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****PRESS RELEASE****

**SFMTA Weekend Transit and Traffic Advisory
For Saturday, May 23, 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 **Friday, May 22 through Monday, May 25**.

For real-time updates, follow us on 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.

For additional notifications and agency updates, subscribe to our blog, [Moving SF](#) for [daily](#) or [weekly](#) updates.

Memorial Day Holiday Muni Service

Monday, May 25 (Memorial Day Holiday), Muni will continue to operate with [Core Service Plan](#).

Parking Enforcement

Effective for the duration of the shelter-in-place order, the SFMTA will not ticket for mechanical street cleaning. However, it is crucial that we still clean our streets to prevent trash buildup and local flooding. Residents should still move their car for street cleaning if possible.

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Parking Enforcement *continued*

Enforcement is also temporarily suspended for the following:

- 72-hour parking limit and towing
- All time limit parking (e.g., 1-hour, 2-hour, etc.)
- Residential Permit Parking (RPP) permits
- Commuter shuttles
- Peak-hour towaway zones
- Street cleaning

The SFMTA will prioritize enforcing parking rules that impact health and safety:

- Fire hydrant zones
- Red and yellow zones; and "No Stopping" or "No Parking" zones
- White passenger loading zones, except in front of schools while they are out of session
- Blocked driveways, double parking and parking on sidewalks
- Parking in bike or transit lanes

Parking Meters: Given the significant shifts in parking demand, the city is implementing a temporary rate change for all parking meters citywide beginning on March 18 through the period of the Public Health Order. Time limits are also being waived on meters citywide. All meters are temporarily reduced to their base rates:

- \$0.50/hour for vehicle parking
- \$0.10/hour for motorcycle parking

We are maintaining a minimal fee to ensure there continues to be turnover around essential services, such as grocery stores, medical facilities and banks.

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.

With an increase in staffing availability and additional bus cleaning programs, the SFMTA has been able to provide more frequent service to allow for better physical distancing on higher-ridership routes for essential trips. Decisions about where to increase the frequency of Muni service are based on ridership data:

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

- **Weekday bus service frequencies have been increased by two to four minutes** for the **8 Bayshore, 14R Mission Rapid, 22 Fillmore, 38R Geary Rapid, 49 Van Ness/Mission, N Bus, and T Bus**, and are in operation every 10 minutes or less.
- **The 9R San Bruno Rapid service has been restored and the 9 San Bruno line has resumed its regular routing.** When the 9R San Bruno Rapid is in service to McLaren Park on weekdays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., the 9 San Bruno will terminate on Bayshore at Visitacion. At all other times, the 9 San Bruno will go to McLaren Park. They will both operate at frequencies of 10 minutes or less.
- **The 14 Mission Owl frequency has been improved by 10 minutes for both weekday and weekend service** and is operating approximately every 20 minutes from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- **These Core service lines are currently in service: N Judah Bus; L Taraval Bus; M Bus Community Shuttle (Balboa Park to West Portal, weekday only); T Third Bus (Sunnydale to Castro); 1 California; 5 Fulton; 8 Bayshore (rerouted to Stockton); 9 San Bruno, 9R San Bruno Rapid (weekday only); 12 Folsom/Pacific (Financial District to Russian Hill), 14 Mission; 14R Mission Rapid; 19 Polk; 22 Fillmore; 24 Divisadero; 25 Treasure Island; 28 19th Avenue (Daly City BART to Geary Boulevard, 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 (Balboa Park to Hunters Point, weekday only).**
- **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 3rd 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.

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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>.

Slow Streets Program

On some lower-traffic residential streets, through traffic is being limited 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).
- Slow streets are shared streets, all users must give way to others as appropriate. People walking/running/biking do not have exclusive 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://www.sfmta.com/SlowStreets).

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Temporary Loading Program

The COVID-19 health crisis is creating a temporary increase in take-out/delivery service for many restaurants and essential businesses. To encourage physical distancing and reduce crowding, the SFMTA is fast-tracking converting some adjacent street parking into temporary loading zones.

If you are engaged in an essential business, there is no fee, simply [complete the form for review and processing](#). Due to high demand on this program, SFMTA staff are working diligently to review applications and to respond as soon as they can.

CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES

NEW: Street Closures for Pedestrian Bridge Removal at Geary and Steiner

Over Memorial Day weekend (May 22-25), 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 working to remove the bridge. During closure for demolition, 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.

Traveling by car:

- Streets will be closed to vehicle traffic along: **1)** Geary Boulevard between Scott and Fillmore streets; **2)** Steiner Street between Post and O'Farrell streets; and **3)** Fillmore between Geary Boulevard and Post Street.
- Only local access will be allowed on closed streets during the closure.
- Westbound traffic on Geary Boulevard will be rerouted to Sutter Street.
- Eastbound traffic will be diverted to Post Street.
- North- and southbound traffic can use Divisadero or Webster streets to cross Geary Boulevard.
- Some parking will be restricted in the area.

Traveling by bus:

- Some bus stops will be temporarily relocated during demolition work
- The 38 Geary and 38R Geary Rapid Muni routes will be rerouted to Post Street
- Signs will be posted at each stop on where to board at alternate stops. Customers should look for "Board Here" signs nearby.

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CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

NEW: Street Closures for Pedestrian Bridge Removal at Geary and Steiner *continued*

Traveling on foot or bicycle:

- Pedestrian detours will be provided around the work zone.
- Pedestrian access to cross Geary Boulevard at Steiner Street will be closed
- To cross Geary Boulevard, pedestrians can use either Fillmore or Scott streets.
- People on bike can use Webster Street to cross Geary Boulevard.
- The Bay Wheels bike share station at Raymond Kimbell Playground will be temporarily 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](https://www.sfmta.com/SteinerBridge).

UPDATE: Van Ness Improvement Project

On Friday, May 22, 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 at Lombard Street
- Van Ness between Lombard and Greenwich streets
- Van Ness between Jackson and Washington 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
- Van Ness between Sutter and Post streets
- Van Ness between Post and Geary streets
- Van Ness between Geary and O'Farrell streets
- Van Ness between O'Farrell and Ellis streets
- Van Ness between Ellis and Eddy streets
- Van Ness between Eddy and Turk streets
- Van Ness between Turk Street and Golden Gate Avenue

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CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

UPDATE: Van Ness Improvement Project *continued*

- Van Ness between Golden Gate Avenue and McAllister Street
- Van Ness between McAllister and Grove streets
- Van Ness between Grove and Hayes streets
- Van Ness between Hayes and Fell streets

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.

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 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 Fall 2021. For project details, visit sfmta.com/LTaraval.

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: Muni Rail Rehabilitation Project

Muni track maintenance work at Judah and 25th Avenue originally scheduled to be completed in April has been suspended until further notice due to the public health emergency.

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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.



For more information on Muni service, please call the San Francisco Customer Service Center at 311 or visit www.sfmta.com. For additional information on Muni's Accessible Services Program, please call (415) 701-4485 or TTY (415) 701-4730.

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