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## SMART celebrates its first year of service with a festival on August 18 and free train service on the weekend of the event

After carrying more than 630,000 passengers since opening its doors, the SMART train is celebrating its first year of service with a free festival in the North Bay and free train service on the weekend of the event.

Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) is inviting the community to a celebration on **Saturday, August 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m**. at the **Novato Hamilton Station**. The event includes live music, food trucks, North Bay businesses, and local beer and wine vendors. The event will also include free activities for children. As part of the celebration, SMART is also offering free train service on August 18 and 19, and increasing service with extra trips to get people to and from the festival.

"This celebration is our way of saying 'thank you' to our North Bay community for making our passenger rail service a huge success," said Debora Fudge, chairwoman of SMART's Board of Directors. "We're offering free train service throughout that weekend so that people can take the train to this event and elsewhere. They can relax and enjoy the festival without the hassle of traffic or parking."

"In just one year of service, SMART has been fortunate to have a strong and loyal following," said Judy Arnold, vice chairwoman of SMART's Board of Directors. "This is a wonderful way to share our gratitude with our community—it's time to celebrate."

SMART began passenger rail service in the North Bay in August of 2017. The system currently covers 43 miles, from Santa Rosa to downtown San Rafael, with stops in Cotati, Rohnert Park, Petaluma and Novato. SMART's Larkspur extension is currently under construction and is expected to be completed by the end of 2019. SMART also plans to extend further north into Windsor, Healdsburg, and Cloverdale.

The free service schedule for this event is available at <u>www.SonomaMarinTrain.org/SMARTFest</u>. For more information about SMART visit <u>www.SonomaMarinTrain.org</u>.



## 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			
Rohnert 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			
Rohnert 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



a North Bay community celebration August 13, 2013 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. SMART Novato Hamilton Station

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## FREE TRAIN SERVICE AUGUST 18 & 19