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## **SFMTA Weekend Transit and Traffic Advisory For Saturday, February 23, 2019**

**San Francisco**—The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) releases the following upcoming event-related traffic and transit impacts for this weekend, from Friday, February 22 through Sunday, February 24, 2019.

For real-time updates, follow us on [https://twitter.com/sfmta\\_muni](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.

For additional notifications and agency updates, subscribe to our blog, [Moving SF](#) for [daily](#) or [weekly](#) updates.

### **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.

### **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/>.

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### Chinatown Community Street Fair *continued*

**The following street closures will be required for the event from 11 p.m., Friday, to 11 p.m., Sunday:**

- Grant Avenue between California Street and Broadway
- Pacific Avenue between Columbus Avenue and Stockton Street
- Jackson Street between Stockton and Kearny streets
- Washington Street between Stockton and Kearny streets
- Intersections: Jackson Street, Washington Street and Pacific Street on Grant Avenue
- All alleys in the area bounded by California Street, Stockton Street, Broadway and Kearny Street

There will be heavy traffic in the area. Motorists are advised to allow extra travel time.

The following Muni routes will be affected: **10 Townsend and 12 Folsom/Pacific.**

### **Chinese New Year Parade**

**Saturday, February 23:** The Chinese New Year Parade will start from 2<sup>nd</sup> 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/>.

**SFMTA will provide extra LRV Metro service to support the expected crowds.**

Staging of the floats will begin at 10 a.m. in the parking lane of Main Street between Market and Harrison streets. The following street closures will be required:

- From 3 p.m. to approximately 5:15 p.m.:
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Street between Market and Mission streets
- From 4 p.m. to approximately 7 p.m.:
  - Market Street between Beale and 3<sup>rd</sup> streets
  - Main Street between Harrison and Market streets

Starting at 4 p.m. to approximately 11 p.m., Post Street between Mason and Market streets will be closed for camera positioning for TV stations.

Cross traffic will be allowed within the staging area until 4:45 p.m.

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### Chinese New Year Parade *continued*

From 4 p.m. to approximately 9 p.m., the following closures will be required:

- Geary Street between Montgomery and Mason streets
- Post Street between Mason and Kearny streets
- Powell Street between Geary and Bush streets
- Kearny Street between Geary Street and Columbus Avenue/Pacific Street
- The Stockton Street Tunnel

Traffic along Market Street between 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> streets will be diverted beginning at 4 p.m.:

- Westbound to Howard Street
- Eastbound to Folsom Street

Beginning at 2:45 p.m., Mission Street between Beale and 6<sup>th</sup> streets will be designated as transit-only street until Market Street re-opens.

The following Muni lines and routes will be affected: **California Cable Car; Powell-Mason Cable Car; Powell-Hyde Cable Car; F Market & Wharves; 1 California; 2 Clement; 3 Jackson; 5 Fulton; 6 Haight/Parnassus; 7 Haight/Noriega; 8 Bayshore; 9 San Bruno; 10 Townsend; 12 Folsom/Pacific; 14 Mission; 14R Mission Rapid; 21 Hayes; 30 Stockton; 31 Balboa; 38 Geary; 38R Geary Rapid; 45 Union/Stockton; and 76X-Marin Headlands Express.**

## **CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES**

### **NEW: Lower Stockton Street to Reopen to Traffic and Transit**

**Starting Friday, February 22**, Stockton Street between Geary and Ellis will be reopened to traffic after being closed due to construction on the Central Subway. This street segment runs essentially from Union Square to Market Street – directly above the new subway’s biggest station. For more information visit [SFMTA.com/LowerStockton](http://SFMTA.com/LowerStockton).

**Monday, February 25**, the **8 Bayshore, 8AX Bayshore A Express, 8BX Bayshore B Express and 91 OWL** routes to return to their previous alignments on lower Stockton and 4<sup>th</sup> Street. This is great news for transit riders who will save about five minutes on their rides from Chinatown to SoMa and on to Visitacion Valley.

Longtime Muni customers will remember that the **45 Union/Stockton and 30 Stockton** buses also formally used lower Stockton and 4<sup>th</sup> streets. These trolley bus routes will begin their return to lower Stockton and 4<sup>th</sup> streets later this year.

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## CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

### **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 the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission. *The following construction forecast is subject to change due to weather delays or unexpected field conditions.*

Expected weekend work:

- 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 23 through Sunday, February 24 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](mailto:GearyRapid@SFMTA.com) or 415.646.2300.

### **UPDATE: Van Ness Improvement Project**

**On Friday, February 22**, 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 Lombard Street
- Van Ness at Greenwich Street
- Van Ness at Union Street
- Van Ness at Oak Street. Intensive noise and vibration expected

**On Saturday, February 23**, between the hours of 8 p.m. and 7 a.m., crews are scheduled to work on street base repairs at the intersection of Van Ness and Post Street.

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](http://sfmta.com/vanness).

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## CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

### **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, customer 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.

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: 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Street between South and 16<sup>th</sup> 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 requires. 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](http://www.SFMTA.com/MissionBayPlatform).

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## CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

### ONGOING: UCSF Mission Bay Arena Platform Project *continued*

**Buses are providing T Third service from Tuesday, January 22 through March 2019** in order to accommodate the 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 4<sup>th</sup> Street due to construction have returned to 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> and South streets.

### **ONGOING: Construction of Mission Bay Loop**

The SFMTA has resumed construction on 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> 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>.

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## **Upcoming Events**

### **Little League Parade**

**Saturday, March 2:** San Francisco Little League Baseball will open the 2019 season with a parade from the Presidio to Marina Middle School. For information, visit <http://www.sfill.org/baseball>.

### **Chinatown New Year Run**

**Sunday, March 3:** The 41<sup>st</sup> annual Chinatown New Year Run will begin at 8 a.m. and be followed by a festival in Portsmouth Square. For more event details, visit [Chinatown YMCA New Year Run 2019](#).

### **Sunday Streets: The Mission District**

**Sunday, March 10:** The 2019 season of [Sunday Streets](#) will begin in the Mission District. The event will take place on Valencia Street between Duboce Avenue and 26<sup>th</sup> street. The route will open the roadway to people walking, bicycling and other recreational activities from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For further event details, visit: [Sunday Streets Mission](#).

### **Start of Daylight Saving Time**

**Sunday, March 10:** Daylight Saving Time will commence at 2 a.m., requiring clocks to be set forward one hour.

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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.*

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