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PRESS RELEASE SFMTA Encourages Baseball Fans to Go Green to Giants Games

Pre-Season games are tonight and tomorrow; Home opener is April 13

San Francisco—Opening Day for the 2015 Major League Baseball season is four days away and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) encourages San Francisco Giants fans to make their plans for getting to and from AT&T Park on game days. Beginning tonight, the Giants will host the first of two pre-season games against the Oakland Athletics with the second game tomorrow, Friday, April 3. Both games will start at 7:15 p.m. The Giants will play 81 regular season home games this year at AT&T Park, April 13 through Oct. 4. The Giants' home opener is Monday, April 13.

With the understanding that baseball season places greater demand on Muni Metro service and with an eye to meeting overall ridership needs, the SFMTA through its transit, parking and traffic, maintenance, and security divisions along with Muni assigned members of the San Francisco Police Department have created a service plan, which will be implemented and overseen by a dedicated team of on scene MTA personnel that is designed to facilitate safe, timely, and reliable service to and from the ballpark and beyond. "This plan is designed to provide service to all neighborhoods, while meeting demands for special events like these," said John Haley, Director of Transit.

Transit

The following Muni service is available to and from all home games:

- T Third
- N Judah
- Metro Shuttles
- 10 Townsend
- 30 Stockton
- 45 Union
- 47 Van Ness

Baseball fans transferring from BART may purchase round trip Muni transfer tickets at the Embarcadero Station three hours prior to the start time of the game.

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One-way Muni transfers can be purchased at the AT&T Park ticket windows located at Second and King streets and Willie Mays Plaza. Transfers will be sold from 2 hours before the game until the game begins, and again from the beginning of the 7th inning until 30 minutes after the game ends.

The SFMTA will schedule additional Metro "baseball shuttles" to supplement the existing N Judah and T Third service to the ballpark.

The additional service begins two hours prior to the game and continues until approximately 20 minutes after the start of the game.

The SFMTA will deploy Parking Control Officers (PCOs) to assist fans getting to and from the game. Prior to each game, these PCOs are deployed to key locations around the ballpark to facilitate pedestrian safety, efficient movement of transit vehicles and other traffic.

More details about Muni service to AT&T Park, including connections from other Bay Area transit systems, can be found at www.sfmta.com. Regional transit information for BART, Caltrain and the ferries as well as traffic is available at www.511.org.

Traffic

Weekday games often end near the afternoon commute. Motorists should, therefore, expect heavy traffic on freeways and streets near AT&T Park and on all approaches to the Bay Bridge on those days. The games listed below will most likely experience heavy traffic for the evening commute.

DATE	GAME STARTS
Monday, April 13	1:35 p.m. (Opening Day)
Thursday, April 23	12:45 p.m.
Wednesday, May 6	12:45 p.m.
Thursday, May 21	12:45 p.m.
Wednesday, June 3	12:45 p.m.
Tuesday, June 16	12:45 p.m.
Wednesday, July 8	12:45 p.m.
Wednesday, July 29	12:45 p.m.
Wednesday, August 12	12:45 p.m.
Thursday, August 27	12:45 p.m.
Thursday, October 1	12:45 p.m.

The SFMTA advises motorists of the increased congestion in San Francisco and advises commuters to use transit and avoid using the Bay Bridge on these dates. To see a complete schedule of Giants games please refer to the Giants season schedule.

A map showing alternate post-game routes from AT&T parking lots is available on the Giants' website at www.sanfrancisco.giants.mlb.com.

Taxi Zones

The SFMTA has three taxi zones serving AT&T Park in effect on event days:

- 3rd Street (west side) just north of King Street
- 2nd Street (west side) between Brannan and Townsend streets (postevent only)
- 2nd Street (west side) between Townsend and King streets (event days only—not available post-event)

Bicycles

AT&T Park is accessible by a dedicated bike lane that runs along The Embarcadero and on Townsend Street. Bicycle routes with sharrows on 2nd and 5th streets connect to the Townsend Street bicycle lane. A bicycle lane on Folsom Street and a bicycle route on Market Street connect those riding a bike to The Embarcadero.

The San Francisco Bicycle Coalition operates a secure bike parking facility at AT&T Park. Bicycle parking is located on the south side of the ballpark, along the Port Walk, and opens two hours before every game and closes 30 minutes after each game.

Bike sharing is also a way to get to the game and Bay Area Bike Share stations for bike share pick-up and drop-off are located near AT&T Park at the Caltrain Depot at 4th and Townsend as well as Townsend and 2nd streets. To learn more about Bay Area Bike Share and see nearby bike share stations, visit <u>https://bayareabikeshare.com/</u>

Meter Parking

Parking meters on blocks near the ballpark are in operation during most games. Meters within walking distance of the ballpark operate until 10pm Monday to Saturday, and noon to 6pm on Sundays, and are priced at \$3, \$5 or \$7/hour during events, with higher rates in closer proximity to the ballpark. The parking meters near the ballpark have a four hour time limit or longer and accept credit cards and cell phone payment, in addition to coin and the SFMTA parking card. For more details, please visit www.sfpark.org.

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Established by voter proposition in 1999, the SFMTA, a department of the City and County of San Francisco, oversees the Municipal Railway (Muni), parking and traffic, bicycling, walking and taxis. With five modes of transit, Muni has approximately 700,000 passenger boardings each day. Over 1 million people get around this city each day and rely on the SFMTA to ensure safe and reliable travel by transit, walking, bicycling, taxi and driving.

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