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

**SFMTA Weekend Transit and Traffic Advisory for  
Weekend of Saturday, July 31, 2021**

**San Francisco**—The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) releases the following upcoming event-related traffic and transit impacts for this weekend, from **Friday, July 30 through next Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2021**.

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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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**Federal Law Requires Face Masks on Muni**

To help stop the spread of COVID-19, [federal law requires wearing a mask](#) in Muni stations and while riding transit. Violations can result in denial of boarding or removal from Muni and may carry federal penalties. Face coverings like scarves and bandanas do not meet this requirement. Under guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, taxi drivers are required to wear a face covering while transporting passengers. For more information, please visit [sfmta.com/COVID](https://sfmta.com/COVID).

**Closure of South Van Ness for Van Ness Improvement Project**

**South Van Ness Avenue at Mission Street Intersection will be closed from Wednesday, Aug. 4 through Monday, Aug. 9.**

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### Closure of South Van Ness for Van Ness Improvement Project *continued*

As part of the Van Ness Improvement Project, crews will conduct replacement work on the roadway on South Van Ness Avenue at Mission Street beginning at 6 a.m. on Wednesday, August 4 until 6 a.m., Monday, August 9. Reroute and trip planning information is available at [SFMTA.com/VanNess](https://www.sfmta.com/VanNess). More details of project work also listed on "CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES" of this advisory.

### **San Francisco Giants Baseball Game**

**Thursday, July 29 through Sunday, Aug. 1:** The San Francisco Giants will play four home games at the ballpark. Listed below are start times for these games:

- **One game against the Los Angeles Dodgers: 1)** 12:45 p.m., Thursday, July 29.
- **Three games against the Houston Astros: 1)** 6:45 p.m., Friday, July 30; **2)** 1:05 p.m., Saturday, July 31; and **3)** 1:05 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 1.

### ***Street Closures***

To accommodate events that will take place at the ballpark, the following street closures will be enforced:

- Two and a half hours before the opening pitch, the SFMTA will close eastbound King Street between 3rd and 2nd streets to vehicle traffic. This change is to accommodate social distancing for fans entering the ballpark. King Street will reopen after first pitch until the seventh inning.
- From the seventh inning until post-game traffic dies down, the SFMTA will again close eastbound King Street between 3rd and 2nd streets to vehicle traffic in order to reduce congestion on city streets.
- Additionally, the northbound portion of the 4th Street Bridge (Peter R. Maloney Bridge) will be closed to all traffic except Muni, taxis and bicycles during the post-game period.

### ***Taxi Stands***

- 2nd Street, west side, between Brannan and King Streets
- 2nd Street, east side, between Townsend and King Streets
- 3rd Street, east side, north of King Street

### ***Special Event Parking Rates***

During baseball games and other major events with more than 10,000 expected attendees at the Oracle Park, parking meters close to the ballpark will charge a special event rate of \$8 per hour. These rates help make more parking spots available in South Beach and Mission Bay and help reduce congestion by discouraging circling for free or cheap parking near the ballpark.

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### San Francisco Giants Baseball Game *continued*

Parking meters in the Special Event Zone will operate with a \$8 per hour Special Event rate during baseball games, and meters near the ballpark will be enforced in evenings, and on Sunday during games. Start times for the Special Event rate vary based on game start time. More information on special event parking regulations can be found on [www.sfmta.com/special-event-parking](http://www.sfmta.com/special-event-parking).

### ***Special Event Muni/BART Service (June 25 through August 30)***

To facilitate BART's additional train service with limited stops after regular BART service ends for fans departing San Francisco Giants night games, the SFMTA will offer connecting train service from the ballpark to the Embarcadero station after each night game. This BART special train service will take effect from Friday June 25 through Monday, August 30, 2021. Riders who need this special train service can only enter through the Embarcadero station. The four special event trains will leave the Embarcadero station on time at 10:30 p.m. For more service details, visit [www.bart.gov/night-games](http://www.bart.gov/night-games).

For additional details and about transportation to ballpark, visit [www.sfmta.com/oracle-park](http://www.sfmta.com/oracle-park). For more event details, visit <http://sanfrancisco.giants.mlb.com>.

## **CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES**

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

**South Van Ness Avenue at Mission Street Intersection will be closed from Wednesday, Aug. 4 through Monday, Aug. 9**

As part of the Van Ness Improvement Project, crews will conduct replacement work on the roadway on South Van Ness Avenue at Mission Street beginning at 6 a.m., Wednesday, August 4 until 6 a.m., Monday, August 9. Closing the intersection for five days will allow the SFMTA to complete inconvenient and disruptive work that would otherwise require two months of work done in segments. Reroute and trip planning information is available at [SFMTA.com/VanNess](http://SFMTA.com/VanNess).

**On Friday, July 30**, between the hours of 8 p.m. and 7 a.m., crews are scheduled to work on traffic improvements, remaining overhead power installations, traffic signal wiring and hardware installations, light pole setting and related work at the following locations:

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## CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

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

#### Construction work locations *continued*

- Van Ness between Sacramento and Washington streets
- Van Ness between California and Sacramento streets
- Van Ness between Pine and California streets
- Van Ness between Bush and Pine streets
- Van Ness between Sutter and Bush 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
- Van Ness between Golden Gate Avenue and McAllister Street
- Van Ness between McAllister and Grove 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 [www.sfmta.com/van-ness](http://www.sfmta.com/van-ness).

### **UPDATE: Muni's COVID-19 Core Service Network**

Some Muni routes have been modified as a result of COVID-19 pandemic restrictions and the city's former health order. **The SFMTA plans to make the next COVID-19 Core Service changes on Saturday, Aug. 14 and will begin to normalize the Muni transit system in 2022.** For details on Muni's current routes and service, visit individual route webpages or the [Muni Core Service Plan](#).

#### **Aug. 14 Service Changes:**

***Routes Returning, Modified, or Extended:*** M Ocean View, 5 Fulton, 5 Fulton Owl, 12 Folsom, 18 46th Avenue, 23 Monterey, 28 19th Avenue, 31 Balboa, 35 Eureka, 36 Teresita, 39 Coit, 48 Quintara/24th Street, 48 Quintara Owl, 52 Excelsior, 56 Rutland, 57 Parkmerced, 58 Lake Merced (NEW), 66 Quintara.

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CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

UPDATE: Muni's COVID-19 Core Service Network *continued*

**Extended Service Hours (5 a.m. to Midnight):** 1 California, 8 Bayshore, 9 San Bruno, 14 Mission, 22 Fillmore, 24 Divisadero, 25 Treasure Island, 29 Sunset, 30 Stockton, 38 Geary, 43 Masonic, 44 O'shaughnessy, 49 Van Ness.

**Owl network service hours will be changed to approximately midnight to 5 a.m. daily except on the L Owl.** The L Owl to Fisherman's Wharf will begin at 10 p.m. and end at 5 a.m. daily.

**Service hours for all other routes will generally be from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, but may vary between weekday and weekend.** Please refer to specific route pages for more details.

**Until further notice, Muni buses will continue to serve the L Taraval Metro line.**

For information about service changes coming on Saturday, Aug. 14, visit the [Service Change](#) webpage. For more information about Muni Metro rail service and Metro bus substitution, visit the [Rail Recovery](#) webpage.

**Current Muni Service:**

**Muni buses will continue to serve the L Taraval Metro line until further notice. The M Ocean View Metro buses will end on Saturday, Aug. 14 and switch to rail service.**

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 [Muni Core Service Plan](#).

- **Core Routes in Service: F Market & Wharves (Fisherman's Wharf and Castro & Market streets); J Church (Balboa Park to Church & Duboce streets); KT Ingleside-Third; N Judah (Ocean Beach to 4<sup>th</sup> and King streets); L Taraval Bus (all buses) (SF Zoo to Embarcadero); M Ocean View Bus (Balboa Park to West Portal); 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; 15 Bayview-Hunters Point Express; 19 Polk; 22 Fillmore; 24 Divisadero; 25 Treasure Island; 27 Bryant (modified route); 28 19th Avenue (Daly City BART to California Street & 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue); 29 Sunset; 30 Stockton; 33 Ashbury-18th Street; 36/52 Special; 37 Corbett (Twin Peaks and Van Ness & Market Street); 38 Geary; 38R Geary Rapid;**  
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CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

UPDATE: Muni's COVID-19 Core Service Network *continued*

Current Muni Service *continued*

- **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); 55 Dogpatch; and 67 Bernal Heights.**
- **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.**

**UPDATE: Shared Spaces Program**

The city's multi-agency [Shared Spaces](#) 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 [SFMTA.com/SharedSpaces](https://sfmta.com/SharedSpaces).

***Folsom Shared Space***

The last Sunday closure for shared spaces on Folsom Street between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> streets on Sunday, Aug. 1 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. will require a Muni re-route of the 27 Bryant during the closure hours:

**ONGOING**

**ONGOING: L Taraval Improvement Project**

With community support and collaboration from city partners, the SFMTA successfully completed Segment A of the L Taraval Improvement Project, on schedule and within budget. For project details, visit [SFMTA.com/LTaravalProject](https://sfmta.com/LTaravalProject).

The northbound lane on Lower Great Highway is fully open to vehicular traffic.

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

The L bus continues to serve the regular stops between Embarcadero and the SF Zoo. The L customers have an option of transferring between L bus and KT train at West Portal station. The L bus is not serving Forest Hill Station, but customers can transfer to 44 O'Shaughnessy to access that station.

To make same improvements between Sunset Boulevard and West Portal as second phase, Segment B of the L Taraval Improvement Project is anticipated to start in early 2022 and will continue through the end of 2024.

### 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.**

Construction work for the first segment of this project along 19th Avenue between Lincoln Way and Noriega Street has begun.

As part of the [19th Avenue Combined City Project](#), 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, 2020. **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 [sfmta.com/28Rapid](https://sfmta.com/28Rapid). For overall project information, visit [sfpublicworks.org/19th-Avenue](https://sfpublicworks.org/19th-Avenue).

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

The SFMTA's temporary special program, [Essential Trip Card](#) (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. Riders may receive additional value up to \$120 of taxi service per month per customer upon request.

**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.sfmta.com/shop-round>.

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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!***

*For more information on Muni service, please call the San Francisco Customer Service Center at 311 or visit [www.sfmta.com](http://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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