Background and Project Overview

Larkspur Ferry Service Expansion and Parking Study

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Background
Project Area Map
Larkspur Ferry Terminal

- Built in 1976
- Located where the Corte Madera Channel moves into the Bay
- 25-acre site
- Ferry Terminal canopy
  » Designed by Jacques de Brer
- Four ferry berths
Parking Lots

Main Parking Lot – 1,808 Parking Spaces
- 7 car pick-up/drop-off spaces
- 2 bus drop-off spaces
- 30 carpool/HOV spaces
- 28 spaces for persons with disabilities
- 2 electric vehicle spaces with charging
- 140 bike rack parking spaces
- 20 motorcycle spaces

North Parking Lot – 215 Parking Spaces
- Former Marin Airporter lot
- Added in 2015
- Adjacent to SMART station
Larkspur Ferry Ridership Growth – Pre-COVID

Daily Ferry Trips
Maximum: 40 to 42 (summer) revenue trips per-day

30% increase in Larkspur Ferry weekday ridership (2005-2019)
Larkspur Ferry Terminal Access – Pre-COVID

79% of ferry riders drove and parked at the Terminal

Main Lot at capacity by 9:30-10:00 a.m. weekdays

North Lot – often also at capacity
of ferry riders arrived by bike, bus, shuttle and other modes

**Bicycling**
- Along Class I trail to local destinations
- SMART Larkspur Station: 4-5 min (0.65-mile path)

**Pedestrian**
- SMART Larkspur Station: 12-17 min (0.5- to 0.65-mile path)
Transit Connections – Current

**Marin Transit – Sir Francis Drake stop adjacent to Ferry Terminal**
- 800’ walk (3-4 minutes)
- Route 17 – Downtown San Rafael-to-Sausalito
  - 3-4 Northbound-only trips/day serve Larkspur Ferry (7 days per week)
- Route 29 – San Rafael - E. Corte Madera
  - 12 total (all) North- and Southbound trips/day (Monday-Friday only)
- Route 228 – Downtown San Rafael - Fairfax Manor
  - 25-27 total (all) East- and Westbound trips/day (7 days per week)

**Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) – Larkspur Station**
- Serves North Bay, Marin and Sonoma Counties
- 0.5-0.65 mile walk (12-17 minutes)
- 38 weekday & 16 weekend trips per-day (North & Southbound)
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The Bridge District is planning for the future and expects Larkspur Ferry ridership to return to pre-pandemic levels in the next few years and exceed those levels in subsequent years. This Study will define future parking and access needs:

- **Ferry Demand Forecasts** for 5-, 10- and 20-year horizons
- **Ferry Terminal Parking Structure** and landside access scenarios
- **Consensus** through stakeholder and community outreach
- **Environmental Clearance** for expanded ferry service and parking needs
- **Preliminary Parking Structure Design** in preparation for final design

**Future Action**

- **District Board approval** prior to next phases of the project
Where we are now
Ferry Service Expansion and Parking Study Schedule

**Phase I**
- Parking and Landside Alternatives
  - Preliminary Assessment
  - Stakeholder Outreach, Alternative Evaluation

**Phase II**
- Technical Studies
  - 30% Design Plans
  - Environmental Document
    - Scoping Meeting
    - Draft Environmental Report Meeting

**Phase III**
- Final Environmental Clearance Report & Regulatory Permitting
  - Environmental approval and permit issuance; FTA coordination

**Outreach**
- Stakeholder Outreach
- Project Website
- Public Meetings

**Timeline**
- 2024: Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4
- 2025: Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4
- 2026: Q1, Q2