# **General Manager's Report** May 18, 2022 106

## **Bill Gamlen**



13 Year Anniversary!



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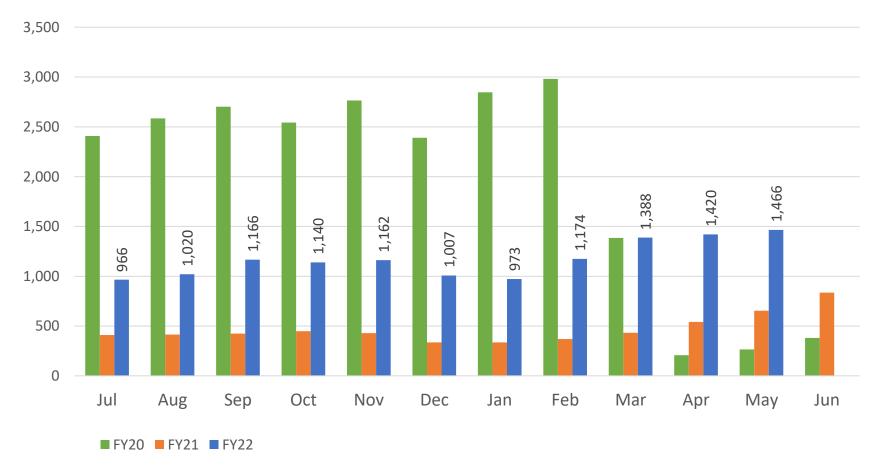
#### **Updates**

- Ridership
- Muir Woods Connection
- Community Outreach
- Freight Update
- Highlight of the Month

#### Questions



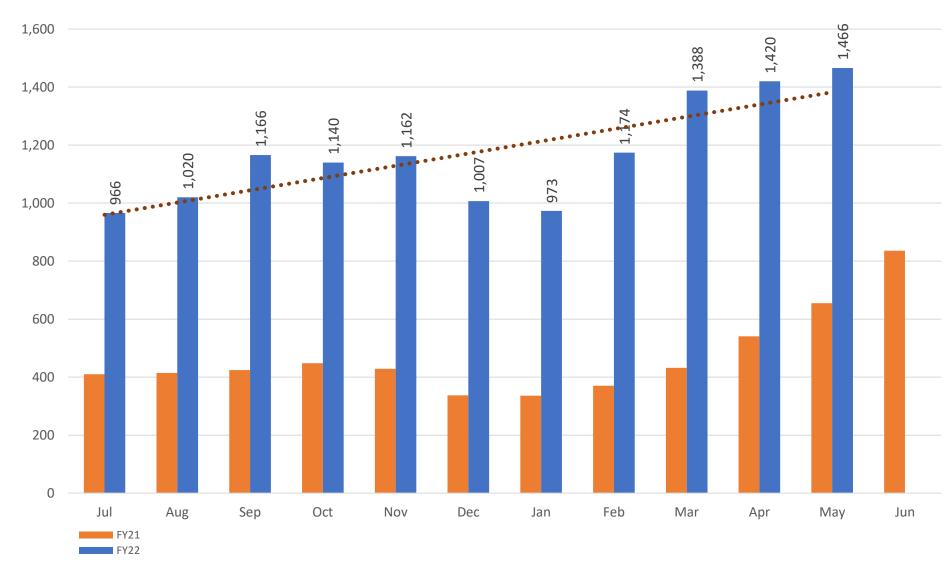
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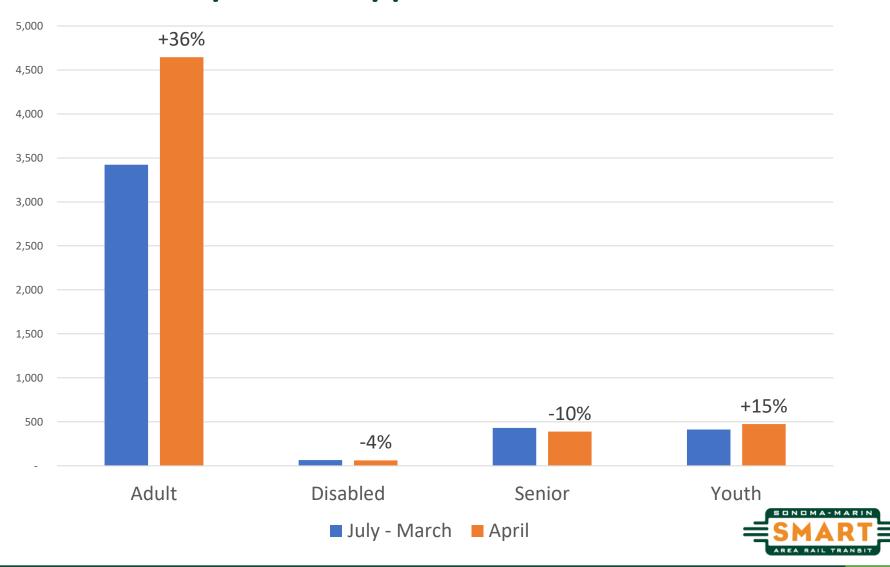
- Ridership last Thursday and yesterday highest to date post-Covid (1,608)
- Bike ridership last week highest post-Covid (1,551)
- MTD May ridership up 3% vs April (highest post-covid)



## Average Weekday Ridership



## Riders by Fare Type



### Muir Woods Shuttle SMART Connection

- Marin Transit provides a Muir Woods Shuttle with NPS
- Resumed post-COVID service in June 2021 from the Pohono Park-and-Ride in Mill Valley
- Pickup location for this service will be moved to the Larkspur Ferry Terminal, tentatively starting June 4<sup>th</sup>



 North Bay residents & tourists will be able to take the SMART Train to Larkspur and visit Muir Woods

#### Cloverdale Citrus Fair

- Shared information at booth
  - April 21-24
  - 500 Visitors
- SMART Employees
  - Matt Stevens
  - Ashley Remy
  - Amanda Lee
  - Joanne Parker
  - TiLiAnne Tanner
  - Veda Florez
  - Yasamin Mora Serrano
  - Dawn Knight
  - Jon Limon-Lopez
  - Glen George





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#### Petaluma Butter & Eggs Day

- Shared information at booth
  - April 23rd
  - 750 Visitors
- SMART Employees
  - Matt Stevens
  - Lisa Hansley
  - Patty Jackson
  - Heather McKillop
  - Aaron Parkes
  - Veda Florez





#### Alto Street Canal Neighborhood Transportation Improvement Event (San Rafael)

- Shared information at booth
  - April 23rd
  - 125 Visitors
- SMART Employee
  - Veda Florez



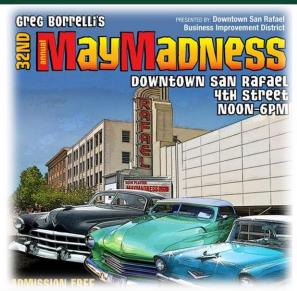


#### May Madness Car Show

- Shared information
  - May 7th
  - 700 Visitors
- Participated in Car Show
- Presented "Best Tires & Wheels" Trophy
- SMART Employees
  - Veda Florez
  - Patty Jackson
  - Jon Limon-Lopez
  - Glenn George
  - Jeff Limon-Lopez









#### Corte Madera Heritage Festival

- Shared information at booth
  - May 7th
  - 250 Visitors
- SMART Employee
  - Colleen Day-Flynn







#### Mary Collins School Cherry Valley

- Field Trip to San Francisco
  - May 12, 2022
  - 50 Students
- SMART Employee
  - Veda Florez



#### SMART assumed freight operation on 3/1/22

- Four locomotives inspected/evaluated
  - One locomotive requires immediate engine work
  - Minor repairs and preventive maintenance required on two other locomotives
- Inspected all track equipment
  - Minor repairs and preventive maintenance underway
- Conducted Hi-Rail inspection on Brazos Branch
  - Track is in good shape
- Delivered 200 tons of ballast to repair track on Brazos Branch
  - Removed slow order at Brazos Junction Subdivision









- Inspected Brazos Branch bridges
  - Currently working on repairs
- Clean up has begun at Schellville yard
  - · Removing scrap metal and debris
- Cleaned up transload site at Victory Station
  - Currently in talks with two lumber customers who inquired about shipping rates
- 77 of 89 LPG tankers shipped out
  - 12 remaining cars (moved by June 31st)
- Continue discussions with four potential new customers









#### Challenges

- Recruitment & hiring
  - Began recruitment January 31<sup>st</sup> for four Freight Utility Workers
  - Position requires diverse experience
    - Operating trains
    - Inspecting Track
    - Minor repairs and maintenance on locomotives and equipment
  - Took significant time to attract qualified applicants
  - Currently have four qualified applicants in background
    - Still need pre-employment physicals and testing
      - Appointments currently scheduled







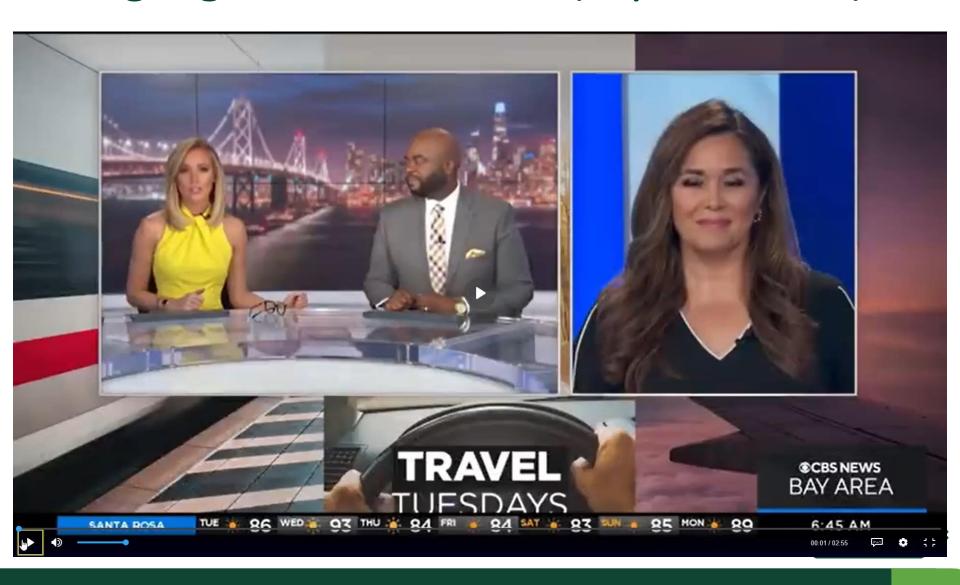


#### Solutions

- Extend freight operation contract one month
  - Enable SMART additional time to hire, on-board, and train new employees
    - Original contract allowed for month-to-month extensions
    - Contract and budget amendment to be presented at June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting



## Highlight of the Month (separate link)



## Questions?



