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## **\*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\***

### **SFMTA Weekend Transit and Traffic Advisory for Saturday, March 10**

**San Francisco**—The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) releases the following upcoming event-related traffic and transit impacts for this weekend, Saturday, March 10 through Sunday, March 11, 2018. Anyone traveling in San Francisco can check [www.sfmta.com](http://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.**

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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.

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### **Start of Daylight Saving Time**

**Sunday, March 11:** Daylight Saving Time will commence at 2 a.m., requiring clocks to be set forward one hour.

All Muni service will continue to operate on standard time through the end of Owl service\*. Muni schedules will adjust to daylight saving time with the start of regular service on Sunday.

Note: \*In conjunction with regular bus service, the SFMTA also provides late night service (1 to 5 a.m.) on certain bus routes. For more details of owl service and routes, please visit <https://www.sfmta.com/getting-around/muni/routes-stops/muni-owl-service-late-night-transportation>.

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### **Visitation Valley Fair**

**Saturday, March 10:** The annual Ruth Jackson and Family, Friends and Community Day Festival and Parade will take place.

The event will begin with a 2-hour parade which will start at 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. and a community festival will immediately follow at Herz Playground.

The parade will start from Santos Street and Velasco Avenue, will move north on Santos Street, east on Sunnydale Avenue, north on Peabody Street, west on Leland Avenue, south on Cora Street, then west on Visitation Avenue to Hahn Street. The parade will end at approximately 1:30 p.m. at Herz Playground where the community festival will follow.

The following Muni routes will be affected: **8 Bayshore; 9 San Bruno; and 56 Rutland.**

### **Sunday Streets: The Mission District**

**Sunday, March 11:** The 2018 season of [Sunday Streets](http://sundaystreetsf.com/sunday-streets-2018/mission031118/) will begin in the Mission District. The event will take place on Valencia Street between Duboce Avenue and 26<sup>th</sup> street. The route will open the roadway to people walking, bicycling and other recreational activities from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For further event details, visit:

<http://sundaystreetsf.com/sunday-streets-2018/mission031118/>.

**Beginning at 8 a.m., NO PARKING will be allowed on Valencia Street between Duboce Avenue and 26 Street.**

**From 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Valencia Street between Duboce Avenue and 26<sup>th</sup> Street will be closed to all vehicular traffic.**

**Cross traffic at Valencia Street will be allowed on:**

- 14<sup>th</sup> Street
- 16<sup>th</sup> Street
- 18<sup>th</sup> Street
- 24<sup>th</sup> Street
- 26<sup>th</sup> Street
- Duboce Avenue

The following Muni routes will be affected: **12 Folsom/Pacific; 27 Bryant; and 55 16<sup>th</sup> Street.**

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## **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.

**Friday March 9:** Between the hours of 8 p.m. and 7 a.m., neighbors are advised to anticipate construction-related noise and vibrations as crews work diligently to complete necessary night work. Crews are scheduled to pothole to confirm underground utilities for upcoming sewer work at the intersection of Vallejo Street. Water main installation is scheduled to occur at the intersection of McAllister Street.

For more project details and the latest construction updates, please visit [sfmta.com/vanness](http://sfmta.com/vanness).

### **ONGOING: Central Subway Project**

Water line installation at the intersection of 4<sup>th</sup> and Brannan streets and track work on 4<sup>th</sup> Street between Brannan and King streets are ongoing. Construction of the 4<sup>th</sup> and Brannan streets surface station platform is ongoing. Until further notice, traffic reroutes will remain in effect.

Sewer and water supply infrastructure replacement work continues at 4<sup>th</sup> and Folsom streets, Monday through Friday, from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. During these work hours southbound 4<sup>th</sup> Street will be reduced to one lane and eastbound Folsom Street will be reduced to two lanes. Sewer replacement work continues at night at 4<sup>th</sup> and Howard streets. Work hours are from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. Two through lanes are in place southbound 4<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to 18<sup>th</sup>, Illinois and 19<sup>th</sup> 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 2017, the contractor has been working on the sewer infrastructure within the center of Illinois Street starting at 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> and Illinois streets for the duration of the project (approximately until summer of 2018).

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## CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

### ONGOING: Construction of Mission Bay Loop *continued*

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 March 2018.

For project details or to sign up to receive project updates, please visit:  
<https://www.sfmta.com/missionbayloop>.

### ONGOING: 8<sup>th</sup> Street Safety Project

**Now until Further Notice:** A new transit boarding island will come soon to 8<sup>th</sup> Street between Market and Stevenson streets. In coordination with a sewer upgrade effort, construction is in progress and may last until March 2018.

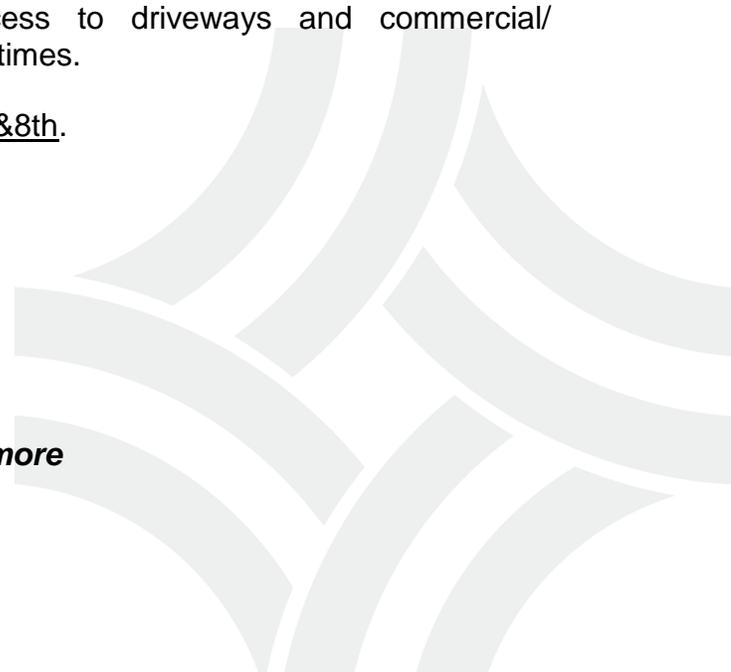
The transit boarding island will provide more space and reliability for transit passengers, and a protected space for bicyclists riding between the sidewalk and boarding island.

### **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](http://sfmta.com/7th&8th).

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## CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

### **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.

### **Traffic/Transit Impact**

- At times, there may be temporary intersection or 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. Pedestrian pathways and access to driveways and commercial/residential buildings will be maintained at all times.

For more project details, please visit [sfpublicworks.org/polk](http://sfpublicworks.org/polk).

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Irish Bank St. Patrick's Day Parade Block Party**

**Saturday, March 17:** The annual Irish Bank St. Patrick's Day Parade Block Party will take place from noon through midnight.

For more details, visit <http://www.theirishbank.com/news/>.

More details to follow.

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## Upcoming Events *continued*

### St. Patrick's Day Parade

**Saturday, March 17:** The annual St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Market Street.

For more event details, visit <http://www.uissf.org/>.

More details to follow.

## Upcoming Construction Projects

### Muni Rail Rehabilitation Project

**Thursday, March 15 through Monday, March 19:** Starting Thursday, March 15 and through Monday, March 19, track maintenance work will take place at the intersection of West Portal Avenue and 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

During construction, K Ingleside, L Taraval and M Ocean View lines will operate without interruption.

Construction will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday, March 15, Friday, March 16 and Monday, March 19.

Nighttime work is planned and will occur: **a)** From 9 p.m., Friday, March 16 to 5 a.m., Saturday, March 17; and **b)** From 11 p.m., Saturday, March 17 to 7 a.m., Sunday, March 18.

This is being coordinated with the weekend early closures related to the [Twin Peaks Tunnel Improvement Project](#). To accommodate vital materials and equipment, four parking spaces on 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue and five parking spaces on West Portal Avenue will be unavailable near the intersection. The five parking spaces on West Portal Avenue will be made available during non-construction hours.

**Monday, March 26:** Starting on Monday, March 26, and continuing for approximately three weeks, N Judah track maintenance work will take place at the intersection of Judah Street and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

During construction, N Judah trains will operate without interruption.

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## Upcoming Construction Projects *continued*

### Muni Rail Rehabilitation Project *continued*

While Judah Street remains open, vehicle traffic along 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue will be detoured approaching Judah Street. Construction work will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mondays through Saturdays. Neighbors can expect noise during construction. To accommodate vital materials and equipment, six parking spaces will be unavailable near the job site.

### **Twin Peaks Tunnel Improvements Weekend Early Closures**

**Friday, March 16 through Sunday, March 18:** Starting late night on Friday, March 16, and Saturday, March 17, and will continue for up to 15 weekends, preparatory work inside Twin Peaks Tunnel will be completed in the early morning weekend hours. To accommodate this work, some stations will close early over the weekend:

- **Forest Hill and West Portal stations** will be closed at 9 p.m. on Fridays and at 11 p.m. on Saturday nights. Stations will reopen the following morning for regular train service. Signage will be posted at the temporary bus stop to denote the K, L and M shuttle stop.
- **Castro Station** will remain open to trains and become the terminal for S Shuttle and T Third trains that are running. Regular service will return the following mornings.

Buses will operate for K Ingleside, L Taraval and M Ocean View lines, running between Embarcadero Station and each line's outbound terminal. Buses will run every 20 minutes. Owl service will begin at its regular time. There will be no changes to N Judah, J Church or T Third service.

This preparatory work is being done ahead of the Twin Peaks Tunnel summer closure. In the summer, 100-year-old Twin Peaks Tunnel will be closed for up to 60 consecutive days in order to replace aging tracks and complete major tunnel improvements.

For more information about the Twin Peaks Tunnel Improvement Project, visit [sfmta.com/twinpeaks](http://sfmta.com/twinpeaks).

### **Inner Sunset Streetscape Improvement and Muni Forward Project**

**Saturday, March 24:** From start until end of service on Saturday, the N Judah line will operate on Muni buses from Duboce and Church streets to Ocean Beach.

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Upcoming Construction Projects *continued*

Inner Sunset Streetscape Improvement and Muni Forward Project *continued*

The tunnel closure and bus substitution will facilitate the construction of the Inner Sunset Streetscape Improvement Project.

During the tunnel closure, N Judah train service will operate from Duboce and Church streets to King and 4<sup>th</sup> streets and with shuttle buses operating from Fillmore and Duboce streets to Ocean Beach. Shuttle buses will be rerouted to Frederick Street and Lincoln Way between Carl Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

The project is a partnership between the SFMTA and the San Francisco Public Works (SFPW) to add streetscape amenities to the proposed transit bulb-outs in the area. The streetscape designs will enhance the beauty and walkability of the neighborhoods along the N Judah line from Cole Valley to 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue and to improve performance of the N Judah as part of Muni Forward program.

An additional 10-day closure is expected in 2019.

For more project details, visit [www.sfmta.com/innersunset](http://www.sfmta.com/innersunset).

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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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