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SUBJECT: Geyserville Station Update on Ongoing Request for Public Comment

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Receive an update regarding outreach at the Geyserville Planning Committee and Geyserville Anderson Valley Municipal Advisory Council ("GAVMAC") meetings.

SUMMARY:

At SMART's Board of Director's June 2026 meeting, the Board directed staff to initiate a public engagement process around the possible inclusion of a Geyserville Station. This report provides an update on that effort.

BACKGROUND:

In June 2026, staff presented to the Board a proposed engagement process to conduct public outreach and gather input from Geyserville residents, employees and stakeholders regarding the possible inclusion of a Geyserville station into the SMART system. The results of the outreach would guide and inform the Board's consideration of adopting the project into the SMART program.

Upon the Board's direction to proceed, staff initiated the public engagement process to hear from the community regarding support for a possible Geyserville station. In order to gather meaningful input, Staff prepared a presentation and included a proposed station location (Attachment A). To date, SMART has presented and gathered feedback at two meetings held in Geyserville, created a webpage with background information, and launched a public survey for input. Additionally, SMART has scheduled and publicized the upcoming community meeting to discuss the proposed Geyserville station for Monday, August 10. Furthermore, SMART has responded to various media requests on the proposed Geyserville station.

June 2026 Meetings and Presentations

SMART General Manager Eddy Cumins and staff gave a presentation at the Geyserville Planning Committee on Tuesday, June 23, 2026, and the Geyserville Alexander Valley Municipal Advisory Council on Wednesday, June 24, 2026. SMART answered questions and heard feedback from the public and the respective committee and council members.

Webpage

SMART created a webpage with background information, the proposed station location map, and responses to frequently asked questions. The purpose of the webpage is to educate the public on what is being proposed and inform them of ways to participate in outreach opportunities and provide feedback. Additionally, staff contact information is provided to answer questions and gather comments. The webpage is located here: sonomamarintrain.org/geyserville.

Survey

SMART launched a survey to gather public input and feedback to hear from residents, employees, visitors and stakeholders about their support for a Geyserville station, and to learn about the travel needs for people interested in the station. The survey is open from July 1 to August 16, 2026, and is available in English and Spanish. The survey can be accessed on SMART's Geyserville webpage and has been shared via email, and on SMART's social media platforms and with a wide range of stakeholders including Tribal partners, local government agencies, healthcare providers, educational institutions, the tourism and business community, the Spanish-speaking community, and transit partners.

Community Meeting

SMART has scheduled and publicized the upcoming Community Meeting taking place in Geyserville on Monday, August 10 from 5:30-7:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the Geyserville Oriental Community Hall, 1000 CA-128, Geyserville, California. The meeting will include a presentation with information about the proposed station, and offer opportunities for the community to ask questions and provide feedback. Language interpretation services will be provided to assist attendees.

Media

SMART has also responded to media inquiries about the proposed station including providing information for stories published in the Marin Independent Journal "Marin IJ", Press Democrat, Healdsburg Tribune, San Francisco Chronicle, and SMART General Manager Cumins participated in a television interview with KTVU.

Community Input to-date

Community members had initially asked SMART about a potential Geyserville Station in October 2023. However, at that time, SMART's original enabling legislation (AB2224) precluded the possibility of a station, stating that "north of Healdsburg, the district shall locate commuter stations only within incorporated areas." Geyserville support resulted in Senator Dodd updating the legislation through SB904 to remove this limitation in 2024. In December 2024, the SMART Board adopted the 2025-2030 Strategic Plan and included a strategy to pursue a Geyserville station based on feedback received throughout the plan's engagement process (See SMART's 2025-2030 Strategic Plan Appendix A- Outreach Summary here https://www.sonomamarintrain.org/sites/default/files/Document%20Library/AppendixA_OutreachSummary_202412.pdf). Staff has created and promoted numerous methods for input to ensure that we hear from a wide range of stakeholders.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact related to this informational item. Budget included as part of the Marketing and Outreach FY27 budget is available and is being utilized to support the outreach efforts.

NEXT STEPS:

Staff will continue to solicit public input through the survey, website and community meeting and will return to the Board in August with a full summary of the input along with any considerations for adopting the station as a project into SMART's program.

Sincerely,

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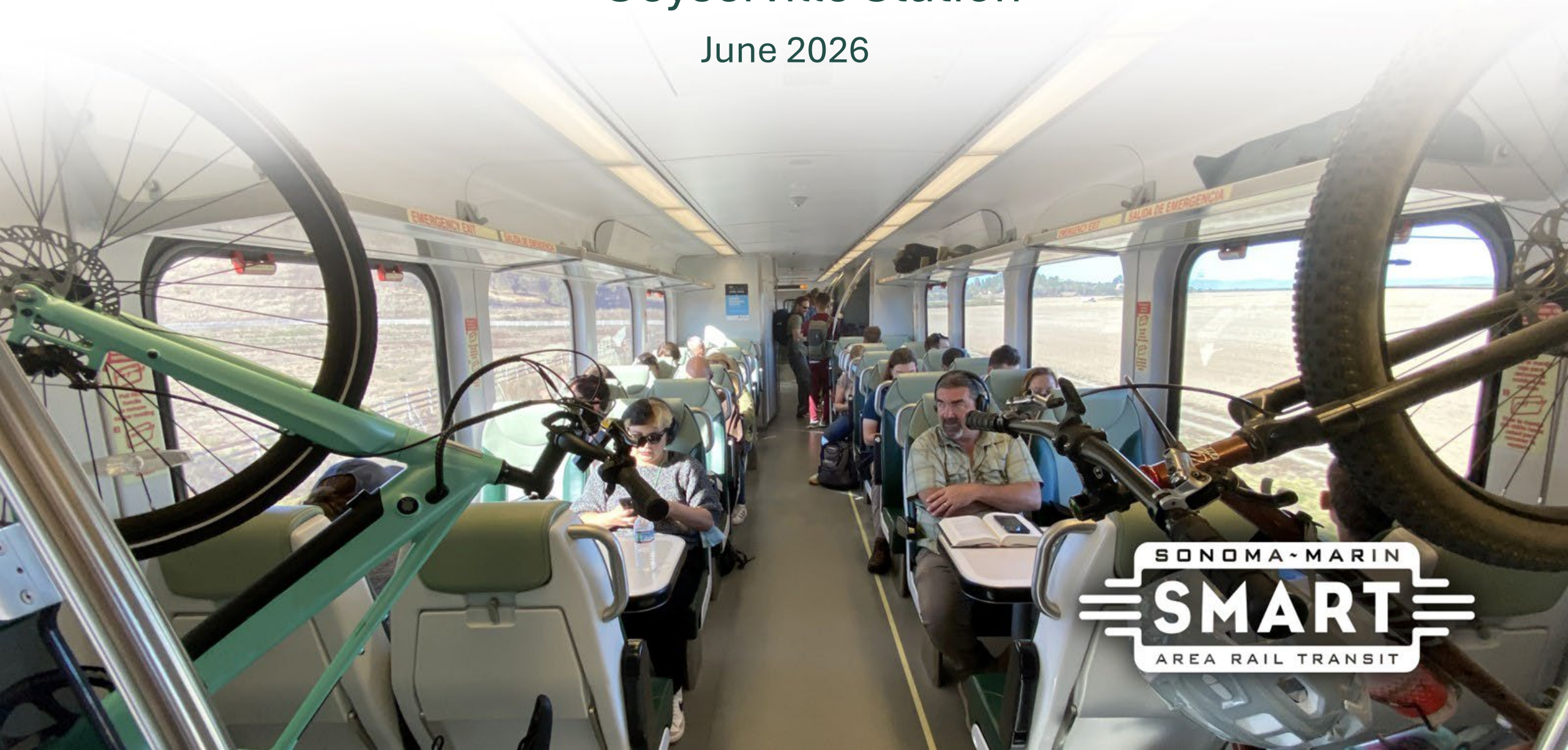
Zoe Unruh
Planning Manager

Attachment: 1.)Presentation from the June 2026 Geyserville Planning Committee and Geyserville Alexander Valley Municipal Advisory Council meetings.

Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit District

Geyserville Station

June 2026



Outline

- SMART Today
- Background on SMART in Geyserville
- Why a Geyserville Station?
- Opportunities
- Station location consideration
- Discussion questions
- Community engagement next steps
- Questions/discussion



SMART Today

- **More service than ever**
 - **48 weekday** trips and **24 weekend** trips
- **Record ridership & pathway use**
 - Averaging 5,500 weekday riders, and will carry **over 1.4 million riders in FY 2026 and serve 1.2 million pathway trips**
- **Healdsburg Extension under construction**
 - Expected to **open in late 2028**
- **Secured future**
 - SMART's **sales tax** was **extended to 2059**, with a 74.5% approval between Marin and Sonoma counties



Background on SMART in Geyserville

2002

AB2224
SMART's enabling legislation stated that "north of Healdsburg, the district shall locate commuter stations only within incorporated areas"

2023

Geyserville residents requested a station and SMART General Manager met with Geyserville councils and committees for additional feedback

2024

SB904 (Dodd) updated legislation to allow for construction of a station in unincorporated Sonoma County between Healdsburg and Cloverdale

2025

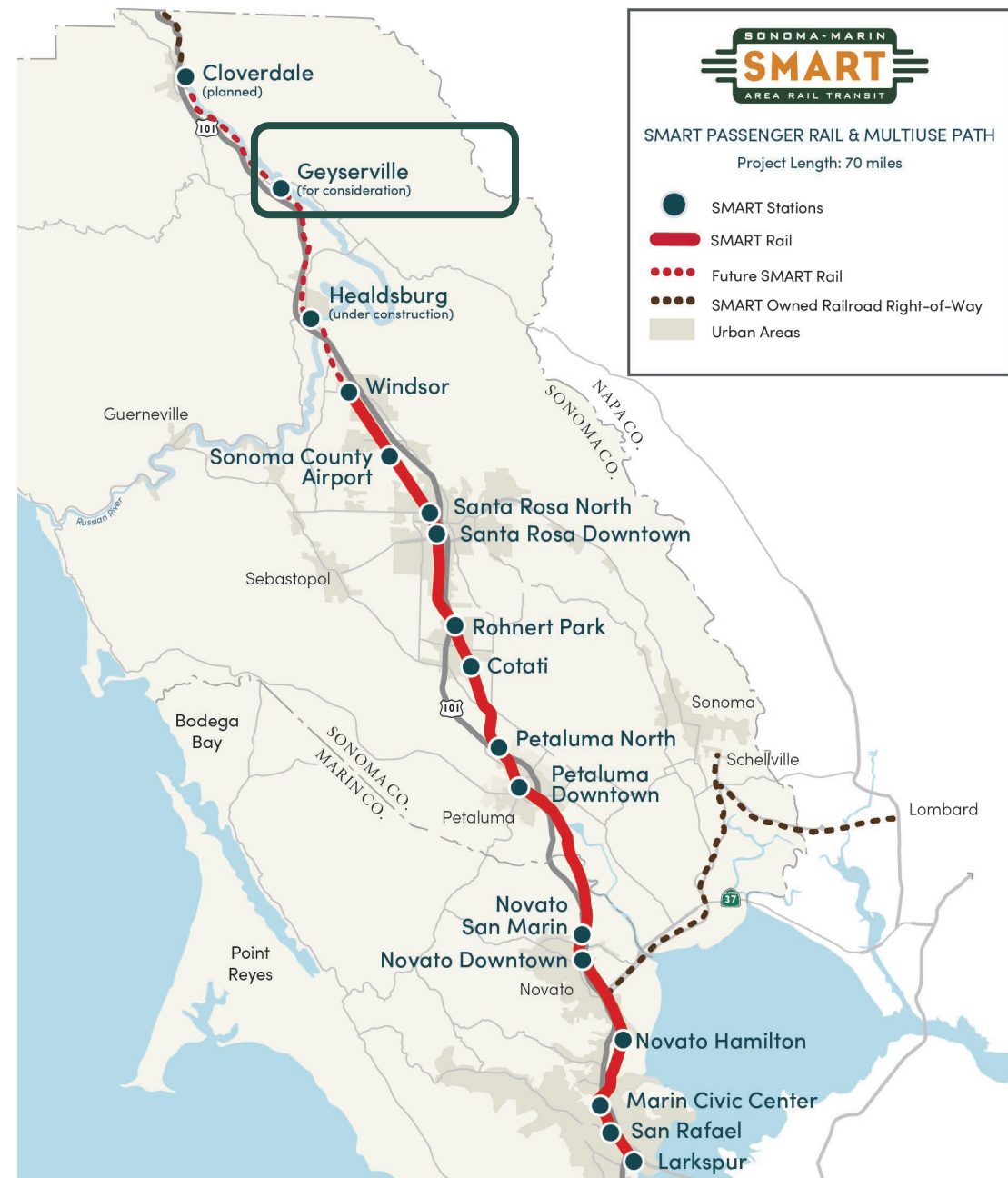
SMART's five-year strategic plan included a strategy around pursuing the addition of a Geyserville Station

2026

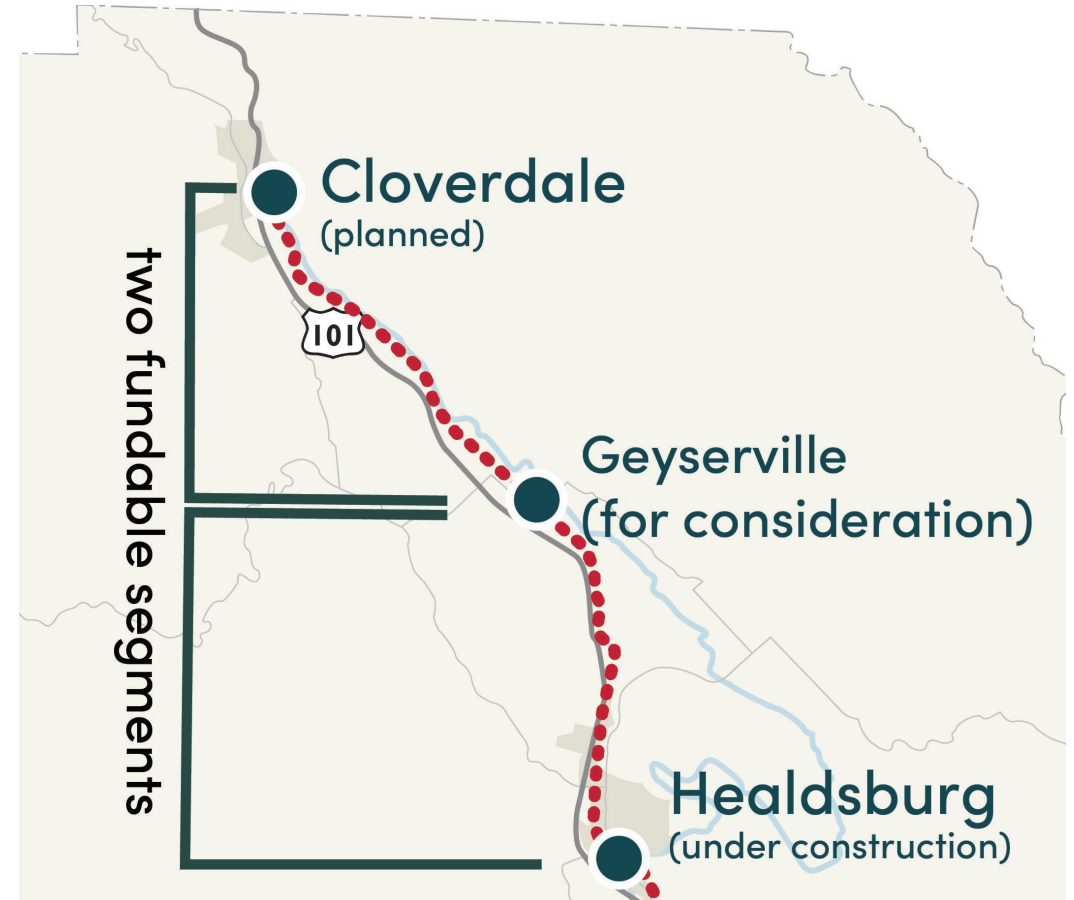
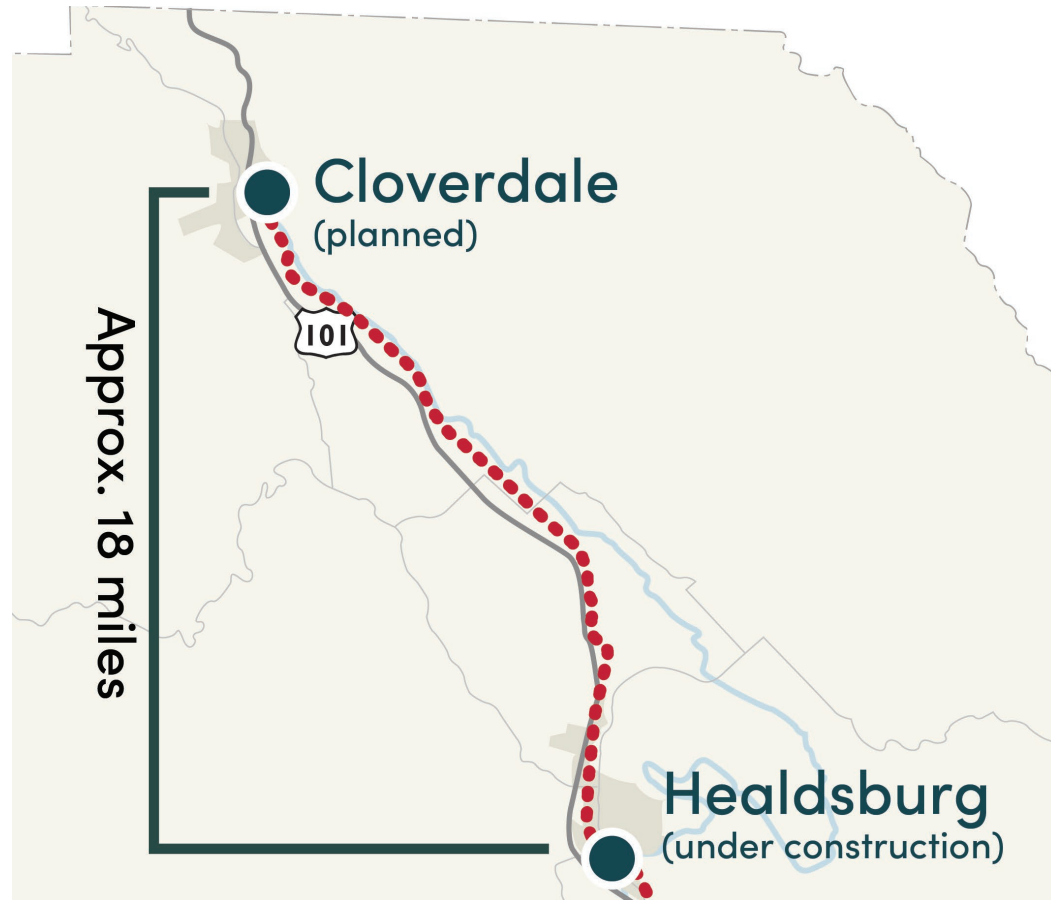
June 2026, SMART Board of Directors directed staff to initiate public engagement on a potential Geyserville Station

Why a Geyserville Station?

- Would allow train access for residents, workers, and visitors to Geyserville.
- Would maximize the utility of the rail system without harming railroad operations
- Would make more trips on the pathway between Cloverdale, Geyserville, and Healdsburg possible
- Would segment the delivery of the extension between Healdsburg and Cloverdale and create more opportunities to secure grant funding to complete the system



Strategic Segmentation



Opportunities

- Return passenger rail service to Geyserville after nearly 70 years
- Provide train access for residents, workers, and visitors to Geyserville
- Maximize the SMART System
- Segment delivery of the 18-mile extension to Cloverdale
- Construct a station in Geyserville that would:
 - Be built within SMART's existing right of way
 - Facilitate public and private 1st/last mile bus connectivity
 - Be within the urban service area
 - Located in close proximity to the highest job concentration in the central Alexander Valley/Geyserville area

Proposed Station Location

- Hwy 128 and Remmel Rd
- Benefits:
 - Centrally located to housing, jobs, and business
 - Within SMART Right of Way
 - Within Geyserville urban service area
 - Under .25 miles to connecting transit service
 - Includes room for auto parking area



Station Area Profile



- Passenger Boarding Platform
- Shelter & Amenities
- Bicycle Parking
- Auto Parking –capacity to be determined on existing SMART owned property, including potential shared use opportunities

Discussion

- Do you support Geyserville Station being added to the SMART system?
- Do you support the proposed location?
- Would another location along SMART right-of-way do a better job of connecting with other transit and connecting to high concentrations of destinations, people and jobs within Geyserville?

Next steps: Community feedback

- June 2026 (now) — Geyserville Alexander Valley Municipal Advisory Council (GAV-MAC) and Planning Committee Meetings
- July/August 2026 — Public survey
- August 2026 — SMART-hosted workshop in Geyserville/Alexander Valley
- August 2026 – Make recommendation to SMART Board of Directors regarding the inclusion of Geyserville Station

Questions / Discussion?

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