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### **\*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\***

## **SFMTA Weekend Transit and Traffic Advisory For Saturday, May 2, 2020**

**San Francisco**—The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) releases the following upcoming event-related traffic and transit impacts for this weekend, from **Friday, May 1 through Sunday, May 4**.

For real-time updates, follow us on [https://twitter.com/sfmta\\_muni](https://twitter.com/sfmta_muni) or visit [SFMTA.com/EmailText](https://sfmta.com/EmailText) to sign up for real-time text messages or email alerts.

For details of Muni re-routes, visit [SFMTA.com/Updates](https://sfmta.com/Updates). This website will be updated when it is closer to the event date.

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### **UPDATE: Muni Service Adjustments During the COVID-19 Shelter-In-Place Order**

During the rapidly changing environment caused by COVID-19, the SFMTA has been continuing with reduced service adjustment to Muni service in order to focus our limited resources to the busiest lines and those that most critically serve essential trips. The Core network allows Muni to continue to serve San Francisco's medical facilities and focuses on equity to ensure service for our customers most reliant on transit. The frequency of buses varies by line so that lines experiencing some crowding will have more frequent service than others.

- **Since last Saturday, April 25, some [Muni routes have been restored](#)** and service frequency on some heavily used lines was increased to help minimize crowding on buses and to allow more physical distance between riders.
- **Starting on Monday, May 4, M Bus shuttle service** will also begin between Balboa Park and West Portal.

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UPDATE: Muni Service Adjustments During the COVID-19 Shelter-In-Place Order *continued*

- **These Core service lines are currently in service: N Judah Bus; L Taraval Bus; T Third Bus (Sunnydale to Castro); 1 California; 5 Fulton; 8 Bayshore (rerouted to Stockton); 9 San Bruno, 14 Mission; 14R Mission Rapid; 19 Polk; 22 Fillmore; 24 Divisadero; 25 Treasure Island; 28 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue (weekday only); 29 Sunset; 38 Geary; 38R Geary Rapid; 44 O'Shaughnessy (Forest Hill to Evans); 49 Van Ness/Mission (extended from North Point to Powell and Beach) and 54 Felton.**
- **Late-night Owl routes have started early every night at 10 p.m.** instead of 1 a.m. **All regular Owl routes are in operation, except these routes** that have been temporarily discontinued: 5 Fulton and 48 Quintara/24th Street
- **The following routes are running 24 hours a day or providing special Owl Service: L Owl; N Owl; 14 Mission; 22 Fillmore; 24 Divisadero; 25 Treasure Island; 38 Geary; 44 O'Shaughnessy; 90 San Bruno Owl; 91 3<sup>rd</sup> Street/19th Avenue Owl.**

**Note:** Some routes have been modified. Please visit each route's webpage or the [Muni Core Service Plan](#) for more details.

### **Essential Trip Card Discount Program**

To assist people with disabilities and older adults with making essential trips under Muni's temporary transit changes, the SFMTA recently launched the [Essential Trip Card](#) (ETC) Program to address this need. This is a temporary special program that provides two to three round trips at an 80% discount per month, i.e. rider pays \$6 to receive a value of \$30 or pays \$12 to receive a \$60 value. The discount is limited to a value of \$60 taxi service per month per customer.

**To qualify for the program: customer must be either age 65 or older or an adult with disabilities.** Eligible adults may apply for the ETC program by calling 311 and mentioning the program. Staff will be available between 9 a.m. and 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday. Visit <https://www.sfmta.com/etc> for additional details and for a list of San Francisco taxi companies, visit <https://www.sfmta.com/taxi/directory>.

**SFMTA's pre-existing Shop-a-Round program that offers registered seniors and people with disabilities personalized assistance and rides to and from grocery stores and farmers markets is still available and will continue post public health order.** For more information, visit <https://www.sfparatransit.com/shop-a-round>.

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## **Slow Streets Program**

Since last week, some streets already have posted new signage to limit through traffic to prioritize walking or biking and to provide more space for social distancing during essential travel. Sometimes it is difficult to maintain social distance, especially outside of grocery stores and other essential services. Because of this, many pedestrians are choosing to walk in the street, exposing themselves to vehicle traffic. The SFMTA is implementing the Slow Streets program to allow roadways to be used more as a shared space for foot, bicycle and wheelchair traffic, taking advantage of low vehicle numbers on some roads.

- Streets are not closed completely and local vehicle access is allowed (e.g., driveway access for residents).
- People walking/running in the street do not have the right-of-way over motor vehicles.
- Once installed, Slow Streets corridors will be in effect 24/7.

We plan to install two or three Slow Streets corridors per week. We will continue to monitor the use of Slow Streets to minimize impacts on surrounding streets. Learn more about proposed Slow Streets locations by visiting [SFMTA.com/SlowStreets](https://sfmta.com/slowstreets).

## **CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES**

### **UPDATE: US 101 Deck Replacement Project**

**On Friday, April 24**, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) began construction work to replace the U.S. 101 bridge deck crossing over Alemany Circle in San Francisco. This is a priority project to maintain one of the Bay Area's most heavily travelled corridors, connecting the Peninsula to downtown San Francisco. For project details visit <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-101-alemanyproject>.

A temporary detour of northbound 101 traffic onto Highway 280 is in effect. The northbound 101 deck at Alemany Circle has been demolished and is now being rebuilt. Upon completion of the rebuild of northbound deck, southbound 101 traffic will be shifted onto the new northbound deck. The southbound deck will then be demolished and rebuilt. Construction work is anticipated to be completed in early May.

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## CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

### UPDATE: US 101 Deck Replacement Project *continued*

There are some travel impacts due to construction work:

- The **8 Bayshore Muni route will be detoured** around the project area by taking Bayshore Boulevard instead of Highway 101, all bus stops remain the same.
- In addition to Muni's new Core Service Plan under the Shelter In Place Order which reduced service throughout the city, Muni riders in the area of Alamy Circle are advised to **allow extra time during peak hour bus trips on the 8 Bayshore, 9 San Bruno, 24 Divisadero, 45 O'Shaughnessy and 90 Owl Muni routes beginning Saturday, throughout the construction period.**
- Eastbound Alamy Boulevard underneath the construction project site is closed. Traffic on eastbound Alamy Boulevard is being diverted to southbound San Bruno Avenue.
- Southbound Alamy Boulevard underneath the project area is closed.
- On ramp traffic to 101 North at Alamy Boulevard is closed.

To avoid the anticipated traffic congestion around the Alamy Circle at peak travel times during construction, motorists are advised to allow extra travel time and to use alternate routes.

### **UPDATE: Construction Project on Highway 1**

**Friday, April 17 until approximately mid May 2020**, Caltrans crew are performing grinding and paving work on Highway 1 between Lincoln Way and Lake Street in San Francisco. Work hours are between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. every day, Monday through Sunday. For project details, visit <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-4/d4-projects/d4-san-francisco-state-route-1-paving>

Throughout the duration of construction:

- Two lanes on the section between Lincoln Way and Lake Street of Highway 1 will be closed for construction work. Closure hours will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day.
- Only one traffic lane will remain open during working hours. Motorists should expect traffic delays and to drive through construction zone with caution.
- Transit lines along or crossing Highway 1 (**29 Sunset, 38 Geary, 38R Geary Rapid, 1 California, and Golden Gate Transit**) will be kept moving through the work area.
- All cross-street traffic along Highway 1 will be detoured to adjacent intersections except Geary Boulevard and California Street in which one lane will remain open in each direction.

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## CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

### **UPDATE: Van Ness Improvement Project**

**On Friday, May 8, 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 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 streets
- Van Ness between Vallejo Street and Broadway
- Van Ness between Broadway and Pacific Avenue
- Van Ness between Pacific Avenue and Jackson Street

Because some work requires 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](https://sfmta.com/vanness).

### **ONGOING: Jefferson Streetscape Improvement Project**

**Effective Wednesday, April 8**, the construction shuttle service has been suspended until further notice. Construction on Jefferson Street will continue by San Francisco Public Works. For information regarding Muni service adjustments, visit [SFMTA.com/COVID-19](https://sfmta.com/COVID-19).

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

### **ONGOING: L Taraval Improvement Project**

**Since August 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 48<sup>th</sup> 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 Fall 2021. For project details, visit [sfmta.com/LTaraval](https://sfmta.com/LTaraval).

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## CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

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

**Bridge testing has begun and continuing throughout April 2020.** This includes temporary full bridge closures for testing bridge lifts. The bridge is anticipated to be restored to normal service operation beginning May 1, 2020.

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, and pedestrian access is available via a single sidewalk either along the western or eastern side of the bridge depending on lane shifts (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). 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.

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](http://www.sfpublicworks.org/thirdstreetbridge).

### **Upcoming Construction**

#### **May 22-25: Street Closures for Pedestrian Bridge Removal at Geary and Steiner**

**Over Memorial Day weekend**, the pedestrian bridge at Geary Boulevard and Steiner Street will be permanently removed. **Beginning 8 p.m. Friday evening on May 22 through Monday, May 25**, the area around Geary Boulevard and Steiner Street will be closed to through traffic while crews work to remove the bridge. During that time, vehicles in the area will be rerouted and bus stops will be relocated. If you are driving or taking Muni in the area, please allow extra travel time to get to your destination.

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## Upcoming Construction *continued*

### May 22-25: Street Closures for Pedestrian Bridge Removal at Geary and Steiner *continued*

- **Traveling by car:** Streets will be closed to vehicles on Geary Boulevard: between Scott and Fillmore, on Steiner between Post and O'Farrell, and on Fillmore between Geary and Post streets with local access only. Vehicles traveling westbound on Geary will be rerouted to Sutter Street, while eastbound traffic will be diverted to Post Street. North- and southbound traffic can use Divisadero or Webster streets to cross Geary. Parking will be restricted in the area to create extra travel lanes.
- **Traveling by bus:** Some bus stops will be temporarily relocated during work as the 38 Geary and 38R Geary Rapid are rerouted via Post Street. Look for "Board Here" signs nearby.
- **Traveling on foot or bicycle:** Pedestrian detours will be provided around the work zone. Pedestrians will not be able to cross Geary Boulevard at Steiner Street and will need to cross at Fillmore or Scott streets. Cyclists can use Webster Street. The Bay Wheels bike share station at Raymond Kimbell Playground will be closed.

The Steiner bridge demolition is part of the [Geary Rapid Project](#), which aims to improve 38 Geary bus service and bring much-needed safety improvements to the Geary corridor. Learn more at [SFMTA.com/SteinerBridge](http://SFMTA.com/SteinerBridge).

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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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