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****PRESS RELEASE****

SFMTA Weekend Transit and Traffic Advisory for Saturday, July 4, 2020

San Francisco—The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) releases the following upcoming event-related traffic and transit impacts for this holiday weekend, from **Friday, July 3 through Sunday, July 5.**

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.

Fourth of July Holiday Muni Service and Parking Enforcement

Friday, July 3 (Fourth of July holiday), Muni will continue to operate with [Core Service Plan](#).

Parking meters and night-time street sweeping will be enforced citywide on the holiday. Other SFMTA parking programs will not be enforced.

Enforcement is temporarily suspended for the following:

- 72-hour parking limit and towing
- All time limit parking (e.g., 1-hour, 2-hour, etc.)
- Residential Permit Parking (RPP) permits
- Commuter shuttles
- Peak-hour towaway zones

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The SFMTA will prioritize enforcing parking rules that impact health and safety:

- Fire hydrant zones
- Red and yellow zones; and "No Stopping" or "No Parking" zones
- White passenger loading zones, except in front of schools while they are out of session
- Blocked driveways, double parking and parking on sidewalks
- Parking in bike or transit lanes

Update of 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 enters 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 transit vehicle capacity restrictions. **Starting on Monday, July 6,** the SFMTA will restore meter prices close to normal levels and reprioritizing enforcement:

- **Parking Meter Rates will be 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 will be restored back to pre-COVID-19 levels with 50 cents discount per hour. The lowest any meter will be set is at \$0.50 per hour. **Motorcycle meters will be fully restored.**
- **Parking meter time limits will be 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 cents 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 need.
- **Reprioritize meter enforcement.** Parking Control Officers with the SFMTA will begin regular **meter enforcement starting Monday, July 13.**

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.

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Update of Parking Meter Pricing and Reprioritizing Enforcement *continued*

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.

On Saturday, June 13, the SFMTA increased Muni service and frequency, added select routes into service and extended some current routes to continue to support essential trips: **1) N Judah Bus; 2) 5 Fulton; 3) 7 Noriega Community Shuttle; 4) 28 19th Avenue; 5) 30 Stockton; 6) 38 Geary; and 7) 43 Masonic**. For details visit <https://www.sfmta.com/muni-service-changes>.

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 19th 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 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.

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 Update

On some lower-traffic residential streets, through traffic is being limited to prioritize walking or biking and to provide more space for social distancing during essential travel. Sometimes it is difficult to maintain social distance, especially outside of grocery stores and other essential services. Because of this, many pedestrians are choosing to walk in the street, exposing themselves to vehicle traffic. The SFMTA is implementing the Slow Streets program to allow roadways to be used more as a shared space for foot, bicycle and wheelchair traffic, taking advantage of low vehicle numbers on some roads.

- 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 (**New**)
- 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 18th to 7th avenues
- Lake Street from 28th to 2nd avenues
- Lane Street from Oakdale Avenue to 3rd Street
- Mariposa Street from Kansas to Texas streets
- Ortega Street from 47th to 15th avenues (**New**)
- 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: Van Ness Improvement Project

Due to observance of July 4, **NO** night work is scheduled for this weekend.

For more project details and the latest construction updates, visit sfmta.com/van Ness.

ONGOING: L Taraval Improvement Project

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.

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.

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

ONGOING: Muni Rail Rehabilitation Project

Muni track maintenance work at Judah and 25th 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.

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.

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