

Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District



General Manager's Report – October 2020

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LISTENING SESSIONS



In the month of October, SMART hosted two Listening Forums for Novato and Larkspur. The Listening Forums offer an opportunity for members of the North Bay community to come together to provide feedback and share their thoughts with the SMART Board of Directors. The information gathered in these sessions will be used to help shape the future on SMART.

Specially themed Listening Forums will also take place, to allow for stakeholder groups to share their views about SMART's future. The dates for these forums will be announced as soon as they are scheduled.

For more information on the Listening Forums, including videos from previous meetings, visit [SonomaMarinTrain.org/ListeningForums](https://www.SonomaMarinTrain.org/ListeningForums).

Community Outreach | Temporary Schedule

New schedule graphics have been installed at all twelve SMART stations. These schedules reflect the temporary timetable in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Updated Customer Service information is also provided on the bottom of the schedule. The information is offered in both English and Spanish. For the most up-to-date schedule information, visit [SonomaMarinTrain.org/schedules-fares](https://www.SonomaMarinTrain.org/schedules-fares).

SONOMA-MARIN SMART AREA RAIL TRANSIT

This temporary schedule is effective April 6, 2020 and will remain in place until further notice. All weekend service has been temporarily cancelled. Visit www.SonomaMarinTrain.org for information and updates.
Este horario temporal es efectivo el 6 de abril de 2020 y permanecerá en efecto hasta nuevas órdenes. Todos el servicio de fin de semana se ha cancelado temporalmente. Visite www.SonomaMarinTrain.org para obtener más información y actualizaciones.

TEMPORARY WEEKDAY SCHEDULE
HORARIO TEMPORAL DE DIAS LABORABLES

SOUTHBOUND - Sonoma County Airport to Larkspur
DIRECCIÓN SUR - Sonoma County Airport a Larkspur

Station	5:02	5:08	7:10	12:40	5:17	5:23	5:29
Sonoma County Airport							
Santa Rosa North	5:09	5:13	7:17	12:52	5:24	5:28	5:30
Santa Rosa Downtown	5:13	5:17	7:21	12:56	5:28	5:32	5:36
Roller Park	5:21	5:25	7:29	1:04	5:36	5:40	5:44
Green	5:24	5:28	7:32	1:07	5:39	5:43	5:47
Petaluma Downtown	5:29	5:33	7:47	1:12	5:44	5:48	5:52
Novato Downtown	5:34	5:38	7:52	1:17	5:49	5:53	5:57
Novato Hamilton	5:38	5:42	7:56	1:21	5:53	5:57	6:01
Marin Civic Center	5:43	5:47	8:01	1:26	5:58	6:02	6:06
San Rafael	5:48	5:52	8:06	1:31	6:03	6:07	6:11
Larkspur	5:53	5:57	8:11	1:36	6:08	6:12	6:16

NORTHBOUND - Larkspur to Sonoma County Airport
DIRECCIÓN NOROCCIDENTE - Larkspur a Sonoma County Airport

Station	6:01	6:07	8:09	2:04	2:30	3:40	4:44	6:20
Larkspur								
San Rafael	6:06	6:10	8:14	2:09	2:35	3:45	4:49	6:25
Marin Civic Center	6:11	6:15	8:19	2:14	2:40	3:50	4:54	6:30
Novato Hamilton	6:16	6:20	8:24	2:19	2:45	3:55	4:59	6:35
Novato Downtown	6:21	6:25	8:29	2:24	2:50	4:00	5:04	6:40
Petaluma Downtown	6:26	6:30	8:34	2:29	2:55	4:05	5:09	6:45
Green	6:31	6:35	8:39	2:34	3:00	4:10	5:14	6:50
Roller Park	6:36	6:40	8:44	2:39	3:05	4:15	5:19	6:55
Santa Rosa Downtown	6:41	6:45	8:49	2:44	3:10	4:20	5:24	7:00
Santa Rosa North	6:46	6:50	8:54	2:49	3:15	4:25	5:29	7:05
Sonoma County Airport	6:51	6:55	8:59	2:54	3:20	4:30	5:34	7:10

Service Alerts / Alertas de Servicio
Refer to the Alert section of the SMART website for more information.
Consulte la sección de Alertas de Servicio en el sitio web de SMART para obtener más información.
Call for more information: 800-777-7777 or 707-777-7777
Llámenos para más información: 800-777-7777 o 707-777-7777

Customer Service / Servicio al Cliente
Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Sunday, Closed
Visit www.SonomaMarinTrain.org for more information.
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707-777-7777

MARKETING

Digital Programs | Social Media



SMART's social media accounts continue to experience growth in reach and engagement. The Communications and Marketing team has launched a series of "Did You Know?" posts to provide important information about SMART and the service we provide. Popular topics include enhanced cleaning and sanitation protocols that fight the spread of COVID-19, as well as progress updates on new rail extensions and pathways. Check out the series on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

The most engaging post this month was an update on the Windsor Extension Project. This aerial shot of evening construction work in downtown Windsor grabbed the attention of followers across all of SMART's social media channels. Construction updates continue to see extensive reach and engagement across all platforms.

Subscribe to receive email updates on the Windsor Extension Project:
SonomaMarinTrain.org/Windsor-Extension.



Media | News Coverage

- October 27, *third train, vehicle crash occurs at San Rafael crossing this year* (Marin Independent Journal)
- October 27, *Car collides with SMART train in San Rafael, sending driver to hospital with minor injuries* (The Press Democrat)
- October 25, *Sonoma County developer Bill Gallaher launches recall campaign against District Attorney Jill Ravitch* (The Press Democrat)
- October 15, *CA: Marin asked to weigh in on SMART tax defeat* (Mass Transit Magazine)
- October 17, *Dick Spotswood: Taking a close look at school districts Measure M funding* (Marin Independent Journal)
- October 15, *Marin asked to weigh in on SMART tax defeat* (Marin Independent Journal)
- October 14, *SMART receives AA rating on construction bond refinancing* (Progressive Railroading)
- October 12, *SMART touts top rating on bond refinancing* (Petaluma Patch)
- October 7, *CA: SMART approves bond sale to refinance construction debt* (Mass Transit Magazine)
- October 7, *SMART to refinance construction bonds to boost savings* (Marin Independent Journal)
- October 7, *SMART approves bond sale to refinance construction debt* (The Press Democrat)
- October 6, *SMART poised to refinance construction debt by selling up to \$160 million in bonds* (The Press Democrat)
- October 5, *San Rafael woman, 82, dies after car hit by SMART train* (Marin Independent Journal)
- September 28, *Residents pitch ideas, questions for future of SMART in Healdsburg* (The Healdsburg Tribune)
- September 28, *What else is needed?: Residents talk SMART, getting train to town* (Cloverdale Reveille)
- September 24, *SMART, Marin Transit to join low-income fare program* (Marin Independent Journal)

RIDERSHIP INFORMATION

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Weekly Totals	
17-Feb	18-Feb	19-Feb	20-Feb	21-Feb	22-Feb	23-Feb	Bikes	ADA
2,081	2,961	3,196	3,124	2,959	1,568	1,456	1742	79
24-Feb	25-Feb	26-Feb	27-Feb	28-Feb	29-Feb	1-Mar	2067	72
2,901	3,174	3,227	3,256	2,986	1,522	969		
COVID-19 Starts								
2-Mar	3-Mar	4-Mar	5-Mar	6-Mar	7-Mar	8-Mar		
2,782	2,916	3,091	3,005	2,833	874	733	2036	71
9-Mar	10-Mar	11-Mar	12-Mar	13-Mar	14-Mar	15-Mar	1612	67
2,470	2,455	2,498	2,298	1,822	292	293		
16-Mar	17-Mar	18-Mar	19-Mar	20-Mar	21-Mar	22-Mar	379	16
867	489	353	331	342	Annulled	Annulled		
23-Mar	24-Mar	25-Mar	26-Mar	27-Mar	28-Mar	29-Mar	251	10
274	239	297	290	315	Annulled	Annulled		
** Service Reduced to 34 Trips**							245	0
30-Mar	30/31	1-Apr	2-Apr	3-Apr	4-Apr	5-Apr		
253	243	252	266	247	Annulled	Annulled	245	0
**Service Reduced to 16 Trips **							166	2
6-Apr	7-Apr	8-Apr	9-Apr	10-Apr	11-Apr	12-Apr		
171	182	185	189	180	Annulled	Annulled	166	2
13-Apr	14-Apr	15-Apr	16-Apr	17-Apr	18-Apr	19-Apr	202	5
180	205	196	214	191	Annulled	Annulled		
20-Apr	21-Apr	22-Apr	23-Apr	24-Apr	25-Apr	26-Apr	246	11
201	200	211	219	194	Annulled	Annulled		
27-Apr	28-Apr	29-Apr	30-Apr	1-May	2-May	3-May	256	6
203	215	222	248	202	Annulled	Annulled		
4-May	5-May	6-May	7-May	8-May	9-May	10-May	286	8
248	265	245	237	248	Annulled	Annulled		

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Weekly Totals	
11-May	12-May	13-May	14-May	15-May	16-May	17-May	Bikes	ADA
214	239	255	267	266	Annulled	Annulled	276	1
18-May	19-May	20-May	21-May	22-May	23-May	24-May		
233	293	265	281	330	Annulled	Annulled	368	4
25-May	26-May	27-May	28-May	29-May	30-May	31-May		
Annulled	287	302	335	296	Annulled	Annulled	310	1
1-Jun	2-Jun	3-Jun	4-Jun	5-Jun	6-Jun	7-Jun		
309	322	369	336	346	Annulled	Annulled	407	2
8-Jun	9-Jun	10-Jun	11-Jun	12-Jun	13-Jun	14-Jun		
346	389	390	350	386	Annulled	Annulled	459	14
15-Jun	16-Jun	17-Jun	18-Jun	19-Jun	20-Jun	21-Jun		
383	377	424	409	399	Annulled	Annulled	490	3
22-Jun	23-Jun	24-Jun	25-Jun	26-Jun	27-Jun	28-Jun		
400	409	433	398	361	Annulled	Annulled	496	9
29-Jun	30-Jun	1-Jul	2-Jul	3-Jul	4-Jul	5-Jul		
419	431	429	390	297	Annulled	Annulled	426	2
6-Jul	7-Jul	8-Jul	9-Jul	10-Jul	11-Jul	12-Jul		
421	462	420	420	392	Annulled	Annulled	453	4
13-Jul	14-Jul	15-Jul	16-Jul	17-Jul	18-Jul	19-Jul		
412	414	419	421	397	Annulled	Annulled	465	5
20-Jul	21-Jul	22-Jul	23-Jul	24-Jul	25-Jul	26-Jul		
369	394	418	488	425	Annulled	Annulled	514	8
27-Jul	28-Jul	29-Jul	30-Jul	31-Jul	1-Aug	2-Aug		
379	404	390	452	414	Annulled	Annulled	464	5
3-Aug	4-Aug	5-Aug	6-Aug	7-Aug	8-Aug	9-Aug		
417	437	404	440	476	Annulled	Annulled	474	9

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Weekly Totals	
10-Aug	11-Aug	12-Aug	13-Aug	14-Aug	15-Aug	16-Aug	Bikes	ADA
433	464	438	446	396	Annulled	Annulled	506	1
17-Aug	18-Aug	19-Aug	20-Aug	21-Aug	22-Aug	23-Aug		
346	418	387	399	324	Annulled	Annulled	403	0
24-Aug	25-Aug	26-Aug	27-Aug	28-Aug	29-Aug	30-Aug		
349	407	406	467	445	Annulled	Annulled	507	4
31-Aug	1-Sep	2-Sep	3-Sep	4-Sep	5-Sep	6-Sep		
382	459	417	441	438	Annulled	Annulled	423	4
7-Sep	8-Sep	9-Sep	10-Sep	11-Sep	12-Sep	13-Sep		
Annulled	414	393	396	368	Annulled	Annulled	345	4
14-Sep	15-Sep	16-Sep	17-Sep	18-Sep	19-Sep	20-Sep		
374	424	398	403	452	Annulled	Annulled	398	1
21-Sep	22-Sep	23-Sep	24-Sep	25-Sep	26-Sep	27-Sep		
435	472	470	517	494	Annulled	Annulled	490	23
28-Sep	29-Sep	30-Sep	1-Oct	2-Oct	3-Oct	4-Oct		
316	365	464	453	428	Annulled	Annulled	362	12
5-Oct	6-Oct	7-Oct	8-Oct	9-Oct	10-Oct	11-Oct		
407	469	434	423	475	Annulled	Annulled	431	12
12-Oct	13-Oct	14-Oct	15-Oct	16-Oct	17-Oct	18-Oct		
394	482	416	455	469	Annulled	Annulled	430	9
19-Oct	20-Oct	21-Oct	22-Oct	23-Oct	24-Oct	25-Oct		
436	513	409	478	491	Annulled	Annulled	443	9
26-Oct	27-Oct	28-Oct	29-Oct	30-Oct	31-Oct	1-Nov		
386	438	410	496	489	Annulled	Annulled	459	15

CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

On October 15, 2020, the SMART Citizen Oversight Committee met to discuss the information that has been collected from the Board of Directors meeting on September 2, 2020 regarding the Reorganization of the Committee

Information and previous meetings from the Citizen's Oversight Committee can be found online at SonomaMarinTrain.org/citizens-oversight-committee.



WINDSOR EXTENSION PROJECT

- Design work is complete.
- Coordination with the Town of Windsor and County of Sonoma is on-going.
- Building of drainage structures is complete for the season.
- Building of bridge structures is complete for the season.
- Airport Boulevard widening work paid by and for the County of Sonoma continues with the building north side curb, gutter, bioswales, and utility relocations.



Setting Formboards for Drainage Structure



Preparing Bridge Abutments for Paint



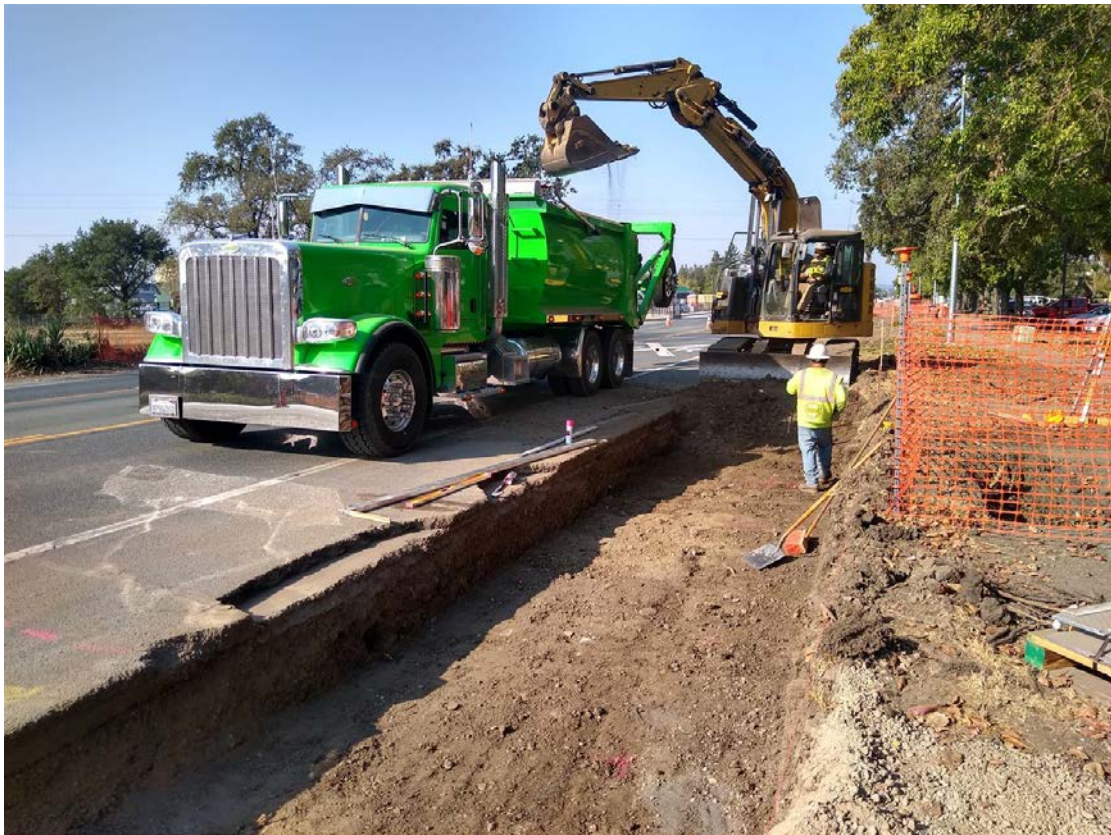
Painting Windsor Creek Bridge Abutments



Installing Sheet Piles South of Pool Creek



Setting Pool Creek Pedestrian Bridge



Airport Blvd.- Excavating for new Roadway Base



Airport Blvd.- Building Drainage Inlets



Airport Blvd.- Conducting Survey



Airport Blvd.- Excavating Biobasins



Airport Blvd.- Pouring New Curb and Gutter

Multi-Use Pathway Project

Sonoma County Pathway Gap Closure Project

- South Point Boulevard in Petaluma to Main Street in Penngrove (2.9 mi)
- Golf Course Drive in Rohnert Park to Bellevue Avenue in Santa Rosa (2.8 mi)

GHD Inc. and their subcontractors are working on the first 50% level submittal. Preliminary engineering data including environmental, geotechnical, and survey are being integrated into the pathway design.



Ely Road Future Pathway Location in Petaluma



Scenic Avenue Future Pathway Location in Santa Rosa

OPERATIONS

MAINTENANCE OF WAY:

- Signal staff supported Modern Railway System with network switch warranty work.
- Signal and Facilities staff upgraded sensor brackets and repaired wiring at the Haystack Bridge.
- Signal staff along with outside contractor replaced an Air Conditioner unit at Airport station signal house.
- Track staff completed vegetation removal and management north of East Cotati, South of Star Road in Windsor, and along the multi-use pathway in Santa Rosa
- Track staff worked on annual culvert inspections, cleaning, and vegetation removal throughout SMART's right of way in preparation for winter rains.
- Track staff along with Holland company completed annual track geometry inspection.
- Facilities staff completed 13 fence repairs at various locations along SMART's right of way and completed a new 6-foot chain-link fence at Commons Court in Windsor.
- Facilities staff along with a state inspector completed the five-year air tank inspection for the compressed air system at the Rail Operation Center.
- Track staff supported SMART's engineering department for annual bridge inspections.



Track Team – Annual Culvert Inspections, Vegetation Removal and Management



Track staff along with Holland Company – Annual Track Geometry Inspection



Facilities staff – Completed 6 Foot Chain-link Fence at Commons Court in Windsor

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE:

- Performed inspection on the friction brake control unit due to a fault. Upon further inspection it was discovered the speed sensor on the #2 wheel was out of spec. The speed sensor was adjusted and the fault was cleared
- Performed mid-year maintenance on 5 Diesel Multiple Unit
- Performed 500-hour oil change on 5 Diesel Multiple Units
- Automatic Train Control maintenance performed on 10 Diesel Multiple Units. This maintenance keeps us compliant with Federal Regulatory Association regulations in regards to positive train control
- Performed data downloads on the fleet. The Diesel Multiple Units have many subsystems that are integrated. Downloading the systems data provides SMART an opportunity to investigate different occurrences that may not show during our normal inspections
- Performed emergency exit window pull test on 5 of the Diesel Multiple Units. The test is to establish confidence per the Code of Federal Regulations that the emergency exit windows will react as designed during an emergency
- Performed fly wheel inspections on the fleet and worked with Cummins to change out engines. Instrumentations were installed on an engine which allowed valuable data to be captured. This data will help provide an insight on some of the challenges we are having with the engine
- Performed Automatic Train Control inspection on Northwestern Pacific Railroad engine 2009

FREIGHT SERVICE

At the September 2, 2020 Board Meeting, I provided an update on the status of Freight Service and related activities. The Board on May 20th, approved a number of policies establishing SMART to become a Freight Service provider. The following activities have taken place and are ongoing:

- The State of California has been funded the \$4M for the purchase. The funds have been encumbered and deposited into an escrow account;
- The State of California has funded the \$2 million for SMART for freight maintenance. The funds have been encumbered and deposited into an escrow account;

SMART has not spent any agency funds to purchase NWPCo. All the funds are from the State of California and deposited into an escrow account.

The following two Agreements are pending execution: 1) The Asset Transfer Purchase Agreement between SMART and NWPCo. This agreement is for SMART to purchase the assets once the funds are received; and 2) The Baseline Agreement between the State of California and SMART has been finalized and is pending execution. Both of these Agreements will be executed upon release of the report from the State Task Force to the State Legislators as required by SB 1029.

SAFETY AND SECURITY



Jumping off of platform San Rafael



Graffiti on Santa Rosa Pedestrian Bicycle Path



9th Street Santa Rosa



Steele Lane, Santa Rosa



Santa Rosa



Puerto Suello Tunnel



Novato

REAL ESTATE

Property Acquisitions (in process)

Downtown Petaluma Station Property: Staff has finalized a fiber optics easement to Union Pacific Railroad on the property. The developer has paid a fee to Union Pacific and staff will record the easement when Union Pacific has signed the document. Staff is continuing to work with the City of Petaluma on the new entrance to the station parking lot.

Windsor Extension Project: Staff is continuing to research property rights that were granted to third parties on or along the new extension. Staff is continuing to work with the various utilities along the extension on a variety of property issues

North Coast Rail Authority (NCRA): Staff is continuing research on the real property assets that will be transferred if the agreement is approved by all the authorizing agencies.

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

Special Event Requests:

Bike Monkey- Levi's GranFondo Bike Ride/Race, Windsor/Healdsburg/Cloverdale- May 29, 2021

Right of Entry Permits Issued:

PG&E- Electrical Maintenance Nave Drive- Novato

Ghilotti Construction Company pavement work River Road to Healdsburg Road- Fulton

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

PG&E- Yearly Vegetation Management for Electrical Division

Danco Group of Companies- 80 College Avenue- Santa Rosa

PG&E- New regulator and vault installation on Hart Lane/Fulton Road- Fulton

PG&E- Cathodic Test Station Project- Piner Road- Santa Rosa

PG&E- Transmission Pole Maintenance Roblar Road- Novato

PG&E- Abandoning gas service uninstallation of High Pressure Regulator- Windsor

Phoenix Development Company of Minneapolis, LLC- Pulman Lofts Project- Santa Rosa

W.R. Forde Associates for Marin Municipal Water District- Pipeline installation- San Rafael

City of San Rafael- Francisco Blvd. West Improvement Project- San Rafael

County of Marin- Simmons Slough Water Management System

Fredric C. Divine Associates- 826 State Access Road/ 1385 N. Hamilton Pkwy- Novato

Marin County Flood Control – Installation of 3 pumps – Hwy 37

Sonoma Land Trust- Erosion Control and Dirt hauling on Brazos branch- Sonoma

West Coast Solar Company – Solar Project – Lagunitas Brewing – Petaluma

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

Metro-MCI – request to connect to Sonic fiber line
COMCAST – Staff is still working to finalize outstanding license agreement fees. Fiber Optic installation verifications in 7 locations. Agreements to be revised.

On-Going Property Management Activities

Records research for all road and track intersection – data base development.

Records research on Brazos Branch (Napa County – real estate records)

Records research for Healdsburg.

Work on Appraisal values for various Healdsburg properties.

Work with Accounting to get any past due Lessee's accounts up to date.

Finalized Right of Entry process with Accounting and Operations

Review and evaluation of requests to lease SMART properties.

Records Management

Research of records for old Petaluma, Santa Rosa Rail line spur in Petaluma – downtown trestle

Research of records for Payran Pathway – sewer line ownership questions

Research of records for Healdsburg Station – environmental records researched

Research of records for sidewalk at Santa Rosa Downtown Station.

Working on access protocols with Sonoma County Water Agency.

Staff is continuing to work with Pacific Gas & Electric Company to refine access issues and update Master Agreement with after discovered facilities.

Refinement of maintenance and insurance issues.

Research of title issues regarding property rights.

Consulting with Engineering on costs.

Consulting with Permitting Agencies on mitigation issues.

Continue to handle property management issues from adjacent landowners.

Continue to support construction by doing property research for discovered property issues.

Research on title issues to clarify property ownerships and survey as necessary.

Continue working with property owners to remove encroachments.

Title reports ordered and being reviewed.

Meetings held with private property owners.

Field work visiting SMART owned properties.

HUMAN RESOURCE

CURRENT OPEN RECRUITMENTS:

- Communications and Marketing Manager
- Engineer-Conductor
- Signal Technician
- Track Maintainer
- Assistant Planner

MISCELLANEOUS

The District completed its interview process for the Chief Financial Officer. A candidate is currently in background for the position.

GRANTS, LEGISLATION, PLANNING AND REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

REGIONAL AND LOCAL LANNING ACTIVITIES

Local Planning Department Notification and Coordination Tracking - SMART Planning Staff also tracks and reviews all notices sent by local jurisdictions for projects occurring adjacent to or nearby the railroad tracks. In 2019 staff received and reviewed 171 different notices, with 149 notices by the end of October 2019. To date in 2020, SMART has received and reviewed **93** different notices.

Bay Area Healthy Transit Plan - SMART participates in coordination meetings related to the Bay Area Healthy Transit Plan with meetings October 9 and November 12. The plan reporting dashboard can be found here: <http://dashboard.healthytransitplan.com/> . The regional page has a direct link to SMART's COVID Response web location here: <http://www.sonomamarintrain.org/Covid-19>

SYSTEM ACCESS PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Bike Share: The Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) and Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) are implementing a Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)-funded bike share system in close proximity to the SMART stations as a First/Last-Mile access solution. SCTA & TAM have selected Gotcha Mobility as the operator of the Bike Share Pilot Program. The pilot program will roll-out 300 GPS-enabled electric bicycles for three years centered around SMART stations. Due to COVID-19, the program implementation timeline has been impacted by community outreach and manufacturing limitations. Gotcha Mobility, the selected implementation vendor, is currently planning to commence community outreach to inform bike share locations in November and they estimate program rollout by Spring 2021. Program partners are seeking funding opportunities to expand the program around SMART Stations.

Clipper START (Low-Income Transit Fare) Pilot Program – The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) has launched a low-income transit fare pilot program on select Bay Area transit systems. The program allows adults who live in the Bay Area and whose annual earnings are up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level to qualify for fare discounts. The Clipper START pilot [requires riders to use Clipper](#) for fare payment. Riders can apply online or by submitting a paper application. Applicants will need to provide proof of identity and proof of income, and those approved will receive a personalized Clipper card that can be used for single-ride discounts on the participating transit agencies' systems. Information on the program and how to enroll can be found here: <https://www.clipperstartcard.com/s/>

The SMART Board requested participation in the program by adopting a resolution unanimously at the February 5, 2020, meeting. The SMART participation will be at the 50% discount rate of adult fare rides. MTC announced in August that they would be able to accept new operators into the pilot program and anticipates launch of the program on SMART in late November 2020.

Transit Coordination Meetings:

- **October 7, 2020** - Staff participated in the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) monthly **Transit Finance Working Group** meeting. Discussions included legislative updates, funding notices, Transportation Improvement Program update, Cap and Trade Update, Regional Transit Capital Priorities process, BART's capital needs inventory process, and COVID-19 Response.
- **October 8, 2020** – Staff participated in the Seamless Subcommittee meeting of MTC's Bay Area Partnership Board. The Committee was formed prior to the Blue Ribbon Transit Task Force and is working to define roles, responsibilities and relationship to other committees.
- **October 14, 2020** – Staff participated in Sonoma County Transportation Authority's monthly **Transit Technical Advisory Committee** meeting. Discussions included transit operator updates, Sonoma County's Future of Transit Ad Hoc status, transit fares including Clipper START, discussion, and Bay Area Public Transit Transportation Action Plan update.
- **October 6, 13, 20 & 27**, Bay Area Transit Operator ongoing coordination meetings. SMART staff met with the Bay Area's smaller transit operators, defined as any except the seven largest, weekly to coordinate comments and activities associated with COVID-19 response and the MTC Blue Ribbon Transit Task Force Public Transit Transportation Action Plan.