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****PRESS RELEASE****

**SFMTA Weekend Transit and Traffic Advisory for
Saturday, August 22, 2020**

San Francisco—The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) releases the following upcoming event-related traffic and transit impacts for this weekend, from **Saturday, August 22 through Sunday, August 23.**

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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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Major Muni Service Expansion During the COVID-19 Shelter-In-Place Order

Saturday, Aug. 22: Extend and improve frequencies on several targeted bus routes to continue to support essential trips and physical distancing and [restart modified Muni Metro](#) service.

These [service changes](#) will 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.

Putting Muni Metro back in service will free up buses currently in use for the L Taraval, M Ocean View, N Judah and T Third to serve additional routes and improve service frequency systemwide. Given the distancing restraints and to increase capacity in the subway, the SFMTA will adjust Metro lines entering the tunnels.

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To learn more information about Muni Metro service, visit [rail recovery](#) webpage.

- **N Judah:** Full route service restored between Ocean Beach (Judah at La Playa) and 4th at King streets. **On weekdays**, service will be provided between **5 a.m. to 10 p.m.**, every six to nine minutes. **On weekends**, service will be provided between **8 a.m. to 10 p.m.**, every 10 to 14 minutes.
- **S Shuttle:** A subway-only line restored between West Portal and Embarcadero stations. Service will be provided between **5 a.m. and 10 p.m. during weekdays** and between **8 a.m. and 10 p.m. on weekends**. Trains will run every six to nine minutes daily.
- **TM Third-Oceanview:** Fully restored T Third and M Oceanview routes, temporarily combined to the new **TM Third-Ocean View line between West Portal and Embarcadero stations**. Service will be provided between **5 a.m. to 10 p.m. during weekdays** and between **8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on weekends**. Trains will run every 10 to 14 minutes every day daily.

The J Church, K Ingleside and L Taraval lines will be temporarily taken out of the subway. High-frequency shuttles in the subway will replace these Metro lines.

- **J Church** will temporarily operate as **surface-only route between Balboa Park and Church at Market streets**. Customers will need to **transfer** on a frequent train **at Church Station** to continue their trip travelling downtown. Service frequency will be every six to nine minutes daily.
- **LK Taraval-Ingleside, a temporarily combined surface-only route**, will operate **between San Francisco Zoo and Balboa Park**. Customers heading downtown will need to **transfer** on a frequent train **at West Portal Station** to continue their trip.

Owl and Weekend Early Morning Muni Metro Bus Substitutions

To align with BART's weekend station opening schedule, Muni Metro subway service will not operate until 8 a.m. on weekends. Bus substitution service will be provided approximately between 5 and 8 a.m. on weekends. With additional transfers or longer wait times may be required, customers are encouraged to allow extra time for their destination. For additional details and stop locations, visit each individual route's webpage.

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Owl Service (Operate from 10 p.m. to 8 a.m. daily)

- **L Taraval Owl:** Run between San Francisco Zoo and Fishman's Wharf with a service frequency of every 30 minutes.
- **N Judah Owl:** Run between Judah & La Playa streets and Townsend & 5th streets with a service frequency of every 30 minutes.
- **91 3rd Street/19th Avenue Owl:** Run between 19th Avenue and Holloway Street (San Francisco State University) and West Portal with service frequency of every 30 minutes.

Weekend Early Morning Muni Metro Bus Substitutions (Operate between 5 to 8 a.m., weekends only)

- **N Judah Bus:** Run between Judah & La Playa streets and Townsend & 5th streets with a service frequency of every 30 minutes.
- **M Ocean View Bus:** Run between Balboa Park Station and Ferry Plaza with a service frequency of every 20 minutes.
- **T Third Bus:** Run between Castro Station (F Market Loop) and Sunnysdale with a service frequency of approximately every 15 minutes.

To learn more about Changes to Muni Service, visit [service changes](#) website.

7 Haight-Noriega:

- Extend route to full service between Ortega at 48th Avenue and the Salesforce Transit Center.
- To allow more room for customers to maintain physical distancing onboard, 60-foot buses will replace the 40-foot buses.
- Service will be provided approximately every 10 to 14 minutes daily.

12 Pacific Community Shuttle:

- To provide connection to Market Street, route will run on a modified route from Jackson and Van Ness to Sansome and Sutter streets.
- Service will be provided approximately every 10 to 14 minutes daily.

14 Mission:

- The route will be served with 60-foot electric trolley coaches.
- Service will be provided approximately every six to nine minutes daily.

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28 19th Avenue:

- On weekends, route will be modified between Daly City BART Station and California Street & 7th Avenue.
- Will provide access to transfer points to UCSF, Kaiser Permanente and the California Pacific Medical Center.
- Service will be provided approximately every 10 to 14 minutes daily.

30 Stockton:

- Between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. daily, route service will be extended to The Presidio*.
- All other times, the 30 Stockton terminal will be at Divisadero and Chestnut streets.
- To allow more room for customers to maintain physical distancing onboard, this route will be served with 60-foot buses.
- Will provide connections to Crissy Field, Chinatown, Downtown, and Caltrain.
- Service will be provided approximately every 15 to 20 minutes daily.

Note*: *Due to ongoing construction at The Presidio during the first few weeks of August through September, implementation of the route extension will be delayed slightly. Customers should pay attention on posted signage, follow social media or visit the website for construction updates.*

37 Corbett:

- Temporarily modified route between Twin Peaks and Market and Van Ness streets via Market Street.
- Provide connections to Castro, Church and Van Ness Muni Metro Stations.
- Temporary service hours will be between 6 a.m. and 9 p.m. on weekdays and between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. on weekends.
- Service will be provided approximately every 15 to 20 minutes daily.

38 Geary:

- Between 6 a.m. and 9 p.m. daily, buses will alternately terminate at Geary Boulevard and 32nd Avenue or at Fort Miley VA Hospital.
- At all other times, all 38 Geary trips will terminate at 48th Avenue and Point Lobos.
- Buses terminating at Fort Miley VA Hospital will layover and will continue with inbound route to all existing stop locations.
- Service will be provided approximately every six to nine minutes during weekdays.
- Service will be provided approximately every 10 to 14 minutes on weekends.

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44 O'Shaughnessy:

- Service will be extended to full route between Hunters Point and California Street and 6th Avenue.
- Connections to Bayview, Portola, Glen Park and Forest Hill Stations, Golden Gate Park and Inner Richmond.
- Service will be provided approximately every 10 to 14 minutes daily.

45 Union-Stockton

- Full route will be restored between Townsend at 4th Street and Lyon at Greenwich streets.
- Connections to SoMa, Downtown, Chinatown and Union Street.
- Service will be provided approximately every 15 to 20 minutes daily.

48 Quintara-24th St

- Temporarily modified route between 20th at 3rd streets and West Portal Station.
- Connections to West Portal, 24th Street BART Station, and Potrero Hill/Dogpatch. [Simplified route in Noe Valley.](#)
- Service will be provided approximately every 10 to 14 minutes daily.

49 Van Ness-Mission

- To allow more room for customers to maintain physical distancing onboard, this route will operate with 60-foot buses.
- Service will be provided approximately every six to nine minutes daily.

54 Felton

- Weekend service will be added and will be extended to full route between Daly City BART Station and Bayview.
- Connections to Bayview, Portola, Excelsior, and Balboa Park and Daly City BART Stations.
- Service will be provided approximately every 20 minutes daily.

67 Bernal Heights

- Full route will be restored between Ellsworth at Crescent and 24th Street BART Station
- Service will be provided approximately every 20 minutes daily.

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Improving Service Frequency

To allow more room for customers to maintain physical distancing onboard, more frequent service will be provided to the following lines: **8 Bayshore; 9 San Bruno; 9R San Bruno Rapid (only operate on weekdays); 12 Pacific Community Shuttle; 14 Mission; 19 Polk; 22 Fillmore; 24 Divisadero; 25 Treasure Island; 28 19th Avenue; 29 Sunset; 43 Masonic; and 44 O'Shaughnessy.**

- **These Core service lines are currently in service: 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; 19 Polk; 22 Fillmore; 24 Divisadero; 25 Treasure Island; 28 19th Avenue (Daly City BART to Geary Boulevard); 29 Sunset; 30 Stockton; 37 Corbett (Twin Peaks and Van Ness & Market Street); 38 Geary; 38R Geary Rapid; 43 Masonic; 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 (Balboa Park to Hunters Point); and 67 Bernal Heights.**
- **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 3rd 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.

SFMTA's Sales Kiosks Resumed Service and Operation Hours

As of Monday, July 27, the following SFMTA service kiosks have reopened for business. Operation hours are from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week, except holidays.

- Powell and Market Service Kiosk located next to the Cable Car turn around
- Bay and Taylor Service Kiosk located next to the Cable Car turn around
- Presidio Service Kiosk located at the corner of Geary Boulevard and Presidio Avenue

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SFMTA's Sales Kiosks Resumed Service and Operation Hours *continued*

The following SFMTA services are available at all three locations:

- Payments for Parking and Transit citations (citation number or license plate required)
- Purchase of Parking Meter Card
- Purchase of School Coupon Booklet
- Retrieve paper applications for Community Service and Payment Plan. Application for Enrollment of Low-Income Discount Program
- Customers can also drop off complete applications for these programs at any of these locations.

The following Clipper service is available at services kiosks at Powell and Market streets and at Presidio Avenue:

- Purchase passes and load value
- Apply for and issue Senior and Youth Clipper cards

UPDATE: Shared Spaces 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. 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.

Spaces – Castro (New)

Beginning Sunday, August 23 and will continue through December, two blocks of 18th Street in the Castro will be closed to vehicle traffic to create a "Shared Spaces" zone for economic recovery activities for businesses in the area. For more details, visit [Castro Merchants](#) website or contact the [Office of Supervisor Mandelman](#).

From Sunday, August 23 through Sunday, December 27, the following street closures will be required from 1 to 10 p.m., every Sunday:

- 18th Street between Collingwood and Castro streets
- 18th Street between Castro and Hartford streets

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UPDATE: Shared Spaces Program *continued*

The 18th and Collingwood parking lot will be inaccessible during the closure. Some parking spaces on Castro, 18th and Collingwood streets will also be posted as “no parking” to create zones for deliveries, takeout, and active passenger loading and unloading.

Shared Spaces - Outer Sunset (New)

Since Thursday, August 20, and continuing through December, one block of Irving Street in the Outer Sunset is closed to vehicle traffic to create a “Shared Spaces” zone for economic recovery activities for businesses in the area. For more details, contact the [Office of Supervisor Mar](#).

From Sunday, August 23 through Thursday, December 31, a closure of Irving Street between 19th and 20th avenues will be required on days and times specified:

- Between 3:30 and 11 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays
- Between 10:30 a.m. and 11 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays

Shared Spaces - SoMa Closure for Sunday Streets (New)

Starting Sunday, August 23, Livable City and local community partners will kick off a “Shared Spaces” version of the Sunday Streets.

In place of the normal one-time Sunday Streets events, there will be a **weekly street closure taking place on Folsom Street between 6th and 9th streets every Sunday through October 25** from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. with activities planned from 11 a.m. through 4 p.m.

Shared Spaces - Valencia

Since Thursday, July 23, two blocks of Valencia Street have been 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](#).

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

- Valencia Street between 16th and 17th streets
- Valencia Street between 18th and 19th streets

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

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UPDATE: Shared Spaces Program *continued*

Shared Spaces - Grant Avenue

Since Saturday, July 18, three blocks of Grant Avenue have been 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 are 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>.

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>.

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Slow Streets Program

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.

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:

- 20th Avenue from Lincoln Boulevard to Ortega Street
- 20th Street from Valencia Street to Potrero Avenue
- 23rd Avenue from Lake to Cabrillo streets
- 41st 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 7th Avenue
- Lake Street from 28th to 2nd avenues
- Lane Street from Oakdale Avenue to 3rd Street
- Lombard between Mason and Powell streets
- Mariposa Street from Kansas to Texas streets
- Ortega Street from 47th to 15th avenues
- Page Street from Stanyan to Gough streets
- Sanchez Street from 23rd to 30th streets
- Shotwell Street from Cesar Chavez to 14th 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).

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CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES

UPDATE: Caltrans US 101 Deck Replacement

As Caltrans continues column wrapping work on the 101 Deck Replacement project, **the right lane of westbound Alemany Boulevard after the Alemany/Bayshore Boulevard intersection will remain closed 24 hours a day until Friday, August 28.** Vehicles may continue to access the Alemany Farmers Market using either the center lane of westbound Alemany Boulevard or the left lane of southbound San Bruno Avenue. For Caltrans project information, visit www.101AlemanyProject.com.

UPDATE: Van Ness Improvement Project

On Friday, August 21, between the hours of 8 p.m. and 7 a.m., crews are scheduled to work on traffic improvements, sewer work, overhead power installations, light pole setting, and accessory related installations at the following locations:

- Van Ness between Greenwich and Lombard streets
- Van Ness between Filbert and Greenwich streets
- Van Ness between Union and Filbert streets
- Van Ness between Green and Union streets
- Van Ness between Vallejo and Green streets
- Van Ness between Broadway and Vallejo Street
- 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

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.

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CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

UPDATE: L Taraval Improvement Project

Starting Saturday, August 22, the L Construction Bus will substitute the LK Taraval-Ingleside between San Francisco Zoo and Sunset Boulevard for approximately seven months, until Spring 2021, while construction crew performs track replacement work.

Between Sunset Boulevard and West Portal, the L Construction Bus will operate express service. Muni customers heading inbound can stay on the L Construction Bus to continue to West Portal or transfer at 32nd Avenue to the LK Taraval-Ingleside for service to stops along Taraval between 32nd Avenue and West Portal.

Express Service:

- To minimize transfers for customers, the L Construction Bus will operate as an express bus inbound and outbound between Taraval & 32nd Avenue and Ulloa at Wawona streets (near the accessible ramps for the LK Taraval-Ingleside at West Portal).
- Anticipated service frequency will be approximately every 10 to 12 minutes.
- There will be no NextBus predictions for this express service. Third-party trip planners will also not reference this express service.
- 40-foot buses will serve this temporarily route through the construction segment between San Francisco Zoo and Sunset Boulevard.

Local Stops:

- For service to stops along Taraval heading east toward West Portal: Customers must transfer from L Construction Bus at Taraval at 32nd Avenue to LK Taraval-Ingleside.
- For service to stops along Taraval heading west toward San Francisco Zoo: Customers must transfer from LK Taraval-Ingleside to L Construction Bus at Taraval Street and Sunset Boulevard.

Starting Sunday, August 23 and continuing until Thursday, September 3, construction crew will work to replace components of the Muni overhead contact system (OCS) from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. daily on: **1)** 46th Avenue between Taraval and Wawona Street; **2)** Vicente Street between 46th and 47th Avenue; **3)** 47th Avenue between Vicente and Wawona streets; and **4)** Wawona Street between 47th and 46th avenues.

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CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

UPDATE: L Taraval Improvement Project *continued*

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 48th 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 Project](https://www.sfmta.com/LTaravalProject).

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>.

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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.

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