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**PRESS RELEASE* SFMTA Transit and Traffic Advisory for the Week from Thursday, April 17 through Wednesday, April 23, 2025

San Francisco—The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) releases the following upcoming event-related traffic and transit impacts for the week from Thursday, April 17 through Wednesday, April 23, 2025.

For real-time updates, follow us on <u>https://x.com/sfmta_muni</u> or visit<u>SFMTA.com/EmailText</u> to sign up for real-time text messages or email alerts. For details of Muni re-routes, visit <u>SFMTA.com/Updates</u>. This website will be updated when it is closer to the event date. For additional notifications and agency updates, subscribe to our blog, <u>Moving SF</u> for <u>daily</u> or <u>weekly</u> updates.

Cole Valley Nights

Thursday, April 17: Cole Valley Night Market event will take place in the western neighborhood on Cole Street between Carl and Parnassus streets. Event hours will be from 4 to 9 p.m.

A street closure of Cole Street from Carl Street to Parnassus Avenue will be required from noon to 11:59 p.m.

The following Muni routes will be affected: **37 Corbett and 43 Masonic**.

Castro Night Market

Friday, April 18: The Castro Night Market will take place from 5 to 9 p.m. on 18th and Castro streets. For more details, visit <u>castro-night-market</u>.

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Castro Night Market continued

The following street and parking lot closures will be required from noon to midnight, Friday:

- 18th Street between Collingwood and Hartford streets
- The SFMTA parking lot behind Walgreens

The 33 Ashbury/18th Street Muni route will be affected.

Soulfood Festival Fundraiser

Friday, April 18 and Saturday, April 19: Soulfood Festival Fundraiser will take place from 5 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday and from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday. The event will feature local food, fun activities and performances.

A street closure of Sunnydale Avenue between Hahn and Sawyer streets will be required at the following time:

- From 2 to 10 p.m. on Friday, April 18
- From 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 19

The following Muni routes will be impacted: 8 Bayshore; 8BX Bayshore B Express; and 56 Rutland.

Cherry Blossom Festival and Grand Parade

Saturday, April 19 and Sunday, April 20: The 58th Annual Cherry Blossom Festival will be held on Saturday, April 19 and Sunday, April 20. The festival will take place from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day. For event details visit <u>www.sfcherryblossom.org</u>.

The following street closures will be required:

- From 4 a.m. Saturday, April 19 to 11 p.m. Sunday, April 20:
 - o Post Street between Laguna and Fillmore streets
 - Webster Street between Geary Boulevard and Sutter Street
 - Intersection; Webster Street at Post Street

The Cherry Blossom Grand Parade will take place on Sunday, April 20. At 10 a.m., parade units will gather at Civic Center A procession will start from Civic Center at 1 p.m., following a route from Polk and McAllister streets, north on Polk Street and west on Post Street and ending in Japantown at Post and Fillmore streets.

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Cherry Blossom Festival and Grand Parade continued

All intersections along the parade route will remain open except when the parade passes. Streets will re-open as soon as possible after the parade passes and the streets have been cleaned.

The following Muni routes will be affected with reroutes: 2 Sutter; 5 Fulton; 19 Polk and 21 Hayes.

The following Muni routes will be affected with delays: 22 Fillmore; 31 Balboa; 38 Geary; 38R Geary Rapid and 49 Van Ness/Mission. Muni riders on these routes should allow extra travel time.

Special Event Parking will be available for the weekend days for the festival, Saturday, April 12 and Sunday, April 13:

- Japan Center Main Garage at 1650 Geary Boulevard will open from 7 a.m. until 11 p.m., regular hourly rate applies.
- Fillmore Street Annex Garage at 1650 Fillmore Street will open from 7 a.m. until 10 p.m. A \$30 flat-rate event parking fee will be charged for valet-assisted parking between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m., NO in and out privileges will be allowed. Regular hourly rate will apply between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Temporary Taxi Stand: There is one located at Buchanan Street, 1800-1832 block, between Sutter and Bush Streets.

Easter Sunrise on Mount Davidson

Sunday, April 20: The annual Easter Sunrise Service at Mount Davidson Cross will begin at 6:30 a.m. The SFMTA will provide supplemental Muni service on the 36 Teresita route beginning at 5:30 a.m. until the start of the service from Forest Hill Station to Myra Way and Dalewood Way. After the service concludes, Muni will provide service from Myra Way and Dalewood Way to Forest Hill Station.

Haight Ashbury Activity

Sunday, April 20: Heavy pedestrian traffic may be anticipated around the intersection of Haight and Stanyan streets and on Haight Street between Stanyan Street and Masonic Avenue between 1 and 5 p.m. Drivers are advised to use caution. Some Muni delays may occur. No street closures are planned, but personnel from San Francisco Police Department may implement closures if necessary for public safety.



Haight Ashbury Activity continued

The following Muni lines and routes may be affected: N Judah 5 Fulton; 7 Haight/Noriega; 33 Ashbury/18th Street; 37 Corbett and 43 Masonic.

Traffic delays may occur in the area. Motorists who normally use Lincoln Way, Fell or Oak streets to travel between the Sunset District and downtown may consider using alternate routes.

Event at Chase Center

Tuesday, April 22: Performance by <u>Kylie Minogue</u> will take place. Show will start at 7:30 p.m. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

Supplemental Muni Service

- Muni will operate supplemental 78X Arena Express service.
- *Pre-event express shuttle service* from 16th Street BART Station to Chase Center will start two and a half hours before each game/event and will end one hour after game/event starts.
- *Post-event express shuttle service* from Chase Center on 16th Street to 16th Street BART Station will run until the area clears.

Special Event Parking Rates

During basketball games and other major events with more than 10,000 expected attendees at the arena, parking meters close to the arena will charge a special event rate of \$11 per hour. These rates help reduce congestion and keep parking spots available in the neighborhoods near the arena, discouraging circling for free or cheap parking. Start times for special event rates vary based on the start time of the event. More information on special event parking regulations can be found on www.sfmta.com/special-event-parking.

Street Closures

To accommodate events that will take place at the arena, the following street closures will be enforced two hours before and one hour after each event:

- 16th Street between 3rd Street and Terry Francois Boulevard
- Warriors Way between 3rd Street and Terry Francois Boulevard
- Northbound 3rd Street between 16th Street and Warriors Way will also be closed approximately 30 minutes before and 45 minutes after an event.
- Only local access will be allowed on Northbound Illinois Street between Mariposa and 16th streets.



Event at Chase Center continued

No Parking Zone

To facilitate loading and pick up for Muni customers and patrons, NO PARKING will be in effect at these locations during events:

- 16th Street between 3rd Street and Terry Francois Boulevard
- Warriors Way between 3rd Street and Terry Francois Boulevard
- Between the 500 and 700 blocks of Terry Francois Boulevard (TFB)

Taxi Stands

There is one taxi stand located on southbound Terry Francois Boulevard. Ramp Taxis should use the loading zone on eastbound Warriors Way at Bridgeview Way.

Other pickup/drop-off locations near Chase Center

- 4th Street, which connects to Chase Center via the Gene Friend Way pedestrian path on the UCSF campus.
- Owens Street, which also connects to Chase Center via the Gene Friend Way pedestrian path on the UCSF campus.

For details about transportation to the Chase Center, including Muni service and connections from the Bay Area transit system to Muni, visit<u>SFMTA.com/ChaseCenter</u>.

For additional details and about transportation to the ballpark, visit <u>www.sfmta.com/chase-center</u>.

San Francisco Giants Baseball Game

Monday, April 21 through Thursday, April 24: The San Francisco Giants will play four games at the ballpark. Listed below are start times for these games:

• Four games against the Milwaukee Brewers: 1) 6:45 p.m., Monday, April 21; 2) 6:45 p.m., Tuesday, April 22; 3) 6:45 p.m., Wednesday, April 23; and 4) 12:45 p.m., Thursday, April 24.



San Francisco Giants Baseball Game continued

Street Closures

To accommodate events that will take place at the ballpark, the following street closures will be enforced:

- Two and a half hours before the opening pitch, the SFMTA will close eastbound King Street between 3rd and 2nd streets to vehicle traffic. King Street will reopen after first pitch until the seventh inning.
- From the seventh inning until post-game traffic dies down, the SFMTA will again close eastbound King Street between 3rd and 2nd streets to vehicle traffic in order to reduce congestion on city streets.
- Additionally, the northbound portion of the 4th Street Bridge (Peter R. Maloney Bridge) will be closed to all traffic except Muni, taxis and bicycles during the post-game period.

Taxi Stands

- 2nd Street, west side, between Brannan and King Streets
- 2nd Street, east side, between Townsend and King Streets
- 3rd Street, east side, north of King Street

Special Event Parking Rates

During baseball games and other major events with more than 10,000 expected attendees at the ballpark, **parking meters close to the ballpark will charge a special event rate of \$11 per hour.** These rates help reduce congestion and keep parking spots available in the neighborhoods near the ballpark, discouraging circling for free or cheap parking. Start times for special event rates vary based on the start time of the event. More information on special event parking regulations can be found on <u>www.sfmta.com/special-event-parking</u>.

For additional details and about transportation to the ballpark, visit <u>www.sfmta.com/oracle-park</u>.

CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES

NEW: Castro Elevator Accessibility Improvement Project

Tuesday, April 8 and continuing through Friday, April 18, Castro Station south escalator will be out of commission for two and a half weeks to accommodate construction activities for the Castro Elevator Accessibility Improvement project.

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CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES continued

NEW: Castro Elevator Accessibility Improvement Project continued

The concrete walkway replacement work will temporarily block access to the escalator on the south side of the station. During this time, Muni customer should utilize the escalator on the north side for accessibility to the station.

To learn more about the Castro Elevator Improvement Project, visit: <u>www.SFMTA.com/CastroElevator</u> website.

UPDATED: Valencia Street Bikeway Improvements

Striping work is currently ongoing on Valencia Street as crews are working to install the new side-running bike lanes. There are temporary parking restrictions in place while striping is happening. *People should pay attention to signs indicating where parking is prohibited.*

Valencia Street between 16th and 17th streets will be closed overnight on Monday, April 21 and Tuesday, April 22. The street will be open and accessible during the day. Crews will remove the overhead lines that power Muni, which are no longer needed for Muni operations in the area. Removing the overhead lines will allow the Fire Department to use aerial ladders safely in case of a fire.

Detours will be in place for cars and the 22 Fillmore route during the overnight periods of this closure. People who typically load during nighttime hours on the street or park in driveways or garages on Valencia between 16th and 17th streets should make alternate plans for those two nights.

For more information and the latest work schedule, visit <u>SFMTA.com/Valencia</u>.

<u>ONGOING</u>

Masks Recommended

Masks are no longer required, but are encouraged in any SFMTA facilities, transit hubs or on vehicles including Muni buses, streetcars, light rail vehicles or cable cars or in taxis or on paratransit.



ONGOING: Cable Car Sheaves Upgrade Project

Beginning Tuesday, Feb. 18, crews will be restoring the cable car system sheaves, which are massive, grooved wheels that guide the underground cables through specialized pulley systems.

These upgrades will take place from Tuesday, Feb. 18 and will continue through May 2025. During this work,

- there will be occasional closures of individual cable car segments;
- bus shuttles will replace cable car lines where work is being done;
- at least one cable car route will remain open to the public during normal operating hours while sections are being upgraded.

For more information and to see the latest work schedule, visit SFMTA.com/CableCarUpgrades.

ONGOING: Essential Trip Card Discount Program

The SFMTA's program, Essential Trip Card (ETC) Program, assists people with disabilities and older adults to make essential trips using taxis. The program 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. If essential needs require it, riders may receive additional value up to \$120 of taxi service per month.

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 the Paratransit Mobility Management office at 415-351-7053. Staff are available weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. 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 Shop-a-Round program which offers registered seniors and people with disabilities personalized assistance and rides to and from grocery stores and farmers markets is available as well. For more information, visit https://www.sfmta.com/shop-round.

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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!

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

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