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

### **SFMTA Weekend Transit and Traffic Advisory**

**San Francisco**—The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) releases the following upcoming event-related traffic and transit impacts for this weekend, Friday, December 8 through next Wednesday, December 13, 2017. Anyone traveling in San Francisco can check [www.sfmta.com](http://www.sfmta.com) or call 311 to find out which of the 83 Muni lines will get them where they want to go. **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.**

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For details of Muni re-routes, visit <http://www.sfmta.com/news/alerts>. This website will be updated when it is closer to the event date.

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### **Cruzada Guadalupe**

**Saturday, December 9:** The annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe will take place. Participants will begin walking from All Soul's Church in South San Francisco at 6 a.m., enter San Francisco at Mission and Sickles at 9:30 a.m. and end at St. Mary's Cathedral on Geary Boulevard at 2 p.m.

The San Francisco portion of the route begins at Mission Street and Sickles Avenue, continues north on Mission to Van Ness Avenue (via 14th Street and South Van Ness Avenue) to Ellis Street, west on Ellis Street to Gough Street, and then north on Gough Street to Geary Boulevard where it will end at St. Mary's Cathedral.

There are no planned street closures or re-routes. Streets along the procession route may be congested which could affect Muni bus service. SFPD officers and Parking Control Officers will monitor the march.

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## **GLIDE Grocery Bag Giveaway**

**Wednesday, December 13:** The annual GLIDE Toy Bag Giveaway event will take place from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

For more details, visit <https://www.glide.org/Holidays2017>.

The following street closures will be required from 9 p.m., Tuesday, December 12 to 4 p.m., Wednesday, December 13:

- Ellis Street between Leavenworth and Taylor streets
- Jones Street between O'Farrell and Eddy streets
- Taylor Street (west side parking and most westerly traffic lane only) between O'Farrell and Eddy streets

The 27 Bryant Muni route will be affected during the street closures.

## **CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES**

### **NEW: Third Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project**

**Monday, December 11 through Friday, January 26, 2018:** The Third Street Bridge will undergo counterweight maintenance in preparation for the upcoming Third Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project.

During the construction period, a full closure of the Third Street Bridge will be required. No access will be allowed to all vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians between Berry and Terry A. Francois streets, for 24 hours per day.

Waterway access will remain open to watercraft traffic. Access to private or commercial buildings and pedestrian pathway on either side of the bridge will be maintained at all times, however, delays should be expected.

Travelers are encouraged to plan ahead and may consider alternate routes:

#### **Southbound Travel**

- Pedestrians: Use Bay Trail Path to 4<sup>th</sup> Street, then to Channel Street
- People on Bikes: Use Berry Street to 4<sup>th</sup> Street, then to Channel Street
- Motorists: Use King Street to Interstate 280 South, then to 18<sup>th</sup> Street

#### **Northbound Travel**

- Pedestrians: Use Channel Street to 4<sup>th</sup> Street, then to Bay Trial Path
- People on Bikes: Use Channel Street to 4<sup>th</sup> Street, then to Berry Street
- Motorists: Use 16<sup>th</sup> Street to 7<sup>th</sup> Street, then to Brannan Street

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## CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

### NEW: Third Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project *continued*

Construction scheduling is subject to change due to weather delays, equipment problems and/or unforeseen field conditions.

For more project details, visit <http://www.sfpublicworks.org/thirdstreetbridge>.

### Holiday Moratorium / Winter Walk SF

**Now through Monday, January 1, 2018:** The two blocks of Stockton Street will be open for winter merriment with food vendors, live performances, appearances by the Macy's SPCA window puppies, and other wintry surprises.

For more details of Winter Walk SF, visit <http://www.visitunionsquaresf.com/winterwalksf>.

Central Subway daytime construction has been adjusted on Stockton Street in Union Square. Stockton Street between Ellis and Geary streets is open to pedestrians, but remains closed to vehicles. Union Square businesses remain open.

The Central Subway Project will construct a modern, efficient light-rail line that will improve public transportation in San Francisco. This new 1.7-mile extension of Muni's T Third Line will provide direct connections to major retail, sporting and cultural venues while efficiently transporting people to jobs, educational opportunities and other amenities throughout the city. With stops in South of Market (SoMa), Yerba Buena, Union Square and Chinatown, the Central Subway will vastly improve transit options for the residents of one of the most densely populated neighborhoods in the country, provide a rapid transit link to a burgeoning technology and digital-media hub, and improve access to a premier commercial district and tourist attraction.

Construction work will recommence in January 2018.

### UPDATE: 181 Fremont Street Construction Project

**Saturday, December 9 through Monday, December 11:** Contractor will conduct construction work for a new development at 181 Fremont Street.

A street closure of Fremont Street between Howard and Mission streets will be required from 10 p.m., Saturday to 4:30 a.m., Monday. Traffic will be detoured in the surrounding areas. Motorists are advised to allow extra travel time.

There will be no impact on Muni service.

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**UPDATE: Construction of Mission Bay Loop**

**Now until Further Notice:** The SFMTA has resumed construction on 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and Illinois streets, the project is expected to be completed in early 2018.

The Mission Bay Loop is a key component for San Francisco's T Third rail line and is critical to operating the T Third Central Subway service plan. The loop provides turn-around capabilities for the T Third Street light rail line via a connection of trackway from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to 18<sup>th</sup>, Illinois and 19<sup>th</sup> streets, which will allow the SFMTA to operate the necessary service levels needed to support current and planned growth within the eastern portion of San Francisco.

Traffic, including travelling by bike, may be affected by the construction work. All work areas will be clearly marked and there will be flaggers to help direct traffic. Traveling around and through the construction area should expect minor delays.

Since early April, the contractor has been working on the sewer infrastructure within the center of Illinois Street starting at 18<sup>th</sup> and Illinois streets. General work hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

In order to conduct the work, parking on both sides including along the historical Crane Cove Park fence (east side of Illinois Street) will be removed 24 hours, 7 days a week from 18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> and Illinois streets for the duration of the project (approximately until winter of 2018).

Due to a recent discovery of an old underground storage tank placed underneath the PG&E duct bank on Illinois and 18<sup>th</sup> streets, a site assessment by contractors and a city representative took place. Street excavation work to remove contents from the tank and additional testing will be needed. This unplanned work may delay completion of the sewer work.

Traffic lanes traveling both north and south will remain open and there will be flaggers posted to help direct traffic. The northbound bike lane will be converted to a shared roadway. Expect minor delays when traveling around and through the construction area.

Local access to properties along the project site will be maintained. Sewer work is scheduled to be completed by December 2017.

For project details or to sign up to receive project updates, please visit:  
<https://www.sfmta.com/missionbayloop>.

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**UPDATE: Potrero Avenue Repaving Project**

**Saturday, December 9:** Contractors from San Francisco Public Works will continue repaving work on Potrero Avenue between 17<sup>th</sup> and Alameda streets.

As part of the project, sewer pipes will be replaced at several intersections and overhead line infrastructure will be replaced along the corridor.

The goal of the Potrero Avenue Roadway Improvement Project is to replace aging infrastructure and to improve safety for people walking, biking, and to help beautify Potrero Avenue. This project will also revitalize public space adjacent to the San Francisco General Hospital with pedestrian safety improvement work such as sidewalk widening, new landscaping and new street lights.

This Saturday, crews will conduct repaving work on Potrero Avenue roadway between 17<sup>th</sup> and Alameda streets including the intersection.

Muni customers should expect service delays on Muni route 9 San Bruno during construction.

Crews will pave one block per day with work hours from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**UPDATE: Van Ness Improvement Project**

The Van Ness Improvement Project is a civic improvement project that will bring San Francisco's first Bus Rapid Transit system. To maximize the benefits of construction, the City will also be replacing major utilities including water, sewer and emergency firefighting water systems. Work will also be done to repave Van Ness Avenue, enhance streetlights and landscaping, and install new sidewalk lighting and rain gardens.

Traffic lanes on Van Ness Avenue have been shifted to create two construction zones for upcoming utility work. Because some of this work requires reducing Van Ness Avenue to one lane in each direction, some work is limited to nighttime hours. Neighbors will be notified of night noise 72-hours in advance of night work.

**Friday, December 8 through Saturday, December 9:** Between the hours of 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. northbound stops on Van Ness at Jackson, Vallejo and Union streets will shift overnight in order to install temporary bus loading platforms. Signs will be in place to direct riders to the temporary stops.

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## CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

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

**Sunday, December 10:** Between the hours of 8 p.m. and 7 a.m. crews will work on updating the emergency firefighting water systems from Ellis to O'Farrell streets. Neighbors are advised to anticipate construction-related noise, including grinding, as crews work diligently to complete this necessary night work. In order to install temporary bus loading platforms, northbound stops on Van Ness at Jackson and Vallejo streets will shift overnight from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Signs will be in place to direct riders to the temporary stops.

For more project details and the latest construction updates, please visit [sfmta.com/vanness](https://www.sfmta.com/vanness).

### UPDATE: Central Subway Project

Water line replacement at 4<sup>th</sup> and Brannan streets and track work on 4<sup>th</sup> Street between Brannan and King streets is ongoing. Until further notice, traffic reroutes will remain in effect and night work to upgrade a water line will occur at the intersections of 4<sup>th</sup> and Brannan streets between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m.

Sewer and water supply infrastructure replacement work continues at 4<sup>th</sup> and Folsom streets, Monday through Friday, from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. During these work hours southbound 4<sup>th</sup> Street will be reduced to one lane and eastbound Folsom Street will be reduced to two lanes. Sewer replacement work continues at night at 4<sup>th</sup> and Howard streets. Work hours are from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. Two through lanes are in place southbound 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Westbound traffic on Howard Street will be impacted.

One lane on the south side of Ellis Street is open at all times for eastbound traffic. Parking garage is accessible on the north side of Ellis Street. Street restoration work is continuing on the north side of the intersection of Ellis and Stockton streets.

Washington Street between Stockton Street and Trenton Alley is under a long-term temporary closure to vehicular traffic as station construction continues. Pedestrian access to Washington Street between Stockton Street and Trenton Alley remains open.

The Central Subway project is the first underground line to link the north and south corridors of the city, and will provide a direct connection to major retail, sporting and cultural venues while efficiently transporting people to jobs, educational opportunities and other amenities throughout San Francisco.

For project updates, please visit:

<https://www.sfmta.com/projects-planning/projects/central-subway-project>

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### **ONGOING: M Ocean View Construction**

The M Ocean View Improvement Project will repair vital transit infrastructure and improve safety for people who walk and use Muni on 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The improvements include building a new pedestrian island crossing on 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue at Junipero Serra Boulevard, installing vehicle safety measures at the trackway entrances, and upgrading traffic signals.

#### **The M Ocean View will provide regular train service.**

During construction work at various times on weekdays and weekends, there will be lane closures on both 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Junipero Serra Boulevard. Motorists traveling around the construction area should allow extra travel time.

For details and updates of project, visit [M Ocean View Improvements](#).

### **ONGOING: Oak and Octavia Safety Project**

**The Oak and Octavia Safety Project** is improving safety and accessibility at the highly trafficked intersections where Octavia Boulevard meets Oak and Fell streets. Identified as a top priority through a community planning process, enhancements currently under construction include new center medians between Oak and Fell streets, as well as pedestrian bulbouts and ADA accessibility upgrades on Laguna Street. The construction project is expected to be ongoing through early December with periodic lane closures, with general work hours from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For the next few weeks: 1) the center of Octavia Boulevard may be reduced to one lane in each direction as landscaping and lighting are added to the new center median; and 2) eastbound lanes on Oak Street approaching Octavia Boulevard and westbound lanes on Fell Street approaching Laguna Street may also be reduced due to sidewalk widening activities, resulting in possible delays.

For more project information, please visit [www.sfmta.com/octavia](http://www.sfmta.com/octavia)

### **ONGOING: Polk Streetscape Project**

The Polk Streetscape Project is an effort to create a safer, more vibrant corridor for all residents of San Francisco. In addition to increasing safety for everyone traveling on Polk Street, this project will incorporate new lighting, landscaping and street infrastructure. The project is anticipated to be completed in six segments, with construction taking approximately 24 months to complete. General work hours will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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## CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

### ONGOING: Polk Streetscape Project *continued*

Construction began since October 2016 with sewer work on North Point Street, from Polk to Larkin streets.

San Francisco Public Works will be working to incorporate key safety, sewer and water utility infrastructure improvements and streetscape enhancements along Polk Street, from Beach to McAllister streets. Improvements also include: paving, ADA curb ramps installation, alleyway improvements, sidewalk bulb-outs and bus bulb-outs, traffic signal upgrades, street light upgrades and bicycle lane improvements.

### **Traffic/Transit Impact**

- At times, there may be temporary intersection or lane closures as crews perform work resulting in possible travel delays. Please plan to allow for extra travel time during construction due to possible delays.
- Traffic will be routed around construction activity as necessary. Pedestrian pathways and access to driveways and commercial/residential buildings will be maintained at all times.

For more project details, please visit [sfpublicworks.org/polk](http://sfpublicworks.org/polk).

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **GLIDE Toy Bag Giveaway**

**Saturday, December 16:** The annual GLIDE Toy Bag Giveaway event will take place from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

For more details, visit <https://www.glide.org/Holidays2017>.

The following street closures will be required from 9 p.m., Friday, December 15 to 4 p.m., Saturday, December 16:

- Ellis Street between Leavenworth and Taylor streets
- Jones Street between O'Farrell to Eddy streets
- Taylor Street (west side parking lane only) between O'Farrell and Eddy streets

The 27 Bryant Muni route will be affected during the street closures.

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Upcoming Events *continued*

**Muni Schedule for Holiday Week**

**Monday, December 25, 2017 and Monday, January 1, 2018:** On the days of Christmas and New Year's respectively, Muni will operate a Sunday schedule.

More details to follow.

**Parking Enforcement for Christmas and New Year's Day**

**Monday, December 25, 2017 and Monday, January 1, 2018:** The following parking regulations **will not** be enforced anywhere in the city: parking meters, seven-day street sweeping, residential parking permits, Monday-Friday daytime street sweeping, and commuter towaway.

Vehicles creating a hazard and/or an unsafe condition (i.e. double parking, blocking a bike lane, blocking driveways, blocking crosswalks, fire hydrants, etc.) are subject to receiving citations and can possibly be towed.

**Note:** Parking meters in the City are enforced Monday through Saturday **with the exception of the following areas where parking meters are enforced seven days per week throughout the year except Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day:**

- Parking meters in the Fisherman's Wharf area
- Along The Embarcadero Roadway
- In the Special Event Area around AT&T Park
- Five metered off-street parking facilities listed below:
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue at Clement Street
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue at Clement Street
  - Geary Boulevard at 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue
  - 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue at Geary Boulevard
  - Pierce Street Garage (between Lombard and Chestnut streets)

**###**

***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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