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****PRESS RELEASE****

**SFMTA Weekend Transit and Traffic Advisory
For Saturday, February 8, 2020**

San Francisco—The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) releases the following upcoming event-related traffic and transit impacts for this weekend, from **Friday, February 7 through Monday, February 10.**

For real-time updates, follow us on https://twitter.com/sfmta_muni or visit <https://www.sfmta.com/about-us/contact-us/email-and-text-alerts> 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.

Car-Free Market Street Started on Wednesday, January 29

The [Better Market Street project](#) has been set to transform our city's busiest street for people walking, biking and riding transit over the next few years, but we do not need to wait for construction to make it safer and improve Muni.

Since **Wednesday, January 29** through our [Quick-build](#) program, Market Street becomes car-free eastbound from 10th to Main streets and westbound from Steuart Street to Van Ness Avenue. In addition to restricting private vehicles, the quick-build includes extending Muni only lanes, new loading zones and much-needed intersection safety improvements.

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Car-Free Market Street Started on Wednesday, January 29 *continued*

Vehicle Changes

- No private vehicles are allowed on Market Street eastbound from 10th to Main streets and westbound from Steuart Street to Van Ness Avenue – including app-based ride hail companies like Uber/Lyft.
- All traffic can continue to cross Market street at intersections.
- Vehicles with commercial plates, taxis, emergency vehicles and paratransit can still use Market Street.
- Right turns onto Valencia Street from eastbound Market Street is no longer allowed.
- Page Street becomes a bike-only connection to and from Market Street.

Transit Enhancements Over the Next Few Months

- Extending existing transit-only lane east from Third to Main streets, the segment of Market Street with the most transit service, and making it Muni-only (taxis and non-Muni buses will no longer be allowed in center lane)
- Converting the existing red transit-only lane to **“Muni Only” between 9th and 3rd streets**
- Converting the existing red transit-only lane to **“Muni & Taxi Only” between 12th and 9th streets**

Loading Changes

- 100 new cross-street passenger and commercial loading zones to accommodate safe loading
- Peak hour loading restrictions on Market Street to reduce conflicts between people on bicycles, transit and commercial vehicles:
 - No southside loading in the eastbound direction (towards the Ferry Building) on weekdays between 6 and 9:30 a.m.
 - No northside loading in the westbound direction (towards Twin Peaks) on weekdays between 3 and 7:30 p.m.

Additional Safety Improvements

- Installing painted safety zones at eight intersections to make crossing the street safer and shorter
- New bicycle intersection improvements at 8th, Page, Battery and Valencia streets.

More Information: <https://www.sfmta.com/blog/update-car-free-market-street-and-faq>.

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Chinatown Community Street Fair

Saturday, February 8 and Sunday, February 9: The Chinatown Community Street Fair will be held this weekend. The street fair will take place along Grant Avenue between Clay Street and Broadway from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. For more event details, visit <https://chineseparade.com/community-fair/>.

The following street closures will be required for the event from 11 p.m., Friday, February 7 to 11 p.m., Sunday, February 9:

- Grant Avenue between Clay Street and Broadway
- Pacific Avenue between Columbus Avenue and Stockton Street
- Jackson Street between Stockton and Kearny streets
- Washington Street between Stockton and Kearny streets
- Intersections: Jackson Street, Washington Street and Pacific Street on Grant Avenue
- All alleys in the area bounded by California Street, Stockton Street, Broadway and Kearny Street

There will be heavy traffic in the area. Motorists are advised to allow extra travel time.

The following Muni routes will be affected: **10 Townsend and 12 Folsom/Pacific.**

Chinese New Year Parade

Saturday, February 8: The Chinese New Year Parade will start from 2nd and Market streets at 5:15 p.m. The parade will travel west on Market Street, west on Geary Street, north on Powell Street, east on Post Street, north on Kearny Street to Columbus Avenue. The parade will disperse on Columbus Avenue between Pacific and Washington streets. For event details, visit <https://chineseparade.com/>.

SFMTA will provide extra LRV Metro service to support the expected crowds.

Staging of the floats will begin at 10 a.m. in the parking lane of Main Street between Market and Harrison streets. The following street closures will be required:

- From 3 p.m. to approximately 5:15 p.m.:
 - 2nd Street between Market and Mission streets
- From 4 p.m. to approximately 7 p.m.:
 - Market Street between Beale and 3rd streets
 - Main Street between Harrison and Market streets

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Chinese New Year Parade *continued*

Starting at 4 p.m. to approximately 11 p.m., Post Street between Mason and Market streets will be closed for camera positioning for TV stations.

Cross traffic will be allowed within the staging area until 4:45 p.m.

From 4 p.m. to approximately 9 p.m., the following closures will be required:

- Geary Street between Montgomery and Mason streets
- Post Street between Mason and Kearny streets
- Powell Street between Geary and Bush streets
- Kearny Street between Geary Street and Columbus Avenue/Pacific Street
- The Stockton Street Tunnel

Traffic along Market Street between 4th and 2nd streets will be diverted beginning at 4 p.m.:

- Westbound to Howard Street
- Eastbound to Folsom Street

Beginning around 2:45 p.m., Mission Street between Beale and 6th streets will be designated as a transit-only street until Market Street re-opens.

The following Muni lines and routes will be affected: **California Cable Car; Powell-Mason Cable Car; Powell-Hyde Cable Car; F Market & Wharves; 1 California; 2 Clement; 3 Jackson; 5 Fulton; 6 Haight/Parnassus; 7 Haight/Noriega; 8 Bayshore; 9 San Bruno; 10 Townsend; 12 Folsom/Pacific; 14 Mission; 14R Mission Rapid; 21 Hayes; 30 Stockton; 31 Balboa; 38 Geary; 38R Geary Rapid; 45 Union/Stockton; and 76X-Marin Headlands Express.**

Giants FanFest

Saturday, February 8: The annual KNBR 680 Giants FanFest will take place between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. at Oracle Park (formerly AT&T Park). An attendance of more than 30,000 participants is expected throughout the day. For event details, visit www.sanfrancisco.giants.mlb.com.

For details about transportation to Oracle Park, including connections from Bay Area transit system to Muni, visit <https://www.sfmta.com/places/oracle-park>.

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Events at Chase Center

Saturday, February 8 through Monday, February 10: The following events will take place at Chase Center. Doors will open approximately one hour before each event starts.

Basketball Games

- **Saturday, February 8:** The Warriors will play against the **Los Angeles Lakers**. Game will start at 5:30 p.m.
- **Monday, February 10:** The Warriors will play against the **Miami Heat**. Game will start at 7:30 p.m.

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 an event ends and 45 minutes after an event ends.

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
- Terry Francois Boulevard (TFB) between Warriors Way and the 700 Block of TFB
- Illinois Street between Mariposa and 16th streets

Taxi Stands

- Taxi Stands are located on Terry Francois Boulevard, one northbound and one southbound.
- Ramp Taxis should use the loading zone on eastbound Warriors Way (formerly South Street) at Bridgeview Way.

For details about transportation to the Chase Center, including Muni service and connections from the Bay Area transit system to Muni, visit [SFMTA.com/ChaseCenter](https://www.sfmta.com/ChaseCenter).

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CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES

UPDATE: Van Ness Improvement Project

On Friday, February 7, between the hours of 8 p.m. and 7 a.m., crews are scheduled to work on installing a joint-utility trench, traffic striping and sewer main at the following locations:

- Van Ness between Greenwich and Filbert streets
- Van Ness between Filbert and Union streets
- Van Ness between Union and Green streets
- Van Ness between Green and Vallejo Street
- Van Ness between Vallejo Street and Broadway
- Van Ness at Sutter Street
- Van Ness at Post Street
- Van Ness at Geary Street
- Van Ness at McAllister Street
- Van Ness at Grove Street

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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UPDATE: L Taraval Improvement Project

Since Thursday, August 15, 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 2022.

Continuing through Friday, February 7: Construction crew are performing sewer main replacement and water line work on the northside of Taraval Street between 43rd and 42nd avenues; and between 40th and 37th avenues. Work hours are from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Some parking spaces are temporarily restricted in the construction zones and traffic lanes have been modified in the northbound lane during active work.

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CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

UPDATE: L Taraval Improvement Project *continued*

Since Monday, January 24 and continuing through Friday, February 21, the outbound L Taraval stop at 44th Avenue is temporarily relocated from the near side of the intersection to the far side, Monday to Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

For project details, visit sfmta.com/LTaraval.

ONGOING: Townsend Corridor Improvement Project

Muni customers, pedestrians, people on bicycles, drivers and other road users should be mindful of the construction activity that is occurring along the south side of Townsend Street, particularly next to the Caltrain station. As construction moves westward, work crews will continue to provide a protected path of travel for pedestrians on the south side of Townsend Street between Caltrain and the bus boarding island mid-block on Townsend Street between 4th and 5th streets.

Beginning in February, loading for Muni routes **10 Townsend, 47 Van Ness and 83X Mid-Market Express** on Townsend Street between 4th and 5th streets will be shifted at times in order to facilitate the final phase of construction along the bus island. Signs will be posted, directing passengers to the temporary locations.

During the hours of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., eastbound Townsend Street between 4th and 5th streets will at times be reduced from two lanes to one lane to accommodate construction work. Westbound Townsend Street will not be affected.

Please follow posted signs as the construction zone will move as progress continues. For more information about this project, visit: www.sfmta.com/townsend.

ONGOING: Jefferson Streetscape Improvement Project

Since October 2019 and continuing for the next 12 months, the E Embarcadero and F Market & Wharves streetcars will turn back at Pier 39 due to construction on the Jefferson Streetscape Improvement Project. The last inbound stop is on The Embarcadero at Pier 39.

Customers wishing to ride to further destinations may board a bus shuttle at that stop, which operates in a loop to serve the missed E Embarcadero and F Market & Wharves stops along Fisherman's Wharf.

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ONGOING: Jefferson Streetscape Improvement Project *continued*

Riders wishing to return to downtown locations on the E Embarcadero and F Market & Wharves lines must board across Stockton Street on Beach Street in front of the parking lot at the Academy of Art University.

Since October 2019 and continuing to early February 2020, due to construction on Jefferson Street between Taylor and Jones streets, bus shuttles will not serve the stop at Jones and Beach streets. Customers should use alternate stops, at Jones and Taylor streets or at Beach and Mason streets.

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

ONGOING: Third Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project

Nighttime construction work will continue to take place between the hours of 8 p.m. and 7 a.m. and is anticipated to continue periodically through January 2020.

Since July 2019, crews have begun phase two of the rehabilitation work. Phase two construction work involves travel lane shifts and other adjustments to the roadway and work area. Vehicle and bicycle access via travel lanes across the bridge continue to be available in each direction, northbound and southbound **(except during periods of full temporary bridge closures when the pending scope of work restricts access across the bridge for all vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian traffic)**. Pedestrian access is available via the sidewalk along the eastern side of the bridge. People on bike may also choose to walk their bicycle along the pedestrian sidewalk as an alternative to riding across the bridge via the travel lane. Pedestrian access via the sidewalk along the western side of the bridge may be unavailable during different phases of upcoming work.

Third Street Bridge is open and access across the bridge is available.

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CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

ONGOING: Third Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project *continued*

Construction scheduling is subject to change due to rain or other weather delays, equipment breakdown, and/or unforeseen field conditions. Additional periods of short closures may be possible, if necessary, to complete remaining rehabilitation work. Information will be shared closer to that period should additional closures seem necessary and details are finalized. Updates will be posted to the project webpage. For details about the project, the latest construction updates and suggested detour routes for pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicles, visit: www.sfpublicworks.org/thirdstreetbridge.

Upcoming Events

Events at Chase Center

Thursday, February 13 through Sunday, March 1: There will be multiple events take place at Chase Center. Doors will open approximately one hour before each event starts.

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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.

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