

Over the past two years, Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) trains have carried 1.5 million passengers, including over 5,700 passengers who require wheelchair access and 150,000 bicycles. We are proud to help residents in Marin and Sonoma counties travel throughout our region.

Environmentally Friendly Transportation

SMART has reduced greenhouse gas emissions by carrying 700,000 passengers annually – taking people off the road who would otherwise have been driving on Highway 101 or local streets. It is critical that our area has a green transportation option like SMART’s modern passenger train.



Convenient, Efficient Transit

The SMART train and its bicycle and pedestrian path are valuable public assets. With fare discounts available to approximately half of all riders, including seniors, teachers, students, commuters, youth and disabled riders, use of the SMART system is expanding every day. As ridership increases and SMART opens new stations, like those Larkspur and downtown Novato, we need to continue investing in our transit network to ensure it remains effective and efficient.

Continuing Local Funding

Since 2008, the North Bay has benefited from a ¼-of-one cent sales tax that funds operations and expansion of our local rail system. The SMART Board of Directors voted to place a measure on the ballot to extend this funding with no tax increase. If passed, this measure would:

- Relieve traffic congestion on Highway 101 and local streets by continuing to fund SMART as an alternative to driving
- Expand the SMART transit network to new stations in additional cities
- Increase the frequency of SMART trains
- Improve safety along the SMART train rail line
- Add additional parking at SMART stations

Mandatory Fiscal Accountability

- The same fiscal accountability provisions that have ensured existing funding has been spent as promised would be included in this extension measure
- Every penny would benefit Marin and Sonoma counties and could not be taken by the State
- An independent citizens’ oversight committee would continue to review all expenditures
- SMART has collected \$320 million in federal, state and regional matching funds and an extension measure would allow our transportation system to qualify for more funding

Saving \$12.2 Million in Interest Costs per Year

- Extending funding with no tax increase would allow SMART to restructure debt and save \$12.2 million annually, which would fully fund operations from Larkspur to Windsor for the next 30 years

For More Information

Learn more by visiting www.sonomamarintrain.org.