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# \*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\* SFMTA Weekend Transit and Traffic Advisory for Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020

**San Francisco**—The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) releases the following upcoming event-related traffic and transit impacts for this weekend, from **Thursday**, **Dec. 3 through Sunday**, **Dec. 6**.

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For details of Muni re-routes, visit <u>SFMTA.com/Updates</u>. This website will be updated when it is closer to the event date.

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#### CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES

### **UPDATE: Geary Rapid Project**

As part of the Geary Rapid Project, work to replace aging water and sewer lines along Geary Boulevard is almost complete. Surface improvements, including upgraded traffic signals and streetlights, sidewalk extensions at bus stops and intersection corners, improved median refuges and roadway repaving, are also underway. While majority of Geary Rapid Project construction is scheduled Mondays through Fridays, the following weekend work is planned:

From Steiner to Webster streets on the Geary Boulevard frontage roads, final curb-to-curb asphalt roadway repaving is planned on Thursday, Dec. 3 (grinding) and Saturday, Dec. 5 (paving). There may be traffic delays while lanes are closed during work. Work is planned to begin at 7 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5 to minimize impacts to adjacent businesses.

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### CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES continued

# <u>UPDATE: Geary Rapid Project continued</u>

- During paving in front of driveways, there will be a four-hour period with restricted vehicle access as the hot asphalt cools down. Affected properties will be notified in advance.
- The inbound and outbound 38/38R Geary bus stops at Fillmore Street will be temporarily relocated nearby briefly as the pavement cools. "Board Here" signs will be in place.

Forecasts are subject to change due to weather delays or unexpected field conditions. For complete Geary Rapid Project forecast, visit <u>SFMTA.com/Geary</u>.

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

On Friday, Dec. 4, between the hours of 8 p.m. and 7 a.m.: Crews are scheduled to work on traffic improvements, remaining sewer work, overhead power installations, light pole setting and related work on Van Ness between Bay and Mission streets.

Work that requires reducing Van Ness Avenue to one lane in each direction will be 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 <a href="https://example.com/vanNess">SFMTA.com/vanNess</a>.

#### <u>ONGOING</u>

#### ONGOING: Muni Service During the COVID-19 Shelter-In-Place Order

Until further notice, Muni buses are serving all Metro lines including the J Church, K Ingleside, L Taraval, M Ocean View, N Judah and T Third.

To learn more information about bus substitution for Muni rail lines and recent service changes, visit <u>Muni's Bus Substitution for All Rail Lines</u>.

Some Muni routes have been modified under the current health order. For details of Muni's individual lines/routes, visit each route's webpage or the <u>Muni Core Service Plan</u>.



#### ONGOING continued

ONGOING: Muni Service During the COVID-19 Shelter-In-Place Order continued

- Core Routes in Service: J Church Bus (Balboa Park to Church and 14th streets); K Ingleside (Balboa Park to Embarcadero); L Taraval Bus (all buses) (SF Zoo to Embarcadero); N Judah Bus (Ocean Beach to 4th and King streets); M Ocean View Bus (Balboa Park to West Portal); T Third Bus (Sunnydale to Castro); 1 California; 5 Fulton; 7 Noriega; 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 California Street & 6th Avenue); 29 Sunset; 30 Stockton; 37 Corbett (Twin Peaks and Van Ness & Market Street); 38 Geary; 38R Geary Rapid; 43 Masonic (Geary Boulevard to Crocker Amazon); 44 O'Shaughnessy; 45 Union-Stockton; 48 Quintara/24th Street (20th at 3rd streets and West Portal Station); 49 Van Ness/Mission (extended from North Point to Powell and Beach); 54 Felton (Daly City BART to Hunters Point); and 67 Bernal Heights.
- Late-night Owl routes start at 10 p.m. (instead of 1 a.m.) All regular Owl routes are in operation, except 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.

#### **ONGOING: Eureka Curve Tunnel Work**

**Since Monday, Nov. 30**, construction crews have begun maintenance work inside the Twin Peaks Tunnel. Most materials and equipment will enter the tunnel at the Eureka Curve, the area on Market Street between Diamond and Collingwood streets. For more project details, visit <a href="mailto:SFMTA.com/EurekaCurve">SFMTA.com/EurekaCurve</a>.

Construction work is scheduled between 7:30 a.m. and 8 p.m., Monday to Saturday. Work hours are subject to change based on construction needs. Work will be limited to within tunnel area, no night work will be performed in the public right of way. It is anticipated the project will last for about three months.



#### ONGOING: Eureka Curve Tunnel Work continued

While crews are working in the construction zone, there will be temporary changes in the area:

- One-lane street closure in each direction on Market Street between Diamond and Castro streets.
- Parking will be temporarily restricted on Market Street between Diamond and Castro streets
- No access to Market Street from Collingwood Street. Local access will only be allowed from 18<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Material and equipment staging will be on both sides of Market Street between Diamond and Collingwood streets.
- Heavy equipment will enter through West Portal Station tunnel most morning for about an hour. There will be no parking impacts or traffic lane changes near West Portal Station area.

# **ONGOING: L Taraval Improvement Project**

**Since Tuesday, Nov. 10,** track replacement work begun at the intersection of 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Taraval Street. For the track replacement work, the intersection of 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Taraval Street is closed to vehicular traffic at all hours until the work is complete, approximately for one month. Signage is in place to alert drivers to detour before they approach the intersection.

**Since Aug. 2019**, the traffic pattern on lower Great Highway between Ulloa and Santiago streets has been changed. The northbound travel lane on lower Great Highway has been rerouted to 48th Avenue for two blocks between Ulloa and Santiago streets. The 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 <u>SFMTA.com/LTaraval Project</u>.

#### ONGOING: 19th Avenue (CA Route 1) Combined City Project

San Francisco Public Works is leading a multi-agency project to replace aging infrastructure and improve safety along 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Holloway Avenue and Lincoln Way.

In the end of this month, construction work for the first segment of this project along 19th Avenue between Lincoln Way and Noriega Street will begin. There will be no impact on Muni bus stops.



## ONGOING: 19th Avenue (CA Route 1) Combined City Project continued

As part of the <u>19th Avenue Combined City Project</u>, the SFMTA will implement transit priority and safety improvements for people walking along the route of the 28 19th Avenue. The improvements will make it safer to walk, remove stops to make transit service more reliable, and enhance customers' experiences—on and off the bus.

To improve safety along 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, the SFMTA will: **1)** install pedestrian bulbs at 19 intersections and transit bulbs at 13 intersections; **2)** modify traffic and pedestrian signals to give people who walk more time to cross the street; and **3)** extend the bus zone at one intersection. Installing transit bulbs allow Muni vehicles to stop for passengers without having to pull out of traffic, and pedestrian bulbs increase the visibility at intersections of people who walk.

As part of the project, seven Muni stops were removed on 19th Avenue between Irving Street and Ocean Avenue on Oct. 17. **The following Muni routes have been affected with the stop removal:** 

- 28 19th Avenue
- 91 3rd Street/19th Avenue Owl

To find additional information about the transit reliability and pedestrian safety components, visit <u>sfmta.com/28Rapid</u>. For overall project information, visit <u>sfpublicworks.org/19th-Avenue</u>.

## **ONGOING: Parking Meters Pilot**

**Since Monday, Nov. 9**, the SFMTA has been testing a pay-by-license-plate system at existing parking meters on Indiana Street in the Dogpatch area. Drivers who pay at the meter will enter their license plate number instead of their parking space number. This system allows drivers to pay at any meter on the block, even if it is across the street. It is hoped that the new system can allow the City to save money by streamlining enforcement and reducing the amount of infrastructure needed on the streets. For additional program details visit www.sfmta.com/dogpatch parking meter.



# **ONGOING: Shared Spaces Program**

The city's multi-agency <u>Shared Spaces</u> program opened some parts of streets in San Francisco to create public space for outdoor dining, retail and physical distancing. The program allows the use of sidewalks, full or partial streets, or other nearby public spaces like parks and plazas for restaurant pick-up and other neighborhood retail activity, as allowed by San Francisco's Public Health Order. For details, locations and updates on street closures related to Shared Spaces visit <u>SFMTA.com/SharedSpaces</u>.

# **ONGOING: Essential Trip Card Discount Program**

The SFMTA's temporary special program, <u>Essential Trip Card</u> (ETC) Program, will assist people with disabilities and older adults to make essential trips under Muni's temporary transit changes. The program 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 <a href="https://www.sfmta.com/etc">https://www.sfmta.com/etc</a> for additional details and for a list of San Francisco taxi companies, visit <a href="https://www.sfmta.com/taxi/directory">https://www.sfmta.com/taxi/directory</a>.

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 <a href="https://www.sfmta.com/shop-round">https://www.sfmta.com/shop-round</a>.

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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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