

Edwin M. Lee, Mayor

Tom Nolan, Chairman Cheryl Brinkman, Vice-Chairman Joél Ramos, Director Gwyneth Borden, Director Malcolm Heinicke, Director

Lee Hsu, Director Cristina Rubke, Director

Edward D. Reiskin, Director of Transportation

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 20, 2016 Contact: Paul Rose 415.601.1637, cell paul.rose@sfmta.com

PRESS RELEASE Ride Muni Free New Year's Eve

17 Year Tradition Encourages Responsible Celebration

San Francisco--For the 17th consecutive year, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) will offer free rides on New Year's Eve from 8 p.m. on Saturday, December 31 through 5 a.m. on Sunday, January 1.

"We want all San Francisco residents and visitors to have a happy and safe New Year. As we all celebrate the new year, the SFMTA is providing free Muni rides so everyone can enjoy themselves around the city and get home safely," said Ed Reiskin, SFMTA Director of Transportation.

This year's Ride Muni Free New Year's Eve is sponsored by 76.

"76® is proud to continue our sponsorship of SFMTA for Ride Muni Free on New Year's Eve for the 17th consecutive year. While 76 is on the driver's side, we want you to ring in the new year safely by being a passenger instead. Happy Holidays," said Bree Januhowski, 76 brand director.

Ride Muni Free New Year's Eve includes all Muni lines and routes. All information. including schedules and stops, will be posted on www.sfmta.com/nye. Clipper Card customers should NOT tap their cards to make sure they don't get charged a fare. Muni Mobile passes will not be necessary. Metro fare gates will be open that night.

In line with <u>Vision Zero</u>, the city's policy to eliminate all traffic fatalities by 2024, San Franciscans—drivers, pedestrians, and transit riders—should be able to get to their destination safely.

New Year's Eve Muni Service:

- Complimentary Muni service from 8 p.m. on Saturday, December 31 to 5 a.m. on Sunday, January 1.
- Extra Owl service (1 a.m. to 5 a.m.): 5 Fulton, 14 Mission, 22 Fillmore, 24 Divisadero, 38 Geary, 90 and 91 Owl and the L and N Owl bus routes.

more - more - more

- Service on the F Market historic streetcar line is provided by buses after approximately 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- Extra LRV Metro shuttles from West Portal to 4th and King.
- Service on cable cars will be provided by buses after approximately 6 p.m.
- Late night transit services will also be available from our regional transit partners: AC Transit, BART, and SamTrans.

At midnight on New Year's Eve, a city-sponsored fireworks show from a barge off of The Embarcadero, south of the Ferry Building will take place. Motorists should anticipate delays in the area from approximately 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. No closures or re-routes are planned. SFPD and SFMTA will monitor for any necessary re-routes. For details, please visit www.sfmta.com.

BART will provide additional service until approximately 3 a.m., January 1. After 8 p.m. BART service to and from the East Bay will be split between Embarcadero and Montgomery stations. Pittsburg/Bay Point and Richmond line trains heading into San Francisco will not stop at Embarcadero Station. Exit at Montgomery Street Station for the fireworks show. Dublin/Pleasanton and Fremont line trains will not stop at Montgomery Street Station. Pittsburg/Bay Point and Richmond line trains will not stop at Embarcadero Station. Dublin/Pleasanton and Fremont trains will not stop at West Oakland. The first East Bay stop is Lake Merritt Station. Millbrae and Daly City passengers should use Montgomery Street Station. Full fare pricing will be in effect. For more details, please visit www.bart.gov.

Caltrain will run four post-midnight trains, departing San Francisco at 12:45 a.m., 1:15 a.m., 1:45 a.m. and 2:15 a.m., or when full. Caltrain service will be free after 8 p.m. on New Year's Eve and continue until 5 a.m. For more details, please visit www.caltrain.com.

SamTrans will run its regular non-school day service on New Year's Eve and will offer free rides beginning at 8 p.m. on December 31 until 5 a.m. on January 1. For more details, please visit http://www.samtrans.com.

####

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.