwood Trail' Plans in Hopes of Getting Bill Past Assembly, Governor* (Lost Coast Outpost)
- August 20, *Marin history: When trains reigned* (Marin Independent Journal)
- August 20, *The SMART train celebrates its first year and eyes future expansion* (Petaluma Argus Courier)
- August 20, *North Bay's SMART train turns 1, eyes future growth* (North Bay Business Journal)
- August 19, *Downtown Santa Rosa shuttle struggling with ridership* (Santa Rosa Press Democrat)
- August 18, *SMART Novato festival celebrates first year of service* (Marin Independent Journal)
- August 17, *SMART Celebrates 1-Year Anniversary with Free Service, Festival* (Novato Patch)
- August 17, *SMART toots its horn after first full year of service* (Marin Independent Journal)
- August 17, *North Bay's SMART train turns 1, eyes future growth* (Santa Rosa Press Democrat)
- August 16, *Woman who died on Novato SMART tracks ID'd* (Santa Rosa Press Democrat)
- August 15, *Dying North Coast railroad could become world-class hiking trail* (Marin Independent Journal)
- August 14, *Dick Spotswood: Taking stock of the SMART train on its anniversary* (Marin Independent Journal)
- August 14, *Suicide suspected in woman's SMART train death* (Petaluma Argus Courier)
- August 13, *Woman dead in Novato after SMART train collision* (Marin Independent Journal)
- August 13, *Woman struck, killed by SMART train in Novato* (Santa Rosa Press Democrat)
- August 13, *Pedestrian Dies After Being Struck by SMART Train in Novato* (KNTV, NBC 11)
- August 13, *Woman struck, killed by SMART train in Novato* (KGO, ABC 7)
- August 10, *Nippon Sharyo to close US plant* (International Railway Journal)
- August 2, *Tell Us: SMART is marking its first year. What do you want to know about the rail line?* (Santa Rosa Press Democrat)
- August 1, *SMART Crews Conducting Overnight Track Maintenance in North Bay* (Novato Patch)
- July 27, *Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit officials resist new Santa Rosa crossing* (Santa Rosa Press Democrat)
- July 25, *Novato approves financial deal for downtown SMART station* (Marin Independent Journal)
- July 25, *The Buzz: School stuff needed, SMART party announced, Alchemia sings* (Petaluma Argus Courier)

- July 20, *Editorial: A summer checklist for California's outdoors* (San Francisco Chronicle)
- July 20, *CA: SMART extension work cuts business at San Rafael stores* (Mass Transit Magazine)
- July 19, *Will the Great Redwood Trail Act Pass Before the NCRA Goes Off the Fiscal Cliff?* (Lost Coast Outpost)
- July 19, *SMART extension work cuts business at San Rafael stores* (Marin Independent Journal)
- July 18, *SMART board approves downtown Novato station plan* (Marin Independent Journal)
- July 17, *CA: Proposal period nears for Novato train station* (Mass Transit Magazine)
- July 16, *SCCRTC Speaker Series* (Capitola Soquel Times)
- July 16, *Proposal period nears for Novato train station* (Marin Independent Journal)
- July 12, *Bay Area Agencies See Smart Bike Program as Last-Mile Transit Solution* (Government Technology)
- July 11, *Downtown Novato SMART station has funding plan* (Marin Independent Journal)
- July 11, *Marin, Sonoma advance toward SMART bike share program* (Marin Independent Journal)
- July 11, *Marin Voice: Novato shouldn't pay for increased cost of SMART station* (Marin Independent Journal)
- July 10, *Tax watchdog sues to block Bay Area toll hike* (Marin Independent Journal)
- July 10, *Editorial: Rail with Trail! What does it mean to you?* (Eureka Times-Standard)
- July 8, *Housing construction accelerates in Sonoma County* (Santa Rosa Press Democrat)
- July 7, *Billions of dollars at stake for transportation in California gas tax repeal effort* (Santa Rosa Press Democrat)
- July 5, *San Rafael's Francisco West closed for SMART extension work* (Marin Independent Journal)
- July 3, *Developer Plans To Build Rare Transit-Oriented Development In North Bay* (BISNOW)
- July 1, *Plan gels to plug Novato SMART station budget hole* (Marin Independent Journal)
- June 28, *San Rafael Transit Center planners seek online feedback* (Marin Independent Journal)
- June 25, *Editorial: Regional toll hike revenue should help Novato SMART station* (Marin Independent Journal)
- June 25, *Healdsburg Lumber plans to relocate from downtown as city focuses on housing* (North Bay Business Journal)
- June 23, *Picturesque Petaluma perfect for sunny getaway* (San Francisco Chronicle)

LARKSPUR EXTENSION PROJECT

- Larkspur station work continues with the construction of the station platform and ramp.
- City of San Rafael Multi Use Pathway from Rice Dr. to Andersen Dr. started with pile driving in August.
- The construction of the re-aligned Francisco Boulevard West continues with the roadway grading, curb and gutter work elements.
- Ductbank excavation started between Irwin and the San Rafael Creek Bridge.
- Construction of the track bridges over San Rafael Creek is on-going.



Multi Use Pathway, Sheet Pile Driving



Larkspur Station Platform Ramp Construction



Francisco Blvd West roadway grading



Francisco Blvd West curb and sidewalk construction



San Rafael Creek Bridge Rebar Instalation for the bridge foundation



Excavation for the conduit installation



Distribute trackwork ties between the Cal Park Tunnel and Auburn Street

VEHICLE ENGINEERING

- Nippon Sharyo has finished work in Japan and prepared car 115-118 for shipment.
- Car 115-118 boarded the Wallenius Wilhelmsen Salome on August 14th in Toyohashi Japan and arrived in Savannah Georgia on September 14th. The cars will begin shipping by rail cross country the week of September 17th.





OPERATIONS

MAINTENANCE OF WAY:

- A new hire Track Maintainer began work on July 30th.
- In July we began dumping ballast and tamping for our surfacing maintenance project to improve track geometry and ride quality.
- Provided 25-man days of flagging for outside parties in June.
- Two Roadway Worker Protection (RWP) classes were held in July along with the Federal Railroad Administration Grade Crossing Inspection class.

TRANSPORTATION:

- Continue to interview for vacant Engineer/Conductor positions.
- Transportation Department is currently Recertifying 7 engineer/conductor certificates to comply with Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 49 Part 240/242 certificates requirements.
- Transportation Department re-submitted Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 49 Part 240 (engineers certificate requirements) and 242 (conductors certificate requirements) revisions, all revisions of Part 240 and 242 were approved by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA).
- Transportation Department worked with Federal Railroad Administration Staff on Code of Federal Regulation 49 Part 227 Occupational Noise Exposure requirements for engineers and conductors noise exposure while operating SMART Diesel Multiple Units (DMU) in Revenue Passenger Service. Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) reviewed all of SMART testing data and approved Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) Part 227 Occupational Noise Exposure requirements for SMART.

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE:

- Automatic Train Control maintenance performed on 4 Diesel Multiple Units.
- Performed mid-year maintenance on 2 Diesel Multiple Units.
- Performed 500-hour oil change on 5 Diesel Multiple Units.
- Started changing out Diesel Multiple Unit wheels and sending them to Utah to have them wheel trued.
- Performed center bushing change out on 2 Diesel Multiple Units and spare Diesel Multiple Unit trucks.
- Repaired damaged front-end skirts on Diesel Multiple Units that were damaged during main line debris strikes.

HUMAN RESOURCES

CURRENT OPEN RECRUITMENTS:

- Engineer-Conductor
- Signal Technician
- Real Estate Officer
- Controller Supervisor
- Payroll Technician
- Supervising Accountant

INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED:

- Engineer-Conductor
- Facilities Maintenance Technician
- Supervising Accountant
- Signal Technician
- Real Estate Officer
- Controller Supervisor

HIRING:

SMART has hired one (1) Laborer; and (1) Signal Technician.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- We had six separations in July and August.
- Open enrollment for CALPERS medical will begin on September 10th through October 5th, 2018.



REAL ESTATE

PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS

Downtown Petaluma Station Property - As litigation is proceeding with the prior approved developer of the property, staff continues to provide support for counsel.

Downtown Santa Rosa Station Property - Staff is continuing to work with the selected developer by providing background materials for the due diligence period in developing a Transit Oriented Development at Railroad Square in Santa Rosa.

Larkspur Extension Project - Staff is continuing work on the remaining tasks that need to be completed as part of the Land Exchange Agreement with a private property owner that has been fully executed. Staff is continuing to work with the title company on the escrow details for the Land Exchange Agreement. In order to not delay construction, a month-to-month lease has been executed allowing the contractor to work on the needed property before escrow is scheduled to close in the late Fall. Staff is continuing to work with the City of San Rafael to take a minor zoning change on the property to the City Council meeting in early November. Final utility legal descriptions and plats are being developed.

In June 2017, a Memorandum of Understanding was executed between SMART and the City of San Rafael for the Larkspur Extension Project which included a Land Exchange. The land exchange is needed for the realignment of Francisco Boulevard West and new alignment of the tracks. Staff is still working on the properties that will be in the Land Exchange Agreement with the City of San Rafael.

Pathway - Coordinating with the local municipalities regarding securing any necessary land rights to accommodate the construction of the pathways and interim access and laydown area needs.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Administrative Office Lease: Staff is working with the owner on the construction of the new offices and conference rooms that need to be built for the reduced office space and the reconfiguration of the work areas. The completion of the move is scheduled for the end of October.

Special Events Completed:

Kaiser Family Wellness Run – September 8th, 2018

Right of Entry Permits Issued:

PG&E – Gas Line Remediation Work – Gas Line repair work – Rush Creek Place, Novato - Permit extension granted

PG&E – Gas line inspection Work – W Los Robles Road, Santa Rosa

City of Santa Rosa – Sanitary sewer line rehab work – Santa Rosa

PG&E – Relocation of poles and new electrical lines at Francisco Blvd. West, San Rafael.

PG&E – Vegetation trimming/removal in Windsor – Permit extension granted

City of Cotati – Repaving of East Cotati Avenue

Staff is continuing working on issuing Right of Entry Permits/License with:

City of Santa Rosa – Pathway crossing at Hearn Avenue.

PG&E - Installation of new gas line – San Miguel Road for the Coffey Park Restoration, Santa Rosa

Sonic – Numerous Access Permits issued for work on fiber optics lines.

COMCAST – Staff is still working to finalize outstanding license agreement fees. Fiber Optic installation verifications in 7 locations. Agreements to be revised.

Marin County Flood Control/City of San Rafael – Clearing of vegetation – Drainage Channel

PG&E – Vegetation trimming/removal

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Surface Division met with staff on several occasions and rode trains to better understand the right of way and operations of SMART. TSA has been a valuable partner in the “See Something, Say Something” campaign and awareness messaging.

Staff participated in a regional review of the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) and Stakeholder Preparedness Review Guide. This comprehensive guide published by the Department of Homeland Security provides guidance for agencies on conducting risk assessments for their systems.

Staff participated in the TSA Mass Transit and Passenger Rail Stakeholder meeting. This meeting includes updates on; intelligence, rulemaking, cyber, and transit security grants.

SMART hosted a team of delegates from Japan in coordination with the City of Sausalito. The group enjoyed a train ride and was hosted by safety, outreach and operations staff to address any questions they had.

Attended the Sonoma County Chiefs meeting at Sonoma County Sheriff’s Office. The meeting is an opportunity to discuss industry and County wide trends and concerns. The group was given an overview of the Todd Road incident and discussed lessons learned.

Trespassing along the right of way continues to be an issue code compliance addresses on a daily basis.



Ongoing trespassing along the right of way. The photo was taken in Petaluma where Petaluma Police arrested a chronic trespasser. The arrestee was arrested for violation of probation.

A trespasser in Petaluma standing on the tracks. She has been warned to stay off the tracks and trespassing on SMART property.



Homeless encampments continue to be addressed throughout the Larkspur extension area. The below camp was reported by one of our Larkspur contractors requesting it be cleared.



This couple told code compliance they were out for a walk (Piner Road Area). The pair was told they were trespassing and to find another place for their daily walk.





Code Compliance observed the below individual trespassing and displaying unsafe behavior. Santa Rosa Police was called for assistance and the subject was arrested on unrelated violations by Santa Rosa police.

Small homeless camps and individuals sleeping along the pathway continues to be addressed. The pathway near College Ave. in Santa Rosa.



This individual was contacted in Petaluma and advised to find another path for his daily run.



A group of five youth were contacted playing on the tracks near Golden Gate Pl. in Novato.



Chief Welch met with San Rafael City Schools several times to discuss events across the railroad tracks. The school was initially interested in having the homecoming parade across the railroad tracks but after having a better understanding of the safety concerns and having the best interest of students in mind, they will be rerouting the parade from now on so it does not cross the tracks.

SMART responded to an accident in Novato Hamilton area. The female was trespassing on the tracks when she was struck and killed. SMART responded along with Novato Police, Novato Fire and Marin County Sheriff's Office Coroner. After the incident, SMART staff held a debriefing both internally and with responding agencies.

Chief Welch participated in a Department of Homeland Security Mass Transit briefing. The topics included intelligence updates, industry trends and upcoming training for rail security managers.

Department of Homeland Security hosted a subsequent briefing from the Office of Cybersecurity and Communications. This briefing provided more detail on industry trends in the cyber world as well as upcoming training opportunities for cyber and technology in the transportation field.

SMART responded to an accident involving a pedestrian who was struck by the train in Rohnert Park near the Golf Course Drive crossing. According to police reports, the young man was wearing headphones and did not see the train or hear the train horn until it was too late. The gates were working properly, and an investigation showed that the engineer also responded properly. Following any incident such as this one, SMART conducts a thorough review of all safety measures and requires staff involved to participate in an incident debriefing meeting, to see if any improvements can be made. This procedure reinforces the importance of following our safety protocols, allows us to share any lessons learned, and helps us find ways to improve our response across the board.

Any time someone is injured or a life is lost, our team here at SMART is also deeply affected. Our hearts go out to the friends and family of anyone involved in these incidents. Our commitment to them and to our community is to continue to make safety our top priority. Through education, enforcement and the best engineering our team has to offer, our goal is to keep our system as safe as can be.



GRANTS, LEGISLATION, PLANNING AND REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

UPCOMING GRANTS AND AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Active Transportation Program (ATP): The California Transportation Commission (CTC) and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) requested applications for ATP funds by July 31. This programming cycle covers funding for Fiscal Years 2019-20 through 2022-23. The program has \$100 million annually, with 50% programmed by the regions and 50% decided by the CTC on a statewide basis. The State will announce the prioritized projects from their portion of the program by December 31, 2018. In the regional programming, MTC will program their share of the ATP funds after the state, with a decision from MTC due to the CTC by February 2019.

SMART submitted two requests for this round of ATP funding. The first is the *SMART Pathway Santa Rosa to Rohnert Park Gap Closure Project* to construct the remaining 2.8-miles of pathway to be constructed between Bellevue Avenue in Southwest Santa Rosa and Golf Course Drive in Rohnert Park. This request is for \$5.8 million of ATP funds to complete a \$7.1 million estimated project cost and would complete 10.3-miles of Class 1 pathway between Guerneville Road in Santa Rosa and Sonoma Mountain Village south of Rohnert Park/Cotati. The application includes letters of support from SMART's California Legislative Delegation (McGuire, Dodd, Levine, Aguilar-Curry), County of Sonoma, City of Santa Rosa, City of Rohnert Park, City of Cotati, Sonoma County Transportation Authority-Regional Climate Protection Authority, and Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition.

The second submittal is for the *SMART Pathway Windsor to Petaluma Gap Closure Project* to construct the remaining 11.8-miles of pathway over the 22.5-mile corridor between Windsor and Petaluma. This request is for \$27.5 million of ATP funds to complete the \$31.9 million estimated project cost. The application includes letters of support from SMART's California Legislative Delegation (McGuire, Dodd, Levine, Wood, Aguilar-Curry), County of Sonoma, City of Santa Rosa, City of Rohnert Park, City of Cotati, Town of Windsor, City of Petaluma, Sonoma County Transportation Authority-Regional Climate Protection Authority, and Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition.

Federal Railroad Administration – Positive Train Control Systems Grant (PTC): The Federal Railroad Administration issued Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for \$250 million in Positive Train Control (PTC) Systems Grants and applications were due on July 2. SMART submitted a request for \$5 million in funding for a portion of the PTC Systems costs associated with extending rail service north from Sonoma County Airport Station and FRA has announced that SMART's application is being funded.

Federal Railroad Administration – Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Grant (CRISI): The Federal Railroad Administration issued Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for \$318 million in Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Grant (CRISI) on July 18, 2018. Applications are due on September 17 and funds are to be used to primarily support freight rail and Inter-City Passenger Rail (versus Commuter Rail systems like SMART).

LONG RANGE PLANNING ACTIVITIES

2018 California State Rail Plan: On September 7, 2018, the State released the Final version of the 2018 California State Rail Plan. The Rail Plan details the State’s framework for investing in and integrating California’s rail network for the next 20 years and beyond. The Final State Rail plan can be found here: www.californiastaterailplan.com.

Regional Transportation Plan Update: The Metropolitan Transportation Commission has begun the process of updating the Regional Transportation Plan, currently named *Plan Bay Area 2040*. The updated financially constrained plan will be called *Plan Bay Area 2050*. MTC is starting this process re-evaluating projects submitted for inclusion in the prior plan but excluded from the final plan due to regional performance standards. SMART Rail Extensions - Windsor to Healdsburg and Cloverdale were excluded from the last regional transportation plan and are currently undergoing re-evaluation. MTC is also developing an unconstrained transportation vision plan called Horizon and has requested submittals of transit and roadway projects that have never been submitted for inclusion in a Regional Transportation Plan, such as the SMART East-West/Highway 37 Corridor Rail Project. Horizon project submittals were due September 9 and SMART and other parties have submitted the East-West/Highway 37 rail project for consideration. The MTC-led visioning exercise will be developed using the following guiding principles:

- **Affordable:** All Bay Area residents and workers have sufficient housing options they can afford—households are economically secure.
- **Connected:** An expanded, well-functioning transportation system connects the Bay Area—fast, frequent and efficient intercity trips are complemented by a suite of local transportation options, connecting communities and creating a cohesive region.
- **Diverse:** Bay Area residents support an inclusive region where people from all backgrounds, abilities and ages can remain in place—with access to the region’s assets and resources.
- **Healthy:** The region’s natural resources, open space, clean water and clean air are conserved—the region actively reduces its environmental footprint and protects residents from environmental impacts.
- **Vibrant:** The Bay Area is an innovation leader, creating quality job opportunities for all and ample fiscal resources for communities.

State Route 37 Environmental Working Group: Staff attended the State Route 37 Environmental Working Group meeting held at MTC on Thursday July 31st, 2018. The group discussed all the environmental work being conducted on analyzing the Highway, what alternatives are being considered, and opportunities for early ecological enhancement and restoration.

Station Area Plans and Development (Downtown Rohnert Park) – The Rohnert Park Planning Commission held a study session on Wednesday August 8th to discuss the future Downtown Rohnert Park Development. Staff was in attendance to answer questions and provide feedback to the city and developer.

SYSTEM ACCESS PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Transit Coordination Meetings:

- On September 5, 2018, Staff attended the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) monthly Transit Finance Working group meeting.
- September 12, 2018 – Staff attended Sonoma County Transportation Authority’s monthly Transit Technical Advisory Committee meeting.

Transit Support Programs:

Sonoma County Transportation Authority launched their new **Emergency Ride Home Program**. The program provides up to four guaranteed emergency rides home costing up to \$125 each. The program is similar to the existing Transportation Authority of Marin’s Emergency Ride Home program.

Information on the SCTA program can be found here: <http://scta.ca.gov/projects/emergency-ride/>

Information on the TAM program can be found here: <https://www.tam.ca.gov/erh/>

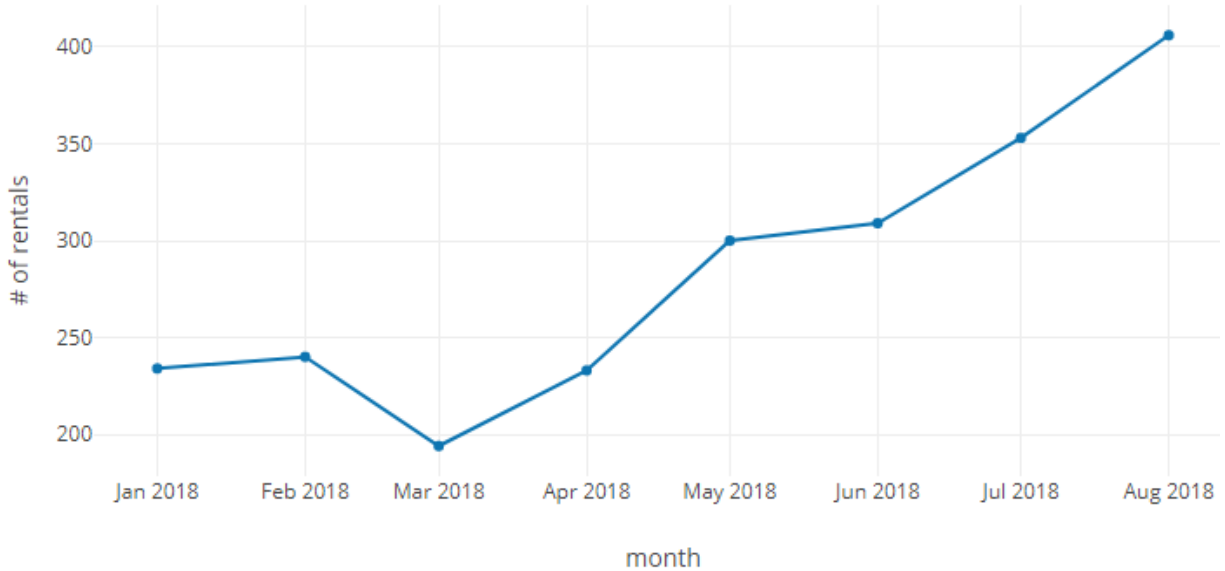
BIKE ACCESS AND PARKING

Rohnert Park and Cotati Bike Share Meeting – The Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) and Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) submitted a joint application to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to receive a grant to create a bike share system in close proximity to the SMART stations. Grant funds became available in July. SCTA & TAM put out a Request for Information on Bike Share programs. Those responses are due on September 17th, and the responses received will help shape a future Request for Proposals to select a vendor to create a bike share system. A meeting was held on Thursday July 31st, 2018 to engage local stakeholders from Rohnert Park & Cotati to update them on the program and to share feedback on how the system could function.

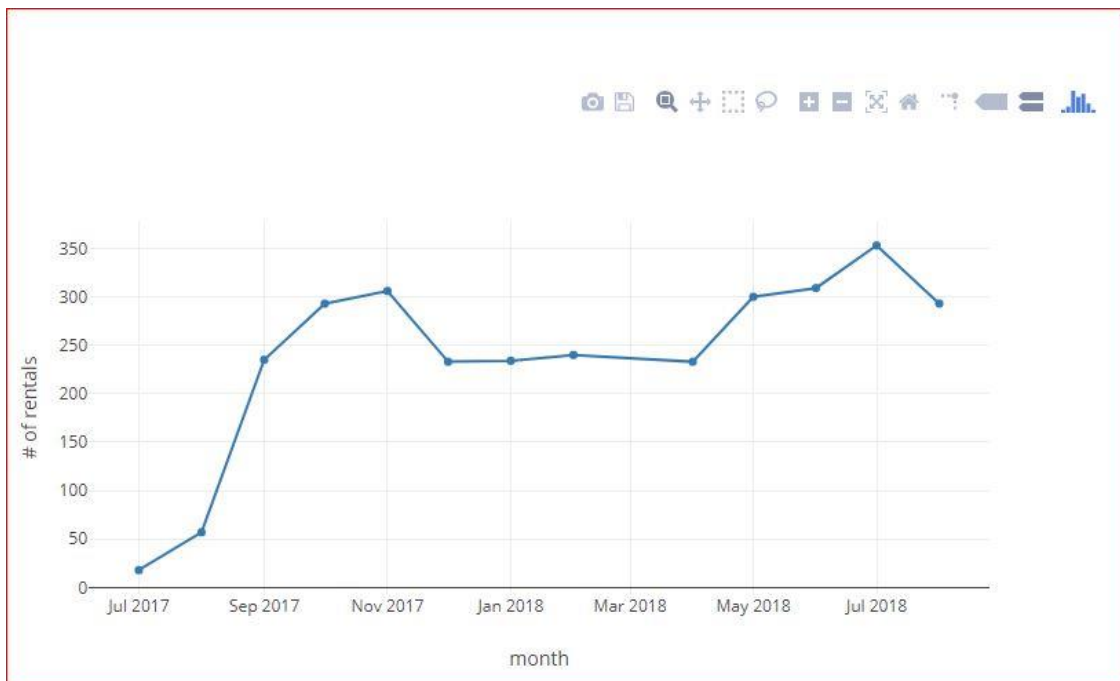
BikeLink™ Lockers – SMART has installed 34 electronic lockers accommodating 68 bicycles at SMART stations. Each station has a minimum of 4 locker parking spaces and efforts are underway to ensure that any new stations in the system will have electronic lockers, as space and resources allow. The locker vendor, BikeLink™, has locker locations throughout the Bay Area and more information on how to use the system can be found here: <https://www.bikelink.org>.

BikeLink has recently completed a successful pilot program with BART testing Clipper card use on BikeLink lockers. BikeLink is beta testing several features of Clipper card implementation before conducting a General Release of Clipper on BikeLink, currently anticipated to launch later this year. SMART’s BikeLink lockers will be one of the first Clipper-enabled bicycle locker systems in the Bay Area.

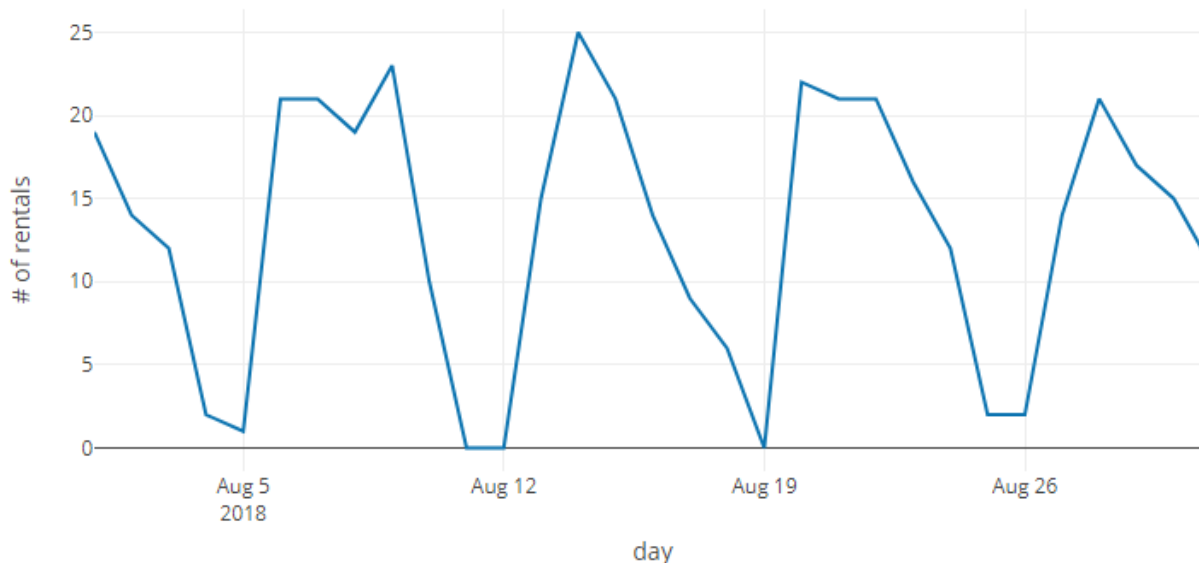
BikeLink locker usage reports from January 2018 to August 2018 show an overall increase in the number of locker rentals. Thus far this year, there has been over 36,000 in hours parked at SMART's eLockers serving 136 cyclists.



BikeLink locker usage reports for the month of August 2018 indicate that Santa Rosa Downtown continues to have the largest number of rentals. Since BikeLink locker installation was complete in July 2017 through today SMART's electronic lockers are getting 2.65 unique cyclists per space. This usage is considered strong for only being in the first year of usage when compared to other Bay Area installations, according to the vendor. Generally, usage increases steadily over the first five years. See total monthly rental starts below:



System-wide daily locker usage for the month of August 2018 is shown here with usage peaking at 30-38% of systemwide total lockers.



Summer of 2018 has seen increased competition for locker space at individual stations. Notably, Novato Hamilton has, since May 1, seen high occupancy rates at the four electronic lockers provided at the station, with lockers being completely full 14 of those days. About 65% of weekdays sees 3 of the 4 spaces being utilized at Novato Hamilton. The BikeLink vendor, eLock, generally recommends that when a location is filling up 75%+ of the time to provide more spaces for bike parking. There needs to be enough space so that cyclists will be confident in their ability to get a space when they arrive. If that confidence is not there, usage declines. Staff is exploring options for addressing locker capacity concerns. Note that each of SMART stations also has 10 bicycle racks provided.

