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PRESS RELEASE

Muni Expands the 10 Townsend Operating Hours in Recent Service Changes

San Francisco--The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), which operates the Municipal Railway (Muni), has implemented a round of service changes to improve Muni service systemwide.

Service improvements on the 10 Townsend are the most significant improvements riders will notice this week. Currently, the 10 Townsend route ends service at 7:30 p.m. Starting this week, the route will operate every 30 minutes after 7:30 p.m. until midnight seven days a week. This service expansion was informed by Muni Forward, an initiative that helps improve the reliability and frequency of Muni.

"I am proud to have worked closely with the SFMTA on this effort to improve service on the 10 Townsend," said Supervisor Malia Cohen. "This service expansion is an example of how collaboration with the neighbors and the SFMTA can make transit run more effectively throughout the city, and I am excited to be a part of the push to move Muni Forward."

"Our transit system is the backbone of our city's quality of life and economy and projects like these will help improve service for riders," said Ed Reiskin, SFMTA Director of Transportation. "With Muni Forward, we're actively making incremental change for a more reliable and safe experience both on transit and for people who walk, ride a bike, drive or take a taxi."

Other service changes that have gone into effect:

9L San Bruno Limited

• The inbound (northbound) stop on Bayshore at Visitacion will become an active bus stop for the 9L. While there was no passenger pick-up at this location, starting this week passengers may get off of the bus here. Buses will pick up passengers north of the intersection following the scheduled layover. Riders who want to get off the bus on Bayshore Boulevard may also ride around the terminal loop to the stop.

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30 Stockton

• The terminal at Chestnut Street and Fillmore will relocate back to Divisadero and Chestnut based on rider feedback.

27 Bryant

• Route change to avoid freeway congestion. New route via Bryant: Left on 6th Street, right on Folsom, left on 5th Street to regular route.

38 Geary

• Muni will operate regular scheduled 38 Geary service to Fort Miley instead of byrequest evening service.

For additional information about all routes and stops, please visit: <u>http://www.sfmta.com/getting-around/transit/routes-stops</u>.

Along with the 10 Townsend service expansion, several other Muni Forward projects like transit signal priority upgrades and red transit-only lanes have improved Muni's service over the past several months. With new transit-priority signals fully implemented on the 8X Bayshore Express line and Mission Street corridors, the 8X Bayshore Express, 14/14L Mission, and 49 Van Ness/Mission are experiencing travel time savings of up to 5 minutes per trip. And new transit-only lanes on Haight Street and Lincoln Way are expected to streamline service and improve travel time for the 6 Parnassus, 71 Haight/Noriega and 29 Sunset.

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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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