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# **\*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\*** SFMTA Weekend Transit and Traffic Advisory

San Francisco—The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) releases the following upcoming event-related traffic and transit impacts for this weekend, Friday, October 13 through next Monday, October 16, 2017. Anyone traveling in San Francisco can check 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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# Inner Sunset Streetscape Improvement and Muni Forward Project

Friday, October 13 through Monday, October 16: From 7 p.m., Friday until start of service, Monday, Muni bus shuttles will provide N Judah Line service between Duboce Avenue and Fillmore Street and Ocean Beach.

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

During the tunnel closure, N Judah train service will operate from Duboce and Church streets to King and 4th 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 Cole Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The transfer point for shuttle bus/rail service will be at Duboce Avenue and Fillmore Street.

The project is a partnership between the SFMTA and 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.

To facilitate this project, multiple weekend tunnel shutdowns and bus substitution between Duboce and Church streets to Ocean Beach will be required.

The next weekend tunnel closure will occur from Friday, October 20 to Monday, October 23.

For more project details, visit <u>https://www.sfmta.com/calendar/alerts/n-judah-bus-substitutions-inner-sunset-construction</u>.

## San Francisco Decompression

Saturday, October 14 through Sunday, October 15: The annual San Francisco Decompression will be held at Pier 70. Event will take place from 2 p.m., Saturday to 4 a.m., Sunday.

For more details, please visit <u>https://burningman.org/events/san-francisco-decompression-</u>2017/.

A street closure of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street between Illinois Street and the westerly terminus will be required from 6 a.m., Saturday to 6 a.m., Sunday.

The following Muni line and route may experience heavy ridership: **T Third Street and 22 Fillmore**.

## **Ocean Beach Music and Art Festival**

**Saturday, October 14**: The annual Ocean Beach Music and Art Festival will take place on Noriega Street between 45<sup>th</sup> and 47<sup>th</sup> avenues in the Outer Sunset. The event will begin at 11 a.m. until 7 p.m.

For more event details, please visit <u>http://dothebay.com/events/2017/10/14/ocean-beach-music-art-festival</u>

The following street closures will be required between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m.:

- Noriega Street between 45<sup>th</sup> and 47<sup>th</sup> avenues
- 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Moraga and Ortega streets
- Intersection: Noriega Street at 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue

The following Muni routes will be affected: **18 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 7 Haight-Noriega**.

## **Inner Sunset Sundays**

**Sunday, October 15**: The Inner Sunset Sundays will take place on Irving Street from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For event details, please visit <u>http://www.issundays.org/</u>.

Irving Street between 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> avenues will be closed from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on the event day.

There will be no impact on Muni service.

Heavy ridership is expected on Muni bus lines and routes around the event area.

# **CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES**

# UPDATE: 8<sup>th</sup> Street Safety

**Now until Further Notice**: A new transit boarding island is coming 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 late-November.

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.

# UPDATE: Central Subway Project

Sewer and water line replacement, roadway restoration and track work is underway on 4<sup>a</sup> Street between Bryant and King streets. Until further notice, traffic reroutes will remain in effect and some night work may occur on 4<sup>a</sup> Street between Bryant and King streets between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m.

Sewer and water supply infrastructure replacement work continues at 4th and Folsom streets, Monday through Friday, from 9 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. Pavement renovation work has begun at the southwest corner of 4<sup>th</sup> and Folsom streets and will be ongoing until mid-October. The right hand turn lane will be affected. Sewer replacement work continues at night at 4<sup>th</sup> and Howard streets until Thursday, October 5. Work hours are 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. Two through lanes are in place southbound 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Westbound raffic on Howard Street will be impacted.

Night time closure of Ellis Street between Powell and Stockton streets continues from 9 p.m. through 5 a.m. for utility work. Work may impact the walkway on the north side of Market Street at Ellis and Stockton streets between the hours of 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. to facilitate utility work. Street repaving work on Ellis Street will be ongoing through mid-November.

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 turnaround 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, 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. Construction activity will not take place two hours before and two hours after SF Giants day games.

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 winter of 2018).

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 November 2017.

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

## ONGOING: 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.

The SFMTA is planning to develop work zones for upcoming utility work on Van Ness Avenue. This planning work will create two construction zones that will be approximately five feet from the building line to approximately the center of the roadway:

- Southbound on Van Ness Avenue from Sutter to McAllister streets
- Northbound from Jackson to Lombard streets

For more project details and the latest construction updates, please visit <u>sfmta.com/vanness</u>.

## There will be no active construction this weekend.

## ONGOING: Balboa Park Station Area Improvement Project

Balboa Park Station and the surrounding area is one of the highest ridership BART stations outside of downtown San Francisco. There are multiple ongoing projects that aim to improve the safety and accessibility for road users and riders travelling to and from the area. The **Green Light Rail Center Track Replacement Project, located on Geneva and San Jose avenues,** is one of these projects to improve system reliability with track replacements, upgrades to the overhead contact system and installation of accessible ramps and some landscape improvements.

The J-Church Rail Service remains rerouted until construction project is complete in Fall 2017. The K Ingleside Line has resumed its normal route.

**Temporary Change:** Both inbound and outbound service is on San Jose Avenue.

Customers traveling inbound should board at the temporary stop in the southeast corner of San Jose and Geneva avenues, across the street from the inbound stop for the M Ocean View line (Accessible boarding at Seneca Avenue).

Customers travelling outbound will be dropped off at the existing accessible M line stop on San Jose Avenue at Geneva Avenue (Accessible off-boarding at Wayside lift).

For more project details, please visit sfmta.com/greenlightrail.

## ONGOING: Fuel Tank Replacement at Muni Kirkland Bus Yard

**Now until further notice:** Since May SFMTA crews have been working to replace two underground fuel tanks at Muni's Kirkland Bus Yard in Fisherman's Wharf. This replacement project will bring the tanks up to code, improve safety and make fueling faster and more efficient.

During construction:

- The streetcar stop at Beach and Stockton streets has been relocated from the southwest corner to the southeast corner. The closest wheelchair accessible stop is at Beach and Mason streets. The following Muni lines are affected: 1) E Embarcadero and 2) F Market & Wharves;
- A sidewalk closure is required on the south side of Beach Street between Powell and Stockton streets.

The stop relocation and sidewalk closure are expected to last for about five months beginning in May.

For project details, visit sfmta.com/kirklandtanks.

## **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.

#### ONGOING: Oak & Octavia Safety Project

The Oak and Octavia Safety Project is improving safety and accessibility at the highly trafficked intersections where Octavia Boulevard meets Oak and Fell streets. Identified as a top priority through a community planning process, enhancements currently under construction include new center medians between Oak and Fell streets, as well as pedestrian bulbouts and ADA accessibility upgrades on Laguna Street. The construction project is expected to be ongoing through November with periodic lane closures, with general work hours from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For the next several weeks as new medians are being installed, the center of Octavia Boulevard may be reduced to one lane in each direction, resulting in possible delays.

For more project information, please visit www.sfmta.com/octavia

## Upcoming Construction

#### Weekend Bus Substitution for M Ocean View During Safety and Transit Improvements

Late October and November: Starting in late October for four weekends, the M Ocean View line will operate on Muni buses from West Portal to Balboa Park stations.

The M Ocean View Improvement Project will repair vital transit infrastructure and improve safety for people who walk and use Muni on 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Some of the improvements are

replacing aging tracks between Winston Drive and Eucalyptus Drive, building a new pedestrian island crossing on 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue at Junipero Serra Boulevard, installing vehicle safety measures at the trackway entrances, and upgrading traffic signals.

On the four weekends starting in late October, M train service will be substituted by buses. Starting late Friday nights until the start of regular train service Monday mornings, buses will run between West Portal and Balboa Park stations. Muni customers can check Nextbus for bus arrival times and should plan for more travel time.

For more project details, visit www.sfmta.com/mon19thavenue.

## Upcoming Events

## **Trolley Dances 2017**

**Saturday, October 21 and Sunday, October 22**: The 14<sup>th</sup> annual San Francisco Trolley Dances will consist of 12 two-hour tours beginning at 11 a.m. in the South of Market neighborhood and ending in Golden Gate Park. The tours will travel along the N Judah Line.

For event details, please visit: <u>http://www.epiphanydance.org/trolley-dances/</u>

More details of street closures and Muni service impact to follow.

## Potrero Hill Festival

**Saturday, October 21**: The annual Potrero Hill Festival will take place in the Potrero Hill neighborhood from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on 20<sup>th</sup> Street between Wisconsin and Missouri streets.

For event details, please visit <u>http://potrerofestival.com/</u>.

More details of street closures and Muni service impact to follow.

## Wharf Fest

**Saturday, October 21**: The annual Wharf Fest and Chowder Competition will take place at Pier 43, Jefferson and Taylor, and on Little Embarcadero between Taylor and Powell from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more event details, please visit http://www.visitfishermanswharf.com/events/wharf-fest.

More details of street closures and Muni service impact to follow.

#### **Bayview LIVE**

**Saturday, October 21**: The Bayview LIVE Music-Tech-Arts festival is a new event that will take place on Egbert Avenue between 3<sup>rd</sup> and Jennings streets from noon to 7 p.m.

For more event details, please visit <u>http://www.bayviewlive.com</u>.

More details of street closures and Muni service impact to follow.

## Fiesta on the Hill

**Sunday, October 22**: The annual Fiesta on the Hill Bernal Heights' Street Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For event details, please visit http://www.bhnc.org/fiesta-2017.html.

More details of street closure and Muni service impact to follow.

#### Love Boat Halloween (Formerly Ghost Ship Halloween)

**Friday, October 27 and Saturday, October 28:** The annual Love Boat Halloween, a dance and art event, will take place at Pier 70. Event hours will be from 9 p.m. to 4 a.m., each night, Friday and Saturday.

For more event details, please visit <u>http://www.loveboathalloween.com/</u>

More details of street closure and Muni service impact to follow.

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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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