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****PRESS RELEASE****

SFMTA Weekend Transit and Traffic Advisory for Weekend of Saturday, March 5, 2022

San Francisco—The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) releases the following upcoming event-related traffic and transit impacts for this weekend, from **Saturday, March 5 through Tuesday, March 8, 2022**.

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.

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.

Chinatown New Year Run

Sunday, March 6: The 44th annual Chinatown New Year Run will begin at 8 a.m. and will be followed by a festival in Portsmouth Square. For more event details, visit www.ymcasf.org/lny-run.

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Chinatown New Year Run *continued*

The race route will begin on Grant Avenue and Sacramento Street, travel along Grant Avenue, west on Pacific Avenue, north on Stockton Street, east on North Point Street and south-east onto The Embarcadero. The race route will continue along The Embarcadero, west on Washington Street, south on Battery Street, west on Pine Street and north on Kearny Street to Clay Street.

The following street closures will be required from 7 to 9:30 a.m.:

- Grant Avenue between Pine Street and Pacific Avenue
- Pacific Avenue between Grant Avenue and Stockton Street
- Stockton Street (northbound traffic lane only) between Pacific Avenue and North Point Street
- North Point Street (eastbound traffic lane only) between Stockton Street and southbound Embarcadero
- Southbound Embarcadero (bike lane and one traffic lane only) between North Point and Washington streets
- Washington Street (one westbound traffic lane only) between southbound Embarcadero and Battery Street
- Battery Street (most westerly traffic lane only) between Washington and Pine streets
- Pine Street (most northerly traffic lane only) between Battery Street and Grant Avenue
- Kearny Street (most easterly parking lane and traffic lane only) between Pine and Clay streets

The following street closures will be required from 6 to 11 a.m.:

- Walter U. Lum Place between Washington and Clay streets

The following Muni line and routes will be affected: **California Cable Car; 1 California; 8 Bayshore; 12 Folsom/Pacific; 30 Stockton; 39 Coit; and 45 Union/Stockton.**

There will be heavy traffic in the area. Motorists are advised to allow extra travel time.

Basketball Game and Event at Chase Center

Tuesday, March 8: There will be a basket game at the Chase Center:

- **Tuesday, March 8: The Warriors** will play **against the LA Clippers**. Game will begin at 7 p.m. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m.

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Basketball Game and Event at Chase Center *continued*

Supplemental Muni Service

Muni will operate supplemental **78X Arena Express** service:

- **Pre-event express shuttle service** from 16th Street BART Station to 16th and 3rd streets will start two and a half hours before each game/event and will end one hour after game/event starts.
- **Post-event express shuttle service** from 16th and 3rd streets to 16th Street BART Station will run until the area clears.

Special Event Parking Rates

During basketball games and other major events with more than 10,000 expected attendees at the arena, **parking meters close to the arena will charge a special event rate of \$8 per hour**. These rates help reduce congestion and keep parking spots available in the neighborhoods near the arena, discouraging circling for free or cheap parking. Start times for special event rates vary based on the start time of the event. More information on special event parking regulations can be found on www.sfmta.com/special-event-parking.

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 and 45 minutes after an event.
- Only local access will be allowed on Northbound Illinois Street between Mariposa and 16th streets.

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

Taxi Stands

- There is one taxi stand located on southbound Terry Francois Boulevard.
- Ramp Taxis should use the loading zone on eastbound Warriors Way (formerly South Street) at Bridgeview Way.

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Basketball Game and Event at Chase Center *continued*

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://www.sfmta.com/ChaseCenter).

CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES

NEW: Castro Westbound Platform Elevator Closed for Upgrades

The rehabilitation on the westbound platform elevator at Muni Castro Station has begun and will continue for about six months. During this time, the elevator will be closed for upgrades.

The SFMTA is committed to continuously improving safety and reliability for all Muni customers even during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Castro elevator is the eighth of 12 being rehabilitated systemwide as part of the [Muni Elevator Improvement Project](#). The project will greatly improve accessibility and convenience, especially for wheelchair users, seniors, and others with disabilities who benefit from elevator access.

For information on alternative Castro elevator service, visit [SFMTA.com/Elevator](https://www.sfmta.com/Elevator)

UPDATE: The Revamped Golden Gate Park Shuttle

Last week, the SFMTA and the SF Recreation and Parks Department rolled out major upgrades to the free Golden Gate Park Shuttle—including expanded service, a longer and more Muni-connected route, more stops, and shorter wait times. These improvements make it easier to navigate in and around the park via transit. For more details, visit [The Golden Gate Park Shuttle: Back and Better than Ever!](#)

Golden Gate Park free shuttle improvements include:

- New weekday service from noon to 6 p.m. with pickup every 20 minutes
- Adding a third shuttle to existing weekend service from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. with pickup every 15 minutes
- Connections to the Haight Ashbury neighborhood and its cafes, shops, and bus lines, as well as the park's renovated Sanyan Street edge.
- Shuttle information that is easier to find and use online, including on navigation apps.

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UPDATE: The Revamped Golden Gate Park Shuttle *continued*

- New stops, including:
 - Stow Lake Boathouse and café, with easy access to Strawberry Hill and its lakeside path, waterfall, picnic areas and Chinese Pavilion.
 - Haight and Stanyan streets near Whole Foods Market with connection to Muni routes 7 Haight/Noriega, 33 Ashbury/18th Street and 66 Quintara.
 - The 10th Avenue/de Young Museum stop is a short distance from the 5 Fulton route and is closer to the museum's entrance.

UPDATE: Van Ness Improvement Project

There is no active construction scheduled for this weekend. Current lane changes will remain in place. For more project details and the latest construction updates, visit [SFMTA.com/VanNess](https://www.sfmta.com/VanNess).

ONGOING

ONGOING: Muni's COVID-19 Core Service Network

Some Muni routes have been modified as a result of COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, the city's emergency order and ongoing resource constraints. For details on Muni's current routes and service, visit individual route webpages or the [Muni Core Service Plan](#). For the latest service change information, visit the [Service Changes](#) webpage.

Metro service now runs midnight daily. The J Church line is extended service between Balboa Park and Embarcadero Station.

Current Muni Service:

The following Muni routes run from 5 a.m. to midnight daily: 1 California, 5 Fulton, 8 Bayshore, 9 San Bruno, 14 Mission, 22 Fillmore, 24 Divisadero, 25 Treasure Island, 28 19th Avenue, 29 Sunset, 30 Stockton, 38 Geary, 43 Masonic, 44 O'Shaughnessy, 48 Quintara/24th Street and 49 Van Ness.

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

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

Routes in Service: F Market & Wharves (Fisherman's Wharf and Castro & Market streets); J Church (Balboa Park to Embarcadero); KT Ingleside-Third; M Ocean View; N Judah (Ocean Beach to 4th and King streets); L Taraval Bus (all buses) (SF Zoo to Embarcadero); 1 California; 5 Fulton; 5R Fulton Rapid; 7 Noriega; 8 Bayshore (rerouted to Stockton); 9 San Bruno, 9R San Bruno Rapid (weekday only); 12 Folsom/Pacific (Financial District to Rincon Hill), 14 Mission; 14R Mission Rapid; 15 Bayview-Hunters Point Express; 18 46th Avenue; 19 Polk; 22 Fillmore; 23 Monterey (modified route); 24 Divisadero; 25 Treasure Island; 27 Bryant (modified route); 28 19th Avenue; 29 Sunset; 30 Stockton; 31 Balboa; 33 Ashbury-18th Street; 35 Eureka; 36 Teresita; 37 Corbett (Twin Peaks and Van Ness & Market Street); 38 Geary; 38R Geary Rapid; 39 Coit; 43 Masonic (Geary Boulevard to Crocker Amazon); 44 O'Shaughnessy; 45 Union-Stockton; 48 Quintara/24th Street (modified route); 49 Van Ness/Mission (extended from North Point to Powell and Beach); 52 Excelsior (modified route); 54 Felton (Daly City BART to Hunters Point); 55 Dogpatch; 56 Rutland; 57 Parkmerced (modified route); 58 Lake Merced (NEW); 66 Quintara (modified route) and 67 Bernal Heights.

Daily Owl Service: Starts at midnight, except for the L Owl which begins service at 10 p.m.

24-Hours Daily Special Owl Service: L Owl; N Owl; 5 Fulton; 14 Mission; 22 Fillmore; 24 Divisadero; 25 Treasure Island; 38 Geary; 44 O'Shaughnessy; 48 Quintara/24th Street; 90 San Bruno Owl; 91 3rd Street/19th Avenue Owl.

ONGOING: Upper Market Street Safety Project

Tuesday, Feb. 22 through Saturday, March 12: The SFMTA, in partnership with the San Francisco Public Works (SFPW), will be substituting motorized buses for the F Market & Wharves historic streetcar route for three weeks, starting Feb. 22 through March 12. During this time, F Line service will be modified to accommodate construction activities for the Upper Market Safety Project as well as other essential track repair and maintenance. Published service hours and frequencies should not be affected.

Within the Upper Market Safety Project area (between Octavia Boulevard and Castro Street), there will also be temporary closures of individual streetcar stops to support construction activities, including the installation of decorative MUNI railings. Temporary closures will occur on a rolling basis starting on Tuesday, Feb. 22 through spring 2022, with most stops affected for approximately one week. Signs and notices will be posted in advance of each stop closure to alert the public and suggest alternative routing for the closest available F Line stops.

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ONGOING: Upper Market Street Safety Project *continued*

The Upper Market Street Safety Project is a multi-phased effort to improve the safety and comfort of Market Street between Octavia Boulevard and Castro Street for all roadway users. The project's final construction phase, led by San Francisco Public Works and private contractor Esquivel Grading & Paving, Inc., began last July and should reach substantial completion by summer 2022.

For the most up-to-date information on Upper Market Safety Project construction activities, please visit sfpublicworks.org/uppermarket.

ONGOING: L Taraval Improvement Project

The SFMTA is leading a multi-agency collaboration with the San Francisco Public Works (SFPW) and the San Francisco Public Utilities Committee (SFPUC) to replace and rehabilitate the aging infrastructure along Taraval Street. The [L Taraval Improvement Project](#) will replace worn rails, overhead wires, water, and sewer lines and repave the entire street along the L Taraval Line, from West Portal to the SF Zoo to make pedestrian crossing safer, increase accessibility and improve transit reliability.

Work to replace and upgrade track, sewer and water lines will require substantial construction and occasional detours along Taraval Street.

Segment B work has begun starting at Sunset Boulevard to West Portal.

To improve safety, 10 new transit boarding islands and five new high-level accessible platforms will be installed in Segment B work. Three existing transit boarding islands will be extended. The comprehensive transit and pedestrian safety features will enhance the safety of passengers getting on and off Muni and make the L Taraval Line more reliable.

Construction is scheduled to take place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For additional project details, visit [SFMTA.com/LTaraval Project](https://sfmta.com/LTaravalProject). For project updates of work between for the weeks Feb. 22 through March 15, 2022, visit [www.sfmta.com/L-Taraval Improvement Project](https://www.sfmta.com/L-Taraval-Improvement-Project).

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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 19th 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 19th 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 last October. **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. For overall project information, visit sfpublicworks.org/19th-Avenue.

ONGOING: 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, cultural activities and physical distancing. The program allows the use of sidewalks, parking space, full or partial streets, or other nearby public spaces like parks and plazas for a wide range of activities responding to the COVID pandemic, 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).

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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. For additional information on Muni's Accessible Services Program, please call (415) 701-4485 or TTY (415) 701-4730.

For Muni route, schedule, fare and accessible services information anytime: Visit www.sfmta.com or contact 311 **311 Free language assistance** / 免費語言協助 / Ayuda gratis con el idioma / Бесплатная помощь переводчиков / Trợ giúp Thông dịch Miễn phí / Assistance linguistique gratuite / 無料の言語支援 / 무료 언어 지원 / Libreng tulong para sa wikang Tagalog / การช่วยเหลือทางด้านภาษาโดยไม่เสียค่าใช้จ่าย / خط المساعدة المجاني على الرقم