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****PRESS RELEASE****

SFMTA Transit and Traffic Advisory for Thursday, April 6 through Wednesday, April 12, 2023

San Francisco—The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) releases the following upcoming event-related traffic and transit impacts for this week, from **Thursday, April 6 through Wednesday, April 12, 2023**.

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.

Masks Recommended

Following the latest guidance from the [California Department of Public Health \(CDPH\)](#), San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFPDH) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), masks are strongly recommended but no longer required in any SFMTA facilities, transit hubs or on vehicles including Muni buses, streetcars, light rail vehicles or cable cars or in taxis or on paratransit.

San Francisco Giants Baseball Game

Friday, April 7 through Wednesday, April 12: The San Francisco Giants will start their first regular home opener and regular season games at the ballpark. Listed below are start times for these games:

- **Three games against the Kansas City Royals: 1)** 1:35 p.m., Friday, April 7; **2)** 1:05 p.m., Saturday, April 8; and **3)** 1:05 p.m., Sunday, April 9.
- **Three games against the Los Angeles Dodgers: 1)** 6:45 p.m., Monday, April 10; **2)** 6:45 p.m., Tuesday, April 11; and **3)** 6:45 p.m., Wednesday, April 12.

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San Francisco Giants Baseball Game *continued*

For more event details, visit www.mlb.com/giants.

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. 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 ballpark, **parking meters close to the ballpark will charge a special event rate of \$9 per hour.** These rates help reduce congestion and keep parking spots available in the neighborhoods near the ballpark, 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.

For additional details and about transportation to ballpark, visit www.sfmta.com/oracle-park.

Cherry Blossom Festival

Saturday, April 8 and Sunday, April 9: The 56th Annual Cherry Blossom Festival will be held for two consecutive weekends, April 8-9 and April 15-16. The festival will take place from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., each day. For event details visit www.sfcherryblossom.org.

There will also be a parade on Sunday, April 16, from Civic Center to Japantown.

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Cherry Blossom Festival *continued*

The following street closures will be required beginning 4 a.m., Saturday, April 8 through 9 p.m., Sunday, April 9:

- Post Street between Laguna and Fillmore streets
- Webster Street between Geary Boulevard and Sutter Street
- Buchanan Street between Bush and Sutter streets
- Intersection: Webster Street at Post Street

There will be no impact on Muni service.

Special Event Parking will be available for each of the four weekend days for the festival: Saturday, April 8; Sunday, April 9; Saturday, April 15 and Sunday, April 16:

- **Japan Center Main Garage at 1650 Geary Boulevard** will open from 7 a.m. until midnight, regular hourly rate applies.
- **Fillmore Street Annex Garage at 1650 Fillmore Street** will open from 7 a.m. until midnight. A \$25 flat-rate event parking fee will be charged for valet-assisted parking between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m., **NO** in and out privileges will be allowed. Regular hourly rate will apply between 6 p.m. and midnight.

San Francisco Lowriders Council Tribute to Selena

On Saturday, April 8: The San Francisco Low Rider Council will pay tribute to Selena with a lowrider cruise along Mission Street and through the local area. Lowriders will gather at 4 p.m. on Mission Street between Cesar Chavez and 22nd Street. Some transit corridors may become blocked for temporary periods of time.

There is no planned street closure. Temporary transit detour and traffic congestion should be expected. Travelers heading to the area should allow extra travel time.

CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES

UPDATE: 16th Street Improvement Project

As part of the Muni Forward Program and to improve reliability, speed and increase overall system effectiveness for the key 22 Fillmore route, the 16th Street Improvement Project is part of a larger network of proposed or planned improvements to the Muni system.

There is no active construction scheduled for this weekend.

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CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

UPDATE: 16th Street Improvement Project *continued*

For more project details and the latest construction updates, visit www.sfmta.com/16thStreet.

UPDATE: L Taraval Improvement Project—Segment B

The L Taraval Improvement project continues construction along Segment B replacing and repairing the infrastructure along the L Taraval line between Sunset Boulevard and 15th Avenue, and on Ulloa Street near West Portal. Work continues on water and sewer lines, as well as on the overhead contact system (OCS). OCS work is now focused on foundation work and installation of new poles. The project is a comprehensive infrastructure rehabilitation of sewer and water lines and streetscape project. The project will address safety concerns for customers boarding Muni, address the much-needed rehabilitation of aging sewer and water lines while bringing streetscape improvements to the Taraval corridor for added vibrancy.

The rail tracks west of the intersection of Ulloa and Madrone streets have been taken offline to complete construction. Work needs to be performed during construction to facilitate the reconstruction of the water and sewer mains as well as replace the tracks and overhead lines. The upgraded sewer and water lines, permanent boarding islands and increased accessibility will make riding safer and more reliable.

The L Bus now runs between West Portal and the SF Zoo. Customer can transfer to a train at West Portal Station to travel downtown.

The inbound stop at Taraval Street and 15th Avenue has been relocated across the intersection until fall 2024.

The relocation will be until the end of construction after the new tracks are laid and the L Taraval rail service is reactivated.

Construction is scheduled to take place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Extreme weather conditions may impact the construction schedule.

For additional project details, visit SFMTA.com/LTaravalProject. For project updates of work from Monday, March 27 through Saturday, April 8, visit [Project Update](#).

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CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

UPDATE: Van Ness Improvement Project

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

ONGOING

ONGOING: Muni's Service Network

For details on Muni's current routes and service, visit individual route webpages or the [Muni Routes and Stops](#) webpage.

Until further notice, Muni buses will continue to serve the L Taraval Metro line between San Francisco Zoo and West Portal Station. Transfer to Muni Metro for service downtown. Additionally, Special L Taraval bus shuttle service is now running between San Francisco Zoo and Embarcadero, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., every 50 minutes.

ONGOING: Northeast Van Ness Station Entrance Closure

Since Saturday, April 1, due to installation of the roll-up gate, **the entrance located at the northeast corner of Market Street and Van Ness Avenue (next to the construction site) is closed for approximately three months.**

To access Van Ness Station, customers can use the other three entrances on Market Street and Van Ness Avenue located at the:

- Southeast corner
- Southwest corner
- Northwest corner

For more information, visit [SFMTA.com/VNentranceClosure](https://www.sfmta.com/VNentranceClosure).

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.

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CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

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

Construction work for the first and second segment of this project along 19th Avenue between Lincoln Way and Taraval streets was completed. Construction work for bulbouts in the third and fourth segment along 19th Avenue between Taraval Street and Holloway Avenue is ongoing.

As part of the [19th Avenue Combined City Project](#), the SFMTA will implement transit priority and safety improvements for people walking along 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: Essential Trip Card Discount Program

The SFMTA's program, [Essential Trip Card](#) (ETC) Program, assists people with disabilities and older adults to make essential trips using taxis. 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. If essential needs require it, riders may receive additional value up to \$120 of taxi service per month.

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 the Paratransit Mobility Management office at 415-351-7053. Staff are available weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. 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>.

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ONGOING: Essential Trip Card Discount Program *continued*

SFMTA's Shop-a-Round program which offers registered seniors and people with disabilities personalized assistance and rides to and from grocery stores and farmers markets is available as well. For more information, visit <https://www.sfmta.com/shop-round>.

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.

Shared Spaces operators should get in their applications before the pandemic-era program expires on March 31, 2023. For details about the new legislated program requirements, permit fees and training opportunities, visit [Shared Space/San Francisco\(sf.gov\)](#).

For details, locations and updates on street closures related to Shared Spaces, visit [SFMTA.com/SharedSpaces](https://www.sfmta.com/SharedSpaces).

UPCOMING

NEW: Twin Peaks Closure for Tunnel Inspection

Saturday, April 15 and Sunday, April 16: Twin Peaks Tunnel will be closed to complete the detailed ceiling inspection. Train service for the K Ingleside and M Ocean View lines will be disrupted. **Bus substitutions will operate for the K and M trains between Church Station and Balboa Park.** The J Church, N Judah and T Third trains will not be affected.

During the closure:

- Forest Hill and West Portal stations will be closed. They will be served by K, L and M buses on the surface.
- K Bus and M Bus will run between Church Station and Balboa Park Station.
- L Bus will be extended from West Portal Station to Church Station.
- S Shuttle trains will provide extra service and run between Castro and Embarcadero stations.

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UPCOMING continued

NEW: Twin Peaks Closure for Tunnel Inspection continued

- Customers traveling downtown will connect J Church and N Judah trains at Church Station.
- Customers traveling further west will transfer to K, L and M buses at Church or Castro stations.
- NextMuni predictions will be operating to provide arrival information to customers.

More information will be available soon.

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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.

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