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****PRESS RELEASE****

SFMTA Weekend Transit and Traffic Advisory for Saturday, August 15, 2020

San Francisco—The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) releases the following upcoming event-related traffic and transit impacts for this weekend, from **Saturday, August 15 through Sunday, August 16.**

For real-time updates, follow us on https://twitter.com/sfmta_muni or visit [SFMTA.com/EmailText](https://sfmta.com/EmailText) to sign up for real-time text messages or email alerts.

For details of Muni re-routes, visit [SFMTA.com/Updates](https://sfmta.com/Updates). 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.

SFMTA's Sales Kiosks Resumed Service and Operation Hours

As of Monday, July 27, the following SFMTA service kiosks have reopened for business. Operation hours are from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week, except holidays.

- Powell and Market Service Kiosk located next to the Cable Car turn around
- Bay and Taylor Service Kiosk located next to the Cable Car turn around
- Presidio Service Kiosk located at the corner of Geary Boulevard and Presidio Avenue

The following SFMTA services are available at all three locations:

- Payments for Parking and Transit citations (citation number or license plate required)
- Purchase of Parking Meter Card
- Purchase of School Coupon Booklet
- Retrieve paper applications for Community Service and Payment Plan. Application for Enrollment of Low-Income Discount Program
- Customers can also drop off complete applications for these programs at any of these locations.

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SFMTA's Sales Kiosks Resumed Service and Operation Hours *continued*

The following Clipper service is available at services kiosks at Powell and Market streets and at Presidio Avenue:

- Purchase passes and load value
- Apply for and issue Senior and Youth Clipper cards

UPDATE: Shared Spaces Program

The city's multi-agency "Shared Spaces" program is opening parts of Valencia Street in the Mission District and Grant Street in Chinatown to create public space for outdoor dining, retail and physical distance. This program was first announced by Mayor London Breed to support the economic and social recovery of neighborhood businesses by allowing them to use sidewalks, full or partial streets, or other nearby public spaces like parks and plazas for restaurant pick-up and other neighborhood retail activity, as allowed by San Francisco's Public Health Order. Street closures for "Shared Spaces" activations to open street space for outdoor and physically distanced business activities will be detailed in the SFMTA's weekend releases.

Shared Spaces - SoMa Closure for Sunday Streets (New)

Starting Sunday, August 23, Livable City and local community partners will kick off a "Shared Spaces" version of the Sunday Streets.

In place of the normal one-time Sunday Streets events, there will be a **weekly street closure taking place on Folsom Street between 6th and 9th streets every Sunday through October 25** from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. with activities planned from 11 a.m. through 4 p.m.

Shared Spaces - Valencia

Since Thursday, July 23, two blocks of Valencia Street have been closed to vehicle traffic to create a "Shared Spaces" zone for economic recovery activities for businesses in the area. For more details, contact the [Valencia Corridor Merchants Association](#).

From Thursday, July 23 through Sunday, November 1, every Thursday through Sunday, the following street closures are required from 4 to 10 p.m.:

- Valencia Street between 16th and 17th streets
- Valencia Street between 18th and 19th streets

In addition, the block of Valencia Street between 17th and 18th streets are posted as "no parking" during the same times to create a combined zone for deliveries and for active pedestrian loading and unloading.

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UPDATE: Shared Spaces Program *continued*

Shared Spaces - Grant Avenue

Since Saturday, July 18, three blocks of Grant Avenue have been closed to vehicle traffic to create a "Shared Spaces" zone for economic recovery activities for businesses in Chinatown.

From Saturday, July 18 through Sunday, September 27, every Saturday and Sunday, the following streets closures are required **from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.:**

- Grant Avenue between California and Washington streets
- Commercial Street between Kearny Street and Grant Avenue

For more program details visit <https://sf.gov/shared-space>.

Parking Meter Pricing and Reprioritizing Enforcement

With the Bay Area entering the next phase of reopening, demand for on-street parking continues to increase, especially while transit service is limited under the [Core Muni Service Plan](#) and reduced transit vehicle capacity with physical distancing requirements. As such, **on Monday, July 6,** the SFMTA restored meter prices close to normal rates and reprioritized enforcement:

- **Parking Meter Rates have been restored with a citywide discount of \$0.50/hour or approximately 20% below the average pre-COVID hourly rate.** Meter rates vary throughout San Francisco, based on the demand for parking on the block and the time of day. The lowest meter rate is \$0.50 per hour. **Motorcycle meters have been restored to pre-COVID rates.**
- **Parking meter time limits have been restored to pre-COVID levels.** This ensures that people do not leave their vehicles in one space all day, preventing others from accessing commercial corridors.
- **Accelerate the demand-responsive pricing process.** The SFMTA typically adjusts meter prices (up, down or no change) based on demand data every three months to reflect the number of people using an area. These increases or decreases are in 25-cent increments. Now, instead of adjusting meter pricing every three months, meter rates will be adjusted every six weeks to meet the city's changing demand.
- **Reprioritize meter enforcement.** On Monday, July 13, Parking Control Officers with the SFMTA resumed regular meter enforcement.

Residential Parking Permits and neighborhood time limits will not be enforced at this time to reduce the frequency with which residents need to move their cars.

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Parking Meter Pricing and Reprioritizing Enforcement *continued*

Enforcement of parking violations related to [street sweeping](#) has resumed (since Monday, June 15). Enforcement was previously temporarily suspended in coordination with the original Shelter in Place orders. Now that more activities are reopening in the city, enforcement will allow the mechanical street sweepers more access to the curbs to better clean our streets. Residents should refer to posted signs and move their cars during designated street sweeping times. As a reminder, once the street sweeping truck has swept the curbside, you may park your vehicle there, even if the posted sweeping hours have not expired.

Muni Service Adjustments During the COVID-19 Shelter-In-Place Order

During the rapidly changing environment caused by COVID-19, the SFMTA has been continuing with reduced service adjustment to Muni service in order to focus our limited resources to the busiest lines and those that most critically serve essential trips. The Core network allows Muni to continue to serve San Francisco's medical facilities and focuses on equity to ensure service for our customers most reliant on transit. The frequency of buses varies by line so that lines experiencing some crowding will have more frequent service than others.

The SFMTA will bring back, extend and improve frequencies on several targeted bus routes to continue to support essential trips and physical distancing beginning Saturday, August 22, in addition to [restarting modified Muni Metro](#) service. These service changes will also support the city's economic recovery by providing more connections to neighborhood commercial districts as businesses reopen. With the restart of Muni Metro, we can repurpose Muni buses that had been operating in place of rail lines to add service on other routes.

- **These Core service lines are currently in service: N Judah Bus; L Taraval Bus; M Bus Community Shuttle (Balboa Park to West Portal, weekday only); T Third Bus (Sunnydale to Castro); 1 California; 5 Fulton; 7 Noriega Community Shuttle; 8 Bayshore (rerouted to Stockton); 9 San Bruno, 9R San Bruno Rapid (weekday only); 12 Folsom/Pacific (Financial District to Russian Hill), 14 Mission; 14R Mission Rapid; 19 Polk; 22 Fillmore; 24 Divisadero; 25 Treasure Island; 28 19th Avenue (Daly City BART to Geary Boulevard, weekday only); 29 Sunset; 30 Stockton; 38 Geary; 38R Geary Rapid; 43 Masonic; 44 O'Shaughnessy (Forest Hill to Evans); 49 Van Ness/Mission (extended from North Point to Powell and Beach) and 54 Felton (Balboa Park to Hunters Point, weekday only).**

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Muni Service Adjustments During the COVID-19 Shelter-In-Place Order *continued*

- **Late-night Owl routes have started early every night at 10 p.m.** instead of 1 a.m. **All regular Owl routes are in operation, except these routes** that have been temporarily discontinued: 5 Fulton and 48 Quintara/24th Street.
- **The following routes are running 24 hours a day or providing special Owl Service: L Owl; N Owl; 14 Mission; 22 Fillmore; 24 Divisadero; 25 Treasure Island; 38 Geary; 44 O'Shaughnessy; 90 San Bruno Owl; 91 3rd Street/19th Avenue Owl.**

Note: Some routes have been modified. Please visit each route's webpage or the [Muni Core Service Plan](#) for more details.

Essential Trip Card Discount Program

To assist people with disabilities and older adults with making essential trips under Muni's temporary transit changes, the SFMTA recently launched the [Essential Trip Card](#) (ETC) Program to address this need. This is a temporary special program that provides two to three round trips at an 80% discount per month, i.e. rider pays \$6 to receive a value of \$30 or pays \$12 to receive a \$60 value. The discount is limited to a value of \$60 taxi service per month per customer.

To qualify for the program: customer must be either age 65 or older or an adult with disabilities. Eligible adults may apply for the ETC program by calling 311 and mentioning the program. Staff will be available between 9 a.m. and 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday. Visit <https://www.sfmta.com/etc> for additional details and for a list of San Francisco taxi companies, visit <https://www.sfmta.com/taxi/directory>.

SFMTA's pre-existing Shop-a-Round program that offers registered seniors and people with disabilities personalized assistance and rides to and from grocery stores and farmers markets is still available and will continue post public health order. For more information, visit <https://www.sfparatransit.com/shop-a-round>.

Slow Streets Program

In order to support further reopening of the economy, we need to make San Francisco more welcoming and accessible for people who want to travel on foot, bicycle, wheelchair, scooter, skateboard or other forms of micromobility. Slow Streets are critical infrastructure that attracts users of the full array of neighborhood demographics—including children, older adults, people with disabilities and people of color.

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Slow Streets Program *continued*

- Streets are not closed completely and local vehicle access is allowed (e.g., driveway access for residents).
- Slow streets are shared streets, all users must give way to others as appropriate. People walking/running/biking do not have exclusive right-of-way over motor vehicles.
- Once installed, Slow Streets corridors will be in effect 24/7.

The SFMTA will continue to monitor the use of Slow Streets to minimize impacts on surrounding streets and welcome feedback from the community. Below is a list of slow streets already implemented:

- 20th Avenue from Lincoln Boulevard to Ortega Street
- 20th Street from Valencia Street to Potrero Avenue
- 23rd Avenue from Lake to Cabrillo streets
- 41st Avenue from Lincoln Way to Vicente Street
- Chenery Street from Burnside Avenue to Lippard Avenue
- Excelsior Avenue from London to Munich streets
- Golden Gate Avenue from Masonic Avenue to Broderick Street
- Kirkham Street from Great Highway to 7th Avenue
- Lake Street from 28th to 2nd avenues
- Lane Street from Oakdale Avenue to 3rd Street
- Lombard between Mason and Powell streets
- Mariposa Street from Kansas to Texas streets
- Ortega Street from 47th to 15th avenues
- Page Street from Stanyan to Gough streets
- Sanchez Street from 23rd to 30th streets
- Shotwell Street from Cesar Chavez to 14th Street
- Somerset Street from Silver Avenue to Woolsey Street

Learn more about current and proposed Slow Streets locations by visiting [SFMTA.com/SlowStreets](https://www.sfmta.com/SlowStreets).

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CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES

UPDATE: Caltrans US 101 Deck Replacement

As Caltrans continues column wrapping work on the 101 Deck Replacement project, the **right lane of westbound Alemany Boulevard after the Alemany/Bayshore Boulevard intersection will remain closed 24 hours a day until Friday, August 28**. Vehicles may continue to access the Alemany Farmers Market using either the center lane of westbound Alemany Boulevard or the left lane of southbound San Bruno Avenue.

UPDATE: Van Ness Improvement Project

On Friday, August 21, between the hours of 8 p.m. and 7 a.m., crews are scheduled to work on sewer abandonment, traffic striping, installing a joint-utility trench, traction power replacement, traffic signal, light pole setting and installation.

at the following locations:

- Van Ness between Sutter and Post streets
- Van Ness between Post and Geary streets
- Van Ness between Geary and O'Farrell streets
- Van Ness between O'Farrell and Ellis streets
- Van Ness between Ellis and Eddy streets
- Van Ness between Eddy and Turk streets
- Van Ness between Turk Street and Golden Gate Avenue
- Van Ness between Golden Gate Avenue and McAllister streets
- Van Ness between McAllister and Grove streets
- Van Ness between Grove and Hayes streets
- Van Ness between Hayes and Fell streets
- Van Ness between Fell and Market streets
- Van Ness between Market and Mission streets

Because some work requires reducing Van Ness Avenue to one lane in each direction, some work is limited to nighttime hours. Construction scheduling is subject to change due to weather delays or unexpected field conditions. For more project details and the latest construction updates, visit sfmta.com/vanness.

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CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

UPDATE: L Taraval Improvement Project

On Saturday, August 15, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., construction crew will be performing sewer main connection crossing work at the following locations:

- Both sides of Taraval Street between 46th and 45th avenues
- Both sides of Taraval Street between 37th Avenue and Sunset Boulevard

Some parking will be temporarily restricted in construction zones and traffic lanes will be modified during active work.

Since August 2019, traffic pattern on lower Great Highway between Ulloa and Santiago streets has been changed. Northbound travel lane on lower Great Highway has been rerouted to 48th Avenue for two blocks between Ulloa and Santiago streets. Southbound travel lane will continue on lower Great Highway as usual. This will be in effect until project completion in Fall 2021. For project details, visit sfmta.com/LTaraval.

ONGOING: Jefferson Streetscape Improvement Project

Effective Wednesday, April 8, the construction shuttle service has been suspended until further notice. Construction on Jefferson Street will continue by San Francisco Public Works. For information regarding Muni service adjustments, visit SFMTA.com/COVID-19.

For more information about Phase Two of the Jefferson Streetscape Improvement Project, visit <http://www.sfpublicworks.org/jefferson>.

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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. 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 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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