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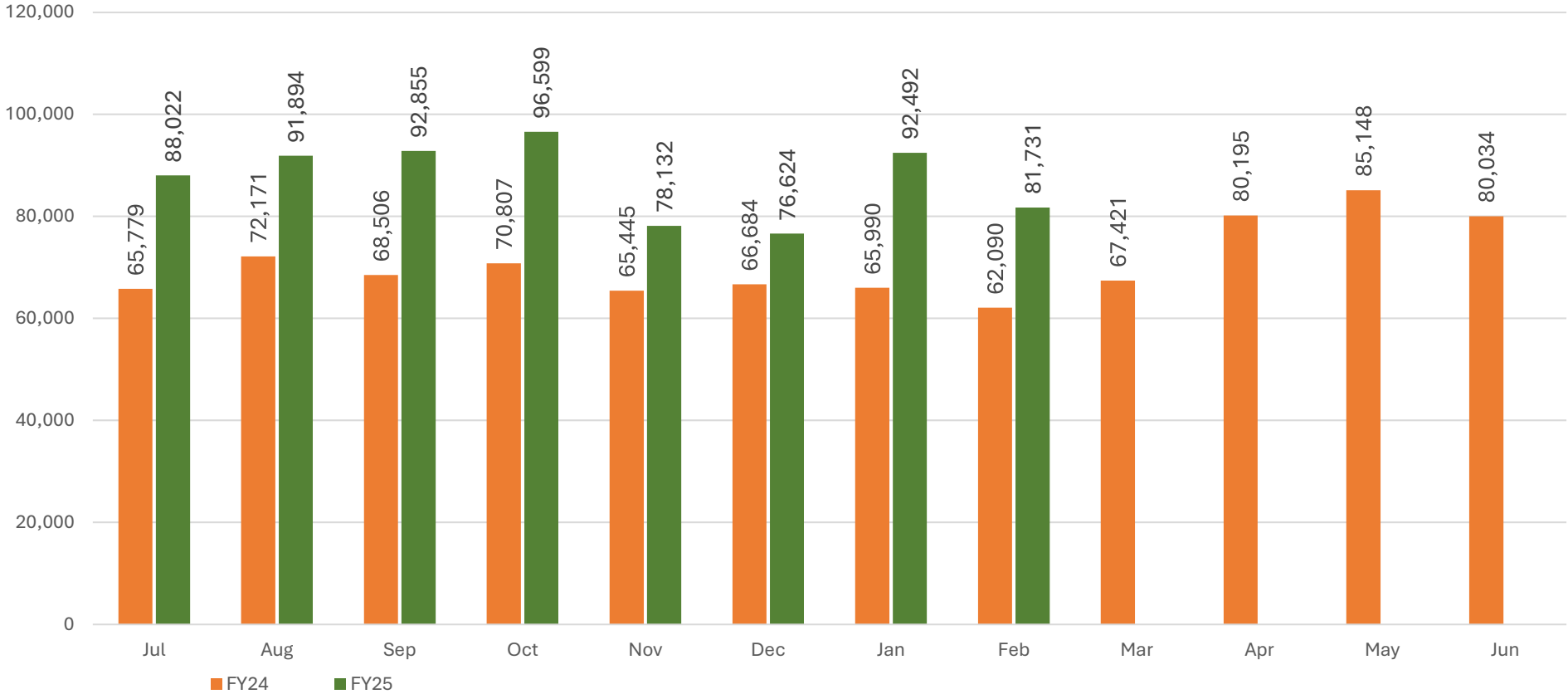
General Manager's Report

- Ridership Report

- Upcoming Service Improvements

- Pathway Opening Events

- Windsor Extension Update

- 2026 Election Cycle

- Questions

SMART Ridership (Monthly)

February ridership = 81,731
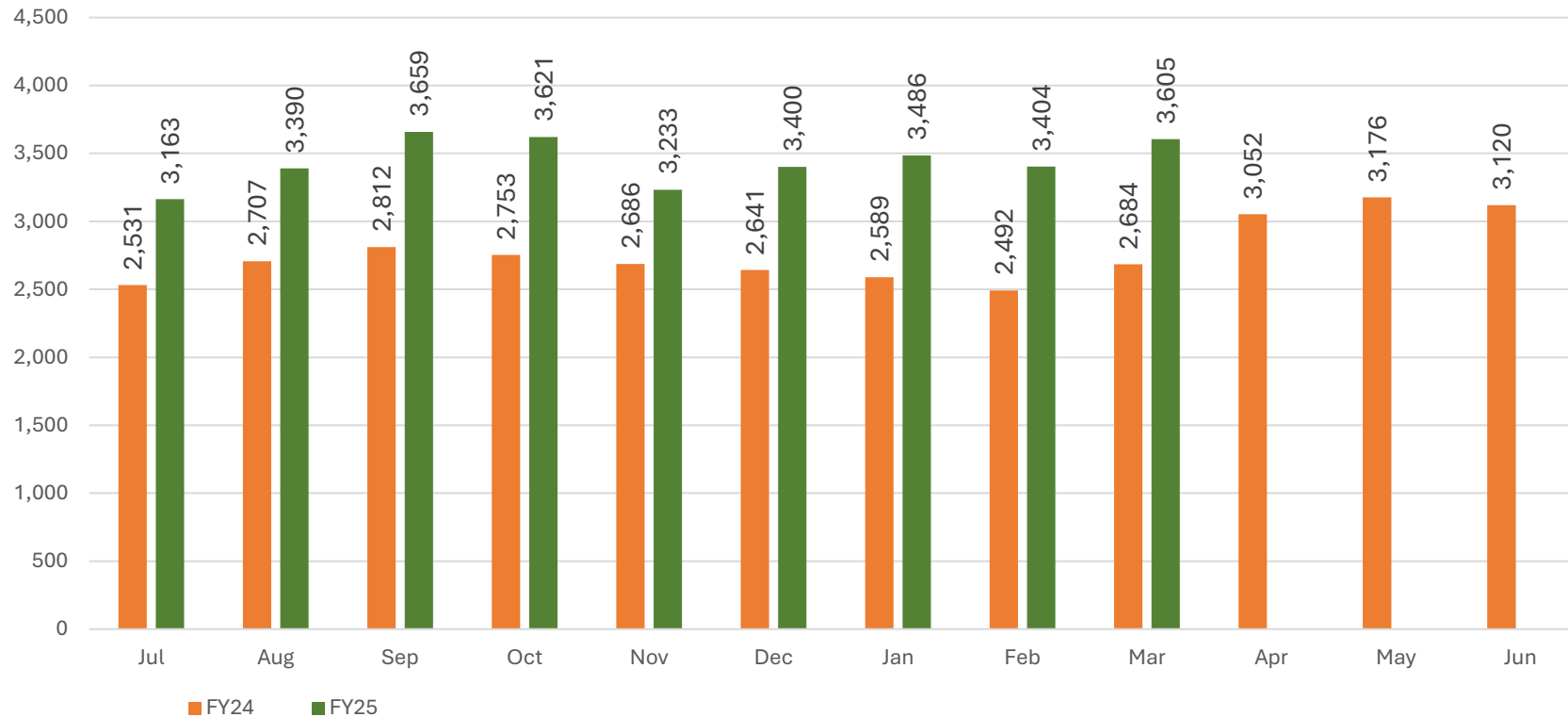- 32% higher than Feb 2024

Average Weekday Ridership

February Average Weekday ridership: 3,404
- 37% over Feb 2024

March Average Weekday ridership to date: 3,605
- 34% over Mar 2024

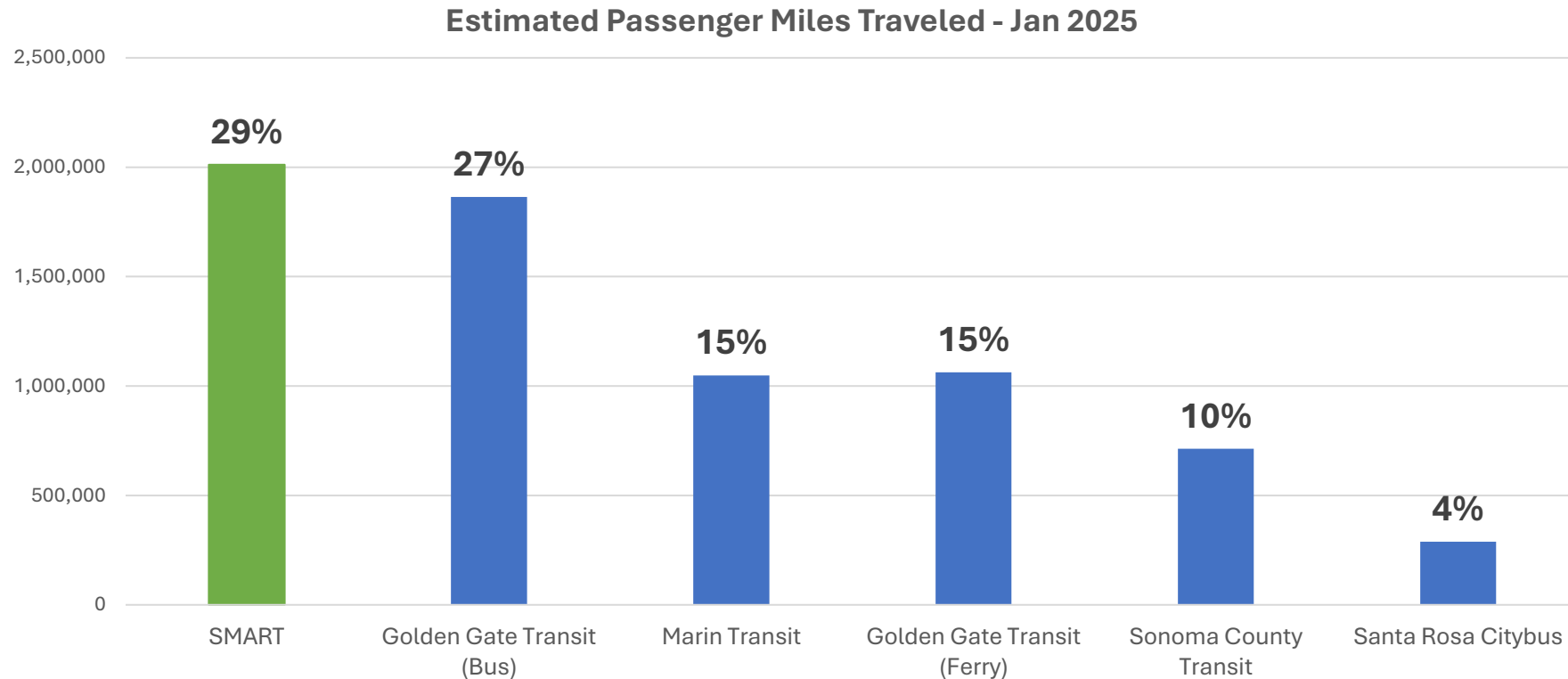|	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
FY24	2,531	2,707	2,812	2,753	2,686	2,641	2,589	2,492	2,684	3,052	3,176	3,120
FY25	3,163	3,390	3,659	3,621	3,233	3,400	3,486	3,404	3,605			

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Marin-Sonoma Monthly Ridership (Jan)

- SMART had 92,492 boardings in January
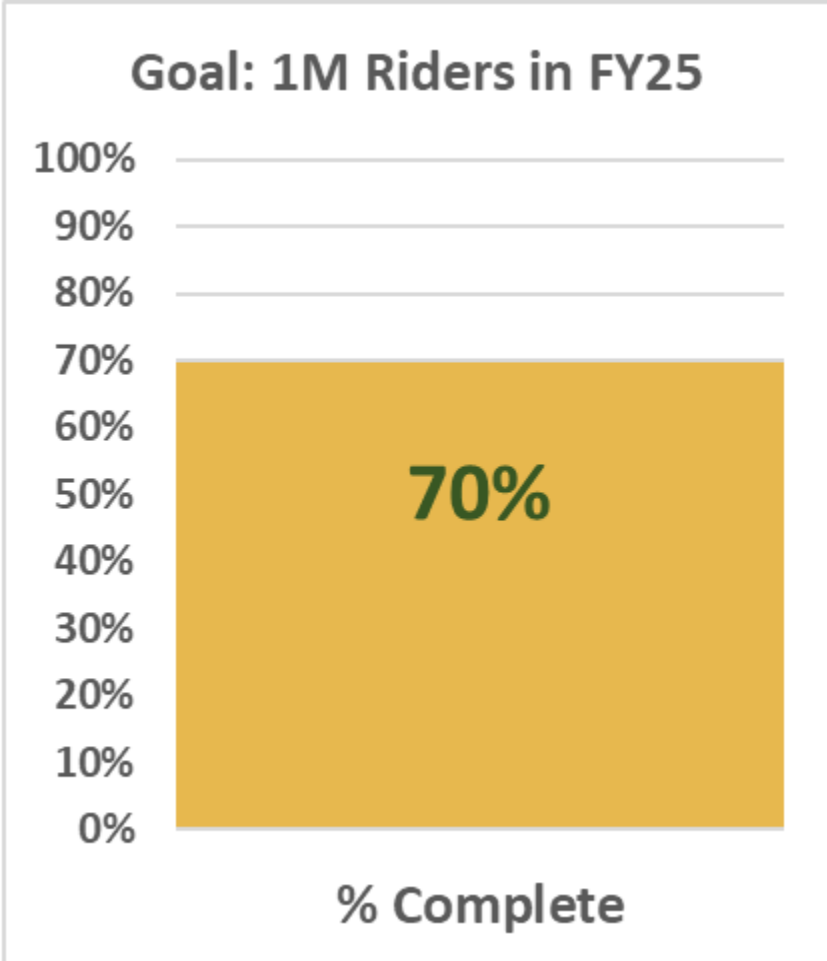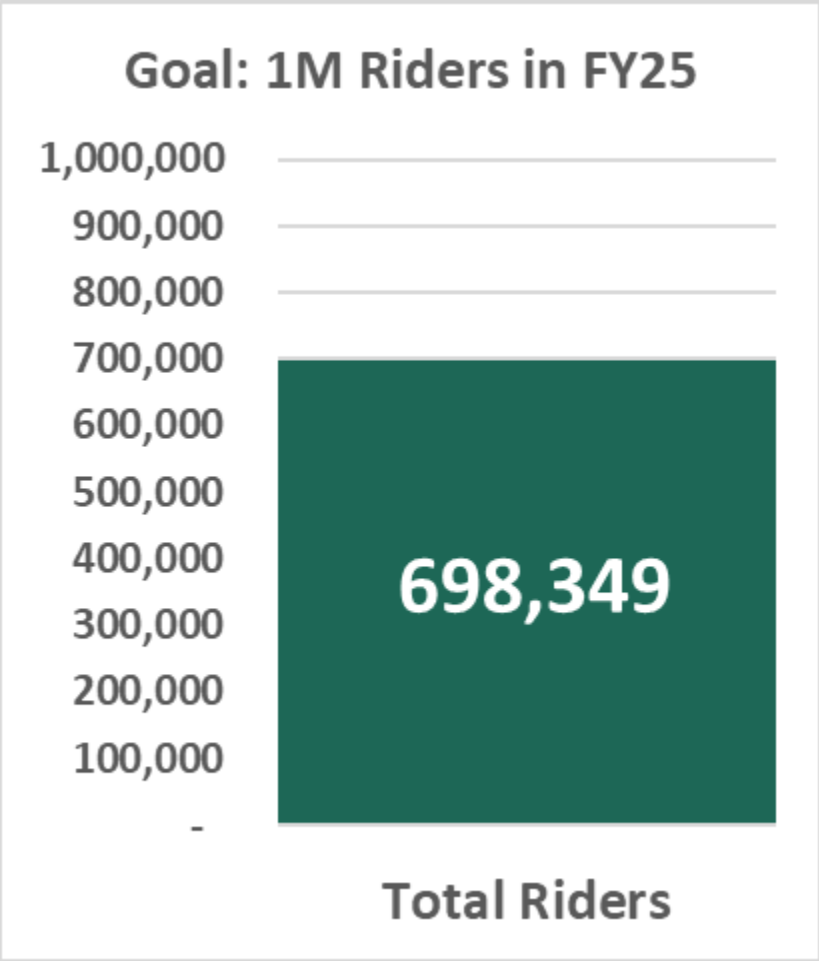- 5th highest in Marin/Sonoma
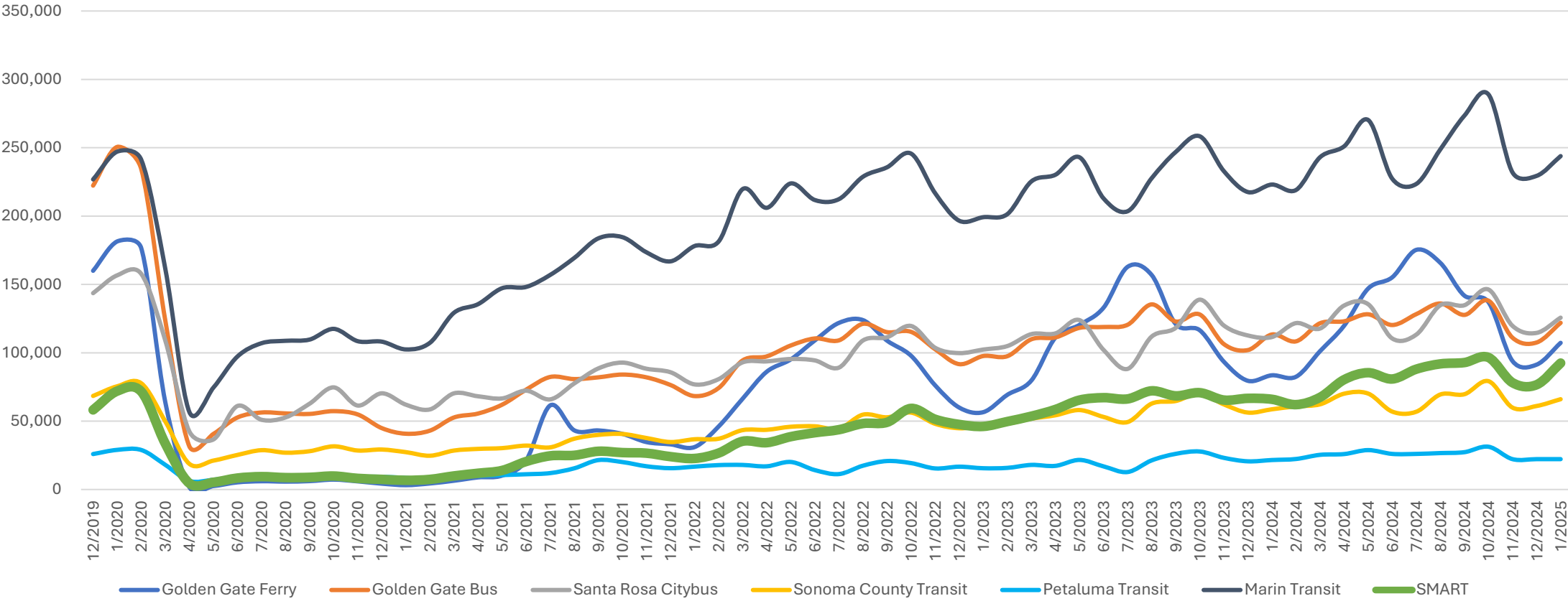
Passenger Miles Traveled (Jan)

- SMART carried over 2 Million passenger miles in January
- 29% of total and **highest** in Marin/Sonoma

Estimated Passenger Miles Traveled - Jan 2025

Bar chart showing Estimated Passenger Miles Traveled - Jan 2025:
- SMART: 29% (~2,000,000)
- Golden Gate Transit (Bus): 27% (~1,850,000)
- Marin Transit: 15% (~1,050,000)
- Golden Gate Transit (Ferry): 15% (~1,050,000)
- Sonoma County Transit: 10% (~700,000)
- Santa Rosa Citybus: 4% (~280,000)

SMART to 1 Million Riders in FY25 (Jul-Feb)

Goal: 1M Riders in FY25 — Total Riders: 698,349

Goal: 1M Riders in FY25 — % Complete: 70%

SMART to 22 Million Passenger Miles in FY25 (Jul-Feb)

Goal: 22M Passenger Miles in FY25

Total Passenger Miles: 14,755,866

Goal: 22M Passenger Miles in FY25

% Complete: 67%
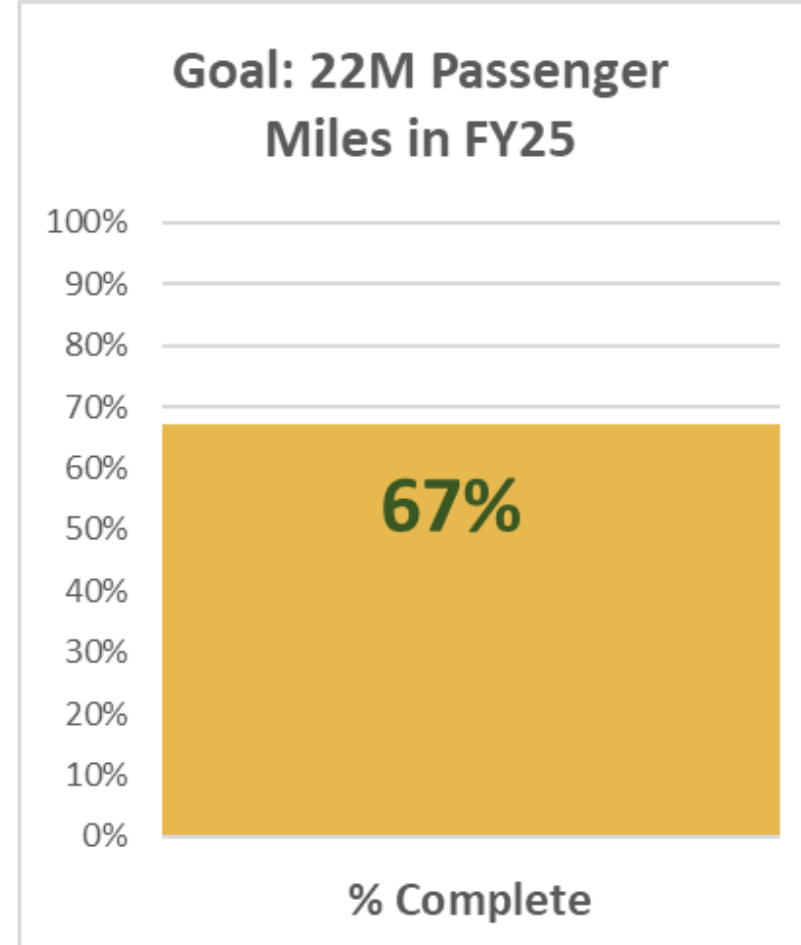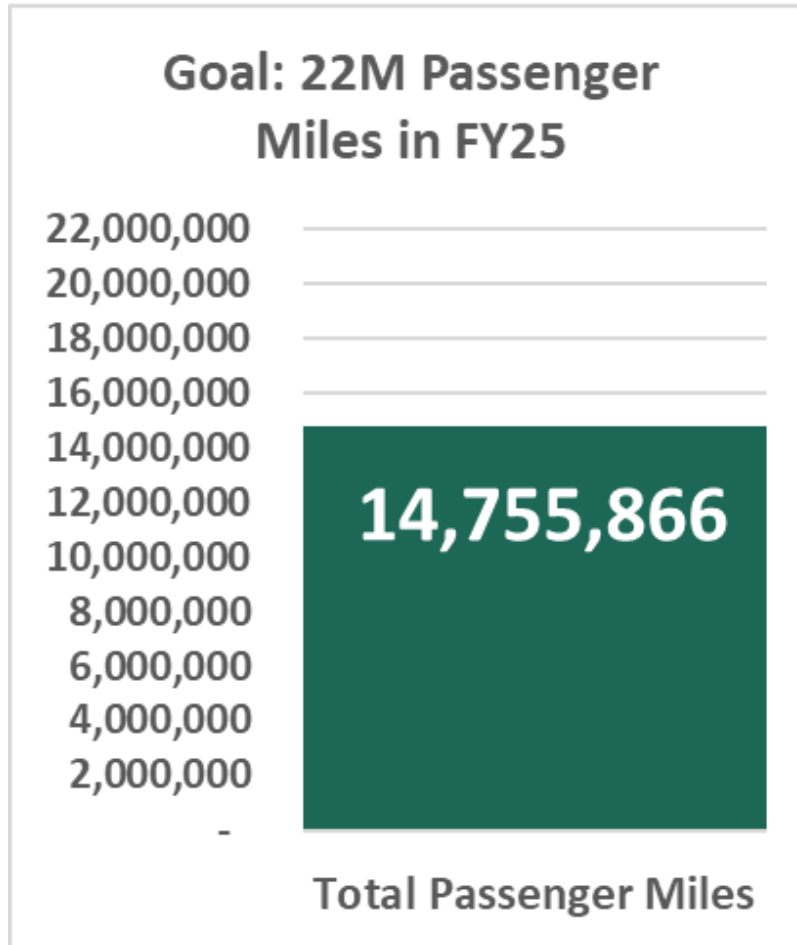
SMART Pathway Counts
March 2023-February 2025

- **60,863 pathway trips in February**
- **29% over Feb 2024**
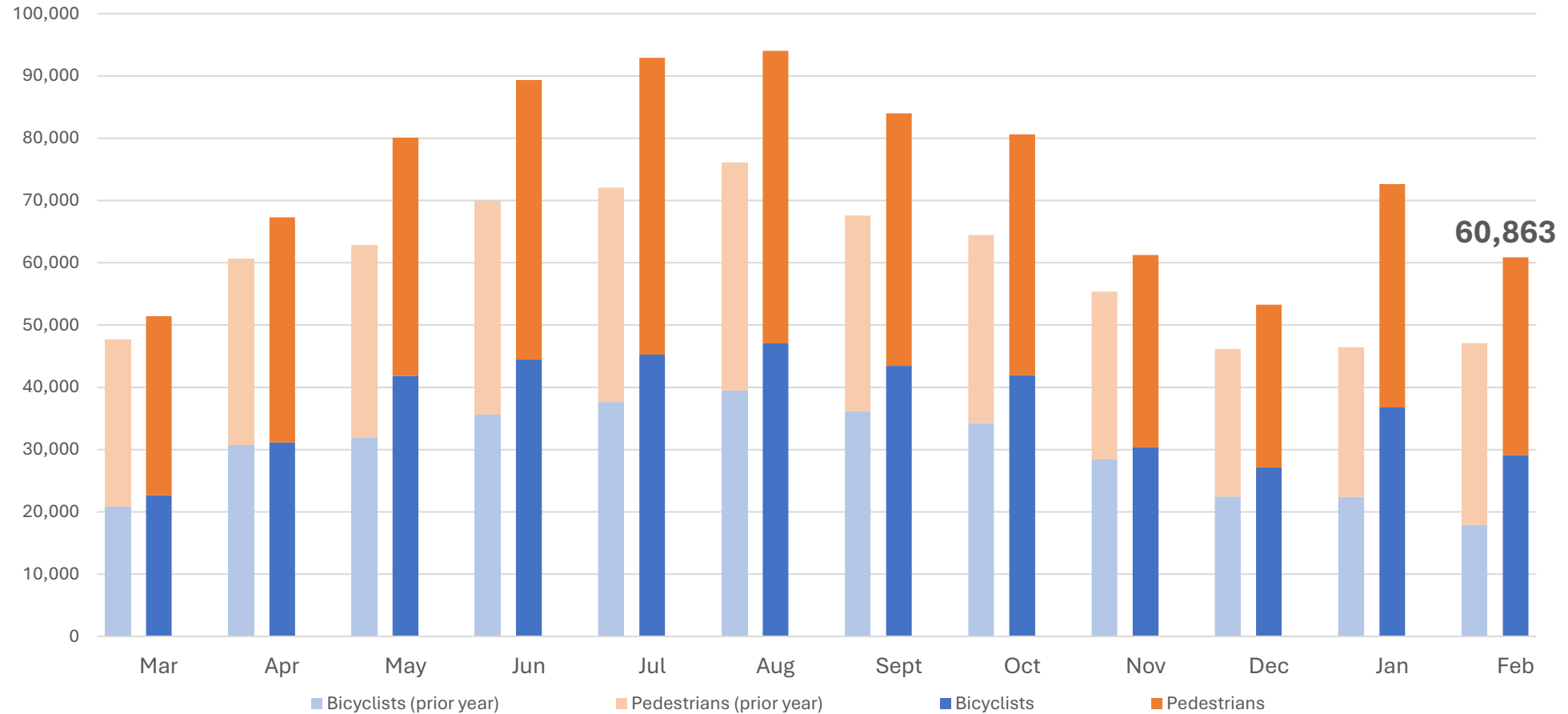
Connect Larkspur Expansion

- Based on the success of the Larkspur Connect shuttle to date, we are planning to expand to 7 days per week starting Monday, April 7th

- Averaging over 40 riders/day since Jan 1st

- Continued funding partnership between SMART, Golden Gate Transit, and Transportation Authority of Marin

- Launch timed to support the beginning of Giants season, on Saturday, April 4

Sonoma County Transit – Route 20 Coordination

- SCT changed alignment of **Route 20** to provide better connection to SMART in Downtown Santa Rosa

- Route 20 connects the Lower Russian River area and Sebastopol to the Santa Rosa Transit Mall via Hwy 12

- Bus now stops on 3rd street to provide a SMART connection

- Change took effect Sunday, March 16th

- SCT has added SMART times to its schedule to improve customer information

Pathway Opening Events

SMART is inviting the public to join us to celebrate the opening of two new segments of the SMART Pathway/Great Redwood Trail in Sonoma County

Rohnert Park to Santa Rosa Walk, Ride, Roll—Saturday. April 26th
- Start time: 10:30 AM
- Start location: SMART Rohnert Park Station
- End location: Andy Lopez Unity Park

Petaluma to Penngrove Walk, Ride, Roll—Sunday, April 27th
- Start time: 10:30 AM
- Start location: SMART Petaluma North Station
- End location: Penngrove Market Patio

Windsor Extension Update

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Windsor Extension Update

- Major Progress
  - All track is in place
  - Pathway is paved
  - Station and shelters are constructed
  - Station parking lot is paved
- Finishing up Train Control Systems installation
- Next Steps
  - Train testing planned for April
  - Testing will take longer due to limited hours
    - Contractor request for 24/7 testing window denied
    - Testing hours limited to 7am to 10pm to mitigate community disruption
    - Requires closure of Airport Station on multiple weekends
  - Pre-Revenue testing planned for May

Windsor Extension – Schedule

ACTIVITY	March	April	May	June
Complete Track/Station/Pathway	▓			
Train Testing		▓		
Simulated Service			▓	
Open for Passengers				◊

TEMPORARY CLOSURE
SONOMA COUNTY AIRPORT STATION

April 5 - 6 | April 12 - 13 | April 20 | April 26 - 27 *tentative*

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What to expect over the next few months

Systems Testing – Starting early April

- One test train operating between Sonoma County Airport Station and Windsor Station

- Grade Crossing Warning Systems (Lights, Gates, Bells)
  - Proves safe operation of warning devices

- Train Control System (Speed Enforcement)
  - Proves proper speed enforcement throughout Windsor Extension

- Public will hear the train horn and bell at grade crossings, along with bells located on warning devices
  - Between 7 am and 10 pm, 7 days a week

What to expect over the next few months

Simulated Service – Starting early May

- Involves SMART operating full-frequency revenue service without passengers

- Provides time to familiarize engineers with the new territory

- Enables extension of systems testing under full-frequency operation

- Until Town of Windsor establishes a Quiet Zone, public will hear the train horn at Shiloh Road, Mitchell Lane, the Windsor Roundabout, and Windsor Station Access crossing

- 42 trips per day (plus deadhead trips)
  - Weekdays: 4:00 am and 10:30 pm
  - Weekends: 6:30 am and 9:30 pm

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Train Horn Requirements – When Used

Federal Regulations require SMART's engineers to sound the horn approaching grade crossings

- 49 CFR Part 222 Subpart B - Use of Locomotive Horns

- § 222.21 When must a locomotive horn be used?

  - (a) Except as provided in this part, the locomotive horn on the lead locomotive of a train, lite locomotive consist, individual locomotive or lead cab car **shall be sounded** when such locomotive or lead cab car is approaching a public highway-rail grade crossing. Sounding of the locomotive horn with two long blasts, one short blast and one long blast shall be initiated at a location so as to be in accordance with paragraph (b) of this section and shall be repeated or prolonged until the locomotive occupies the crossing. This pattern may be varied as necessary where crossings are spaced closely together.

BE ALERT and AWARE NEAR TRACKS & TRAINS

- Never walk on the railroad tracks.
  - It's illegal and dangerous.
- Only cross the tracks at designated railroad crossings.
- Always wait for the bells and lights to stop, and the gate to rise before crossing.
- Never stop your car on the tracks.
- Stay alert: Don't be distracted by cell phones or headphones.

Opening for Passenger Service

- Start of passenger service
  - *Late May 2025*

- Grand Opening Event
  - *Tentative Date: June 13, 2025*

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2026 Election Cycle

- 2026 choices
  - June (Primary Election)
  - November (General Election)

- Requirements: At least 88 days prior to election
  - Board passes resolution containing the following information:
    - Calls for an election to put a measure on the ballot
    - Requests Sonoma/Marin County Supervisors to consolidate the election with other elections held on the same date
    - Requests Sonoma/Marin County Supervisors permit the Elections Department to provide election services (SMART will pay for cost incurred)
    - Provides text of measure question to appear on the ballot (75-word limit)

- Pre-work required
  - Determine readiness (survey)
  - Develop expenditure plan
  - Draft and adopt Ordinance and ballot question
  - Draft and adopt resolution to place to place full text tax measure in the next election

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