

Why Are We Here?

## What is the project?

The project: working to identify a new San Rafael Transit Center (SRTC).

Project Lead Agency: Golden Gate Bridge Highway &

Transportation District (GGBHTD)

"Responsible Agency" under CEQA: City of San Rafael

### **Cooperating Agencies:**

- \*Marin Transit
- \*Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM)
  \*Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART)

#### This project will include:

- \*Determination of facility requirements
- \*Analysis and identification of potential sites in downtown San Rafael
- \*An environmental impact review process

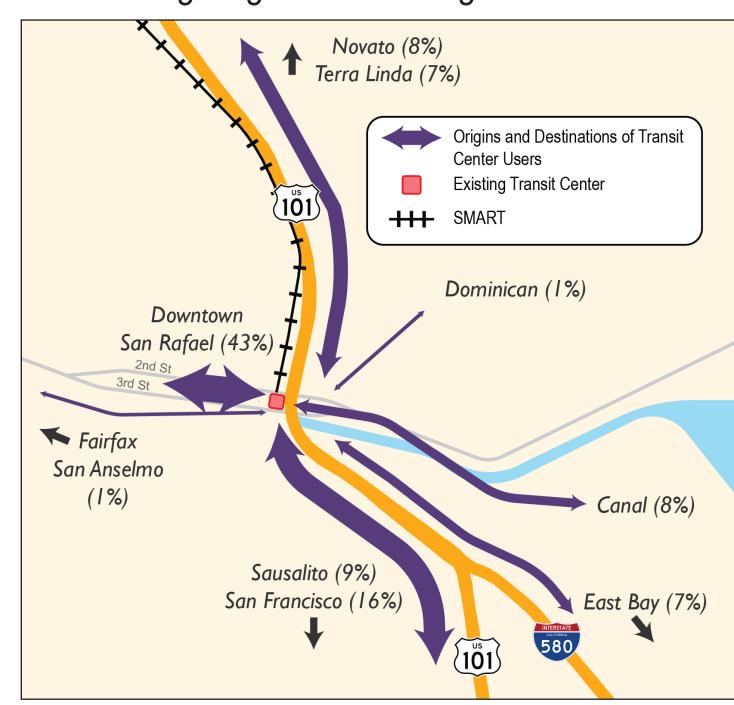
## Why does it need to be relocated?

\*The planned SMART tracks extension will go through the current San Rafael Transit Center site south to Larkspur.

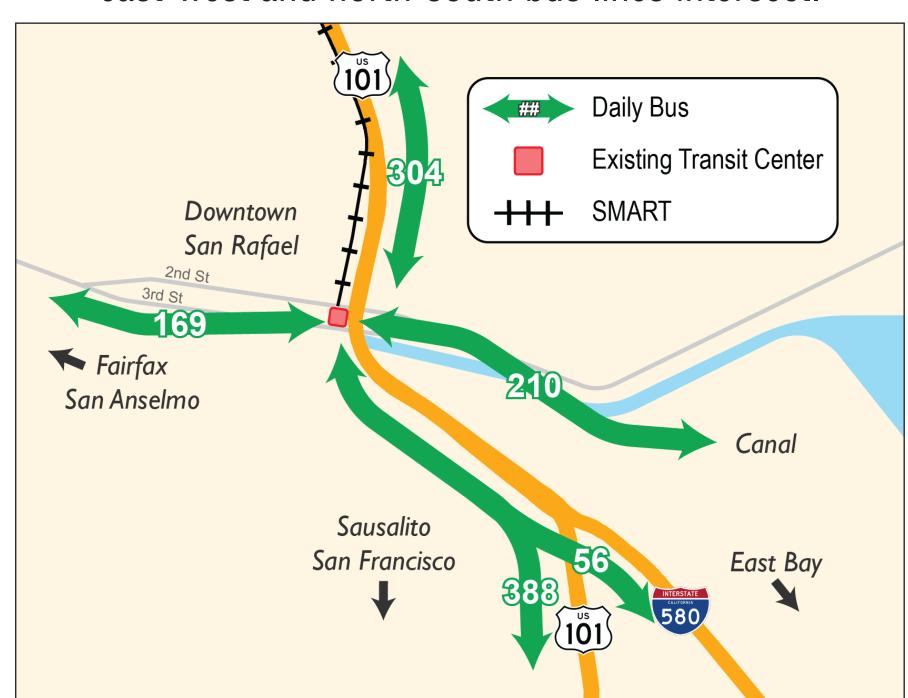
### Why does it function best in downtown San Rafael?

- \*Downtown is a point of intersection for major north-south and east-west bus routes.
- \*Access to major arterials will help reduce time buses spend on City streets.
- \*Downtown is a destination for work and play.
- \*Consolidation of services downtown will help to reduce riders' travel time.
- \*A downtown location is fiscally responsible and can help reduce operating costs.

Where are people using the Transit Center going to or coming from?



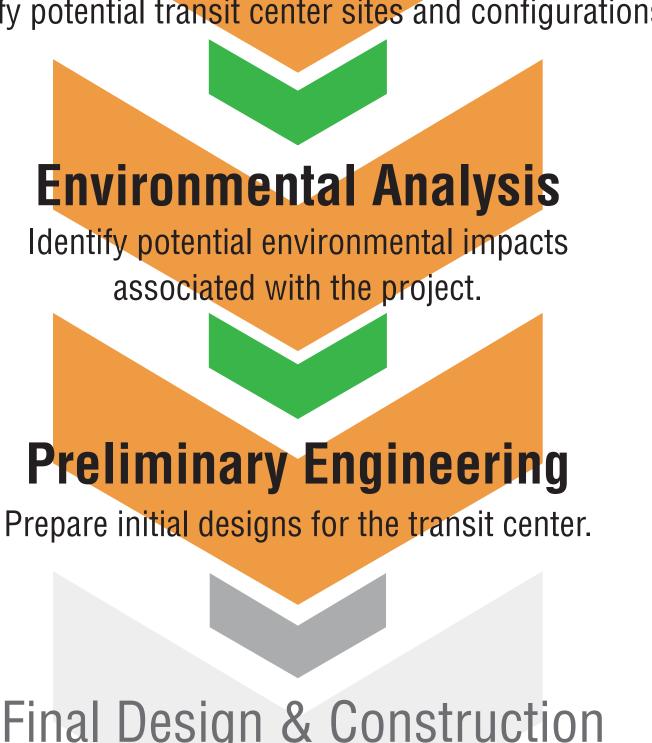
The Transit Center is purposely located where a number of east-west and north-south bus lines intersect.



## PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

## Identification of Transit Center **Alternatives**

Build on the previously prepared Relocation Study and identify potential transit center sites and configurations.

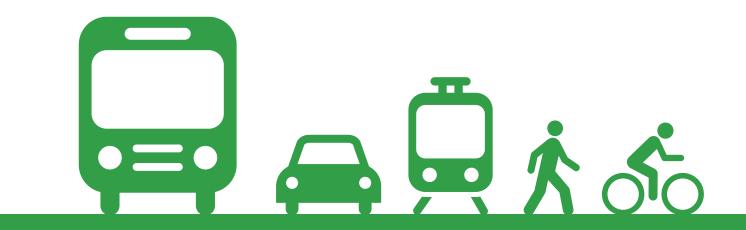


Final Design & Construction (not a part of this study)

A preferred transit center location and configuration is anticipated to be selected in 2018.

Environmental analysis and preliminary design is anticipated to be completed in 2020. Subsequent project efforts after 2020 will include final design and construction.

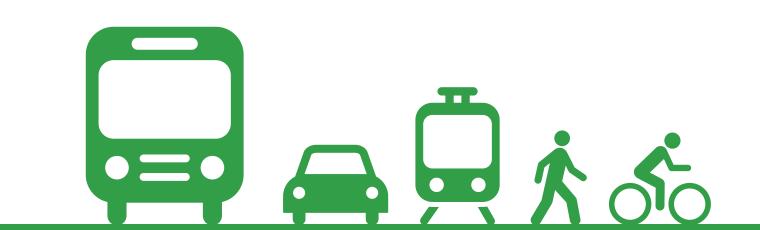




# Memorandum of Understanding

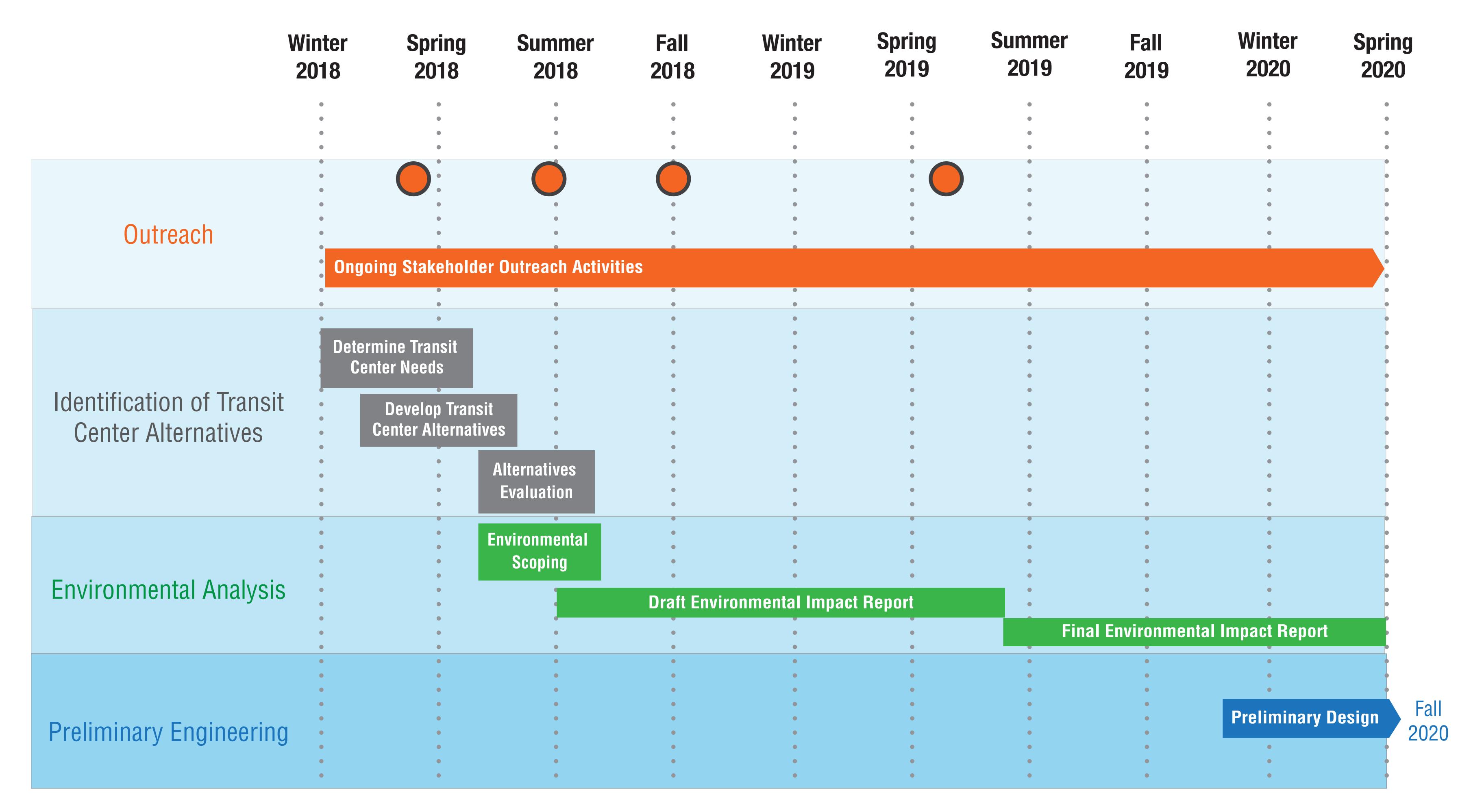
# Agreement Between Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation District and the City of San Rafael

- The District shall be the lead agency for purposes of environmental review of the Project under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA").
- The City shall be a responsible agency for purposes of environmental review of the Project under CEQA.
- The District and the City shall cooperate to develop and consider, to the extent feasible, an additional alternative for the replacement Transit Center, besides those identified in the March 2017 Report.
- In planning and developing specific Project features, the District shall meet and confer with the City's Community Development Department staff concerning consistency of the proposed Project with the City's General Plan, Station Area Plan, and Zoning Ordinance.
- The parties agree that the selected alternative must be approved by the City Council.
- In consideration of the obligations undertaken by District herein, City shall waive standard application and hearing fees for City review of the Project, and shall streamline any District applications, as applicable, to the City for work required in or affecting the public right-of-way or other public property.



Relocation Analysis, Environmental Clearance, and Preliminary Design

# Project Process



Community engagement activities include: Meetings, presentations, online surveys and in-person engagement at the transit center

Subject to change depending on project process



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# **Characteristics of an Effective Transit Center**

# High Quality Patron Experience

# Integrated with Downtown

Design for transit and non-transit users

Have things to do while waiting

**Connect businesses** with commuters and students

Easy navigation to and from the Center

Safe + Secure Comfortable waiting spaces

Clean and easy to maintain

Sustainable designs with green elements

# **Transit Choices that Work**

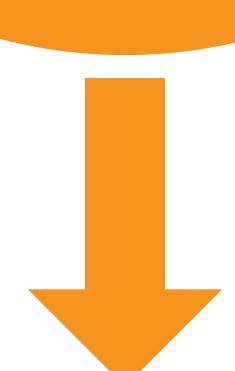
Capacity of passengers

Efficient bus routing

Reliable

Flexibility for future bus service

Good integration between transit services



# An Effective Transit Center

Seamless transfer between services Access to local destinations Flexible to meet current & future needs Information about transportation options Ensure future operational efficiencies, and bus layover space Activated, visible, safe and well connected Intuitive, and comfortable patron experience Easy access for all users