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****PRESS RELEASE****

SFMTA Transit and Traffic Advisory for Two Holiday Weeks Thursday, December 21, 2023 through Wednesday, January 3, 2024

San Francisco—The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) releases the following upcoming event-related traffic and transit impacts for two holiday weeks from Thursday, December 21, 2023 through Wednesday, January 3, 2024.

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 (SFDPH) 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.

Winter Walk SF

Friday, Dec. 15 through Thursday, Dec. 28, 2023: The Winter Walk will return to Stockton Street between Post and O'Farrell streets beginning on **Friday, Dec. 15 and continuing through Christmas Eve, Sunday, Dec. 24, 2023**. A diverse program of activities which includes two open air beer and wine gardens, food vendors, live performances and lots of family-friendly activities are available. For details, see <https://visitunionsquaresf.com/winter-walk>

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Winter Walk SF continued:

There will be a required street closure of **Stockton Street between Post and O'Farrell** from **Monday, December 11, 2023, 6 a.m. through Thursday, December 28, 2023, 11:59 p.m.**

Muni will reroute the **8, 8AX, 15, 30 and 91 T Bus lines.**

Parking Enforcement for Christmas and New Year's Day

On Christmas Day, Monday, Dec. 25, 2023 and New Year's Day, Monday, Jan. 1, 2024, 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.**

On Christmas Day, Monday, Dec. 25, 2023 and New Year's Day, Monday, Jan. 1, 2024, the following parking regulations **will** be enforced: **safety violations (including No Stopping, No Parking, Red Zones, Blue Zones) and nightly street sweeping.**

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 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:
 - 8th Avenue at Clement Street
 - 9th Avenue at Clement Street
 - Geary Boulevard at 21st Avenue
 - 18th Avenue at Geary Boulevard
 - Pierce Street Garage (between Lombard and Chestnut streets)

Muni Schedule for Christmas and New Year's Day

On Christmas Day, Monday, Dec. 25, 2023 Muni will operate on a Saturday schedule.

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Muni Schedule for Christmas and New Year's Day continued:

On New Year's Day, Monday, Jan. 1, 2024, Muni will operate on a Sunday schedule.

- **Late night Muni Metro service will be extended from 8 p.m. to 2:15 a.m.**

Ride Muni Free on New Year's Eve

The SFMTA will offer free rides on New Year's Eve from 8 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 31, 2023 through 5 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 1, 2024.

On Sunday, Dec. 31, 2023, Muni will operate additional service on all evening OWL routes and metro subway. The Market Street Subway between West Portal and 4th & King will remain open until 2:15 a.m. with S Shuttle service available.

During the free service period, Metro fare gates will be open. Customers please:

- **DO NOT tag** their clipper® card or tap phone.
- **DO NOT activate** a MuniMobile ticket

For more details visit [SFMTA.com/NYE](https://www.sfmta.com/NYE).

Events at Chase Center

Friday, Dec. 22, 2023 to Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2024: The Golden State Warriors will play multiple basketball games at the Chase Center. Game start times are listed below:

- **Friday, Dec. 22, 2023:** Golden State Warriors versus the Washinton Wizards beginning at 7 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
- **Saturday, Dec. 23, 2023:** Golden State Warriors versus the Portland Trailblazers beginning at 5:30 p.m. Doors open at 4 p.m.
- **Thursday, Dec. 28, 2023:** Golden State Warriors versus Miami heat beginning at 7 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
- **Saturday, Dec. 30, 2023:** Golden State Warriors versus Dallas Mavericks beginning at 5:30 p.m. Doors open at 4 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2024:** Golden State Warriors versus Orlando Magic beginning at 7 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Supplemental Muni Service

- Muni will operate supplemental **78X Arena Express** service:
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Events at Chase Center continued:

- **Pre-event express shuttle service** from 16th Street BART Station to Chase Center will start two and a half hours before each game/event and will end one hour after game event starts.
- **Post-event express shuttle service** from Chase Center on 16th Street to 16th Street BART Station will run until the area clears.

Special Event Parking Rates

During basketball games and other major events with more than 10,000 expected attendees at the arena, **parking meters close to the arena will charge a special event rate of \$10 per hour**. These rates help reduce congestion and keep parking spots available in the neighborhoods near the arena, 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.

Street Closures

To accommodate events that will take place at the arena, the following street closures will be enforced two hours before and one hour after each event:

- 16th Street between 3rd Street and Terry Francois Boulevard
- Warriors Way between 3rd Street and Terry Francois Boulevard
- Northbound 3rd Street between 16th Street and Warriors Way will also be closed approximately 30 minutes before and 45 minutes after an event.
- Only local access will be allowed on Northbound Illinois Street between Mariposa and 16th streets.

No Parking Zone

To facilitate loading and pick up for Muni customers and patrons, NO PARKING will be in effect at these locations during events:

- 16th Street between 3rd Street and Terry Francois Boulevard
- Warriors Way between 3rd Street and Terry Francois Boulevard
- Between the 500 and 700 blocks of Terry Francois Boulevard (TFB)

Taxi Stands

There is one taxi stand located on southbound Terry Francois Boulevard. Ramp Taxis should use the loading zone on eastbound Warriors Way at Bridgeview Way.

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Events at Chase Center continued:

Additional Passenger Loading

- 4th Street which connects to Chase Center via Gene Friend Way pedestrian path which cuts through UCSF campus.
- Owens Street connects to Chase Center via Gene Friend Way pedestrian path which cuts through UCSF campus.

For details about transportation to the Chase Center, including Muni service and connections from the Bay Area transit system to Muni, visit SFMTA.com/ChaseCenter.

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.

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.

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.

Work continues on water lines, as well as on the overhead contact system (OCS) that powers the trains. OCS work has transitioned to underground conduit work to support power to the trains and the new and existing streetlights. Curb ramp work has started with demolition and grading areas in preparation for construction of the new boarding ramps and to upgrade existing boarding ramps.

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UPDATE: L Taraval Improvement Project—Segment B continued:

The rail tracks west of the intersection of Ulloa and Madrone streets have been taken offline 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. Customers can transfer to a train at West Portal Station to travel downtown.

To facilitate the project during track in each section (except at 15th Avenue), there are temporary bus stop changes:

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

The following L Taraval bus stops will be relocated during construction through December 25

Inbound L Taraval / L Special / L Owl

- Taraval and 15th Avenue to 14th Avenue and Taraval, northwest corner
- Taraval and 17th Avenue to Taraval and 17th Avenue, northeast corner

Outbound L Taraval / L Special / L Owl

- Ulloa and Forest side will be missed
- 15th Avenue and Taraval to 17th Avenue and Taraval, southeast corner

Get [interactive bus reroute maps](#) with temporary bus stop relocations during construction at <https://www.sfmta.com/travel-updates/temporary-stop-relocations>

Track Work

The tracks along Taraval Street are actively being installed. Crews have been excavating, removing, pulling rails in to install, building new foundations, pouring concrete slabs, setting rails, block-by-block in track areas.

Areas of current track work:

- 15th Avenue between Ulloa and Taraval streets sawcut, excavation and removal
- Taraval between 15th and 16th avenues – install rails

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UPDATE: L Taraval Improvement Project—Segment B continued:

Please note the following impacts to travel during track work:

- **Parking:** No parking in track work areas
- **By car:** Taraval Street will be open to through traffic traveling east- and westbound, however, vehicles approaching areas with active track installation will only be able to access Taraval Street by making right turns.
- **By bus:** The L Bus may be rerouted around the construction area when heavy equipment is present.
- **On foot:** Pedestrians will be able to cross Taraval Street in the construction area at 18th Avenue via a pedestrian access during non-construction hours and weekends.

Overhead contact system (OCS) pole, overhead wiring and permanent pole placement will happen along the L Taraval line from Ulloa and Funston to Taraval and Sunset. **This work will be conducted overnight between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. and expected to be complete June 2024.** Work on any given block will vary and is expected to take a few hours to a few days per location.

[The holiday construction moratorium](#) will be observed from Thanksgiving until January 1, 2024. No construction activity will be performed in the commercial area along Taraval between Sunset and 16th Avenues between 7 am and 10 pm.

For additional project details, visit [SFMTA.com/LTaravalProject](https://www.sfmta.com/LTaravalProject). For construction updates visit the [project forecast page](#) for updates through December 31.

ONGOING

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

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ONGOING: Northeast Van Ness Station Entrance Closure continued:

- 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.

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](https://www.sfmta.com/28Rapid). For overall project information, visit [sfpublicworks.org/19th-Avenue](https://www.sfpublicworks.org/19th-Avenue).

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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>.

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.

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).

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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!

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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