Identifying Near-Term J Church Improvements

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Route Profile

- Muni's J Church serves nearly 17,000 passengers each weekday
 - Noe Valley
 - Castro
 - Mission
 - Glen Park
 - Mission Terrace
- Service Frequency
 - Weekdays: 9-10 minutes
 - Weeknights: 15-20 minutes
 - Weekends: 12 minutes





Improving Reliability

- 75% of J trains arrive within a few minutes of the schedule, but 25% fall behind by 5 minutes or more
- Objective: Reduce key sources of delay
 - Slow travel on the surface route
 - Line management
 - Terminal management
 - Related improvements in subway

Focus on near-term improvements to benefit customers <u>as soon as possible</u>



Closely spaced stops





Stops on Wrong Side of Intersection





Frequent Stop Signs





Red Lights and Turning Vehicles





Street Boarding





Small Delays Can Become Big Gaps in Service

- 1. Train gets stuck in traffic or misses green light
- 2. Gap in service ahead of train increases
- 3. More passengers show up to wait
- 4. Train spends twice as long picking up twice as many passengers
- 5. Train behind catches up, less crowded and on time



Subway and Terminal Challenges

- Single incident in subway causes delays across entire system
 - Single track per direction
 - Serves all 5 Metro lines
 - Lines run on city streets
- Managing trains at terminal also critical to service reliability





Related Improvements

- 2013 red, transit-only lanes project
 - Improved reliability between 16th Street and Duboce
 - Reduced overall travel time variability by 27%
 - Improved travel times on that segment up to 14%
- Active line management
- Future Muni Forward project







Give Us Your Feedback

- What are your top concerns when riding the J Church?
- What improvements would you like to see?
- SFMTA.com/JChurchProject



