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SMART Windsor Extension Project

Construction Activity Update

A great deal of work has been completed since the last update on the SMART Windsor Extension project. This project is still slated to be completed by late 2021, with passenger service to the Town of Windsor beginning soon thereafter.

SMART has contracted with Stacy and Witbeck, Inc. to construct the Windsor Extension project, which will extend the SMART rail line from Airport Boulevard in north Santa Rosa to Windsor River Road, and includes the construction of a new station platform.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:

Construction crews have completed the removal of the old railroad, including rail, spikes, joints, and wooden ties, in preparation for rebuilding a new railroad track.

The contractor will begin welding 80-foot segments of steel rail and then construct them in 1,200-foot lengths of rail. The welding work will commence just after the Fourth of July Holiday and will continue through the month of July. The welding will be accomplished with the use of a welding truck, which will be located at the south end of the Windsor River Road construction yard.

Crews will continue working to clear the rail right-of-way of vegetation to prepare for the reconstruction of the railroad. We anticipate replacement of the five wooden bridges will begin in mid-to-late July and continue through the fall. Construction of the new bridges will generally begin at the south end of the project and progress northward.

CONSTRUCTION WORK HOURS:

Hours of work will generally be 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

Due to some of the work occurring in and around creeks, it must be completed during the dry season. In order to adhere to this limitation, work may need to be performed on weekends through the summer to ensure that all in-water work is completed by this deadline. While not currently planned, some work may also need to occur overnight to accommodate construction schedules. Every effort will be made to keep noise levels down if evening work is necessitated. All construction schedules are subject to change based on weather conditions and forces beyond our control.

TOWN OF WINDSOR CONSTRUCTION:

The Town of Windsor is also conducting a related construction project in preparation for building a new roundabout at the intersection of Windsor Road and Windsor River Road. This work includes removal of the old railroad track and relocating utilities underground. This work is slated to continue through the summer – check the Town of Windsor website for specific project information.

If you would like more information, please visit the Windsor Extension webpage at <https://sonomamarintrain.org/Windsor-Extension> or contact us via email at info@SonomaMarinTrain.org.