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****PRESS RELEASE****

**SFMTA Weekend Transit and Traffic Advisory
For Saturday, March 17, 2018**

San Francisco—The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) releases the following upcoming event-related traffic and transit impacts for this weekend, Saturday, March 17 through Sunday, March 18, 2018. Anyone traveling in San Francisco can check www.sfmta.com or call 311 to find out which of the 83 Muni lines will get them where they want to go. **All road users are encouraged to be aware, share the roadway and to follow all rules to ensure everyone's safety. Whether you are riding Muni, taking a taxi, walking, riding a bike or driving, please remain vigilant to keep everyone safe. If you see suspicious activity, please report it.**

For real-time updates, follow us on www.twitter.com/sfmta_muni or visit <http://www.sfmta.com/signup> to sign up for real-time text messages or email alerts.

For details of Muni re-routes, visit <http://www.sfmta.com/news/alerts>. This website will be updated when it is closer to the event date.

For additional notifications and agency updates, subscribe to our blog, [Moving SF](#) for [daily](#) or [weekly](#) updates.

NEW: Twin Peaks Tunnel Improvements Weekend Early Closures

Friday, March 16 through Sunday, March 18: Starting late night Friday and Saturday, and continuing for up to 15 weekends, preparatory work inside Twin Peaks Tunnel will be completed in the early morning weekend hours. To accommodate this work, some stations will be closed early over the weekend:

- **Forest Hill and West Portal stations** will be closed at 9 p.m. on Fridays and at 11 p.m. on Saturday nights. Stations will reopen the following morning for regular train service. Signage will be posted at the temporary bus stop to denote the K, L and M shuttle stop.
- **Castro Station** will remain open to trains and become the terminal for S Shuttle and T Third trains that are running. Regular service will return the following mornings.

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NEW: Twin Peaks Tunnel Improvements Weekend Early Closures *continued*

Buses will operate for K Ingleside, L Taraval and M Ocean View lines, running between Embarcadero Station and each line's outbound terminal. Buses will run every 20 minutes. Owl service will begin at its regular time. There will be no changes to N Judah, J Church or T Third service.

This preparatory work is being done ahead of the Twin Peaks Tunnel summer closure. In the summer, 100-year-old Twin Peaks Tunnel will be closed for up to 60 consecutive days in order to replace aging tracks and complete major tunnel improvements.

For more information about the Twin Peaks Tunnel Improvement Project, visit sfmta.com/twinpeaks.

Irish Bank St. Patrick's Day Parade Block Party

Saturday, March 17: The annual Irish Bank St Patrick's Day Parade Block Party will take place from noon until midnight.

For more details, visit <http://www.theirishbank.com/news/>.

The following street closures will be required from noon, Friday, March 16 to 1 a.m., Sunday, March 18:

- Mark Lane between Bush and Harlan streets
- Harlan Street between Mark Lane and Grant Street

There will be no impact on Muni service.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Saturday, March 17: The annual St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Market Street.

For more event details, visit <http://www.uissf.org/>.

Starting at 10 a.m. the parade units will gather along 2nd Street between Market and Brannan streets. At 11:30 a.m. the parade will move west along Market Street to McAllister Street and proceed west to Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place and south to Grove Street where the parade will disband.

To ensure traffic flows on Mission, Howard, Folsom, Harrison, Bryant and Brannan streets, cross traffic will be allowed along the staging area of 2nd Street until the parade begins. Traffic along these streets will resume as soon as the parade units pass.

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St. Patrick's Day Parade *continued*

Grove Street between Polk and Larkin streets will be closed from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday as part of the St. Patrick's Day Festival in Civic Center Plaza.

Market Street between 1st Street and Van Ness Avenue will be closed to traffic beginning at 11 a.m. There will be no cross traffic along Market Street during the parade which should end by 4 p.m. Streets will reopen as the marchers pass and the streets are cleaned. The reviewing stand will be on Carlton B. Goodlett Place.

Muni will provide longer trains on L Taraval line.

The following Muni lines and routes will be affected by the parade as early as 9 a.m.: **F Market & Wharves; 2 Clement; 5 Fulton; 6 Haight/Parnassus; 7 Haight/Noriega; 8 Bayshore; 9 San Bruno; 10 Townsend; 12 Folsom/Pacific; 19 Polk; 21 Hayes; 27 Bryant; 30 Stockton; 31 Balboa; 38 Geary; 38R Geary Rapid; and 45 Union/Stockton.**

Muni customers wishing to see the parade or who otherwise want to go downtown are advised to take Muni Metro.

CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES

NEW: Muni Rail Rehabilitation Project

Thursday, March 15 through Monday, March 19: Starting Thursday and through Monday, track maintenance work will take place at the intersection of West Portal Avenue and 15th Avenue.

During construction, K Ingleside, L Taraval and M Ocean View lines will operate without interruption.

Construction will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday, March 15 and Monday, March 19.

Nighttime work is planned and will occur: **a)** From 9 p.m., Friday, March 16 to 5 a.m., Saturday, March 17; and **b)** From 11 p.m., Saturday, March 17 to 7 a.m., Sunday, March 18.

This is being coordinated with the weekend early closures related to the [Twin Peaks Tunnel Improvement Project](#). To accommodate vital materials and equipment, four parking spaces on 15th Avenue and five parking spaces on West Portal Avenue will be unavailable near the intersection. The five parking spaces on West Portal Avenue will be made available during non-construction hours.

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CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

NEW: Muni Rail Rehabilitation Project *continued*

Monday, March 26: Starting on Monday, March 26, and continuing for approximately three weeks, N Judah track maintenance work will take place at the intersection of Judah Street and 10th Avenue.

During construction, N Judah trains will operate without interruption.

While Judah Street remains open, vehicle traffic along 10th Avenue will be detoured approaching Judah Street. Construction work will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mondays through Saturdays. Neighbors can expect noise during construction. To accommodate vital materials and equipment, six parking spaces will be unavailable near the job site.

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CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

UPDATE: Van Ness Improvement Project

The Van Ness Improvement Project is a civic improvement project that will bring San Francisco's first Bus Rapid Transit system. To maximize the benefits of construction, the City will also be replacing major utilities including water, sewer and emergency firefighting water systems. Work will also be done to repave Van Ness Avenue, enhance streetlights and landscaping, and install new sidewalk lighting and rain gardens.

Traffic lanes on Van Ness Avenue have been shifted to create two construction zones for upcoming utility work. Because some of this work requires reducing Van Ness Avenue to one lane in each direction, some work is limited to nighttime hours. Neighbors will be notified of night noise 72-hours in advance of night work.

Friday March 16: Between the hours of 8 p.m. and 7 a.m., neighbors are advised to anticipate construction-related noise and vibrations as crews work diligently to complete necessary night work. Crews are scheduled to pothole to confirm underground utilities for upcoming sewer work from Jackson to Lombard streets. Due to sewer installation work, intensive noise and vibration is expected at the intersection of Filbert Street and the intersection of Greenwich Street.

For more project details and the latest construction updates, please visit sfmta.com/vanness.

ONGOING: Central Subway Project

Water line installation at the intersection of 4th and Brannan streets and track work on 4th Street between Brannan and King streets are ongoing. Construction of the 4th and Brannan streets surface station platform is ongoing. Until further notice, traffic reroutes will remain in effect.

Sewer and water supply infrastructure replacement work continues at 4th and Folsom streets, Monday through Friday, from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. During these work hours southbound 4th Street will be reduced to one lane and eastbound Folsom Street will be reduced to two lanes. Sewer replacement work continues at night at 4th and Howard streets. Work hours are from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. Two through lanes are in place southbound 4th Street. Westbound traffic on Howard Street will be impacted.

One lane on the south side of Ellis Street is open at all times for eastbound traffic. The parking garage between Ellis and O'Farrell is accessible on the north side of Ellis Street. Street restoration work is continuing on the north side of the intersection of Ellis and Stockton streets.

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CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

ONGOING: Central Subway Project *continued*

Washington Street between Stockton Street and Trenton Alley is under a long-term temporary closure to vehicular traffic as station construction continues. Pedestrian access to Washington Street between Stockton Street and Trenton Alley remains open.

The Central Subway project is the first underground line to link the north and south corridors of the city, and will provide a direct connection to major retail, sporting and cultural venues while efficiently transporting people to jobs, educational opportunities and other amenities throughout San Francisco.

For project updates, please visit:

<https://www.sfmta.com/projects-planning/projects/central-subway-project>

ONGOING: Construction of Mission Bay Loop

Now until Further Notice: The SFMTA has resumed construction on 18th, 19th and Illinois streets, the project is expected to be completed in early 2018.

The Mission Bay Loop is a key component for San Francisco's T Third rail line and is critical to operating the T Third Central Subway service plan. The loop provides turn-around capabilities for the T Third Street light rail line via a connection of trackway from 3rd Street to 18th, Illinois and 19th streets, which will allow the SFMTA to operate the necessary service levels needed to support current and planned growth within the eastern portion of San Francisco.

Traffic, including travelling by bike, may be affected by the construction work. All work areas will be clearly marked and there will be flaggers to help direct traffic. Traveling around and through the construction area should expect minor delays.

Since early April 2017, the contractor has been working on the sewer infrastructure within the center of Illinois Street starting at 18th and Illinois streets. General work hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

In order to conduct the work, parking on both sides including along the historical Crane Cove Park fence (east side of Illinois Street) will be removed 24 hours, 7 days a week from 18th to 19th and Illinois streets for the duration of the project (approximately until summer of 2018).

Traffic lanes traveling both north and south will remain open and there will be flaggers posted to help direct traffic. The northbound bike lane will be converted to a shared roadway. Expect minor delays when traveling around and through the construction area.

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CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

ONGOING: Construction of Mission Bay Loop *continued*

Local access to properties along the project site will be maintained. Sewer work is scheduled to be completed by March 2018.

For project details or to sign up to receive project updates, please visit:

<https://www.sfmta.com/missionbayloop>.

ONGOING: 8th Street Safety Project

Now until Further Notice: A new transit boarding island will come soon to 8th Street between Market and Stevenson streets. In coordination with a sewer upgrade effort, construction is in progress and may last until March 2018.

The transit boarding island will provide more space and reliability for transit passengers, and a protected space for bicyclists riding between the sidewalk and boarding island.

Traffic/Transit Impact

- Please follow posted signage to locate the closest 19 Polk and 83X Mid-Market Express bus stop during construction.
- At times, there may be temporary lane closures as crews perform work resulting in possible travel delays. Please plan to allow for extra travel time during construction due to possible delays.
- Traffic will be routed around construction activity as necessary, but will not be detoured. Pedestrian pathways and access to driveways and commercial/residential buildings will be maintained at all times.

For more project details, please visit sfmta.com/7th&8th.

ONGOING: Polk Streetscape Project

The Polk Streetscape Project is an effort to create a safer, more vibrant corridor for all residents of San Francisco. In addition to increasing safety for everyone traveling on Polk Street, this project will incorporate new lighting, landscaping and street infrastructure. The project is anticipated to be completed in six segments, with construction taking approximately 24 months to complete. General work hours will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Construction began since October 2016 with sewer work on North Point Street, from Polk to Larkin streets.

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CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

ONGOING: Polk Streetscape Project *continued*

San Francisco Public Works will be working to incorporate key safety, sewer and water utility infrastructure improvements and streetscape enhancements along Polk Street, from Beach to McAllister streets. Improvements also include: paving, ADA curb ramps installation, alleyway improvements, sidewalk bulb-outs and bus bulb-outs, traffic signal upgrades, street light upgrades and bicycle lane improvements.

Traffic/Transit Impact

- At times, there may be temporary intersection or lane closures as crews perform work resulting in possible travel delays. Please plan to allow for extra travel time during construction due to possible delays.
- Traffic will be routed around construction activity as necessary. Pedestrian pathways and access to driveways and commercial/residential buildings will be maintained at all times.

For more project details, please visit sfpublicworks.org/polk.

Upcoming Events

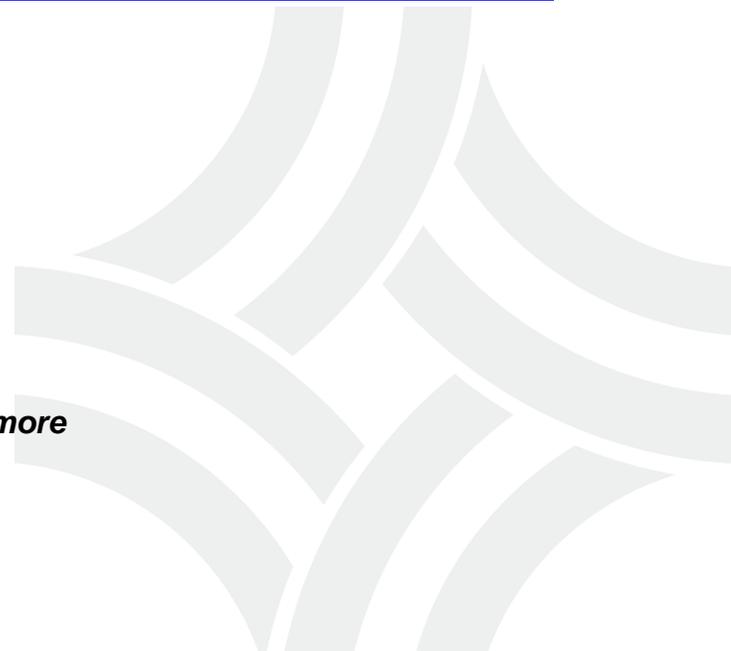
March for Our Lives

Saturday, March 24: The event will stage a rally at Civic Center Plaza at 1 p.m. followed by a march at 2:30 p.m. from Civic Center Plaza to Market Street ending at Embarcadero Plaza (formerly Justin Herman Plaza). The march may not completely clear Market Street until 5 p.m. All times are subject to change.

For event details, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-march-4-our-lives-sf-bay-area-tickets-43318224977>.

More details to follow.

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Upcoming Events *continued*

SFMTA Sales Kiosks Operation Hours

Sunday, March 25: SFMTA sales kiosks will begin spring and summer operation hours with the following schedule:

Powell and Market streets

- 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (seven days a week, including holidays)

Hyde and Beach streets

- 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (seven days a week, including holidays)

Bay and Taylor streets

- 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (seven days a week, including holidays)

Presidio Avenue and Geary Street

- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (seven days a week, closed on holidays)

Sunday Streets: Excelsior

Sunday, March 25: The second Sunday Streets event of the season will be held in the Excelsior District. The route includes the bustling outer Mission merchant corridor from Theresa Street and Avalon to Geneva Avenue. The route will open the roadway to people walking, bicycling and other recreational activities from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday Streets is free and open to the public.

For further event details, please visit: [Sunday Streets Excelsior 3.25](#).

More details to follow.

San Francisco Giants Baseball Game

Monday, March 26 and Tuesday, March 27: The San Francisco Giants will play their pre-season games against the Oakland Athletics at AT&T Park. Monday game will start at 7:15 p.m. and Tuesday game will begin at 6:05 p.m.

For more event details, please visit <http://sanfrancisco.giants.mlb.com>.

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Upcoming Events *continued*

San Francisco Giants Baseball Game *continued*

Special Event Parking Rates

During baseball games and other events at AT&T Park, parking meters close to the ballpark will charge a special event rate of \$7 per hour. These rates help make more parking spots available in South Beach and Mission Bay and help reduce congestion by discouraging circling for free or cheap parking near the ballpark.

For more information and a map of the special event rate area, please visit www.sfpark.org/events.

Critical Mass

Friday, March 30: The Critical Mass bicycle ride will begin at Embarcadero Plaza (formerly Justin Herman Plaza) at 6 p.m.

There will be heavy traffic in the area. Motorists are advised to allow extra travel time.

Upcoming Construction

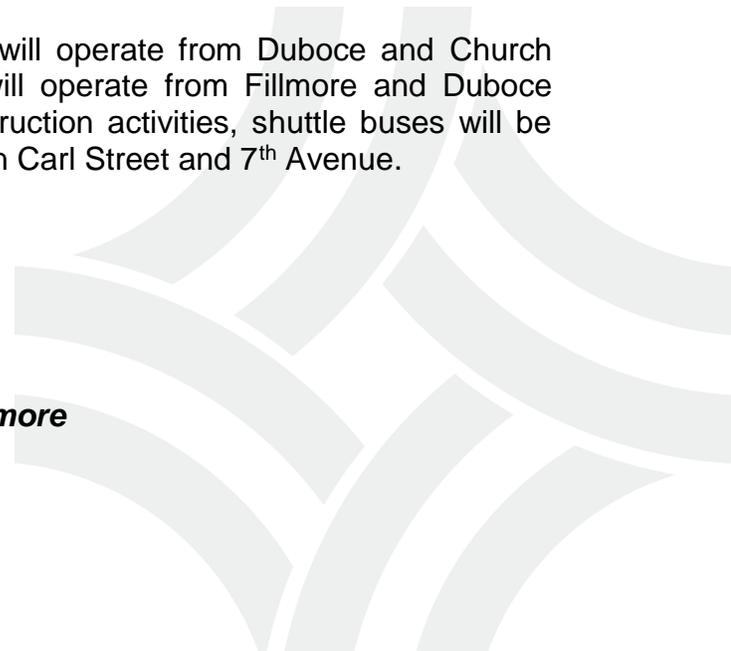
Inner Sunset Streetscape Improvement and Muni Forward Project

Saturday, March 24: From start until end of service on Saturday, the N Judah line will operate on Muni buses from Duboce and Church streets to Ocean Beach. The N Judah will operate normally on Friday, March 23 and return to normal service on Sunday, March 25.

The tunnel closure and bus substitution will facilitate the construction of the Inner Sunset Streetscape Improvement Project.

During the tunnel closure, N Judah train service will operate from Duboce and Church streets to King and 4th streets. Shuttle buses will operate from Fillmore and Duboce streets to Ocean Beach. To accommodate construction activities, shuttle buses will be routed to Frederick Street and Lincoln Way between Carl Street and 7th Avenue.

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Upcoming Construction continued

Inner Sunset Streetscape Improvement and Muni Forward Project continued

The project is a partnership between the SFMTA and the San Francisco Public Works (SFPW) to add streetscape amenities to the proposed transit bulb-outs in the area. The streetscape designs will enhance the beauty and walkability of the neighborhoods along the N Judah line from Cole Valley to 19th Avenue and to improve performance of the N Judah as part of Muni Forward program.

An additional 10-day closure is expected in 2019.

For more project details, visit www.sfmta.com/innersunset.

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To help with your travel plans to special events in the City of San Francisco, this release will be updated on a weekly basis. Whether you are a visitor or a local resident in the City, we hope you have an enjoyable weekend!

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