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SMART asks for feedback on bicycle parking plan

Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) is encouraging the public to weigh in on plans for bicycle parking near its rail stations. SMART's Bicycle Parking Investment Plan was initially reviewed by its Board of Directors Wednesday, and is scheduled to be brought back to the Board for further review in October.

SMART's Bicycle Investment Plan includes recommendations for bicycle parking at each of its 10 stations along its initial train route, and at the future Larkspur Station. SMART is scheduled to begin its initial service with a 43-mile route from the Sonoma County Airport area to downtown San Rafael by the end of the year. SMART's extension to Larkspur is slated to open for service in 2018, and future extensions are planned for Windsor, Healdsburg and Cloverdale.

"We encourage the public and our bicycling community to provide their feedback, so that we can create the best possible options for bicycle parking at all of our SMART stations," said SMART General Manager Farhad Mansourian.

SMART's initial service includes 10 stations: the Sonoma County Airport Station; the Santa Rosa North Station near Guerneville Road; the Santa Rosa Downtown Station; the Rohnert Park Station off of Rohnert Park Expressway; the Cotati Station on East Cotati Ave.; the Petaluma Downtown station; the Novato San Marin and Novato Hamilton stations; the Marin Civic Center Station; and the San Rafael Station in downtown San Rafael.

For a copy of the plan, visit SMART's website at <u>www.SonomaMarinTrain.org</u> or call (707) 794-3330. Please send your feedback to <u>LMeckel@SonomaMarinTrain.org</u>. SMART will be taking comments on the plan now through September 19.

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