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> \*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\* Ride Muni Free New Year's Eve

14 Year Tradition Encourages Responsible Celebration

**San Francisco**--For the 14th consecutive year, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) will offer free rides on New Year's Eve from 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 31 through 5 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 1.

"We wish all San Francisco's residents and visitors a happy and safe New Year. And to kick it off right, Muni is offering an opportunity to take Muni safely around the city and back home for free on New Year's Eve," said Ed Reiskin, SFMTA Director of Transportation.

This year's Ride Muni Free New Year's Eve is co-sponsored by 76 and Comcast Spotlight.

"We couldn't be happier to support the Ride Muni New Year's Eve program again this year. 76 strives to always be on the driver's side and sometimes that means giving drivers the opportunity to be passengers. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season," said Jamie Allison, 76 Brand Director.

"It's a great opportunity for everyone to celebrate responsibly by letting Muni chauffer you around The City, wherever your plans take you!" said Ingrid Nelson, Regional Vice President of Comcast Spotlight.

Ride Muni Free New Year's Eve includes all Muni routes and lines—including cable cars and all information is posted on <u>www.sfmta.com/nye</u>. Clipper Card customers, should NOT tap their cards to make sure they don't get charged. Fare gates will be set for farefree that night.

At midnight, there will be a city-sponsored fireworks show from a barge off of The Embarcadero, south of the Ferry Building. Motorists should anticipate delays in the area from approximately 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. No closures or re-routes are planned. SFPD and SFMTA will monitor for any necessary re-routes. For details, please visit www.sfmta.com.

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## New Year's Eve Muni Service:

- Complimentary Muni service 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 31 to 5 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 1
- Muni Metro service between West Portal and Embarcadero stations extended to 4 a.m. and until 2:15 a.m. to 4th and King streets
- Extra Owl service (1 a.m. to 5 a.m.): 5 Fulton, 14 Mission, 22 Fillmore, 24 Divisadero, 38 Geary, 90 and 91 Owl and the L and N Owl bus routes.
- Service on the F Market historic streetcar line is provided by buses after approximately 4 p.m.

**Caltrain's** final New Year's train will depart from the 4th and King Street Station at 2:15 a.m. on Jan. 1 or earlier if the train is at capacity. All Caltrain and SamTrans service will be free after 8 p.m. on New Year's Eve. For more details, please visit <a href="http://www.caltrain.com/notices">http://www.caltrain.com/notices</a>.

**BART** will provide additional service until approximately 3 a.m., Jan. 1. After 8 p.m. BART service to and from the East Bay will be separated between Embarcadero and Montgomery stations. Pittsburg/Bay Point and Richmond trains will depart from Montgomery Station only. Dublin/Pleasanton and Fremont trains will depart from Embarcadero Station only. Daly City and Millbrae trains will depart from Montgomery Station. Passengers going to SFO Airport from Embarcadero Station will need to transfer to an airport train at Balboa Park. SFO passengers may also enter BART at Montgomery for a direct SFO Airport train. For more details, please visit www.bart.gov.

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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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