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****PRESS RELEASE****

**SFMTA Weekend Transit and Traffic Advisory
For Saturday, January 18, 2020**

San Francisco—The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) releases the following upcoming event-related traffic and transit impacts for this holiday weekend, from **Thursday, January 16 through next Wednesday, January 22.**

For real-time updates, follow us on https://twitter.com/sfmta_muni or visit <https://www.sfmta.com/about-us/contact-us/email-and-text-alerts> to sign up for real-time text messages or email alerts.

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, Parking Will Be Enforced

Monday, January 20, 2020 (Martin Luther King Day Holiday), Muni will operate on a Saturday schedule.

Parking meters and seven-day street sweeping will be enforced citywide on the holiday. Residential parking permits and 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, Parking Will Be Enforced *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 Oracle Park
- Five metered off-street parking facilities listed below:
 - 8th Avenue at Clement Street
 - 9th Avenue at Clement Street
 - Geary Boulevard at 21st Avenue
 - 18th Avenue at Geary Boulevard
 - Pierce Street Garage (between Lombard and Chestnut streets)

Events at Chase Center

Thursday, January 16 through Wednesday, January 22: The following events will take place at Chase Center. Doors will open approximately one hour before each event starts.

Basketball Games

- **Thursday, January 16:** The Warriors will play against the **Denver Nuggets**. Game will start at 7:30 p.m.
- **Saturday, January 18:** The Warriors will play against the **Orlando Magic**. Game will start at 5:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, January 22:** The Warriors will play against the **Utah Jazz**. Game will start at 7 p.m.

Street Closures

To accommodate events that will take place at the arena, the following street closures will be enforced two hours before and one hour after each event:

- 16th Street between 3rd Street and Terry Francois Boulevard
- Warriors Way between 3rd Street and Terry Francois Boulevard
- Northbound 3rd Street between 16th Street and Warriors Way will also be closed approximately 30 minutes before an event ends and 45 minutes after an event ends.

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Events at Chase Center *continued*

No Parking Zone

To facilitate loading and pick up for Muni customers and patrons, **NO PARKING** will be in effect at these locations during events:

- 16th Street between 3rd Street and Terry Francois Boulevard
- Warriors Way between 3rd Street and Terry Francois Boulevard
- Terry Francois Boulevard (TFB) between Warriors Way and the 700 Block of TFB
- Illinois Street between Mariposa and 16th streets

Taxi Stands

- Taxi Stands are located on Terry Francois Boulevard, one northbound and one southbound.
- Ramp Taxis should use the loading zone on eastbound Warriors Way (formerly South Street) at Bridgeview Way.

For details about transportation to the Chase Center, including Muni service and connections from the Bay Area transit system to Muni, visit [SFMTA.com/ChaseCenter](https://sfmta.com/ChaseCenter).

Chinese New Year Flower Fair

Saturday, January 18 and Sunday, January 19: The Chinese New Year Flower Fair hosted by Chinese Chamber of Commerce will be held in Chinatown from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday. For more event details, visit <https://chineseparade.com/flower-market-fair/>.

The following street closures will be required from 11 p.m., Friday, January 17 to 11 p.m., Sunday, January 19:

- Grant Avenue between Clay Street and Broadway
- Pacific Avenue between Columbus Avenue and Stockton Street
- Jackson Street between Stockton Street and Kearny Street
- Washington Street between Stockton Street and Kearny Street
- Intersections: Jackson Street at Grant Avenue, Washington Street at Grant Avenue and Pacific Avenue at Grant Avenue
- All alleys within the boundaries of the larger closure will also be closed

The following Muni routes will be affected: **10 Townsend; and 12 Folsom-Pacific.**

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Women's March and Rally San Francisco

Saturday, January 18: The 4th Women's March San Francisco rally and march will take place at Civic Center Plaza beginning at 11:30 a.m. The march will commence from Civic Center Plaza at around 1:30 p.m. and proceeding along Market Street and ending at Embarcadero Plaza (formerly Justin Herman Plaza). There will be no activities at Embarcadero Plaza. Crowds of 30,000 to 75,000 are anticipated. For event details, visit <https://womensmarchsf.org/>.

Market Street will be closed to traffic between 10th and Steuart streets during the march. Cross traffic between gaps in marchers will not be allowed. Mission Street between 6th and Beale streets may be closed to create a transit only street for Muni service diverted from Market Street. Motorists should expect significant delays along the Market Street and Mission Street corridors during the closure and continuing until around 6 p.m.

There will be heavy ridership at Muni Metro and BART stations on Market Street, particularly Montgomery and Embarcadero stations during mid to late afternoon. Delays and heavy traffic on The Embarcadero should also be anticipated.

The following Muni lines and routes will be affected: **Powell-Mason Cable Car; Powell-Hyde Cable Car; F Market & Wharves; N Judah; KT: K-Ingleside/T-Third Street; 2 Clement; 5 Fulton; 6 Parnassus; 7 Haight/Noriega; 8 Bayshore; 9 San Bruno; 10 Townsend; 12 Folsom/Pacific; 14 Mission; and 14R Mission Rapid; 21 Hayes; 31 Balboa; 38 Geary; 38R Geary Rapid; 30 Stockton; and 45 Union/Stockton.**

MLK March and Celebration

Monday, January 20: Beginning at 11 a.m. the MLK March will start near 4th and King streets and conclude at the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts at approximately noon. 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 4th 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 5th 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

On Friday, January 17, between the hours of 8 p.m. and 7 a.m., crews are scheduled to work on installing a joint-utility trench, traffic striping and sewer main installation at the following locations:

- Van Ness between Lombard and Greenwich streets
- Van Ness between Greenwich and Filbert streets
- Van Ness between Filbert and Union streets
- Van Ness between Union and Green streets
- Van Ness between Green and Vallejo Street
- Van Ness between Vallejo Street and Broadway
- Van Ness between Broadway and Pacific Street
- Van Ness between Pacific and Jackson streets
- Van Ness at Sutter Street
- Van Ness at Post Street
- Van Ness at Geary Street
- Van Ness at O'Farrell Street
- Van Ness at Ellis Street
- Van Ness between McAllister and Grove streets
- Van Ness between Grove and Hayes streets
- Van Ness between Hayes and Fell streets
- Van Ness between Fell and Market streets
- Van Ness between Market and Mission streets

Because some work require reducing Van Ness Avenue to one lane in each direction, some work is limited to nighttime hours. Construction scheduling is subject to change due to weather delays or unexpected field conditions. For more project details and the latest construction updates, visit sfmta.com/vanness.

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UPDATE: L Taraval Improvement Project

Since Thursday, August 15, 2019, traffic pattern on lower Great Highway between Ulloa and Santiago streets has been changed. Northbound travel lane on lower Great Highway has been rerouted to 48th Avenue for two blocks between Ulloa and Santiago streets. Southbound travel lane will continue on lower Great Highway as usual. This will be in effect until project completion in 2022.

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CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

UPDATE: L Taraval Improvement Project *continued*

Monday, January 13 to Friday, January 24: Construction crew are performing sewer main replacement and water line work on the northside of Taraval Street between 46th and 44th avenues; and between 40th and 37th avenues. Excavation of small exploratory holes to verify the locations of underground utilities is planned for the week of January 13-17 on the southside of Taraval Street between 40th and 37th avenues. Work hours are from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Some parking spaces are temporarily restricted in the construction zones and traffic lanes have been modified in the northbound lane during active work.

Since Monday, December 30, 2019 and continuing through Friday, January 24, the outbound L Taraval stop at 40th Avenue is temporarily discontinued Monday to Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Muni riders should use alternative stop at 41st Avenue during the listed hours on weekdays.

Continuing through Wednesday, January 22, the outbound L Taraval stop at 46th Avenue will be temporarily discontinued from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For project details, visit sfmta.com/projects/LTaravalProject.

UPDATE: Townsend Corridor Improvement Project

Monday, January 20: The work area for the Townsend Corridor Improvement Project in the vicinity of the Caltrain Station will be minimized over the weekend in order to accommodate participants in the Martin Luther King Day activities which will begin at 4th and King streets.

Muni customers, pedestrians, people on bicycles, drivers and other road users should be mindful of the construction activity that is occurring along the south side of Townsend Street, particularly next to the Caltrain station. As construction moves westward, work crews will continue to provide a protected path of travel for pedestrians on the south side of Townsend Street between Caltrain and the bus boarding island mid-block on Townsend Street between 4th and 5th streets.

During the hours of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., eastbound Townsend Street between 4th and 5th streets will at times be reduced from two lanes to one lane to accommodate construction work. Westbound Townsend Street will not be affected.

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CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

UPDATE: Townsend Corridor Improvement Project *continued*

Please follow posted signs as the construction zone will move as progress continues. For more information about this project, visit: www.sfmta.com/townsend.

UPDATE: Jefferson Streetscape Improvement Project

Since October 2019 and continuing for the next 12 months, the E Embarcadero and F Market & Wharves streetcars will turn back at Pier 39 due to construction on the Jefferson Streetscape Improvement Project. The last inbound stop is on The Embarcadero at Pier 39.

Customers wishing to ride to further destinations may board a bus shuttle at that stop, which operates in a loop to serve the missed E Embarcadero and F Market & Wharves stops along Fisherman's Wharf.

Riders wishing to return to downtown locations on the E Embarcadero and F Market & Wharves lines must board across Stockton Street on Beach Street in front of the parking lot at the Academy of Art University.

For more information about Phase Two of the Jefferson Streetscape Improvement Project, visit <http://www.sfpublicworks.org/jefferson>.

Since October 2019 and continuing to early February 2020, due to construction on Jefferson Street between Taylor and Jones streets, bus shuttles will not serve the stop at Jones and Beach streets. Customers should use alternate stops, at Jones and Taylor streets or at Beach and Mason streets.

ONGOING: Third Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project

Nighttime construction work will continue to take place between the hours of 8 p.m. and 7 a.m. and is anticipated to continue periodically through January 2020.

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CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

ONGOING: Third Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project *continued*

Since July 2019, crews have begun phase two of the rehabilitation work. Phase two construction work involves travel lane shifts and other adjustments to the roadway and work area. Vehicle and bicycle access via travel lanes across the bridge continue to be available in each direction, northbound and southbound (**except during periods of full temporary bridge closures when the pending scope of work restricts access across the bridge for all vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian traffic**). Pedestrian access is available via the sidewalk along the eastern side of the bridge. People on bike may also choose to walk their bicycle along the pedestrian sidewalk as an alternative to riding across the bridge via the travel lane. Pedestrian access via the sidewalk along the western side of the bridge may be unavailable during different phases of upcoming work.

Third Street Bridge is open and access across the bridge is available. To complete remaining rehabilitation work, future short duration full bridge closures are anticipated through January 2020.

Construction scheduling is subject to change due to rain or other weather delays, equipment breakdown, and/or unforeseen field conditions. Additional periods of short closures may be possible, if necessary, to complete remaining rehabilitation work. Information will be shared closer to that period should additional closures seem necessary and details are finalized. Updates will be posted to the project webpage. For details about the project, the latest construction updates and suggested detour routes for pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicles, visit: www.sfpublicworks.org/thirdstreetbridge.

Upcoming Construction

Early Subway Shutdown

The subway will be closing early each night at 9:30 p.m. starting Sunday, January 26 and continuing for approximately one week for extended maintenance hours. Bus substitution service will connect to all stops.

When the subway closes, buses will run above ground to connect all stops through the normal end of train service. Owl service will remain unchanged. Trains will start regular morning service each day.

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Upcoming Construction *continued*

Early Subway Shutdown *continued*

Between 9:30 p.m. and 1 a.m. each night, the following transit service plan will be in place:

- **Shuttle buses** will serve all Muni Metro stops between Embarcadero & Brannan and St. Francis Circle
- **K** – Train service between Balboa Park and St. Francis Circle
- **L** – Train service between SF Zoo and West Portal
- **M** – Train service between Balboa Park and West Portal
- **N** – Train service between Ocean Beach and Church & Duboce
- **J** – Train service between Balboa Park and Church & Duboce
- **T** – Train service between Sunnysdale and Embarcadero & Brannan

Inbound N Judah and outbound J Church trains will use the accessible stop entering the Duboce Portal to serve customers needing the ramp.

Plan extra travel time when riding Muni during subway closure. Regular bus fares will apply on bus shuttles and valid transfers will be accepted.

For more information, visit [SFMTA.com/subwaymaintenance](https://www.sfmta.com/subwaymaintenance).

Upcoming Events

NEW: Car-Free Market Street Beginning January 29

The [Better Market Street project](#) is set to transform our city's busiest street for people walking, biking and riding transit over the next few years, but we do not need to wait for construction to make it safer and improve Muni.

Starting on Wednesday, January 29 through our [Quick-build](#) program, Market Street will become car-free eastbound from 10th to Main streets and westbound from Steuart Street to Van Ness Avenue. In addition to restricting private vehicles, the quick-build includes extending Muni only lanes, new loading zones and much-needed intersection safety improvements.

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Upcoming Events *continued*

NEW: Car-Free Market Street Beginning January 29 *continued*

Vehicle Changes

- No private vehicles will be allowed on Market Street eastbound from 10th to Main streets and westbound from Steuart Street to Van Ness Avenue – including app-based ride hail companies like Uber/Lyft.
- All traffic can continue to cross Market street at intersections.
- Vehicles with commercial plates, taxis, emergency vehicles and paratransit will still be able to use Market Street.
- Right turns onto Valencia Street from eastbound Market Street will no longer be allowed.
- Page Street will become a bike-only connection to and from Market Street.

Transit Enhancements Over the Next Few Months

- Extending existing transit-only lane east from Third to Main streets, the segment of Market Street with the most transit service, and making it Muni-only (taxis and non-Muni buses will no longer be allowed in center lane)
- Converting the existing red transit-only lane to **“Muni Only” between 9th and 3rd streets**
- Converting the existing red transit-only lane to **“Muni & Taxi Only” between 12th and 9th streets**

Loading Changes

- 100 new cross-street passenger and commercial loading zones to accommodate safe loading
- Peak hour loading restrictions on Market Street to reduce conflicts between people on bicycles, transit and commercial vehicles:
 - No southside loading in the eastbound direction (towards the Ferry Building) on weekdays between 6 and 9:30 a.m.
 - No northside loading in the westbound direction (towards Twin Peaks) on weekdays between 3 and 7:30 p.m.

Additional Safety Improvements

- Installing painted safety zones at eight intersections to make crossing the street safer and shorter
- New bicycle intersection improvements at 8th, Page, Battery and Valencia streets.

More Information: <https://www.sfmta.com/blog/car-free-market-street-starts-january-29>

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Upcoming Events continued

Events at Chase Center

Friday, January 24: The Warriors will play against the **Indiana Pacers**. Game will start at 7:30 p.m.

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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. 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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