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

## **SFMTA Weekend Transit and Traffic Advisory for Saturday, July 25, 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, July 23 through Sunday, July 26**.

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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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### **Shared Space Program**

The city's multi-agency "Shared Spaces" program is opening parts of Valencia Street in the Mission District and Grant Street in Chinatown to create public space for outdoor dining, retail and physical distance. This program was first announced by Mayor London Breed to support the economic and social recovery of neighborhood businesses by allowing them to use 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. Valencia Street and Grant Avenue are the first two full streets that will be open for pedestrians and closed to vehicle traffic. Street closures for "Shared Spaces" activations to open street space for outdoor and physically distanced business activities will be detailed in the SFMTA's weekend releases.

#### ***Shared Spaces - Valencia***

Beginning Thursday, July 23, two blocks of Valencia Street will be closed to vehicle traffic to create a "Shared Spaces" zone for economic recovery activities for businesses in the area. For more details, contact the [Valencia Corridor Merchants Association](#).

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### Shared Space Program *continued*

**From Thursday, July 23 through Sunday, November 1, every Thursday through Sunday, the following street closures will be required from 4 to 10 p.m.:**

- Valencia Street between 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> streets
- Valencia Street between 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> streets

In addition, the block of Valencia Street between 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> streets will be posted as “no parking” during the same times to create a combined zone for deliveries and for active pedestrian loading and unloading.

#### ***Shared Spaces - Grant Avenue***

Since Saturday, July 18, three blocks of Grant Avenue will be closed to vehicle traffic to create a “Shared Spaces” zone for economic recovery activities for businesses in Chinatown.

**From Saturday, July 18 through Sunday, September 27, every Saturday and Sunday, the following streets closures will be required from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.:**

- Grant Avenue between California and Washington streets
- Commercial Street between Kearny Street and Grant Avenue

For more program details visit <https://sf.gov/shared-space>.

### **Parking Meter Pricing and Reprioritizing Enforcement**

In response to the decrease of most economic activity and travel demand during the Shelter In Place Order, in April, the SFMTA set all meter rates at 50 cents per hour, down from an average of about \$2.50 per hour, and removed all meter time limits. In addition, many of our Parking Control Officers were reassigned to COVID-19-related emergency work such as directing traffic near hospitals and COVID-19 testing sites.

With the Bay Area entering the next phase of reopening, demand for on-street parking continues to increase, especially while transit service is limited under the [Core Muni Service Plan](#) and with physical distancing requirements reducing transit vehicle capacity restrictions.

**On Monday, July 6,** the SFMTA restored meter prices close to normal levels and reprioritized enforcement:

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### Parking Meter Pricing and Reprioritizing Enforcement *continued*

- **Parking Meter Rates have been restored with a “50-cent Discount”.** Meter rates vary throughout San Francisco, based on the demand for parking on the block and the time of day. Meter prices have been restored back to pre-COVID-19 levels with 50 cents discount per hour. The lowest meter rate is \$0.50 per hour. **Motorcycle meters have been fully restored.**
- **Parking meter time limits have been restored to Pre-COVID level.** This ensures that people do not leave their vehicles in one space all day, preventing others from accessing commercial corridors.
- **Accelerate the demand-responsive pricing process.** The SFMTA typically adjust meter prices (up, down or stay flat) based on demand data every three months to reflect the number of people using an area. These increases or decreases are in 25-cent increments. With uncertainties during the health crises, instead of adjusting meter pricing every three months, meter rates will be adjusted every six weeks to meet the city’s changing demands.
- **Reprioritize meter enforcement.** On Monday, July 13, Parking Control Officers with the SFMTA resumed regular meter enforcement.

Residential Parking Permits and neighborhood time limits will not be enforced at this time to reduce the frequency with which residents need to move their cars.

**Since Monday, June 15, the SFMTA resumed enforcement of parking violations related to [street sweeping](#).** Enforcement was previously temporarily suspended in coordination with the original Shelter in Place orders. Now that more activities are reopening in the city, enforcement will allow the mechanical street sweepers more access to the curbs to better clean our streets. Residents should refer to posted signs and move their cars during designated street sweeping times. As a reminder, once the street sweeping truck has swept the curbside, you may park your vehicle there, even if the posted sweeping hours have not expired.

### **Muni Service Adjustments During the COVID-19 Shelter-In-Place Order**

During the rapidly changing environment caused by COVID-19, the SFMTA has been continuing with reduced service adjustment to Muni service in order to focus our limited resources to the busiest lines and those that most critically serve essential trips. The Core network allows Muni to continue to serve San Francisco’s medical facilities and focuses on equity to ensure service for our customers most reliant on transit. The frequency of buses varies by line so that lines experiencing some crowding will have more frequent service than others.

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### Muni Service Adjustments During the COVID-19 Shelter-In-Place Order *continued*

The SFMTA will bring back, extend and improve frequencies on several targeted bus routes to continue to support essential trips and physical distancing beginning Saturday, August 22, in addition to [restarting modified Muni Metro](#) service. These service changes will also support the city's economic recovery by providing more connections to neighborhood commercial districts as businesses reopen. With the restart of Muni Metro, we can repurpose Muni buses that had been operating in place of rail lines to add service on other routes.

The SFMTA also improved service frequencies by one to two minutes on the following lines to help address crowding and allow for better physical distancing: **1)** L Bus; **2)** T Bus; and **3)** 14R Mission Rapid.

The **L Owl** service frequency now operates approximately every 20 minutes from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Service frequency improved by 10 minutes on both weekdays and weekends.

- **These Core service lines are currently in service: N Judah Bus; L Taraval Bus; M Bus Community Shuttle (Balboa Park to West Portal, weekday only); T Third Bus (Sunnydale to Castro); 1 California; 5 Fulton; 7 Noriega Community Shuttle; 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 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Daly City BART to Geary Boulevard, weekday only); 29 Sunset; 30 Stockton; 38 Geary; 38R Geary Rapid; 43 Masonic; 44 O'Shaughnessy (Forest Hill to Evans); 49 Van Ness/Mission (extended from North Point to Powell and Beach) and 54 Felton (Balboa Park to Hunters Point, weekday only).**
- **Late-night Owl routes have started early every night at 10 p.m.** instead of 1 a.m. **All regular Owl routes are in operation, except these routes** that have been temporarily discontinued: 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Street/19th Avenue Owl.**

**Note:** Some routes have been modified. Please visit each route's webpage or the [Muni Core Service Plan](#) for more details.

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### **Essential Trip Card Discount Program**

To assist people with disabilities and older adults with making essential trips under Muni's temporary transit changes, the SFMTA recently launched the [Essential Trip Card](#) (ETC) Program to address this need. This is a temporary special program that 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 <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.sfparatransit.com/shop-a-round>.

### **Slow Streets Program**

We are very excited to be moving forward with the third phase Slow Streets, which will connect new and existing Slow Streets together into a network that allows most San Franciscans to be able to access essential services and employment without being reliant on either a car or Muni.

In order to support further reopening of the economy, we need to make San Francisco more welcoming and accessible for people who want to travel on foot, bicycle, wheelchair, scooter, skateboard or other forms of micromobility. Slow Streets are critical infrastructure that attracts users of the full array of neighborhood demographics—including children, older adults, people with disabilities and people of color.

- Streets are not closed completely and local vehicle access is allowed (e.g., driveway access for residents).
- Slow streets are shared streets, all users must give way to others as appropriate. People walking/running/biking do not have exclusive right-of-way over motor vehicles.
- Once installed, Slow Streets corridors will be in effect 24/7.

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### Slow Streets Program *continued*

The SFMTA will continue to monitor the use of Slow Streets to minimize impacts on surrounding streets and welcome feedback from the community. Below is a list of slow streets already implemented:

- 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Lincoln Boulevard to Ortega Street
- 20<sup>th</sup> Street from Valencia Street to Potrero Avenue
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue from Lake to Cabrillo streets
- 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue from Lincoln Way to Vicente Street
- Chenery Street from Burnside Avenue to Lippard Avenue
- Excelsior Avenue from London to Munich streets
- Golden Gate Avenue from Masonic Avenue to Broderick Street
- Kirkham Street from Great Highway to 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- Lake Street from 28<sup>th</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> avenues
- Lane Street from Oakdale Avenue to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street
- Mariposa Street from Kansas to Texas streets
- Ortega Street from 47<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> avenues
- Page Street from Stanyan to Gough streets
- Sanchez Street from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> streets
- Shotwell Street from Cesar Chavez to 14<sup>th</sup> Street
- Somerset Street from Silver Avenue to Woolsey Street

Learn more about current and proposed Slow Streets locations by visiting [SFMTA.com/SlowStreets](https://www.sfmta.com/SlowStreets).

### **CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES**

#### **NEW: Geary Rapid Project**

Work to replace aging water and sewer lines continues. Surface transportation improvements, including upgraded traffic signals and streetlights, sidewalk extensions at bus stops and intersection corners, improved median refuges and roadway repaving, are also underway. For project information visit [www.sfmta.com/geary-rapid-project](https://www.sfmta.com/geary-rapid-project).

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## CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

### NEW: Geary Rapid Project *continued*

**Final curb-to-curb roadway repaving is planned for Saturday, July 25 on both directions of Geary Boulevard from Lyon to Divisadero streets.**

- During paving work in front of driveways, there will be a 4-hour period with restricted vehicle access as the hot asphalt cools down. Affected properties will be notified in advance.
- Lyon Street will be closed to through traffic between O'Farrell and Post streets and on the Geary frontage roads for a few hours during paving work.
- Similarly, the **inbound 38/38R bus stop at Divisadero Street and the inbound and outbound 38 bus stops at Baker Street and St. Joseph's Avenue will be temporarily relocated** nearby briefly as the pavement cools. Signs will be posted at affected stops on where to board at alternate stops. Customers should look for "Board Here" signs nearby.

### UPDATE: L Taraval Improvement Project

**From Saturday, July 25 to Sunday, July 26, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) will excavate small exploratory holes to verify the locations of existing underground utilities on Taraval Street between 46<sup>th</sup> and 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Some parking will be temporarily restricted in construction zones and traffic lanes will be modified during active work.

**On Tuesday, July 28**, Lower Great Highway between Taraval and Santiago streets will be closed from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for material delivery. This should last for approximately one to two hours. The street will be reopened for vehicular traffic and parking when the pipes have been delivered and safely placed at the staging site.

**Since August 2019**, traffic pattern on lower Great Highway between Ulloa and Santiago streets has been changed. Northbound travel lane on lower Great Highway has been rerouted to 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue for two blocks between Ulloa and Santiago streets. 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 [sfmta.com/LTaraval](https://sfmta.com/LTaraval).

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**UPDATE: Van Ness Improvement Project**

**On Friday, July 24, between the hours of 8 p.m. and 7 a.m.**, crews are scheduled to work on installing a joint-utility trench, traffic striping and sewer main at the following locations:

- Van Ness between Sutter and Post 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
- Van Ness between Grove and Hayes streets
- Van Ness between Hayes and Fell streets
- Van Ness between Fell and Market streets
- Van Ness between Market and Mission streets

Because some work requires reducing Van Ness Avenue to one lane in each direction, some work is 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 [sfmta.com/vanness](http://sfmta.com/vanness).

**ONGOING: Reroute of Muni Route for Treasure Island Construction**

**Since Saturday, July 11 and until further notice**, Clipper Cove Way has been temporarily closed for construction and the 25 Treasure Island Muni route has been operating on a temporary reroute featuring multiple stop changes. This reroute is along Avenue of the Palms. There will be Traffic control personnel onsite for assistance. For details of reroute and stop changes, visit [SFMTA.com/25](http://SFMTA.com/25).

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**ONGOING: Jefferson Streetscape Improvement Project**

**Effective Wednesday, April 8,** the construction shuttle service has been suspended until further notice. Construction on Jefferson Street will continue by San Francisco Public Works. For information regarding Muni service adjustments, visit [SFMTA.com/COVID-19](https://www.sfmta.com/COVID-19).

For more information about Phase Two of the Jefferson Streetscape Improvement Project, visit <http://www.sfpublishworks.org/jefferson>.

**ONGOING: Muni Rail Rehabilitation Project**

Muni track maintenance work at Judah and 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue originally scheduled to be completed in April has been suspended until further notice due to the public health emergency.

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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. 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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