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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 holiday weekend, Friday, January 12 through Monday, January 15, 2018. Anyone traveling in San Francisco can check [www.sfmta.com](http://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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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.

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#### **Martin Luther King Day Holiday Muni Service and Parking Enforcement**

**Monday, January 15 (Martin Luther King Day Holiday):** Muni service will operate on a Saturday schedule.

**Parking meters, seven-day and night street sweeping will be enforced citywide on the holiday.** Residential parking permits, Monday-Friday daytime street sweeping and commuter towaway will not be enforced.

Vehicles creating a hazard and/or an unsafe condition (i.e. double parking, blocking a bike lane, blocking driveways, blocking crosswalks, fire hydrants, etc.) are subject to receiving citations and can possibly be towed.

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Martin Luther King Day Holiday Muni Service and Parking Enforcement *continued*

**Note:** Parking meters in the City are enforced Monday through Saturday **with the exception of the following areas where parking meters are enforced seven days per week throughout the year except Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day:**

- Parking meters in the Fisherman's Wharf area
- On and near The Embarcadero roadway
- In the Special Event Area around AT&T Park
- Five metered off-street parking facilities listed below:
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue at Clement Street
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue at Clement Street
  - Geary Boulevard at 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue
  - 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue at Geary Boulevard
  - Pierce Street Garage (between Lombard and Chestnut streets)

**MLK March and Celebration**

**Monday, January 15:** Beginning at 11 a.m. the MLK March will start near 4<sup>th</sup> and King streets and conclude at the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts at approximately noon. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Bridge is closed for construction, so the march will travel via Berry Street. 4<sup>th</sup> Street will be closed at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street for the duration of the March.

The MLK Celebration will be held at Yerba Buena Center for the Arts from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Caltrain's **Celebration Train** will arrive at the 4<sup>th</sup> and King Street Station at 10:55 a.m.

**Muni bus shuttles** will be standing by to transport those Celebration Train riders who are unable to participate in the MLK March between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Participants may take the 30 Stockton or 45 Union-Stockton bus routes south on 5<sup>th</sup> Street for post-event service back to Caltrain after 5 p.m.

The following Muni lines and routes will be affected: **N Judah; K-Ingleside/T-Third Street; 8 Bayshore; 10 Townsend; 12 Folsom; 30 Stockton; 45 Union/Stockton and 47 Van Ness.**

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## **CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES**

### **UPDATE: 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.

Traffic lanes on Van Ness Avenue have been shifted to create two construction zones for upcoming utility work. Because some of this work requires reducing Van Ness Avenue to one lane in each direction, some work is limited to nighttime hours. Neighbors will be notified of night noise 72-hours in advance of night work.

**Sunday, January 14:** Between the hours of 8 p.m. and 7 a.m. crews will work on updating the emergency firefighting water systems from O'Farrell to Bush streets. Neighbors are advised to anticipate construction-related noise, including grinding, as crews work diligently to complete this necessary night work

For more project details and the latest construction updates, please visit [sfmta.com/vanness](http://sfmta.com/vanness).

### **ONGOING: Third Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project**

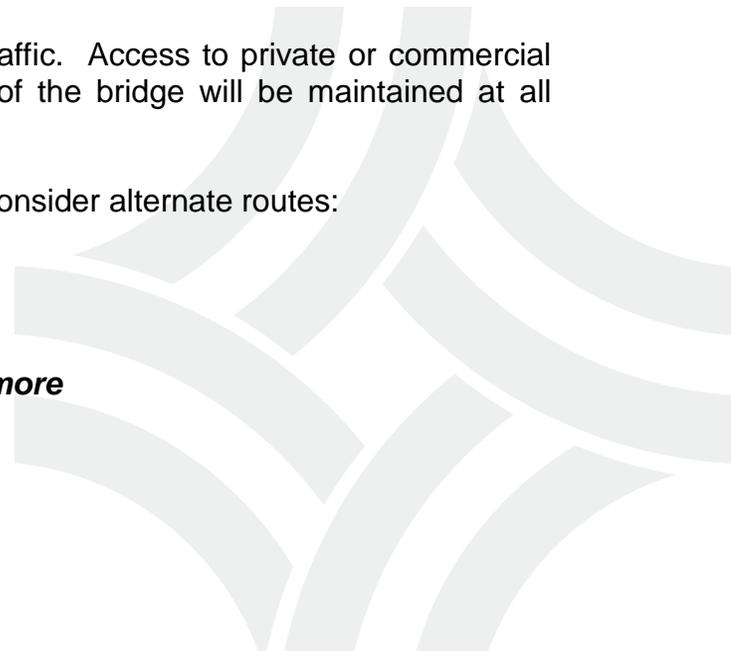
**Now through Friday, January 26, 2018:** The Third Street Bridge is undergoing counterweight maintenance in preparation for the upcoming Third Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project.

During the construction period, a full closure of the Third Street Bridge is required. **Access will be restricted to all vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians between Berry and Terry A. Francois streets, for 24 hours per day.**

Waterway access will remain open to watercraft traffic. Access to private or commercial buildings and pedestrian pathway on either side of the bridge will be maintained at all times, however, delays should be expected.

Travelers are encouraged to plan ahead and may consider alternate routes:

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## CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

### ONGOING: Third Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project *continued*

#### **Southbound Travel**

- Pedestrians: Use Bay Trail Path to 4<sup>th</sup> Street, then to Channel Street
- People on Bikes: Use Berry Street to 4<sup>th</sup> Street, then to Channel Street
- Motorists: Use King Street to Interstate 280 South, then to 18<sup>th</sup> Street

#### **Northbound Travel**

- Pedestrians: Use Channel Street to 4<sup>th</sup> Street, then to Bay Trail Path
- People on Bikes: Use Channel Street to 4<sup>th</sup> Street, then to Berry Street
- Motorists: Use 16<sup>th</sup> Street to 7<sup>th</sup> Street, then to Brannan Street

Construction scheduling is subject to change due to weather delays, equipment problems and/or unforeseen field conditions.

For more project details, visit <http://www.sfpublicworks.org/thirdstreetbridge>.

### **ONGOING: Central Subway Project**

Water line replacement and pavement renovation at 4<sup>th</sup> and Brannan streets and track work on 4<sup>th</sup> Street between Brannan and King streets is ongoing. Until further notice, traffic reroutes will remain in effect and night work to upgrade a water line will occur at the intersections of 4<sup>th</sup> and Brannan streets between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m.

Sewer and water supply infrastructure replacement work continues at 4<sup>th</sup> 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. Sewer replacement work continues at night at 4<sup>th</sup> and Howard streets. Work hours are from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. Two through lanes are in place southbound 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Westbound traffic on Howard Street will be impacted.

One lane on the south side of Ellis Street is open at all times for eastbound traffic. The parking garage between Ellis and O'Farrell is accessible on the north side of Ellis Street. Street restoration work is continuing on the north side of the intersection of Ellis and Stockton streets.

Washington Street between Stockton Street and Trenton Alley is under a long-term temporary closure to vehicular traffic as station construction continues. Pedestrian access to Washington Street between Stockton Street and Trenton Alley remains open.

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## CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

### ONGOING: Central Subway Project *continued*

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 turn-around 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.

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).

Due to a recent discovery of an old underground storage tank placed underneath the PG&E duct bank on Illinois and 18<sup>th</sup> streets, a site assessment by contractors and a city representative took place. Street excavation work to remove contents from the tank and additional testing will be needed. This unplanned work may delay completion of the sewer work.

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## CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

### ONGOING: Construction of Mission Bay Loop *continued*

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 January 2018.

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

### ONGOING: 8<sup>th</sup> Street Safety Project

**Now until Further Notice:** A new transit boarding island will come 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 March 2018.

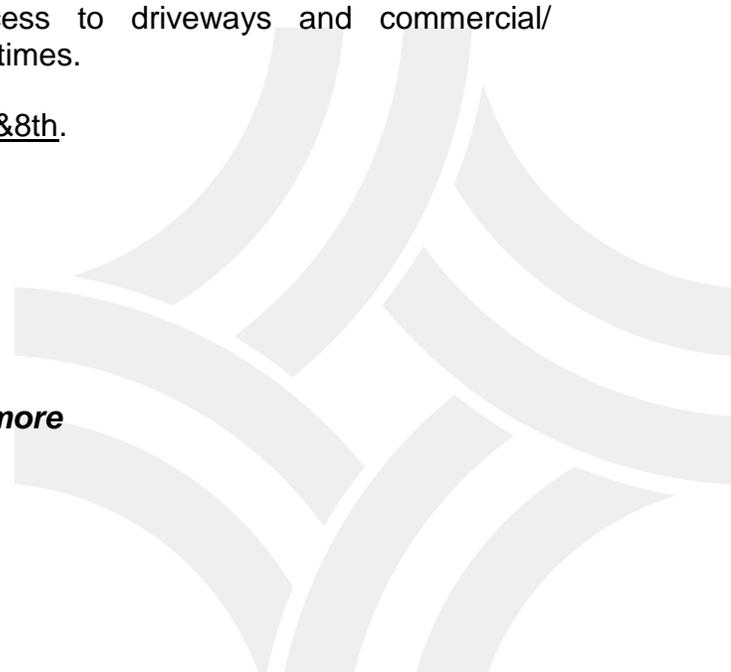
The transit boarding island will provide more space and reliability for transit passengers, and a protected space for bicyclists riding between the sidewalk and boarding island.

### **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](http://sfmta.com/7th&8th).

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## CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

### **ONGOING: Oak and 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 mid-January with general work hours of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Construction of sidewalk bulbouts at Fell Street and Laguna Street was completed in 2017. For the next several weeks, contractors will be completing sidewalk bulbouts at Oak and Laguna streets, resulting in periodic lane closures and parking restrictions. Additional (limited) lane closures on Octavia Boulevard at Oak Street are also anticipated as the construction and landscaping of new traffic islands are finalized.

For more project information, please visit [www.sfmta.com/octavia](http://www.sfmta.com/octavia).

### **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.

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## CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

### ONGOING: Polk Streetscape Project *continued*

- 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](http://sfpublicworks.org/polk).

### Upcoming Event

#### Women's March San Francisco

**Saturday, January 20:** The Women's March will stage a rally and march on Saturday. There will be a rally at Civic Center Plaza beginning at Noon. The march will commence at 2 p.m. from Civic Center Plaza, proceed along Market Street and end at Embarcadero Plaza (formerly Justin Herman Plaza). The march may not completely clear Market Street until 8 p.m. A possible attendance between 75,000 to 125,000 is expected.

For event details, please visit <https://womensmarchbayarea.org>.

More details 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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