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SFMTA Weekend Transit and Traffic Advisory For Saturday, February 16, 2019

San Francisco—The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) releases the following upcoming event-related traffic and transit impacts for this holiday weekend, from Thursday, February 14 through Monday, February 18, 2019.

For real-time updates, follow us on https://twitter.com/sfmta_muni or visit <https://www.sfmta.com/about-us/contact-us/email-and-text-alerts> to sign up for real-time text messages or email alerts.

For details of Muni re-routes, visit <http://www.sfmta.com/news/alerts>. This website will be updated when it is closer to the event date.

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Presidents' Day Holiday Muni Service, Parking Will Be Enforced

Monday, February 18, 2019 (Presidents' Day Holiday), Muni will operate on a Saturday schedule.

Parking meters and seven-day street sweeping will be enforced citywide on the holiday. Residential parking permits and Monday-Friday daytime street sweeping and commuter towaway will not be enforced.

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.

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Presidents' Day Holiday Muni Service, Parking Will Be Enforced *continued*

Note: Parking meters in the City are enforced Monday through Saturday with the 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
- On and near 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)

BART Early Bird Bus Shuttle

Since Monday, February 11, BART began weekday service at 5 a.m. In partnership with Muni and other Bay Area transit agencies, BART is providing bus service to select BART stations from 4 to 5 a.m. In San Francisco, BART Early Bird Route 714 will stop at Balboa Park, Glen Park, 24th Mission, 16th Mission BART stations and at the Temporary Transbay Terminal.

Customers connecting to East Bay BART destinations must transfer at the Temporary Transbay Terminal on BART Early Bird Route 704 to El Cerrito del Norte or Route 705 to 20th & Broadway in Oakland. Shuttles coming into San Francisco from the East Bay will end at the Temporary Transbay Terminal where customers may transfer to Muni or the 714 BART Early Bird Shuttle to the Daly City BART. Visit the [BART Early Bird Express](#) for more information.

IBM Think 2019

Since Tuesday, February 12 and continuing through Saturday, February 16: The IBM Think 2019 conference is being held at Moscone Center with an attendance of more than 40,000 is anticipated. Conference activities are taking place at Moscone North, South and West, as well as at YBCA and in the Metreon and Yerba Buena Gardens. Heavy pedestrian traffic should be expected around Moscone Center and on 3rd and 4th streets between Howard and Market streets. For more information visit <https://www.ibm.com/events/think/>.

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IBM Think 2019 *continued*

The following street closures are required:

- Howard Street between 3rd and 4th streets are closed since **7 p.m., Thursday, February 7 and continuing through 7 a.m., Monday, February 18.**
- In addition there are lane closures and parking restrictions at various times on Howard Street between 2nd and 3rd streets, and 4th and 5th streets; on 3rd Street between Folsom and Mission streets; on 4th Street between Minna and Howard streets; and on Folsom Street between 3rd and 4th streets.

Thursday, February 14: Think by the Bay will take place at Pier 39 from **6:30 to 9:30 p.m.** Shuttle buses will transport attendees there from Moscone Center. There will be lane closures on Howard Street between 4th and 5th streets and Folsom Street between 3rd and 4th streets from 3 to 8 p.m. to facilitate shuttle departures.

Significant traffic congestion is anticipated in and around Moscone Center for the duration of the closure. Travelers are encouraged to take public transportation or use alternate routes. Howard Street traffic are detoured via southbound 2nd Street to Harrison Street, or via New Montgomery Street to Hawthorne Street to either Folsom or Harrison streets.

There is a signed bicycle detour for people on bikes on Howard Street to turn north at 2nd Street to Market Street. People on bikes who wish to stay on Howard Street have the option to dismount at Howard and 3rd streets and walk their bicycle through the event along the north sidewalk. Signage is being placed in advance of the street closures and detour routes. Caltrans is activating electronic message signs on major freeways entering the city to notify motorists of the closures. SFMTA Parking Control Officers and San Francisco Police Officers will be deployed at key intersections throughout the closures.

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CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES

UPDATE: Central Subway Project

Utility trenching and upgrade work may resume at 4th and Brannan intersection. This work is scheduled to occur during weekends, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. At 4th and Howard streets, utility upgrade work is ongoing, Monday through Friday, overnight from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Westbound traffic on Howard Street may be impacted. One lane on the south side of Ellis Street is open at all times for eastbound traffic. The parking garage between Ellis and O'Farrell is accessible on the north side of Ellis Street. Street and sidewalk restoration work continues on the north side of the intersection of Ellis and Stockton streets, as well as on O'Farrell at Stockton. In Chinatown, the sidewalk on the west side of Stockton, south of Washington, adjacent to the worksite will be temporarily closed in the coming days to facilitate utility upgrade work. There is currently one lane of traffic open on both sides of Stockton between Clay and Jackson. For project updates, visit: <https://www.sfmta.com/projects/planning/projects/central-subway-project>.

UPDATE: Geary Rapid Project

The first phase of construction as part of the [Geary Rapid Project](#) has begun. Work to replace aging water and sewer lines between Masonic and Van Ness avenues is being done in coordination with San Francisco Public Utilities Commission. As part of this work, there will be temporary lane closures and/or parking restrictions. *Construction scheduling is subject to change due to weather delays or unexpected field conditions.*

Weekend lane closures:

- The eastbound Geary frontage road from Presidio Avenue to Lyon Street will be closed from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., from Saturday, February 16 through Monday, February 18 (Presidents' Day Holiday), while crews work on sewer main replacement.
- Eastbound traffic will be slightly detoured, and parking will be restricted on the south side of Geary Boulevard between Presidio Avenue and Lyon Street.
- No bus stops will be affected. Inbound 38/38R Geary buses will be slightly rerouted, which will add some travel time.

Questions or concerns? Contact us at GearyRapid@SFMTA.com or 415.646.2300.

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CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

UPDATE: UCSF Mission Bay Arena Platform Project

In anticipation of the new Golden State Warriors' Chase Center, the SFMTA is constructing a new 320-foot center platform along 3rd Street between South and 16th streets. The existing platform will be demolished. The new track alignment will include one single and one double crossover to facilitate the movement of vehicles as operations require. Other associated work includes modification of the overhead contact system, and both above and below ground utility relocation work. Construction will require four phases that will necessitate three separate transit service plans. For more information visit www.SFMTA.com/MissionBayPlatform.

Buses are providing T Third service from Tuesday, January 22 through March 2019 in order to accommodate next phases of construction. Once the T Third returns to train service, the Muni platform at UCSF Mission Bay will remain out of service through late April 2019. The T Third will continue to operate but will skip that stop. Customers should board at Mission Rock and Mariposa stations.

T Third bus stops that were rerouted to 4th Street due to construction have returned to 3rd Street as of Saturday, February 9.

E Embarcadero and 83X Mid-Market Express are temporarily canceled since Tuesday, January 22 and continuing through March. Alternative routes include 47 Van Ness for the 83X and the N Judah and F Market & Wharves for the E.

As of Saturday, February 9, at least one lane northbound and one lane southbound are open along 3rd Street between 16th and South streets.

UPDATE: Van Ness Improvement Project

On Friday, February 15, between the hours of 8 p.m. and 7 a.m., crews are scheduled to work on street light conduits, on potholing for upcoming work and on sewer main installation at the following locations:

- Van Ness at Francisco Street
- Van Ness at Chestnut Street
- Van Ness at Lombard Street
- Van Ness at Greenwich Street

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CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

UPDATE: Van Ness Improvement Project *continued*

Work locations *continued*

- Van Ness at Union Street
- Van Ness at Sutter Street. Intensive noise and vibration expected
- Van Ness at Grove Street
- Van Ness at Oak Street. Intensive noise and vibration expected

Because some work requires reducing Van Ness Avenue to one lane in each direction, some work is limited to nighttime hours. Construction scheduling is subject to change due to weather delays or unexpected field conditions. For more project details and the latest construction updates, visit sfmta.com/vanness.

ONGOING: Muni Metro Elevator Safety Modernization Project

Since Monday, January 21 and continuing for about ten weeks, the inbound platform elevator at Church Station has been out of service for about ten weeks while the SFMTA has been working on upgrading the unit.

While the elevator is out of service, customers can use the following options to access Church Station:

- **Take an inbound train for L Taraval, M Ocean View, K Ingleside/T Third Streets lines or S Shuttle** - Customers can exit at Van Ness Station, proceed to the outbound platform and take any L, M, K/T or S lines to Church Station.
- **Heading inbound from Church Station** – Customers can use the outbound elevator to access any outbound train, get off at Castro Station, proceed to inbound platform and take any inbound train to continue travel.
- **Accessible service to the Church and Market area is available on the following Muni routes or lines:**
 - J Church (Accessible stops at Duboce and Church as well as inbound at Church at Market)
 - N Judah (Accessible stop at Duboce and Church)
 - F Market & Wharves (serves Church, Van Ness and Castro stations)
 - 37 Corbett (serves Church and Castro stations)
- **Customers with disabilities** can use station escalators to access the inbound platform.

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CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

ONGOING: Muni Metro Elevator Safety Modernization Project *continued*

Upon completion of this upgrade work at Church Station, the SFMTA will begin working on elevators at Castro and Forest Hill stations. The entire upgrade project is expected to take about four years to complete.

ONGOING: Third Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project

Now through January 2020: Crews have begun Phase Two of the Third Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project. For more project details, visit: <http://www.sfpublicworks.org/thirdstreetbridge>.

ONGOING: Construction of Mission Bay Loop

The SFMTA has resumed construction on 18th, 19th and Illinois streets, the project is expected to be completed in spring 2019. Traffic, including travelling by bike, may be affected by the construction work. All work areas will be clearly marked and there will be flaggers to help direct traffic. In order to conduct the work, parking on both sides including along the historical Crane Cove Park fence (east side of Illinois Street) will be removed 24 hours, 7 days a week from 18th to 19th and Illinois streets for the duration of the project.

A partial street closure is currently in effect in order to accommodate duct bank work on Illinois Street between 18th and 19th streets through spring of 2019. Outer traffic lanes traveling both north and south on Illinois Street will remain open for through traffic. Immediately following the duct bank work, the track work will begin.

Local access to properties along the project site will be maintained. For project details or to sign up to receive project updates, visit: <https://www.sfmta.com/missionbayloop>.

Upcoming Events

Critical Mass

Friday, February 22: The Critical Mass bicycle ride will begin at Embarcadero Plaza (formerly Justin Herman Plaza) at 6 p.m. There will be heavy traffic in the area. Motorists are advised to allow extra travel time.

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Upcoming Events continued

Chinatown Community Street Fair

Saturday, February 23 and Sunday, February 24: The Chinatown Community Street Fair will be held this weekend. The street fair will take place along Grant Avenue between Clay and Broadway streets from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. For more event details, visit <https://chineseparade.com/community-fair/>.

Chinese New Year Parade

Saturday, February 23: The Chinese New Year Parade will start from 2nd and Market streets at 5:15 p.m. The parade will travel west on Market Street, west on Geary Street, north on Powell Street, east on Post Street, north on Kearny Street to Columbus Avenue. The parade will disperse on Columbus Avenue between Pacific and Washington streets. For event details visit <https://chineseparade.com/>.

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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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