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# \*\*Press Release\*\*

# Fans and Traffic Will Be Out In Force for Giants' Opening Day

**San Francisco**—The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) encourages San Francisco Giants fans to plan ahead and leave extra travel time to and from AT&T Park for Opening Day tomorrow. Tomorrow's home opener begins at 1:35 p.m. and kicks off a nine-game series over 10 days against the Arizona Diamondbacks, the Colorado Rockies and the LA Dodgers. The Giants will play 81 regular season home games this year at AT&T Park, April 8 through Sept. 28.

The 1:35 p.m. game tomorrow means that the post-game traffic is likely to coincide with the evening rush. Alternative options for travel to AT&T Park include transit, bicycling, walking and taxis. For those who choose to drive, metered parking is in effect around AT&T Park until 10 pm.

## Transit

Muni operates the following lines to and from all home games:

- T Third
- N Judah
- Metro Shuttles
- 10 Townsend (Service until 7:40 p.m., weekdays and 7:45 p.m., weekends)
- 30 Stockton
- 45 Union
- 47 Van Ness

Baseball fans are encouraged to take Muni as well as other transit options such as BART, Caltrain, ferry, taxis, walk or bike to San Francisco Giants home games. Baseball fans transferring from BART may purchase pre-paid fare (one-way or roundtrip) at the Embarcadero Station three hours prior to the start time of the game. One-way transfers can be purchased at the AT&T Park ticket windows two hours prior to the game start time and until 30 minutes after the game ends.

Additional Muni Metro "baseball shuttles" will supplement the existing N Judah and T Third service to the ballpark.

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The additional service begins two hours prior to the game and continues until approximately 20 minutes after the start of the game.

The SFMTA will deploy Parking Control Officers (PCOs) to assist fans getting to and from the game. Prior to each game, these PCOs are deployed to key locations around the ballpark to facilitate people walking, transit riders and other traffic.

More details about Muni service to AT&T Park, including connections from other Bay Area transit systems, can be found at <u>www.sfmta.com</u>. Regional transit information for BART, Caltrain and the ferries as well as traffic is available at <u>www.511.org</u>.

## Traffic

Weekday games often end near the afternoon commute. On these days, motorists should expect heavy traffic on freeways and streets near AT&T Park and on all approaches to the Bay Bridge. The games listed below will most likely experience heavy traffic for the evening commute.

DATE	GAME STARTS
Tuesday, April 8	1:35 p.m. (Opening Day)
Thursday, April 17	12:35 p.m.
Wednesday, May 14	12:35 p.m.
Wednesday, May 28	12:35 p.m.
Thursday, June 12	12:35 p.m.
Wednesday, June 25	12:35 p.m.
Thursday, July 3	12:35 p.m.
Thursday, July 10	12:35 p.m.
Wednesday, July 30	12:35 p.m.
Wednesday, August 13	12:35 p.m.
Thursday, August 28	12:35 p.m.
Thursday, September 11	12:35 p.m.

Motorists are advised to avoid driving and using the Bay Bridge to San Francisco on game days. To see a complete schedule of Giants games please refer to <u>the Giants season</u> <u>schedule</u>.

<u>A map showing alternate post-game routes from AT&T parking lots</u> is available on the Giants' website.

## Taxi Zones

Three taxi zones serve AT&T Park on event days:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Street (west side) just north of King Street
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Street (west side) between Brannan and Townsend streets (postevent only)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Street (west side) between Townsend and King streets (event days only—not available post-event)

### **Bicycles**

AT&T Park is accessible by a dedicated bike lane that runs along The Embarcadero and on Townsend Street. Bicycle routes with sharrows on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> streets connect to the Townsend Street bicycle lane. A bicycle lane on Folsom Street and a bicycle route on Market Street connect those riding a bike to The Embarcadero.

The San Francisco Bicycle Coalition operates a secure bike parking facility at AT&T Park. Bicycle parking is located on the south side of the ballpark, along the Port Walk, and opens two hours before every game and closes 30 minutes after each game.

Bike sharing is also a way to get to the game and Bay Area Bike Share stations for bike share pick-up and drop-off are located near AT&T Park at the Caltrain Depot at 4<sup>th</sup> and Townsend as well as Townsend and 2<sup>nd</sup> streets. To learn more about Bay Area Bike Share and see nearby bike share stations, visit <u>https://bayareabikeshare.com/</u>

## **Meter Parking**

Parking meters on blocks near the ballpark are in operation during most games. Meters within walking distance of the ballpark operate until 10pm Monday to Saturday, and noon to 6pm on Sundays, and are priced at \$3, \$5 or \$7/hour during events, with higher rates in closer proximity to the ballpark. The parking meters near the ballpark have a four hour time limit or longer and accept credit cards and cell phone payment, in addition to coin and the SFMTA parking card. For more details, please visit www.sfpark.org.

Established by voter proposition in 1999, the SFMTA, a department of the City and County of San Francisco, oversees the Municipal Railway (Muni), parking and traffic, bicycling, walking and taxis. With five modes of transit, Muni has approximately 700,000 passenger boardings each day. Over 1 million people get around this city each day and rely on the SFMTA to ensure safe and reliable travel by transit, walking, bicycling, taxi and driving.

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