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PRESS RELEASE SFMTA WEEKEND TRANSIT AND TRAFFIC ADVISORY

San Francisco—The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) releases the following upcoming event-related traffic and transit impacts for next week and the next two weekends, beginning Monday, December 23 through Sunday, January 5, 2014. Anyone traveling in San Francisco can check with <u>www.sfmta.com</u> or call 311 to find out which of the 80 Muni lines will get them where they want to go.

For real-time updates during the week, 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., and special events, follow us on <u>www.twitter.com/sfmta_muni</u> or visit <u>http://www.sfmta.com/node/102171</u> to sign up for real-time text messages or email alerts.

Holiday Muni Schedule

On Christmas Day and New Year's Day, Muni will operate on a Sunday schedule.

On Thursday, December 26 and Friday, December 27, Muni will operate on a normal weekday schedule with reduced service on selected rush hour express routes in response to lower passenger demand. Timetables will be posted at <u>www.sfmta.com</u> detailing schedules for impacted lines.

Reduced Service:

- 1AX California 'A' Express Service approximately every 20 minutes
- 1BX California 'B' Express Service approximately every 20 minutes
- 16X Noriega Express Service approximately every 20 minutes
- 30X Marina Express Service approximately every 15 minutes
- 31AX Balboa 'A' Express Service approximately every 20 minutes
- 31BX Balboa 'B' Express Service approximately every 20 minutes
- 38AX Geary 'A' Express Service approximately every 20 minutes
- 38BX Geary 'B' Express Service approximately every 20 minutes
- 41 Union Service approximately every 20 minutes (afternoon ONLY, no change in the morning)
- NX N Judah Express Service approximately every 15 minutes

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Holiday Muni Schedule continued

No Service:

- 81X Caltrain Express Please use the N Judah, T Third Street, 30 Stockton, 45 Union/Stockton, or 10 Townsend
- 82X Levi Plaza Express Please use the N Judah, T Third Street, or 10 Townsend
- 83X Mid Market Express Please use the 47 Van Ness
- 88 BART Shuttle Please use the 14 Mission or 14L Mission Limited and transfer to the 29 Sunset, 43 Masonic, 54 Felton, 8X Bayshore Express or 8BX Bayshore 'B' Express for service to Balboa Park BART

Holiday Parking Enforcement

On both Christmas Day and New Year's Day, parking meters, seven-day daytime street sweeping, commuter towaway, residential parking permits and Monday-Friday street sweeping will not be enforced citywide.

On both Christmas Day and New Year's Day, meters on Port of San Francisco property, including The Embarcadero and Fisherman's Wharf, will not be enforced.

Hazards are always subject to ticketing and towing.

49ers Football Game

On Monday, December 23, the San Francisco 49ers will host their final regular season home game against the Atlanta Falcons at Candlestick Park. The game will start at 5:40 p.m.

Fans are encouraged to come early to avoid the rush hour commute period. Parking lots will open at 1:30 p.m. and stadium gates will open at 2 p.m. There will be special pregame festivities commemorating the 49ers final regular season game at Candlestick Park.

Bay Area motorists should expect delays on the westbound Bay Bridge and on all other bridges and freeways leading into San Francisco throughout Monday afternoon and after the end of the game. Motorists can avoid pre- and post-game congestion on US 101 near Candlestick Park by using the I-280 freeway through Daly City. Fans attending the games are encouraged to take public transportation. See times below for start times for Special game day Muni service to Candlestick Park. For more information, please visit www.sfmta.com/football.

NEW NFL Bag Policy: Fans should be advised that there is a new NFL Bag Policy in effect at 49ers games. Only NFL-approved bags will be permitted inside Candlestick Park. For more information, please visit <u>www.49ers.com/stadium/prohibited-items.html</u>.

49ers Football Game continued

On game days, Muni offers several ways to get to Candlestick Park from locations throughout San Francisco. There are four Muni Express routes and two Shuttles.

All service, including the express service, is regular fare service, \$2 adult per trip and \$.75 for youth/senior/disabled per trip.

For faster boarding, customers are encouraged to buy their fare prior to boarding the express service. Clipper cards with either a Fast Pass or pre-loaded cash can be purchased at your convenience. Customers can load their cards online at <u>www.clippercard.com</u> (please allow at least five days for processing), or at one of the participating Clipper vendors or ticket vending machines in a Muni Metro station. Please go to <u>www.sfmta.com</u> for fare details.

On game days, Muni customers may purchase their fare in advance. SFMTA staff will sell one-way and roundtrip Muni fares from 2:40 to 5:40 p.m. at the following locations:

- Balboa Park BART Station
- Sutter Street/Sansome Street

For service to and from the game, T Third customers should transfer at the Gilman/Paul station to the 87 Candlestick Shuttle, which operates directly between the station and Candlestick Park.

Pre-game Service:

- 75X Candlestick Express from Balboa Park BART (Service will begin at 2:30 p.m.)
- 77X Candlestick Express from California and Van Ness (Service will begin at 2:30p.m.)
- 78X Candlestick Express from California and Funston (Service will begin at 2:30pm)
- 79X Candlestick Express from Sutter and Sansome (service will begin at 2:30 p.m.)
- 86 Candlestick Shuttle from Bacon and San Bruno (service will begin at 2 p.m.)
- 87 Candlestick Shuttle from Third Street and Gillman, T Third Station (service will begin at 2:30 p.m.)

Post-game Service:

- 75X Candlestick Express to Balboa Park BART
- 77X Candlestick Express to Van Ness and North Point
- 78X Candlestick Express to California and Funston
- 79X Candlestick Express to Kearny and Sutter
- 86 Candlestick Shuttle to Bacon and San Bruno
- 87 Candlestick Shuttle to Third Street and Gillman, T Third Station

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79X Candlestick Express Re-route

The southbound 79X, which provides express service to the 49ers game from downtown, will be re-routed due to Central Subway construction on Stockton and 4th streets. Customers traveling to the game can board the 79X Candlestick Express at the following locations:

- Sutter and Sansome
- Sutter and Kearny
- Mason and Geary
- Cyril Magnin and Market
- 5th Street and Mission
- 5th Street and Howard
- 5th Street and Folsom

The southbound buses will then travel express to Candlestick Park from 5th and Folsom streets. Northbound buses will remain on the regular route.

Critical Mass

At 6 p.m., Friday, December 27, the Critical Mass bicycle ride will begin at Justin Herman Plaza.

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

Annual Fight Hunger Bowl

On Friday, December 27, the Washington Huskies will face the BYU Cougars in the Fight Hunger college football bowl game at AT&T Park. The game will begin at 6:30 p.m. For more details, please visit <u>www.fighthungerbowl.org</u>.

Fans attending the game are encouraged to take public transportation. Motorists should expect delays on all bridges and freeways leading into San Francisco for at least two hours before the start of the game and for at least two hours after the end of the game.

Muni customers may purchase their fare in advance at the following locations during the time specified:

Embarcadero Metro Station3:30 to 6:30 p.m.AT&T Park7:30 p.m. to 30 minutes after conclusion of the game
(approximately 9:45 p.m.)

For more information, please visit AT&T Park Service or www.sfbowl.org.

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Ride Muni Free New Year's Eve

For the 14th consecutive year, the SFMTA will offer free rides on New Year's Eve from 8 p.m. on Tuesday, December 31 through 5 a.m. on Wednesday, January 1. Please see separate release for details.

Fireworks on New Year's Eve

At midnight, Tuesday, December 31, there will be a city-sponsored fireworks show from a barge off of The Embarcadero, south of the Ferry Building.

Motorists should anticipate delays in the area from approximately 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. on New Year's Day. No closures or re-routes are planned. SFPD officers and SFMTA staff will monitor for any necessary re-routes. For details, please visit <u>www.sfmta.com</u>.

Reminder: Central Subway Construction During Holiday Season

Central Subway construction is paused on Stockton Street in Union Square and will recommence in January 2014. All Union Square businesses remain open. Stockton Street has been paved and reopened to traffic. One lane of Ellis Street between Stockton Street and the Ellis-O'Farrell Garage will remain closed during the holidays due to work related to the Central Subway tunnels.

In North Beach, utility construction work is stopped at the intersection of Columbus Avenue and Union Street. The contractor has restored the pavement on Columbus Avenue. All lanes of traffic are open. Construction is planned to resume in January 2014.

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For more information on Muni service, please call the San Francisco Customer Service Center at 311 or visit www.sfmta.com. For additional information on Muni's Accessible Services Program, please call (415) 701-4485 or TTY (415) 701-4730.

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