

Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit District

General Manager's Report

April 15, 2026



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- Huge Win Announcement!
- Ridership Report
- Transit App Transition for Rider Alerts
- Butter & Egg Days
- Healdsburg Groundbreaking
- Bike to Wherever Day
- SRJC Event
- Highlight of the Month
- Questions



Litigation regarding SMART's Multiuse Pathway

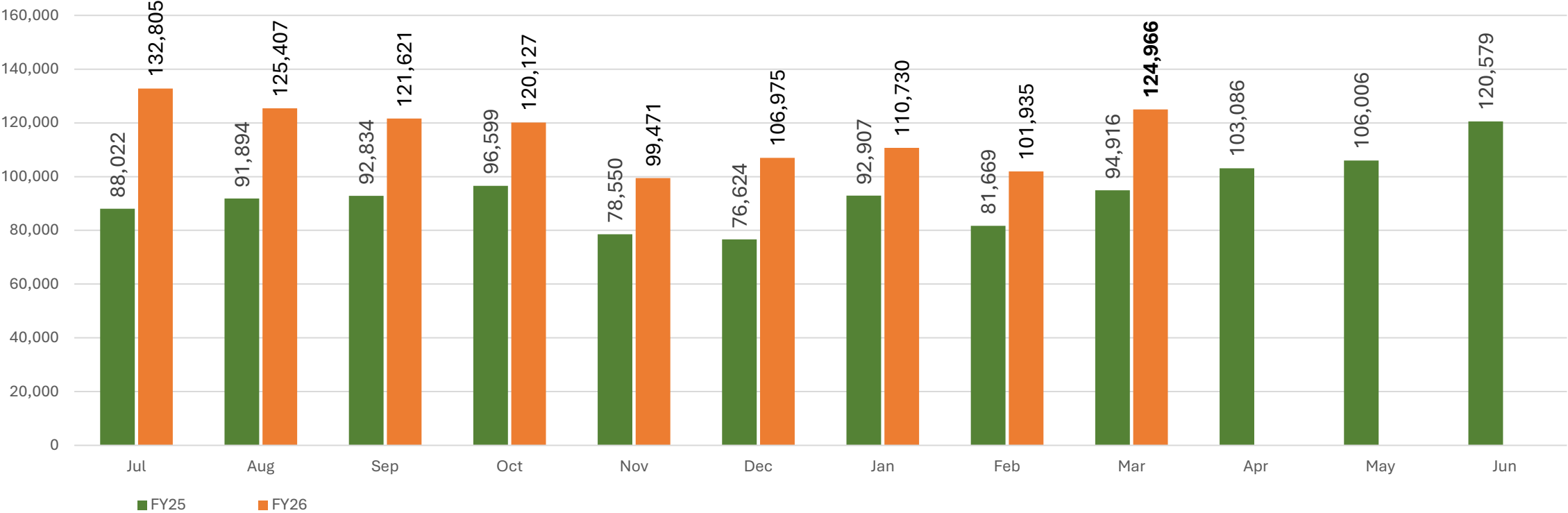
- HUGE WIN for the cycling and active transportation community!
- Court affirms SMART's right to construct the pathway
 - SMART owns the railroad corridor
 - Pathway is for railroad purposes and within the scope of SMART's property rights
 - None of the Plaintiffs have a property interest in the railroad corridor
 - Rails to Trails cases have no application to the SMART Pathway
- Decision protects the SMART Pathway for future generations



SMART Ridership (Monthly)

March ridership = 124,996

- 32% higher than March 2025
- 115% higher than March 2019 (pre-COVID)



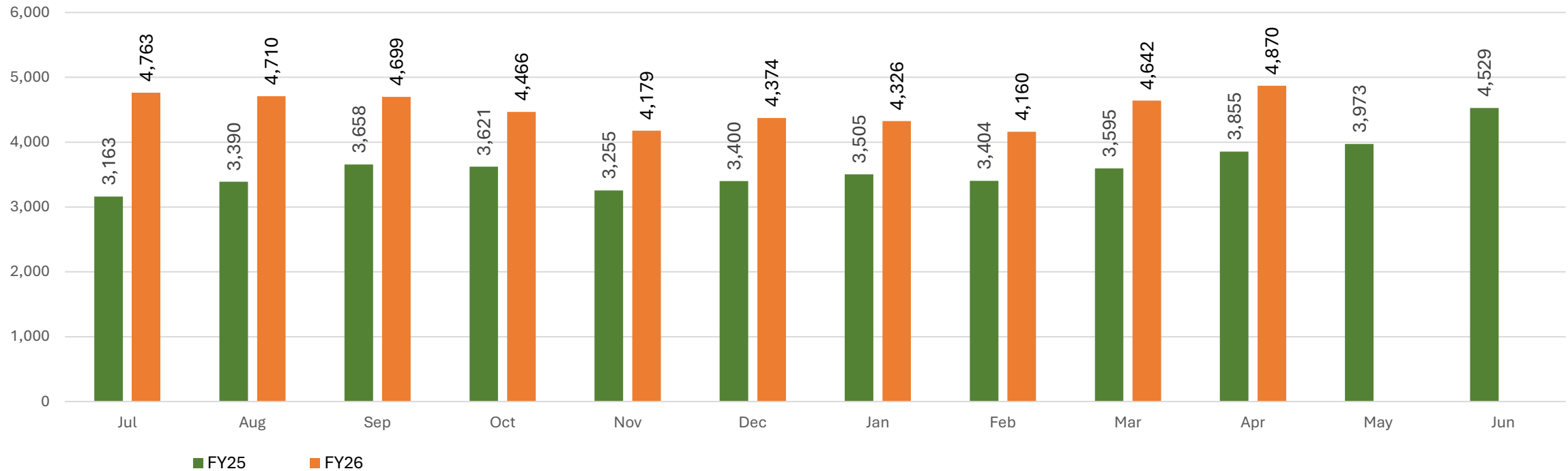
Average Weekday Ridership

March Average Weekday ridership: 4,642

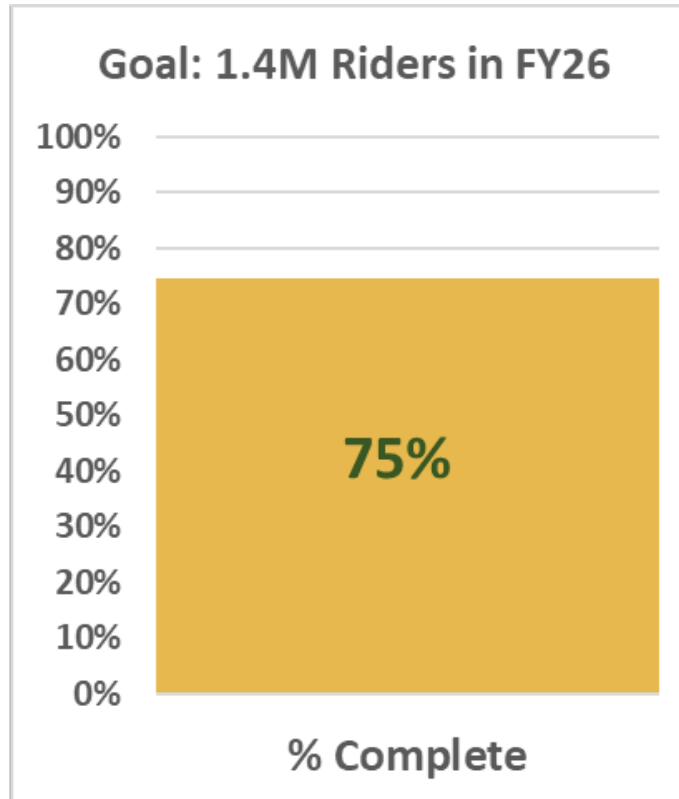
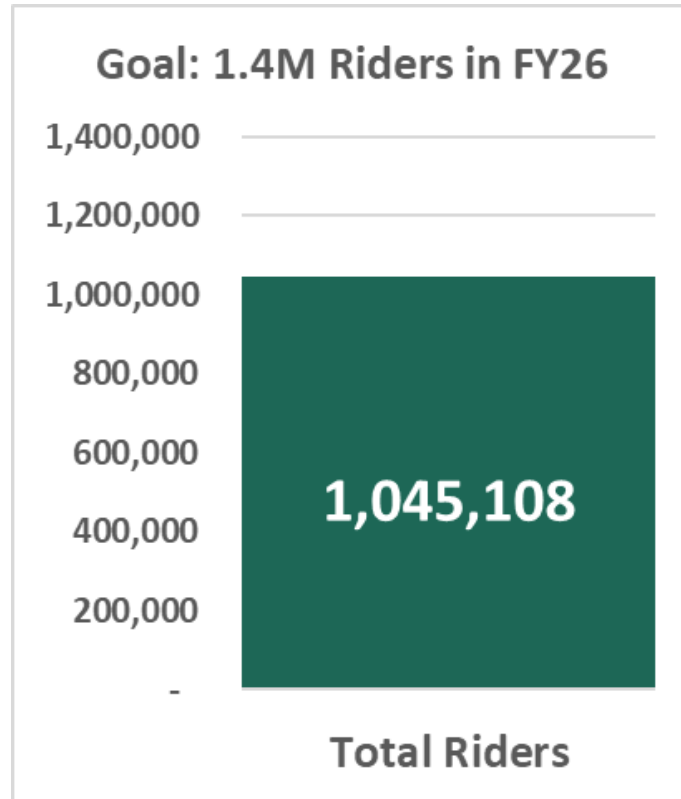
- 29% over March 2025

April Average Weekday ridership to date: 4,870

- 26% over April 2025



SMART to 1.4 Million Riders in FY26 (July 1 –March 31)



- Already eclipsed 1 million riders in FY26
- Expect to break last year's ridership record within next couple of weeks

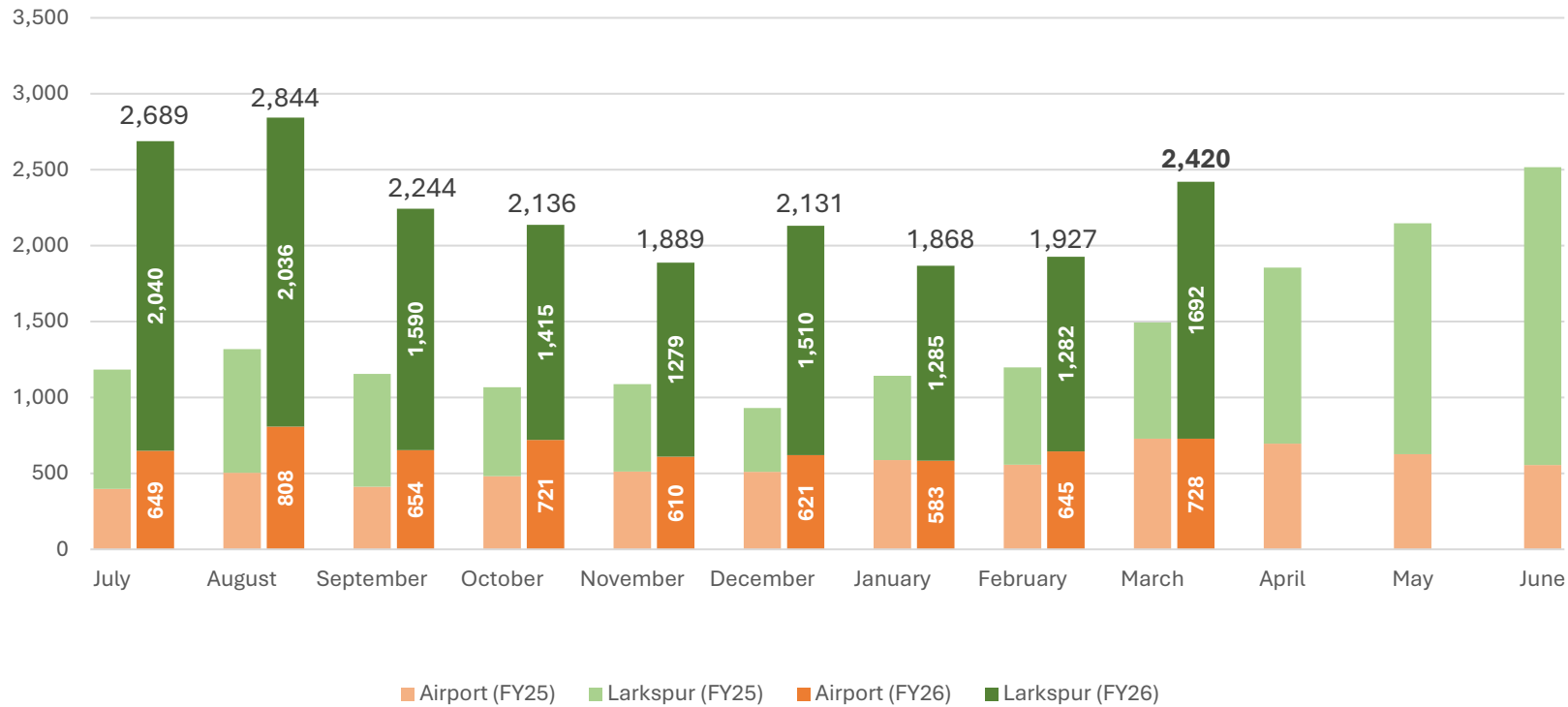
SMART Connect Ridership

March Connect Ridership: 2,420

- 61% over March 2025



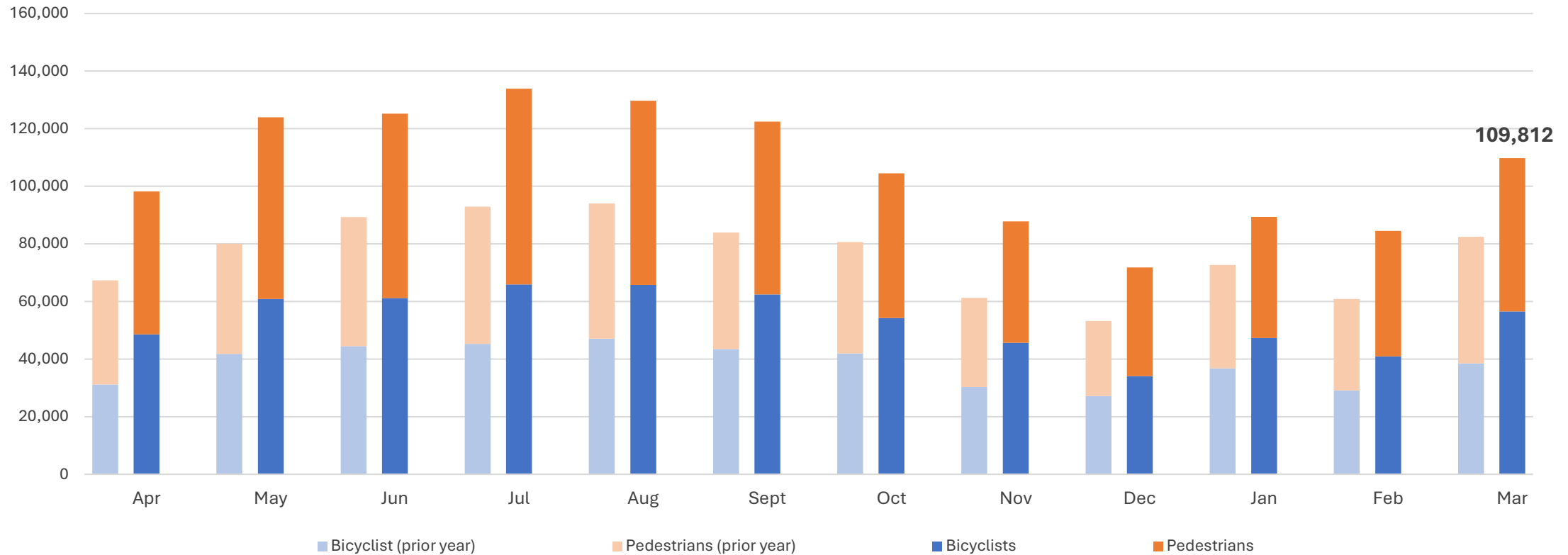
SMART Connect Ridership (FY25-FY26)



SMART Pathway Counts

March Pathway Trips = 109,812

- 33% over March 2025



Transit App & Rider Alerts Transition

- **Beginning April 16, SMART** will offer Transit Royale level service - an enhanced version of the app
- In addition to free tools such as receiving nearby real-time train arrivals, alerts, and simple trip planning, Transit Royale offers SMART riders the ability to
 - track trains along the entire alignment, not just those nearby
 - view the full schedule days/weeks ahead for planning future trips
 - and customization of the app to suit their needs
- North Bay agencies offering Transit Royale include Sonoma County Transit, Santa Rosa CityBus, and Petaluma Transit
- **Effective June 1, 2026, SMART rider alerts will be delivered through the Transit app. Nixle notifications will no longer be used**
- More Information: sonomamarintrain.org/transitapp



Petaluma Butter and Egg Days Parade and Festival Saturday, April 18, 2026

- Big ridership day for SMART
- 3-car trains morning & afternoon
- SMART will host a booth at this event



Groundbreaking for the Healdsburg Extension

The entire community is invited

- Friday, May 8, 2026, 1 – 3 PM
- Foley Family Community Pavilion
- 3 North Street, Healdsburg, CA 95448
- RSVP online at sonomamarintrain.org/healdsburg



Bike to Wherever Day – Thursday, May 14, 2026

Celebrating bicycling as a sustainable, practical, and fun way to get around the Bay Area—from work to fun to wherever

SMART is co-hosting two Energizer stations - Santa Rosa Downtown & Larkspur

Energizer stations at several SMART stations this year

Looking forward to connecting with cyclists at the stations, on the trains, and on the Pathway



Transit Access Club event at SRJC

- Joined SMART Board Director Cader-Thompson and other transportation partners at an event hosted at the SRJC Petaluma Campus put on by student members of the Transit Access Club
- Excited to see students passionate about the ways transit can support students and the greater community



SRJC

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**SANTA ROSA
JUNIOR COLLEGE**



Highlight of the Month

- Windsor Extension awarded ASCE California Project of Year
- Grand Prize for the state of California
- Awarded by The American Society of Civil Engineers Region 9
- Bill Gamlen (Chief Engineer) will be representing SMART at the awards banquet in South San Francisco next Friday (April 24)



A poster for the ASCE Region 9 Project Awards. The top section includes the text "CA INFRASTRUCTURE SYMPOSIUM 2024 & AWARDS LUNCH" and the ASCE logos for the San Francisco Section and Region 9. Below this is the title "ASCE REGION 9 PROJECT AWARDS" and the event details: "AWARDS LUNCHEON | APRIL 24, 2025 | SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO CONVENTION CENTER, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA". The main body of the poster lists 20 award categories and their respective projects, such as "Project of the Year (Grand Prize) SMART WINDSOR EXTENSION" and "Geotechnical Project SACRAMENTO RIVER EAST LEVEE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT". At the bottom, there are two QR codes, the text "SYMPOSIUM APRIL 23, 2024 LEARN MORE & REGISTER AT CAIS.R9-ASCE.ORG", and the labels "CAIS WEBPAGE" and "SPONSOR NOW".



Questions?