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I am a frequent passenger (few times a week) and cyclist.

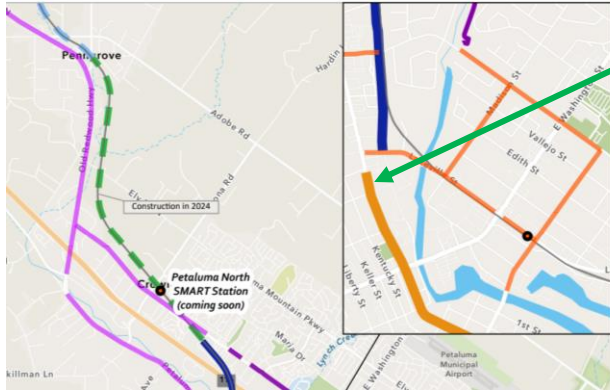
Many of these issues have been reported to SMART staff in an ad hoc method via email. It would be the goal of submitting this information to put the issues on record to receive a timeline by SMART for their consideration and when applicable, correction and update.

- A. SMART Station signage to/from station and pathway
 - a. **Signage - Recently completed .3-mile segment Petaluma Lakeville St to Payran St MUP**
 - 1) On street location
 - 2) SMART Pathways website

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- a. Cross street not on SMART pathway map – insert map needs GOLD line marked as Petaluma Blvd South

Penngrove to Petaluma



- b. Location difficult to find – no sidewalk access from Petaluma Station
- c. No distance markers from beginning to end
- d. Path end point has no street signage (wonder where I am?)



Lakeville St to Payran St SMART MUP start location (near Petaluma S at Lakeville St)



b SMART MUP start of path



a SMART MUP west of US 101



c SMART MUP end of path - no street sign near N McDowell Blvd and South Point – no signage that shows SMART MUP entry point to station

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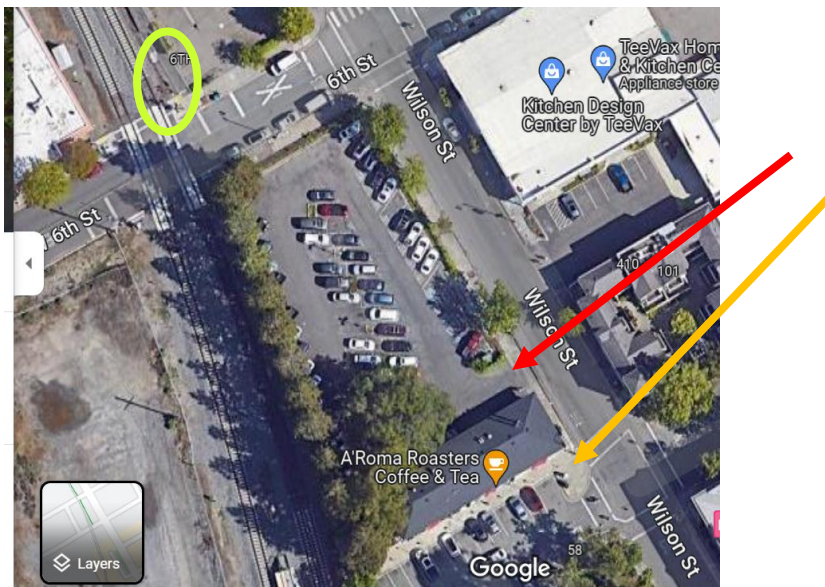
B. Santa Rosa Downtown – pedestrian and bike safety – Wilson St

Many people ride their bicycles to this station from Santa Rosa (use MUP or 4th Street) and Sebastopol (use Prince Greenway Trail from Pierce and 6th Street). The riders and pedestrians coming from the MUP or 6th Street, must turn right on Wilson Street to arrive at the station platform.

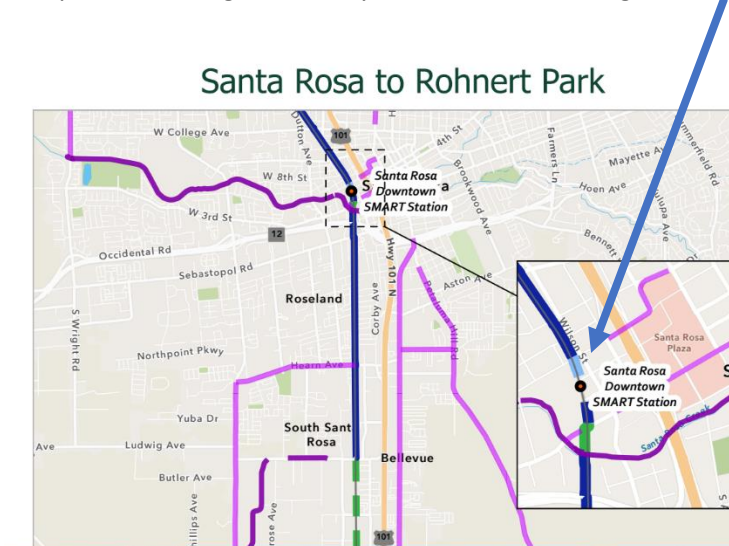
Recently a friend and I were riding slowly on Wilson Street sidewalk and a car almost hit us exiting the Hotel La Rose parking lot. Aromas' staff shared it is a dangerous exit and that mirrors should be added.

I request that SMART look into this issue.

1. Green oval is end of SMART MUP on 6th Street where bicyclists and pedestrians exit
2. Red arrow is entrance/exit of parking lot owned and used by Hotel La Rose
3. Orange arrow is entrance to SR Downtown Station platform



This path is in design, but not yet funded. See the light blue line below.



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C. SMART Pathway Website

Many people use the SMART Pathway website to find pathways for biking and walking to/from the stations. **There are no pathway maps on the trains or at the stations.** Below is the current website content:

https://www.sonomamarintrain.org/smart_pathway

The SMART Pathway

The Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit (SMART) District along with partner agencies have constructed over 28 miles of pathway, of which approximately 21 miles are Class I SMART Pathway within and along the railroad right-of-way.

Currently, 9.5 miles of pathway are slated for construction in 2023/2024. SMART is advancing another 31 miles of planned pathway through design, of which 3.5 miles are already fully funded for construction.

For more on the status of the pathway, please see the June 2023 Pathway Update presented to the SMART Board of Directors [here](#).

1. This link on [here](#) is to the entire Board Packet page which is 147-pages and only reference is pages 144-147 in the report.

https://sonomamarintrain.org/sites/default/files/Documents/SMART%20Board%20of%20Directors%20Packet_06.21.2023.pdf

2. Which pathways are funded? To be transparent, it would be best for the [here](#) link to reference the Board Pathway document Agenda Item #8:

https://www.sonomamarintrain.org/sites/default/files/Documents/Agenda%20Item%20%238%20-%20Pathway%20Update_06.21.2023.pdf



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3. Inside the document, consider the following easy to read table format:

2023/2024 Pathway Construction:

Name/Location	City	Begin Date/Completion	Distance
Lakeville St. to Payran St.	Petaluma	Spring 2023	.3 miles
McInnis Pkwy to Smith Ranch Road	San Rafael	Sept 2023	.9 miles
Southpoint Blvd. to Main St.	Petaluma to Penngrove	2024	2.9 miles
Golf Course Dr. to Bellevue Ave	Rohnert Park to Santa Rosa	2024	2.7 miles
Windsor Extension	Windsor north	Spring 2024	2.7 miles
Total			6.9 miles

Source: Jun 21, 2023 Board Agenda Item #8

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2023/2024 Pathways Funded:

- \$3M awarded to SMART Pathway Projects Source: One Bay Area Grant (OBAG3)
- Construction funding for Marin and Sonoma Segments:
 - 1) Marin County - Hanna Ranch Rd. to South Rowland Ave. in Novato (\$1 million)
 - 2) Sonoma County - San Miguel Ave. to Airport Blvd. in Santa Rosa (\$2 million)

Source: Feb 15, 2023 Board Packet, page 5

https://www.sonomamarintrain.org/sites/default/files/Documents/SMART%20Board%20of%20Directors%20Packet_02.15.2023.pdf

2023/2024 Pathways in Design

- 1) Santa Rosa 6th Street to 5th Street
TBD

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The SMART San Rafael Station has connections to/from OAK using Golden Gate Transit bus 580 and El Cerrito Del Norte BART station on this [map](#)

The Rail to Sail to/from SMART Larkspur Station and Larkspur Ferry to SF Ferry Terminal has a connection to/from SFO using the SF Embarcadero BART station, located a 6-minute walk from the Larkspur Terminal at the San Francisco Ferry Building.

The SMART Larkspur Station has a connection to/from SFO via the [Marin Airporter](#) shuttle which has a stop on Sir Francis Drake Boulevard.

OAK to SMART Guide



Marin Airporter Express Schedule

SCHEDULE UPDATE
Effective **WEDNESDAY JANUARY 5, 2022** until further notice

Departure Times TO San Francisco Airport (SFO) from Marin							
Hamilton (Novato)	Smith Ranch Road Terra Linda	Andersen Drive San Rafael	Larkspur Sir Francis Drake Blvd.	Seminary Drive Bus pad	Manzanita Park & Ride Mill Valley	Spencer Avenue Sausalito	Arrive SFO (approximate)
-	-	3:50 am	4:00 am	4:05 am	4:08 am	4:12 am	4:55 am
3:55 am	4:05 am	4:20 am	4:30 am	4:35 am	4:38 am	4:42 am	5:25 am
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