



SFMTA
Municipal
Transportation
Agency

Edwin M. Lee, *Mayor*

Tom Nolan, *Chairman*

Malcolm Heinicke, *Director*

Joél Ramos, *Director*

Edward D. Reiskin, *Director of Transportation*

Cheryl Brinkman, *Vice-Chairman*

Jerry Lee, *Director*

Cristina Rubke, *Director*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

October 17, 2013

Contact: Paul Rose

415.601.1637, cell

paul.rose@sfmta.com

****PRESS RELEASE****

**SFMTA is Prepared to Keep San Francisco Moving
in Case of BART Strike**

Casual carpooling pick-up locations now on Spear St. for evening trips to the East Bay

San Francisco—The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), which manages transportation in the city, including the Municipal Railway (Muni), has developed a contingency plan in the event of a strike by the Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART). Should a strike occur, public transit customers who normally travel daily into San Francisco could be seeking other means of getting to their destinations. The plan aims to provide SFMTA services, such as two expanded casual carpool locations, for those displaced by a strike and endeavors to avoid or minimize gridlock.

“While it is extremely disappointing that a BART strike could occur tomorrow, I am confident that San Francisco has done everything it could to mitigate the very serious impacts that will be felt by commuters,” said Mayor Ed Lee. “Since the last strike in July, San Francisco’s Municipal Transportation Agency has been working closely with regional transit agencies, businesses, both local and state public safety officials; and others to develop effective contingency plans to prepare for these impacts.”

“The SFMTA is prepared and all hands are on deck as we work to keep San Francisco moving in the event of a BART strike,” said Ed Reiskin, SFMTA Director of Transportation. “While we anticipate delays and congestion, our strike plan is in place and is designed to facilitate the safest and most efficient movement possible for all people impacted.”

After months of coordination with regional partners and other city agencies, preparations were put in place to manage transportation in San Francisco and to allow for connections across the region, including Caltrain, SamTrans, AC Transit, Golden Gate Transit and ferry services.

more – more – more

Additional details will be posted at 511.org as they become available. A special BART strike page at alert.511.org includes updates on BART's service status, alternative transit and ridesharing options, including regional organized carpool and vanpool, real-time traffic and transit information, and other trip-planning tools. BART information can be found at www.bart.gov. Commuters should check back regularly for updates. For real-time Muni updates during the week, 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., and special events, follow us on www.twitter.com/sfmta_muni or visit www.nextmuni.com/myNextBus to sign up for real-time text messages or email alerts.

Casual Carpooling

As of September 23, the established casual carpool pick-up zone has been relocated to the west side of Spear Street just north of Folsom Street. If BART goes on strike, this zone will be expanded to both sides of Spear Street between Howard and Folsom streets. The attached map shows the morning drop-off locations, the evening pick-up locations and the route from the pick-up locations to the Bay Bridge carpool lane.

Casual Carpooling, 3 to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday

- **Carpooling Departure Points on the east side of Spear Street between Howard and Folsom streets** to the following locations:
 - Alameda
 - West Oakland BART
 - Lake Merritt BART
 - Fruitvale BART
 - Coliseum BART
 - Albany
 - Emeryville
 - Piedmont
 - San Leandro BART
 - Bayfair BART
 - Castro Valley BART
 - West Dublin BART
 - Dublin BART
 - Hayward BART
 - South Hayward BART
 - Union City BART
 - Fremont BART

more – more – more



- **Carpooling Departure Points on the west side of Spear Street between Howard and Folsom streets** to the following locations:
 - MacArthur BART
 - Rockridge BART
 - Ashby BART
 - El Cerrito Plaza BART
 - North Concord BART
 - Pittsburg BART
 - Hercules
 - Richmond Parkway
 - Richmond BART
 - Fairfield/Suisun
 - North Berkeley BART
 - Del Norte BART
 - Orinda BART
 - Lafayette BART
 - Walnut Creek BART
 - Pleasant Hill BART
 - Concord BART
 - Oakland Claremont
 - Vallejo
 - Lakeshore/Grand

BART Charter Bus Service

The map also shows the drop-off point for BART charter buses on the east side of Fremont Street just south of Howard Street and the BART charter bus pick-up location on the south side of Howard Street between Fremont and Beale streets. More information on this service is available at www.bart.gov.

Muni

To keep major BART corridor service fully staffed, the SFMTA will prioritize Muni service along the following bus routes and rail lines during peak hours:

- 14 Mission, 14L Mission Limited, and 14X Mission Express
- J Church (to and from Balboa Park/Geneva)
- N Judah (to and from Caltrain at 4th and King streets)

Transit Fare Inspectors may be deployed to assist customers in Muni Metro stations.

Information regarding the impact of a BART strike on paratransit services can be found at www.sfparatransit.com.

more – more – more

Downtown Off-street Parking:

The SFMTA will implement measures designed to alleviate traffic congestion and to assist travelers. Approximately 4,000 off-street parking spaces are expected to be available in downtown garages. Off-street parking staff will provide garage managers with additional outreach materials. [For more information about specific garages or lots, visit sfmta.com.](#)

Visit www.sfpark.org or download the application to find real-time information about available on and off-street parking spaces and rates in SFpark pilot areas.

Parking Control Officers and SFPD Officers will be deployed at key intersections to keep traffic moving.

Taxi Service

In the morning, taxi stands will be at key transfer points:

- Temporary Transbay Terminal, on both sides of Folsom Street in front of the Greyhound bus office
- Folsom Street, between Main and Spear streets
- The Embarcadero at the south end of the Ferry Building in the white passenger loading zone, Monday, Wednesday and Friday
- Parking lot behind the Ferry Building, Tuesday and Thursday
- 4th and King Caltrain Station on Townsend at 4th Street

Evening taxi stands are at downtown hotels. [A map of the hotel stands is available on sfmta.com.](#)

Biking or Walking

In addition to transit, carpooling and parking, the SFMTA recommends that commuters consider bicycling and walking when these options are viable. If you plan to use a bicycle for your commute, a [map of bicycle routes is available on sfmta.com.](#)

Other options include flexible work hours to avoid the peak commuting periods, telecommuting and taking vacation.

###

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 one 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.

311 Free language assistance / 免費語言協助 / Ayuda gratuita con el idioma / Бесплатная помощь переводчиков / Trợ giúp Thông dịch Miễn phí / Assistance linguistique gratuit / 無料の言語支援 / 무료 언어 지원 / Libreng tulong para sa wikang Tagalog / คว“มช่วยเหลืือท“งภ“ษ“โดยไม่ว่ค่าใช้จ่าย