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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **SMART advancing into its next phase of systemwide testing**

The Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District (SMART) this week will begin running trains at higher speeds as part of the next phase of systemwide testing. In addition to rail safety crossing gates, SMART will use safety flaggers at crossing gates as an added safety measure during this portion of the testing.

SMART is asking motorists and pedestrians to be alert and aware at all crossing gates and remember the following safety tips:

- Never stop your car on the railroad tracks. Do not cross the tracks until you are sure your vehicle will be able to get across safely.
- Please be patient: Obey all crossing signals and signage.
- Never walk on railroad tracks. Walking on the tracks is unsafe and illegal.
- Stay alert near all railroad crossings: Don't be distracted by cell phones or headphones.

For more information about SMART's systemwide testing and to download a rail safety fact sheet, visit [www.SonomaMarinTrain.org](http://www.SonomaMarinTrain.org).

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