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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 this weekend, Saturday, January 27 through Sunday, January 28, 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.

Walk for Life

Saturday, January 27: The annual Walk for Life West Coast will stage a rally and march on Saturday. There will be speakers at Civic Center Plaza beginning at 10:45 a.m., an information faire at 11 a.m. and followed by a rally at 12:30 p.m. The march will commence at 1:30 p.m. from Civic Center Plaza to Market Street ending at Embarcadero Plaza (formerly Justin Herman Plaza). The march may not completely clear off Market Street until 6 p.m.

For event details, please visit <http://www.walkforlifewc.com/event-info/event-schedule/>.

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Walk for Life *continued*

Market Street will be closed to traffic between 10th and Fremont streets from 1 p.m. to approximately 6 p.m. Cross traffic between gaps in marchers will not be allowed. Mission Street between South Van Ness and Steuart Street will be closed to create a transit only street for Muni service diverted from Market Street. Motorists should expect significant delays along the Market Street and Mission Street corridors during the closure.

The following Muni lines and routes will be affected: **Powell-Mason Cable Car; Powell-Hyde Cable Car; F Market & Wharves; N Judah; KT: K-Ingleside/T-Third Street; 2 Clement; 5 Fulton; 6 Haight/Parnassus; 7 Haight/Noriega; 8 Bayshore; 9 San Bruno; 10 Townsend; 12 Folsom/Pacific; 14 Mission; 14R Mission Rapid; 19 Polk; 21 Hayes; 27 Bryant; 30 Stockton; 31 Balboa; 38 Geary; 38R Geary Rapid; and 45 Union/Stockton.**

CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES

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.

Sunday, January 28: Between the hours of 8 p.m. and 7 a.m., crews will work on updating the emergency firefighting water systems from Lombard to Chestnut streets. Crews will pothole to determine underground utility alignments for upcoming sewer work between McAllister and Turk streets. Neighbors are advised to anticipate construction-related noise, including grinding, as crews work diligently to complete this necessary night work.

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

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CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

UPDATE: Third Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project

Counterweight repairs on the Third Street Bridge is complete. The Third Street Bridge underwent counterweight maintenance in preparation for the upcoming Third Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project.

The next phase of work on the Third Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project is anticipated to begin in late spring 2018. Actual construction start dates will be noted in future updates as a contractor schedule is still being developed. Once construction work starts, the bridge will be locked in the down position. Maritime vessels will not be able to request for the bridge to be raised for the duration of rehabilitation work.

Access across the bridge for vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians will be maintained with at least one lane open in each direction. Lanes may be shifted as needed to accommodate rehabilitation work on different sections of the bridge. Intermittent full closure of the bridge, where access will be restricted to all vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian traffic for a short period of time, may be required during certain phases of work. Advance notice will be given if and when full closure of the bridge is needed.

Project updates and information about the next phase of work can be found at: www.sfpublicworks.org/thirdstreetbridge.

ONGOING: Central Subway Project

Water line replacement and pavement renovation at 4th and Brannan streets and track work on 4th Street between Brannan and King streets is ongoing. Until further notice, traffic reroutes will remain in effect and night work to upgrade a water line will occur at the intersections of 4th and Brannan streets between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m.

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, 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 winter of 2018).

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ONGOING: Construction of Mission Bay Loop *continued*

Due to a recent discovery of an old underground storage tank placed underneath the PG&E duct bank on Illinois and 18th streets, a site assessment by contractors and a city representative took place. Street excavation work to remove contents from the tank and additional testing will be needed. This unplanned work may delay completion of the sewer work.

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.

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

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CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

ONGOING: Oak and Octavia Safety Project

The Oak and Octavia Safety Project is improving safety and accessibility at the highly trafficked intersections where Octavia Boulevard meets Oak and Fell streets. Identified as a top priority through a community planning process, enhancements currently under construction include new center medians between Oak and Fell streets, as well as pedestrian bulbouts and ADA accessibility upgrades on Laguna Street. The construction project is expected to be ongoing through mid-February with general work hours of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Construction of sidewalk bulbouts at Fell Street and Laguna Street was completed in 2017 and new median islands on Octavia Boulevard were completed earlier in January. For the next several weeks, contractors will be completing sidewalk bulbouts at Oak and Laguna streets, resulting in periodic lane closures and parking restrictions. Additional (limited) lane closures on Octavia Boulevard at Oak Street are also anticipated as the construction and landscaping of new traffic islands are finalized.

For more project information, please visit www.sfmta.com/octavia.

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.

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.

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ONGOING: Polk Streetscape Project *continued*

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

Upcoming Events

Stockton Street Merchants Event

Friday, February 2 through Thursday, February 15: The Stockton Street Merchants Sidewalk Market Event will take place from Friday, February 2 through Thursday, February 15 along Stockton Street in Chinatown. The southbound Muni stop at Stockton and Jackson streets will be closed for all hours of service throughout the duration of the event.

The following Muni routes will be affected: 8 Bayshore; 30 Stockton; 45 Union-Stockton; and 91 Owl.

Customers are advised to use either stops at Stockton and Pacific streets or at Stockton and Sacramento streets.

Kaiser Permanente San Francisco Half Marathon

Sunday, February 4: The 35th annual Kaiser Permanente San Francisco Half Marathon will take place in Golden Gate Park. The 5K run will start at 8 a.m. and the half marathon will start at 8:10 a.m. The race begins and ends in Golden Gate Park.

For more event details, please visit <https://getfitkpsf.com/>.

More details to follow.

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Upcoming Events continued

Chinese New Year Flower Fair

Saturday, February 10 and Sunday, February 11: The Chinese New Year Flower Fair will be held in Chinatown from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday.

For more event details, please visit:

http://www.chineseparade.com/parade_events.asp?pEvent=flower_fair.

More details to follow.

Giants FanFest

Saturday, February 10: The 25th annual KNBR 680 Giants FanFest will take place between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. at AT&T Park. An attendance of more than 30,000 participants is expected throughout the day.

For event details, please visit www.sanfrancisco.giants.mlb.com.

More details to follow.

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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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